

ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

We have performed an audit risk assessment update for the Monticello Central School District for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 with the Office of the New York State Comptroller and New York State Education Department's Chapter 263 Laws set forth in 2005. A risk assessment is a systematic approach for identifying and controlling risk. Risks can be presented from both internal and external factors which threaten the achievements of the District's mission, goals and objectives.

Internal control can be defined as the integration of activities, plans, policies and procedures performed by the efforts of the people of an organization working together to provide reasonable assurance that the organization will achieve its mission, goals and objectives.

As the District's Internal Auditor, our primary responsibility is to assist the Board of Education in ensuring that the District's risks are identified, and to provide the Board and Management with continuous assessment of risk to ensure that proper internal controls are in place and functioning effectively in order to mitigate risks.

Our risk assessment includes an analysis of the District's major functions, processes and controls. The process measures the financial, compliance, and operational risks associated with each identified control. Our risk assessment update includes a current year risk determination and a follow-up on previous internal and external audit findings.

The following control cycles included in the risk assessment were identified based on guidance from the New York State Education Department:

I. GOVERNANCE & PLANNING

- Governance & Control Environment
- Strategic Planning, Budget Development & Budget Administration

II. ACCOUNTING & REPORTING

- Assessing Financial Condition
- Financial Accounting & Reporting
- Auditing
- State Aid & Grants

III. REVENUE & CASH MANAGEMENT

- Cash Receipts & Revenue
- Cash Management & Investments
- Petty Cash

IV. PURCHASING & EXPENDITURES

- Purchasing
- Accounts Payable & Cash Disbursements
- Payroll & Personnel
- Travel & Conferences

V. FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- Facilities Maintenance
- Facilities Construction
- Inventory Controls

VI. STUDENT SERVICES

- Student Transportation
- Food Service
- Extraclassroom Activity Fund

VII. STUDENT RELATED DATA

- Attendance
- Reliability of Student Performance Data

Our approach to understanding the controls of the District included meeting with appropriate personnel for each respective audit area and discussing and understanding the processes and procedures. In addition, when necessary, we performed walk-throughs of transaction cycles and tests of transactions.

After compiling this information, any deficiencies in internal controls were documented and mitigating procedures were suggested to the District.

Based on our evaluation of the above mentioned areas, we have assessed each control cycle with a level of both inherent and control risk. Risk can be assessed at high, medium or low levels.

Inherent risk is the likelihood of a misstatement not being detected without consideration of established controls. By their distinctive nature alone, it is typical that many of the District's processes have high inherent risk.

Control risk is the risk that a misstatement will not be detected or prevented by the District's internal controls on a timely basis. It also measures the adequacy of the District's internal controls.

A summary of the assessed risks can be found in the Risk Assessment Table followed by The Risk Assessment & Updates Report, which have been attached herewith, and are presented in the following pages.

Not all risks are equal. Some are more likely to occur than others, and some will have a greater impact than others if they occur. Once risks are identified, their probability and significance must be assessed. Upon identifying and assessing risk, the District must decide on how to deal with it. Based on a cost/benefit analysis, in some cases, the decision may be to control it; in others, it may be to accept it.

These reports are intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education and management of the Monticello Central School District and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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Monticello, New York

February 6, 2024

**MONTICELLO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RISK ASSESSMENT TABLE
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Business Process	RISK		Detailed Testing Performed in 2023	Proposed Detailed Testing in 2024
	Inherent	Control		
GOVERNANCE & PLANNING				
Governance & Control Environment	High	Medium	✓	✓
Strategic Planning, Budget Development & Budget Administration	High	Low		✓
ACCOUNTING & REPORTING				
Assessing Financial Condition	High	Medium		✓
Financial Accounting & Reporting	High	Medium		✓
Auditing	Medium	Low	✓	
State Aid & Grants	High	Medium		✓
REVENUE & CASH MANAGEMENT				
Cash Receipts & Revenue	High	Medium	✓	
Cash Management & Investments	High	Medium	✓	
Petty Cash	High	Medium		✓
PURCHASING & EXPENDITURES				
Purchasing	High	Medium	✓	
Accounts Payable & Cash Disbursements	High	Medium		✓
Payroll & Personnel	High	High	✓	✓
Travel & Conferences	High	Medium	✓	
FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT				
Facilities Maintenance	High	Medium		✓
Facilities Construction	Medium	Medium	✓	✓
Inventory Controls	High	Medium		✓
STUDENT SERVICES				
Student Transportation	High	Medium		✓
Food Service	High	Medium	✓	
Extraclassroom Activity Fund	High	High	✓	✓
STUDENT RELATED DATA				
Attendance	High	Medium		✓
Reliability of Student Performance Data	High	Medium	✓	

