

## **Yonkers Inspector General Schorr will audit schools' benefits**

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YONKERS — The city's inspector general said he will audit the Yonkers Public Schools' health and fringe benefits after waiting years for copies of internal audits that district officials won't produce.

Inspector General Dan Schorr announced the audit Tuesday in a report that chronicled the delays and legal action stemming from his office's financial-oversight efforts.

Schorr also said he will continue a related audit of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers Welfare Fund's finances after the state Supreme Court ordered Tuesday that the fund must respond to Schorr's previous subpoenas.

The inspector general's office has sought financial data on the district's benefits since 2006, when former Inspector General Philip Zisman suggested an audit. At the time, district officials said an audit was unnecessary because the district's internal auditor performed such functions.

When Zisman sought financial records from the district, the Board of Education sued to block his requests. The state Supreme Court ruled on July 1, 2010, that the district had to respond to the inspector general's document requests.

Schorr's report noted that the district has repeatedly paid D'Arcangelo & Co. for audits, most recently \$73,500 for a human resources and payroll functions audit that also analyzes benefits administration.

"We don't know if there is a report by the internal auditor," Schorr said Tuesday. "We do know that taxpayer funds have been used to pay this auditor for this work."

Board of Education President Paresh Patel received a copy of Schorr's report prior to its public release.

"The IG has shown patience, as has the district, with the often promised and much delayed final report from the D'Arcangelo firm," Patel wrote in a statement. "We continue to fully support a thorough audit and review by the IG and, as we have offered several times over the past year, will make any and all necessary district documents and personnel available to that end."

Yonkers Federation of Teachers President Pat Puleo could not be reached for comment about the court's order.