

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
MAINE STATE STATUTE REQUIREMENTS

Board of Education
South Portland School Department
South Portland, Maine

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of South Portland, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of South Portland, Maine's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of South Portland, Maine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

In connection with that audit, we:

1. Considered whether the South Portland School Department has complied with budget content requirements of section 15693.
2. Considered whether the South Portland School Department has complied with transfer limitations between budget cost centers pursuant to section 1485.
3. Considered whether the South Portland School Department has exceeded its authority to expend funds.
4. Considered whether the South Portland School Department has complied with the applicable provisions of the unexpended balances requirements established under section 15004.
5. Reviewed the annual financial data submitted to the Maine Department of Education and reconciled it to the audited financial statement totals (see attached *Schedule of Reconciliation of the NEO Financial System with Audited Financial Statements*).
6. Considered whether the South Portland School Department was in compliance with applicable provisions of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

- The School Department did not vote to make budgetary transfers up to 5% as allowed by section 1485 and, as a result, had individual cost centers with actual expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts. In addition, in total, the School Department exceeded its authority to expend funds.

Other known matters of noncompliance relating to the above listed items (items #1 - #6) are as follows:

- The School Department did not upload revenues and expenditures for all funds. There were several reserve, school lunch, grant, and capital project funds omitted from the data submitted to the State.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying *Schedule of Reconciliation of the NEO Financial System with Audited Financial Statements* is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by regulation of the Maine Department of Education 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, except for the account data omitted from the NEO website as shown on *the Schedule of Reconciliation of the NEO Financial System with Audited Financial Statements*, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and regulations of the Maine Department of Education in considering the entity's compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 31, 2025
South Portland, Maine

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Schedule of Reconciliation of NEO Financial System with Audited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		General	Reserves	Adult Education	School Lunch	School Grants	Capital Projects
Revenues and other financing sources:							
Per NEO	\$	65,243,659	-	87,555	-	1,832,283	98,440
Adjustments:							
Audit reclass for revenues received to expense		36,000	-	-	-	-	-
Audit adjustment to reclass SPED funds to special revenues		(201,014)	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment to reconcile grant revenues to expenditures		-	-	-	-	3,526	-
Adjustments to FSA Forfeitures		22,629	-	-	-	-	-
Donated food service commodities		-	-	-	114,742	-	-
Fund activity not uploaded		-	333	-	2,595,973	4,660,964	1,361
Adjusted NEO balance		65,101,274	333	87,555	2,710,715	6,496,773	99,801
Per City of South Portland, Maine's financial statements (Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit E, Exhibit G-2)							
		65,101,274	333	87,555	2,710,715	6,496,773	99,801
Variances		\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures and other financing uses:							
Per NEO	\$	66,534,576	-	85,030	-	1,834,966	3,992,858
Adjustments:							
Audit adjustments to reconcile grants		111,886	-	-	-	398	-
Audit adjustment to record settlement with architect		-	-	-	-	-	(144,781)
Audit entries to reconcile payroll accrual and withholding accounts		790,053	-	-	-	-	-
Audit adjustment to close ESSER 2 grant to general fund		88,190	-	-	-	-	-
Audit adjustment to reclass grants to correct fund		84,099	-	-	-	-	-
Audit adjustment to accrue additional retainage		-	-	-	-	-	78,071
Donated food service commodities		-	-	-	114,742	-	-
Fund activity not uploaded		-	298,830	-	2,740,687	4,536,440	40,838
Adjusted NEO balance		67,608,804	298,830	85,030	2,855,429	6,371,804	3,966,986
Per City of South Portland, Maine's financial statements (Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit E, Exhibit G-2)							
		67,276,491	298,830	85,030	2,855,429	6,371,804	3,966,986
Variances		\$ 332,313	-	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation between financial statements and NEO report:							
Revenues	\$	64,634,175	333	87,555	2,410,715	6,483,861	99,801
Transfers in		467,099	-	-	300,000	12,912	-
Total revenues		65,101,274	333	87,555	2,710,715	6,496,773	99,801
Expenditures		66,963,579	298,830	85,030	2,855,429	6,371,804	3,966,986
Transfers out		312,912	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures		67,276,491	298,830	85,030	2,855,429	6,371,804	3,966,986
Net transfers in (out)		154,187	-	-	300,000	12,912	-

See accompanying auditor's report.

Note: This schedule excludes student activity and trust funds, which were also excluded from the NEO data submitted to the State Department of Education.