CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHESTER, NEW YORK
SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM; AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the President and Members
of the Board of Education of the
Chester Union Free School District
Chester, New York 10918

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Chester Union Free School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Chester Union Free School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. Chester Union Free School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Chester Union Free School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Chester Union Free School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Chester Union Free School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Chester Union Free School District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Chester Union Free School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Chester Union Free School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Chester Union Free School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Chester Union Free School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Chester Union Free School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control

over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary fund information of Chester Union Free School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Chester Union Free School District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Nugent & Haeussler PC

Montgomery, New York
January 7, 2026
(Except for the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, for which the date is October 8, 2025)

CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHESTER, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	SUBRECIPIENTS	EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
Passed-through NYS Education Department:				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Cash Assistance				
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	$ 0	$ 56,601
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	0	274,592
Cash Assistance Subtotal				331,193
Non-Cash Assistance (food distribution)				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	0	38,203
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER			0	369,396
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grant Limited Availability	10.579	N/A	0	35,549
TOTAL U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE			0	404,945
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
Passed-through NYS Education Department:				
Special Education Cluster:				
IDEA - Part B, Section 611	84.027	0032-25-0676	14,700	260,211
IDEA - Part B, Section 619	84.173	0033-25-0676	3,784	4,488
Total Special Education Cluster			18,484	264,699
Title I Parts A&D, Basic Program	84.010	0021-25-2225	0	153,642
Title II Part A, Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting	84.367	0147-25-2225	0	5,455
Title IV Part A	84.424	0204-25-2225	0	7,696
Total Passed-through NYS Education Department			18,484	431,492
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			18,484	431,492
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDED			$ 18,484	$ 836,437

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule.

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of federal award programs administered by the District, which is described in Note 1 to the District's financial statements, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Federal awards that are included in the schedule may be received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards that are passed through from other government agencies. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

Indirect costs may be included in the reported expenditures, to the extent that they are included in the federal financial reports used as the source for the data presented. The District's policy is not to charge federal award programs with indirect costs.

Matching costs (the District's share of certain program costs) are not included in the reported expenditures.

The basis of accounting varies by federal program consistent with the underlying regulations pertaining to each program.

The amounts reported as federal expenditures were obtained from the federal financial reports for the applicable program and periods. The amounts reported in these reports are prepared from records maintained for each program, which are reconciled with the District's financial reporting system.

NOTE 2. NON-CASH ASSISTANCE.

The District is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements. The District was granted $38,203 of commodities under the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Federal Assistance Listing Number 10.555).

NOTE 3. OTHER DISCLOSURES.

No insurance is carried specifically to cover equipment purchased with federal funds. Any equipment purchased with federal funds has only a nominal value, and is covered by the District's casualty insurance policies.

There were no loans or loan guarantees outstanding at year-end.

CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Type of Auditor's Opinion Issued: Unmodified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting: Material weakness(es) identified?	____ Yes	X No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses	____ Yes	X None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	____ Yes	X No

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal Control over Major Programs: Material weakness(es) identified?	____ Yes	X No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses	____ Yes	X None Reported

Type of Auditor's Opinion Issued on Compliance for Major Programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 2 CFR-200.516(a)	____ Yes	X No

IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS:

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBERS	NAME OF FEDERAL PROGRAM OR CLUSTER
10.553 & 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: $ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	____ Yes	X No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings related to the financial statements as required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

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SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

A. Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control

There were no findings relating to the major federal awards as required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

B. Compliance Findings

There were no findings relating to the major federal awards as required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.