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To the Board of Education and
Thomas P. McDaid, Jr.
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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary fund of North Merrick Union Free School District (the "District") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

During our current year audit, we have not identified any new areas in which the District's internal controls can be improved and the prior years recommendation has been implemented.

The District has implemented very strong controls and we have noted the business office has excellent financial operations.

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STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDING

FUND BALANCE MANAGEMENT

FINDING: During our prior year audit, we noted the District's unassigned fund balance exceeded 4% of the 2022-2023 budget. NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 limits the amount of unassigned fund balance in the general fund to an amount not greater than 4% of the District's budget for the ensuing fiscal year. We recommended the District monitor its fund balance more closely to ensure compliance with NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318.

STATUS: **Implemented.** The District is in compliance with NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 as the District's unassigned fund balance has not exceeded 4% of the 2023-2024 budget.

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We would like to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance extended to us by personnel of the District and also compliment the business office on their excellent financial operations during our audit. Should you have any questions concerning the matters referred to in this letter, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you, at your convenience.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, the audit committee, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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