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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Educational Video to Help School Board Members, Others Better Understand Audit Process, Goals

Video especially relevant as May 16 primary election includes school board members in many regions

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale said today his department created an informational video titled, “School Audits 101” to help school board members, administrators, taxpayers and reporters better understand how school audits work and what accountability the public should expect from school officials.

“Educating Pennsylvania’s children is an incredibly important job,” DePasquale said. “But making sure children are educated well while staying within a budget and within the law is, to be sure, a complex, difficult task.

“To help school officials — including school board members and administrators — better understand what my team looks for when they audit each school every few years, we created this 25-minute video,” he said, noting, “The goal of every school audit is to help the organization function at its highest level.”

DePasquale added that the video can also help residents gain a greater understanding of what to expect from their school officials, particularly school board members.

Topics in the [“School Audits 101” video](#) include:

- How governance affects an entire educational institution
- Audit vocabulary
- How a performance audit works
- Common audit findings
- How to manage employment contracts and third-party vendors
- Resources to learn more about school governance

The [“School Audits 101”](#) video is available online at: www.PaAuditor.gov.

Each year, the Bureau of School Audits within the Department of the Auditor General audits about 200 school entities, including traditional public schools, vocational-technical schools, intermediate units, charter schools and cyber charter schools. Audit reports are available at: www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

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