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Honorable Members of the Board of Education,

Attached please find the current Claims Audit Report for the period June 2022. Please be aware of the following:

- Report summary will include the following for comparison purposes:
 - o The same period from two years prior.
 - o The Totals for two years prior.
 - o All Periods and Totals for the prior Fiscal Year.
 - o All Periods and Year to Date Totals for the current Fiscal Year.
 - o A straight-line projection of the current Fiscal Year Totals.
- June 2022 Discounts Taken: \$0.00, Fiscal YTD: \$432.81

This report and historical reports can be found here: <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/87464>.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (716) 816-4542 during office hours on Monday through Friday or send me an e-mail: sgalante@buffaloschools.org.

Sincerely,

Stephen Galante
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June 2022 Claim Audit Findings

Issue Category	Issues	Net Adjustments
Critical – Duplicate	4	\$ (6,021)
Critical – Insufficient Supporting Documentation	43	\$ -
Critical – Violation of Purchase Order/Contract Terms	6	\$ (710)
Non-Critical – Clerical Errors	15	\$ (1,150)
Grand Total	68	\$ (7,881)

NOTE: With the exception of duplicate claims, the majority of claims are ultimately paid after resolution of any issues. The net adjustment represents actual changes of processed claims.

- **Critical Issues are those issues that may result in the complete disallowance or significant reduction of a claim and/or represent a violation of BOE policy or other governing regulations**
 - o **Critical – Duplicate (submittal of a previously processed claim):**
 - Four (4) invoices were entered twice using different invoice numbers. Invoices were identified as a duplicate during the audit process and payment was not processed.
 - TREND - Prior Month: 1, Current Month: 4.
 - **Recommendations / Actions / Notes:**
 - Reviewed duplicate invoice with staff.
 - o **Critical - Insufficient Supporting Documentation (claim package is missing required approvals and / or proof of delivery and / or other required documentation):**
 - Forty-three (43) invoices reviewed had insufficient or incorrect receiving records and/or were missing proof of delivery or other required supporting documentation. This included an invoice totaling **\$129,648** (Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center) for IDEA contract services (no supporting documentation of students), and an invoice (pending documentation of service dates) for LETRS Training totaling **\$51,000** (Voyager Sopris Learning).
 - TREND - Prior Month: 14, Current Month: 43. Additional emphasis on verification of MUNIS receiving records supported by scanned bills of lading and/or packing lists.
 - **Recommendations / Actions / Notes:**
 - Failure to enter receiving documentation represents the single largest delay in processing of AP payments and a significant compliance issue.

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- **Critical Issues are those issues that may result in the complete disallowance or significant reduction of a claim and/or represent a violation of BOE policy or other governing regulations**
 - o **Critical - Unauthorized Purchases / Policy Violation (purchase was not processed through requisition approval process and / or other procurement policy was not followed):**
 - None.
 - TREND - Prior Month: 0, Current Month: 0. NOTE: Many claims that would have been classified as policy violations are now being resolved prior to invoice entry into MUNIS; therefore, they are no longer being logged as audit rejections.
 - **Recommendations / Actions / Notes:**
 - None.
 - o **Critical - Violation of Purchase Order (PO) / Contract Terms (goods / service provided and /or billing are outside the terms of the Contract and / or Purchase Order):**
 - Six (6) invoices were presented for payment that were in violation of the purchase agreement or contract terms. This included:
 - Two invoices totaling **\$1,350** (Cecil V, Stepp) for drumming sessions at school events dated after the contract end date. Per the advice of legal, these invoices were paid without obtaining a new contract. CLRI department was notified of the contract violation.
 - Three invoices totaling **\$7,057** (National Overhead Door) for building repairs were completed after the contract and board approval end dates. New board approval and revised contract were completed, and payments processed.
 - TREND - Prior Month: 1, Current Month: 6.
 - **Recommendations / Actions / Notes:**
 - None.
- **Non-Critical Issues are those issues that may result in minor adjustments and a delay in processing**
 - o **Non-Critical - Clerical Errors (typographical errors related to pricing / quantity / discounts or metadata):**
 - Fifteen (15) invoices contained errors with either invoice entry amount, incomplete receiving, no invoice attachment, incorrect liquidation, and invoice number.
 - TREND - Prior Month: 18, Current Month: 15.
 - **Recommendations / Actions / Notes:**
 - Errors were corrected and claims processed.

