

**MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
For the 2023-2024 School Year**

Prior-Year Findings

Significant Audit Findings

No significant findings found.

Material Control Weaknesses

No material control weaknesses were found.

Deficiencies in Internal Controls

No deficiencies found.

Current-Year Findings

Significant Audit Findings

No significant findings found.

Material Control Weaknesses

No material control weaknesses were found.

Deficiencies in Internal Controls

No deficiencies found.

Other Matters:

> Fund Balance

Recommendation: We recommend that the District formulate a plan to control or use the excess fund balance.

District Response: The District recently spent over a million dollars of its fund balance as part of the ongoing Capital Project. Additionally, the Superintendent is working with the BOCES Shared Business Office on a plan to control our excess fund balance. MCS is aware that in the recent past, the governor's proposed budget included a reduction to transition aid, leaving a deficit that would have resulted in direct negative impacts on student programming. We will continue to monitor the fiscal climate and work to control the excess fund balance.

Completion Date: 7/1/2025

Person Responsible: Superintendent, SBO

> Reserves

Recommendation: We recommend that the Board review annually all reserve balances and determine if the amounts reserved are necessary, reasonable and in compliance with statutory requirements. To the extent that they are not, transfers should be made to the unassigned fund balance or to other reserves as established.

District Response: The reserve plan has been revised and will be posted on the website. We will continue to review all reserve balances.

Completion Date: 9/1/2025

Person Responsible: Superintendent, Board of Education

> Request for Funds- Special Aid Fund

Recommendation: During our audit, we noted the District did not request additional funding from New York State Education Department (NYSED) for most of the grants after the initial payment. As a result, the State/Federal Receivable went from \$1,032,967 in 2024 to \$1,260,303 in 2023. Also, the amounts due to other funds was \$936,915 in 2024. We recommend that the District, after receiving the initial payment for each, review at least quarterly to see if additional funding is needed.

District Response: As this is a function of our Shared Business Office through BOCES, we have set up monthly meetings to review tasks and ensure that requests for funds are submitted on a timely basis. Our due to amount has decreased since the 22-23 school year.

Completion Date: 7/1/2025

Person Responsible: Superintendent, Treasurer, SBO

➤ **Documentation of Invoice Processing**

Recommendation: We recommend that the District continue to monitor the procurement of goods and services closely and that an approved purchase order or claim form be used for all purchases.

District Response: While the auditor noted “an improvement in this process,” the district treasurer will continue to remind and train staff to ensure proper procurement of goods and services. Additionally, we continue to use a retired professional in this area to ensure a system of checks and balances is in place.

Completion Date: 10/1/2025

Person Responsible: District Treasurer

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