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King County

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Issaquah School District No. 411
Issaquah, Washington

Report on Accountability

Please find attached our report on Issaquah School District No. 411's accountability and compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

In addition to this work, we also audit the District's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations. The results of that audit will be included in a separately issued audit report.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

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Audit Summary

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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Issaquah School District No. 411.

We performed audit procedures to determine whether the District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. We also examined District management's accountability for public resources. Our work focused on specific areas that have potential for abuse and misuse of public resources.

Areas examined during the audit were selected using financial transactions from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008.

RESULTS

The District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined. Internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets.

RELATED REPORTS

Our opinion on the District's financial statements and compliance with federal program requirements is provided in a separate report, which includes the District's financial statements.

CLOSING REMARKS

We thank District officials and personnel for their assistance and cooperation during the audit.

Description of the District

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ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Issaquah School District No. 411 serves approximately 16,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade in King County. The District operates three high schools, one freshman campus, one alternative high school, four middle schools and 14 elementary schools. It also operates the educational section of nearby Echo Glen Juvenile Detention Facility.

An elected, five-member Board of Directors governs the District. The Board-appointed Superintendent oversees the District's daily operations as well as its approximately 2,000 employees. For fiscal year 2008, the District had an operating budget of approximately \$142 million.

AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District annually. The past six audits of the District have reported no findings.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Directors:
President

Jan Woldseth
Constance Fletcher
Mike Winkler
Brian Deagle
Suzanne Weaver

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Superintendent
Chief of Finance and Operations
Associate Superintendent

Dr. Steve Rasmussen
Jacob Kuper
Ron Thiele

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Audit Areas Examined

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In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every portion of Issaquah School District No. 411's financial activities during each audit. The areas examined were those representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse. Other areas are audited on a rotating basis over the course of several years. The following areas of the District were examined during this audit period:

ACCOUNTABILITY

We evaluated the District's accountability in the following areas:

- Cash receipting
- Safety Net awards
- Debt/covenants
- Investments
- Open public meetings/records laws
- Disbursements/expenditures
- Payroll/personnel
- Travel
- Associated Student Body

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

We evaluated internal controls and tested compliance with federal program requirements, as applicable, for the District's major federal programs, which are listed in the Federal Summary section of the financial statement and single audit report.

FINANCIAL AREAS

Our opinion on the District's financial statements is provided in a separate report. That report includes the District's financial statements and other required financial information. We examined the financial activity and balances of the District including:

- Cash and investments
- Revenue
- Expenditures/expenses
- Financial condition
- Long-term debt
- Overall presentation of the financial statements
- Financial statement preparation



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