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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for School Entities in 13 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for a career and technology center in Lebanon County and school districts in Allegheny, Berks, Bradford, Cambria, Clearfield, Dauphin, Erie, Luzerne, Montour, Schuylkill, Somerset and Wyoming counties.

"Students and staff deserve to know that administrators are using their schools' resources efficiently and effectively," DePasquale said. "That way, they can put their focus where it belongs: on the classroom."

The Department of the Auditor General examines the records of 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

McKeesport Area School District

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for one finding: the district failed to retain required documentation to support the over \$779,000 received in commonwealth-paid tuition for educating nonresident students.

Upper Saint Clair School District – No findings.

Berks County

Daniel Boone 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 inaccurately reported the number of nonpublic school students transported resulting in an over-reimbursement from the state of \$15,015; and the district failed to retain required supporting documentation for multiple components of its transportation reimbursement.

Bradford County

Towanda Area School District – No findings.

Cambria County

Forest Hills School District – No findings.

Clearfield County

West Branch Area School District

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for one finding: the district inaccurately reported transportation data resulting in an under-reimbursement from the state of at least \$13,620.

Dauphin County

Middletown Area School District – No findings.

Erie County

Iroquois School District – No findings.

Lebanon County

Lebanon County Career and Technology Center – No findings.

Luzerne County

Wyoming Valley West School District

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for these findings: a cumulative operating deficit reduced the district's general fund balance to \$17,916 as of June 30, 2018, significantly below the recommended level; and transportation reporting errors by the district resulted in a net over-reimbursement from the state of \$5,134 during the 2013-14 through 2016-17 school years.

Montour County

Danville 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 inaccurately reported the number of nonpublic school students transported resulting in an over-reimbursement from the state of \$113,575; and the district failed to conduct monthly fire drills as required by law and inaccurately reported fire drill data to the state.

Schuylkill County

North Schuylkill School District – No findings.

Somerset County

<u>Shanksville-Stonycreek School District</u> – No findings.

Wyoming County

Lackawanna Trail School District

Complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements and administrative procedures except for these findings: the district failed to conduct all required monthly fire drills as required by law and inaccurately reported fire drill data to the state; and the district failed to accurately report nonresident student data to the state resulting in an underpayment of \$41,547.

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