**MONTICELLO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RISK ASSESSMENT & UPDATES
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023**

RISK ASSESSMENT AREA	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
Governance and Control Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No New Risks Identified – See Prior Year Findings on Page 3 	
Strategic Planning, Budget Development & Budget Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Assessing Financial Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Financial Accounting & Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Auditing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) The District omitted one of the distribution sites for its summer food service program when claiming for reimbursement from New York State. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District has implemented a checklist in response to this finding.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) See Prior Year Finding on Page 3 	
State Aid & Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No New Risks Identified – See Prior Year Finding on Page 3 	
Cash Receipts & Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No New Risks Identified – See Prior Year Finding on Page 4. 	
Cash Management & Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Petty Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Accounts Payable & Cash Disbursements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Payroll & Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Travel & Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Facilities Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Facilities Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Inventory Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Student Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) No Risks Identified 	

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Food Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Extra Classroom Activity Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2023) During our visit the District did not maintain copies of deposit slips for three deposits that we tested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recommend that the District maintain copies of deposit slips for all deposits made into the Extra Classroom Activity Fund.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2023) During our review of the December 2023 bank reconciliation, it was noted that there was a deposit entered from November 2023 that had not cleared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recommend that the District make deposits for the Extra Classroom Activity Fund on a timely basis.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Prior Year Finding on Page 4 	
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2023) No Risks Identified 	
Reliability of Student Performance Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2023) No Risks Identified 	

**MONTICELLO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RISK ASSESSMENT & UPDATES
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**

RISK ASSESSMENT AREA	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS
Governance and Control Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) The District's network has the capability to automatically encrypt e-mails but this feature is not currently utilized. The District should consider using the automatic e-mail encryption feature for e-mails as it provides an additional safeguard against a cybersecurity threat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented – The District automatically encrypts emails containing sensitive information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) The District disabled their 90 day password expiration due to the pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented – The District reinstated their 90 day password expiration policy.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) The District's website was missing information required by the New York State Office of the Comptroller in order to be transparent to the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented – The District website was updated to be in compliance with the requirements of the New York State Office of the Comptroller.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2022) No Risks Identified 	
Strategic Planning, Budget Development & Budget Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Assessing Financial Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Financial Accounting & Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Auditing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) The District's unassigned fund balance is in excess of the amount permitted by New York State law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Item Still Outstanding.
State Aid & Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) At the date of our visit, the District was missing payroll certifications for several employees working on federal programs. We recommend that the District verify that they have all required payroll certifications for all employees working on federal programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented – The District has procedures in place to verify that they have all required payroll certifications for all employees working on federal programs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2022) No Risks Identified 	

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Cash Receipts & Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) No Risks Identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented – The District has procedures in place regarding accepting, safeguarding and awarding scholarships.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2022) The District does not have formal internal controls in place regarding student scholarships. 	
Cash Management & Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Petty Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Accounts Payable & Cash Disbursements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Payroll & Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Travel & Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Facilities Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Facilities Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021- 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Inventory Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Student Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Food Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified 	
Extra Classroom Activity Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2021) At the time of our visit, one selected fundraiser event did not include a profit and loss statement. We recommend that the Central Treasurer verify that profit and loss statements are prepared for all fundraising activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented – The Central Treasurers verify that a profit and loss statement is prepared for all fundraising events.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2022) The Central Treasurers do not maintain their own list of all the club advisors and student elected officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Item Still Outstanding

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Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified	
Reliability of Student Performance Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(2021 - 2022) No Risks Identified	