

LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

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Dear Dr. Koons and Mr. Jacoby:

We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 (Intermediate Unit) to determine its compliance with certain relevant state laws, regulations, policies, and administrative procedures (relevant requirements). The LPE covers the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018, except for any areas of compliance that may have required an alternative to this period. The engagement was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Article VIII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and The Fiscal Code (72 P.S. §§ 402 and 403), but was not conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As we conducted our LPE procedures, we sought to determine answers to the following questions, which serve as our LPE objectives:

- Did the Intermediate Unit have documented board policies and administrative procedures related to the following?
 - Internal controls
 - Budgeting practices
 - The Right-to-Know Law
 - The Sunshine Act
- Were the policies and procedures adequate and appropriate, and have they been properly implemented?
- Did the Intermediate Unit comply with the relevant requirements in the Right-to-Know Law and the Sunshine Act?

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Our engagement found that the Intermediate Unit properly implemented policies and procedures for the areas mentioned above and complied, in all significant respects, with relevant requirements.

We also evaluated the application of best practices in the area of school safety. Due to the sensitive nature of this issue and the need for the results of this review to be confidential, we did not include the results in this report. However, we communicated the results of our review of school safety to Intermediate Unit officials, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and other appropriate officials as deemed necessary.

We appreciate the Intermediate Unit's cooperation during the conduct of the engagement.

Sincerely,



Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General

August 20, 2019

cc: **SCHUYLKILL INTERMEDIATE UNIT 29** Board of School Directors

Background Information

School Characteristics 2017-18 School Year ^A	
County	Schuylkill
Students Served in Public Schools	18,003
Students Served in Nonpublic Schools	1,339
Total Teachers	58
Total Full or Part-Time Support Staff	119.5
Total Administrators	15
Number of Participating Schools ^B	12

A – Source: Information provided by the Intermediate Unit administration and is unaudited.

B – Schools include participating school districts, nonpublic schools, and institutions

Mission Statement^A

The Schuylkill Intermediate Unit, in collaboration with school entities, community agencies, business and government partnerships, serves the changing needs of education through delivery of services, improvement of current programs and implementation of new initiatives.

The Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 (Intermediate Unit) is a legal entity established under the terms of Pennsylvania Law (Act 102, May 4, 1970) to function as a service agency for the following participating school districts in Schuylkill County:

Participating School Districts

Blue Mountain	Mahanoy Area
Minersville Area	North Schuylkill
Pine Grove Area	Pottsville Area
Saint Clair Area	Schuylkill Haven
Shenandoah Valley	Tamaqua Area
Tri-Valley	Williams Valley

