

State Auditor Releases Second Performance Review of Red Clay

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The Delaware Office of the Auditor of Accounts has released another review of Red Clay financial practices, centered mostly on Fiscal Year 2007.

The review is the second report that the auditor's office released in recent weeks. In 2007, the Delaware Department of Education requested a state Financial Recovery Team (FRT) review Red Clay finances. The FRT released a public report in December 2007.

DOE requested that the auditor's office review other areas. In addition, the auditor's office reviewed complaints they had received against Red Clay. The report contains a number of findings and recommendations, along with district responses.

The district cooperated fully with the audit. A number of items were unsubstantiated. In other areas, the district has already recognized the need for procedural changes and had taken steps to improve processes and monitoring of its finances.

"Red Clay has repeatedly acknowledged errors which came to light in 2007," said Superintendent Robert Andrzejewski. "The district took bold actions, including changing many policies and procedures in the business office. The audit report confirms that sound business were in place for fiscal year 2008. Based on 2007, we were able to improve processes which resulted in a budget on June 30 that was not only balanced, but exceeded its target. As this third review shows, many matters large and small have been scrutinized from 2007 and procedures are firmly in place to ensure the errors of 2007 were not repeated in FY08 or in any time moving forward."