

## **State Auditor Releases Performance Review of Red Clay**

July 1, 2008

Red Clay officials presented their responses to a performance review released July 1, 2008 by the Delaware Office of the Auditor of Accounts.

Red Clay cooperated fully with the review, which was conducted over several months. The audit was announced in January and encompassed a review of Red Clay Fiscal Year 2007 finances.

The report contains several findings and results, along with district responses.

The district does not agree with all of the audit's findings, outlined in the district's responses. In other items, the district agrees with findings, some which have been previously reported and reviewed by a state Financial Recovery Team. Corrective action has already been taken, in several cases prior to the start of the audit review.

"It is our hope that this audit will confirm in the public's mind that Red Clay has acknowledged and addressed previously reported problems in Fiscal Year 2007," said Superintendent Robert J. Andrzejewski. "However, some of the results cited in this report veer into policy and management areas that complied with all laws and procedures and were made based on their educational value."

Red Clay officials expressed serious concern several weeks ago, when an employee in the Auditor's Office released inaccurate "findings" of this performance review to members of the public and media prior to a draft report being sent to the district. The final report released by Wagner's office on Tuesday did not contain the incorrect items that were listed in the e-mail.

Dr. Andrzejewski added that the district is pleased with its fiscal performance in 2008. "Our current budget is on track, is projected to have a larger ending balance than anticipated because of solid fiscal management and is more closely monitored than ever before," he said. "Based on community support for the February referendum and the state's recent decision to fund their portion of full-day kindergarten for Red Clay, we are looking forward to the upcoming school year."