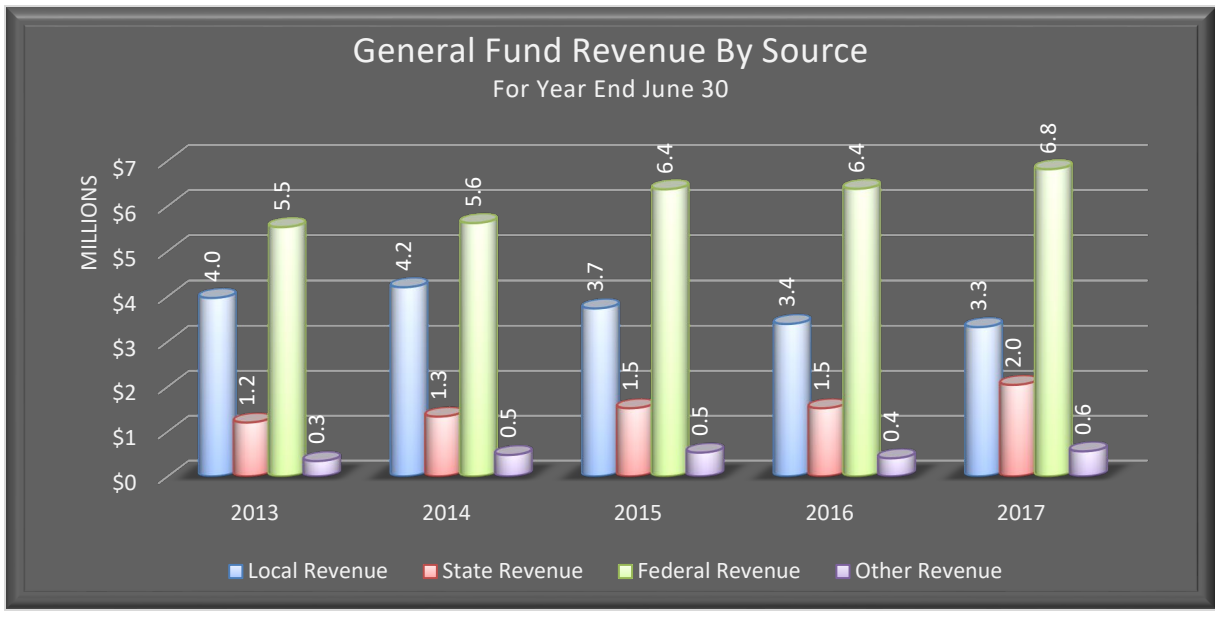
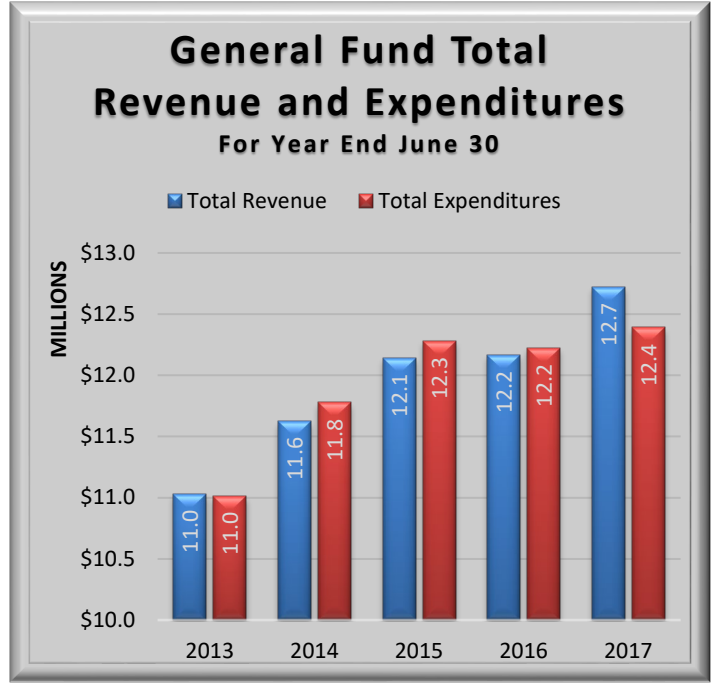
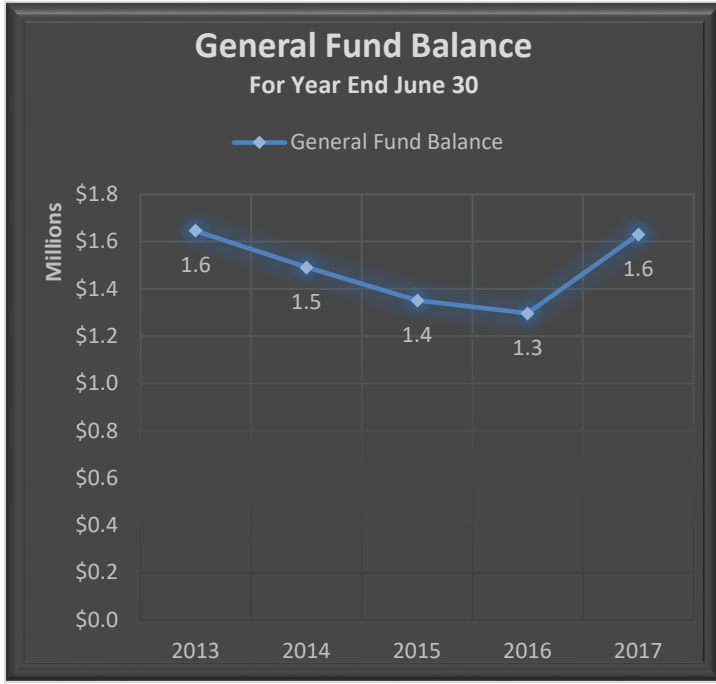
The Intermediate Unit also functions as a service agency for nine nonpublic schools and one charter school.

The Intermediate Unit is governed by a 12 member board appointed by the participating schools on a rotating basis.

Since the Intermediate Unit is a service agency, academic information and graduation rates are not calculated.

Financial Information

The following pages contain financial information about the Intermediate Unit obtained from annual financial data reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and available on PDE’s public website. This information was not audited and is presented for **informational purposes only**.



Status of Prior Audit Findings and Observations

Our prior Limited Procedures Engagement of the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 resulted in no findings or observations.

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