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Arlington's positive audit results show strong financial stewardship

ARLINGTON- Arlington Public Schools was recently audited for fiscal year 2020-21 by the Washington State Auditor's Office and the results were published on May 23. School districts are audited every year by the auditor's office. The auditor's opinion indicates Arlington's financial statements were fairly presented with no significant deficiencies, no material weaknesses, and no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements.

"In other words, the auditors gave the district a clean opinion with no issues or findings to report," said Gina Zeutenhorst, executive director of financial services. "Our district is committed to proper stewardship of financial operations. The audit also included a two-year review of legal compliance and accountability areas. Auditors looked at the district's payroll, use of restricted funds for professional learning and local levy dollars for enrichment activities, supplemental employee contracts, financial condition, open public meetings act compliance, and federal ESSER grant spending. We received a clean audit opinion in each of the areas they reviewed."

The auditor's mission is to examine how state and local governments use public funds and develops strategies to make government more efficient and effective. Arlington's audit reports can be found at the following links:

<https://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch/Home/ViewReportFile?isFinding=false&arn=1030589>

<https://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch/Home/ViewReportFile?isFinding=false&arn=1030587>

"Positive audit results are an indicator of the strong financial commitment to stewardship from not only the school board, but all departments and schools," said superintendent, Dr. Chrys Sweeting. "This allows us to provide the

resources necessary to support the learning of each and every student in Arlington.”

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Caption: Arlington Public Schools Executive Director of Financial Services, Gina Zeutenhorst, talks with the school board about the district’s finances. The district recently received a clean opinion on its audit from the state auditor’s office.