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### Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for School Entities in Twelve Counties

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for school districts in Allegheny, Armstrong, Cumberland, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Mercer, Mifflin, Montgomery and Potter counties; and a career and technology center in Huntingdon County.

“My audits help ensure schools are being run efficiently and effectively, so that students and teachers can focus on learning and resources are focused on the classroom,” DePasquale said.

The Department of the Auditor General audits school districts, charter schools, intermediate units, and area vocational-technical schools. The audit assessments include whether school entities received the state subsidies and reimbursements to which they were entitled, accurately managed taxpayer funds, and complied with ethics codes. The audits also determine whether teachers and administrators were properly certified for the positions they held during the audit period.

The full audit reports are available online using the links provided below.

#### Allegheny County

[Fox Chapel Area School District](#) – No findings.

#### Armstrong County

[Armstrong School District](#)

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for these findings: the district incorrectly reported the number of nonpublic school students transported resulting in an overpayment of \$62,755, and the district incorrectly reported nonresidential data to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) resulting in an overpayment of \$61,269.

#### Cumberland County

[Big Spring School District](#)

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for this finding: the district reported unqualified earnings to PSERS for four administrators totaling over \$108,000.

[Mechanicsburg Area School District](#)

Properly implemented policies and procedures for internal controls, budgetary practices, Right-to-Know and Sunshine laws; and complied, in all significant respects, with relevant requirements except for these findings: the district’s memorandum of understanding was not updated; the bullying prevention policy was not reviewed as required by law; and the district failed to conduct all required monthly fire drills and inaccurately reported fire drill data to the PDE.

#### Huntingdon County

### [Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center](#)

Properly implemented policies and procedures for internal controls, budgetary practices, Right-to-Know and Sunshine laws; and complied, in all significant respects, with relevant requirements except for these findings: the center failed to adequately maintain safety plans and fully comply with bullying prevention requirements in law; failed to conduct all required monthly fire drills and inaccurately reported fire drill data to the PDE; and spent over \$18,000 for policy update services but failed to complete the process.

### **Indiana County**

#### [Blairsville-Saltsburg School District](#)

Properly implemented policies and procedures for internal controls, budgetary practices, Right-to-Know and Sunshine laws; and complied, in all significant respects, with relevant requirements except for this finding: the district failed to conduct all required monthly fire drills and inaccurately reported fire drill data to the PDE.

[Marion Center Area School District](#) – No findings.

### **Lackawanna County**

[Abington Heights School District](#) – No findings.

### **Lancaster County**

[Warwick School District](#) – No findings.

### **Lehigh County**

#### [East Penn School District](#)

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for this finding: the district paid its former superintendent \$16,190 more than contractually obligated upon that individual's retirement.

[Parkland School District](#) – No findings.

### **Mercer County**

[Mercer Area School District](#) – No findings.

### **Mifflin County**

[Mifflin County School District](#) – No findings.

### **Montgomery County**

#### [Wissahickon School District](#)

Properly implemented policies and procedures for internal controls, budgetary practices, Right-to-Know and Sunshine laws; and complied, in all significant respects, with relevant requirements except for this finding: the district failed to keep documentation to support more than \$2.3 million received in supplemental transportation reimbursements.

### **Potter County**

#### [Galeton Area School District](#)

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for this finding: the district inaccurately reported transportation mileage data to the PDE resulting in a net underpayment to the district of \$9,396.

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