



Middletown Public Schools

You may have seen and heard allegations made by the Mayor that the annual audit of the City and the BOE uncovered millions of dollars unaccounted for in the BOE operation.

That is absolutely wrong.

The Audit says no such thing.

It is quite possible that the millions of dollars on the books in June that the Mayor alleges disappeared were the summer salaries for teachers. The audit documents that at the end of June 2010 there was a balance of \$ 50,776 that was returned to the City.

The audit has been posted on our website for the past week. Today we have posted the draft management letter (un-redacted). We encourage staff to read both. The audit and the management letter do not support the claims made by the Mayor.

The purpose of a management letter is to make suggestions to both the City and the BOE on how to improve financial practices. The management letter states "we offer as constructive suggestions for your consideration".

The Mayor has made the allegation that there is a criminal investigation underway against the BOE for its financial practices regarding travel reimbursements. This is a misrepresentation of the facts. The management letter makes reference to a need for better consistency between mileage reimbursements and travel allowances paid to employees. The auditors suggested improved alignment between employee agreements and the type of payment being made to the employee, i.e. mileage reimbursement or travel allowance. This recommendation has already been implemented.

The primary concern of the school district administration and the BOE is to use its resources to provide the best educational experience to all its students. We take this mission very seriously. As always, our financial practices focus entirely on fulfilling this mission.

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