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Buffalo Public Schools
Monthly Invoice Processing and Claims Audit Findings Report
FY 2022 - June

Paid Year	Paid Month	Invoices		Turn Time (Days)	Non-			Net Adjustments
		Paid	Sum of Invoices (\$)		Critical	Critical	Total	
2020	12 - JUN	1,035	\$ 34,631,268.83	74.81	8	18	26	\$ (30,935.34)
2020 Total		16,525	\$ 593,489,868.04	57.05	57	167	224	\$ (413,356.14)
2021	01 - JUL	1,141	\$ 58,161,276.65	72.91	10	10	20	\$ (53,321.88)
	02 - AUG	955	\$ 27,734,708.95	69.66	4	13	17	\$ (1,154.27)
	03 - SEP	888	\$ 44,117,078.75	59.04	3	11	14	\$ (89.62)
	04 - OCT	1,249	\$ 48,706,221.77	56.30	6	21	27	\$ (33,375.98)
	05 - NOV	841	\$ 57,121,268.91	47.74	5	4	9	\$ (5,602.27)
	06 - DEC	994	\$ 53,952,302.16	41.97	8	8	16	\$ (31.41)
	07 - JAN	839	\$ 55,699,787.27	47.54	5	7	12	\$ (4,412.00)
	08 - FEB	1,125	\$ 32,462,629.26	49.32	5	23	28	\$ -
	09 - MAR	850	\$ 46,665,167.28	55.89	4	16	28	\$ -
	10 - APR	782	\$ 47,400,148.66	70.72	7	11	18	\$ (547.74)
	11 - MAY	1,242	\$ 61,908,476.72	66.22	8	25	33	\$ (5,352.90)
	12 - JUN	1,345	\$ 38,135,542.61	66.59	12	12	24	\$ (979,730.55)
2021 Total		12,251	\$ 572,064,608.99	59.12	77	161	246	\$ (1,083,618.62)
2022	01 - JUL	1,297	\$ 43,361,416.31	57.87	12	35	47	\$ 3,516.54
	02 - AUG	1,562	\$ 55,002,832.77	55.91	13	30	43	\$ 12,938.41
	03 - SEP	1,142	\$ 42,832,946.55	49.61	10	19	29	\$ (87.12)
	04 - OCT	1,901	\$ 61,166,416.53	44.66	16	17	33	\$ (369,253.15)
	05 - NOV	988	\$ 67,126,201.12	41.47	7	37	44	\$ (1,110.00)
	06 - DEC	1,888	\$ 54,168,266.66	47.67	13	35	48	\$ (299.00)
	07 - JAN	1,091	\$ 62,697,510.52	49.33	4	11	15	\$ (100.00)
	08 - FEB	1,471	\$ 45,541,695.94	48.93	9	8	17	\$ (64,047.77)
	09 - MAR	1,385	\$ 72,759,209.87	54.51	10	39	49	\$ (22,395.69)
	10 - APR	1,631	\$ 39,770,434.78	48.01	3	20	23	\$ 45,943.76
	11 - MAY	1,665	\$ 61,304,291.23	65.44	16	18	34	\$ (61,458.74)
	12 - JUN	1,931	\$ 43,855,548.54	59.61	15	53	68	\$ (7,880.89)
2022 YTD		17,952	\$ 649,586,770.82	51.92	128	322	450	\$ (464,233.65)
2022 Projection		17,952	\$ 649,586,770.82	51.92	128	322	450	\$ (464,233.65)