

**CPAs & BUSINESS ADVISORS** 

March 8, 2024

To the Governing Board and Citizens Oversight Committee Vallejo City Unified School District Vallejo, California

We have audited the financial statements of Vallejo City Unified School District (the District) Building Fund (Measure S) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 8, 2024. We have also performed the performance audit of the District's Building Fund. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

# Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit of the District's Building Fund (Measure S) under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards* and the Performance Audit under *Government Auditing Standards*.

As communicated in our engagement letter dated February 20, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Additionally, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to conduct a performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Our audit of the financial statements and performance audit does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our findings regarding internal controls during our audit in our independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards dated March 8, 2024.

## Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

## **Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence**

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and other firms utilized in the engagement, if applicable, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

## **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

#### Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during year. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. No such significant accounting estimates were identified.

#### Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no financial statement disclosures that we consider to be particularly sensitive or involve significant judgement.

#### Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

#### **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. There were no uncorrected or corrected misstatements identified as a result of our audit procedures.

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the District financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

#### Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report. We have included the following emphasis of matter paragraph in our auditor's report.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Building Fund (Measure S), and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated March 8, 2024.

#### Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

#### Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the District, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the District's auditors.

#### Modification of the Auditor's Report

We have made the following modification to our auditor's report.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only Building Fund (Measure S), and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the governing board, the citizens oversight committee, and management of the District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Erde Bailly LLP

Menlo Park, California



Financial and Performance Audits Building Fund (Measure S) June 30, 2023

Vallejo City Unified School District



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Financial Audit Building Fund (Measure S) June 30, 2023 Vallejo City Unified School District



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Governing Board and Citizens Oversight Committee Vallejo City Unified School District Vallejo, California

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Building Fund (Measure S) of the Vallejo City Unified School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Building Fund (Measure S) of the Vallejo City Unified School District, as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only Building Fund (Measure S), and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District, as of June 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 8, 2024 on our consideration of the Building Fund (Measure S) of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Building Fund (Measure S) of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Building Fund (Measure S) of the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Eader Bailly LLP

Menlo Park, California March 8, 2024

## Vallejo City Unified School District Building Fund (Measure S) Balance Sheet

June 30, 2023

Assets Deposits and Investments Accounts receivable Due from other district funds	\$ 85,301,496 1,178,482 187,033
Total assets	\$ 86,667,011
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities Accounts payable	\$ 6,427,264
Total liabilities	6,427,264
Fund Balance Restricted for capital projects	80,239,747
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 86,667,011

Revenues Interest income Other local revenue	\$	643,649 226,643
Total revenues		870,292
Expenditures Capital outlay		
Salaries and benefits Contracted services Building and improvements to buildings		269,155 59,328 14,131,871
Total expenditures		14,460,354
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(	13,590,062)
Other Financing Sources Capital related debt issued		51,096,424
Special Item Proceeds from sale of capital assets		1,164,982
Net Change in Fund Balance	:	38,671,344
Fund Balance - Beginning		41,568,403
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 3	80,239,747

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Vallejo City Unified School District's (the District) Building Fund (Measure S) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The financial statements include only the Building Fund of the District used to account for Measure S projects. This Fund was established to account for the expenditures of general obligation bonds issued under Measure S. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the District in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The operations of the Building Fund are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The Building Fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

#### **Spending Order Policy**

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the governing board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

#### Fund Balance - Building Fund (Measure S)

As of June 30, 2023, the fund balance is classified as follows:

**Restricted** - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Note 2 - Investments

#### **Policies and Practices**

The District is authorized under California Government Code to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State: U.S. Treasury instrument; registered State warrants or treasury notes: securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security, and collateralized mortgage obligations.

#### **Investment in County Treasury**

The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool as the District is required to deposit all receipts and collections of monies with their County Treasurer (*Education Code* Section 41001). The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the accounting financial statement at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fairly value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

#### **General Authorizations**

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Solano County Treasury Investment Pool. The sensitivity of the fair value of the District's investments to market interest rate fluctuation is measured as the weighted average maturity of the investment portfolio, which was 395 days on June 30, 2023.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District's investment in the county pool is not required to be rated, nor has been rated as of June 30, 2023.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. Investment in the county treasury investment pool is not measured using the input levels because the participant's transactions are uncategorized. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at fair value measurements.

## Note 3 - Interfund Transactions

#### Interfund Receivables/Payables (Due To/Due From)

Interfund receivable and payable balances arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed. The Measure S bond fund reported a "due from" the District's general fund of \$187,033 for "community development revenue."

### Note 4 - Commitments and Contingencies

As of June 30, 2023, the Building Fund (Measure S) had the following commitments with respect to unfinished projects:

Measure S Projects	Remaining Construction Commitment	Expected Date of Completion
Modernization at various sites		
Dan Mini/Cooper Modernization	\$ 11,464,037	10/06/23
Federal Terrace Modernization	842,552	9/30/2024
Federal Terrace/Lincoln Modernization	12,558,235	9/30/2024
Glen Cove Modernization	285,150	6/30/2024
Hogan Modernization	20,042,216	9/30/2024
Lincoln Elementary Modernization	336,292	9/30/2024
Patterson Modernization	196,739	6/30/2024
Steffan Manor Modernization	384,941	6/30/2024
Vallejo High School Modernization	2,151,586	6/30/2024
Wardlaw Modernization	458,006	6/30/2024

#### Litigation

The District is involved in various litigation arising from the normal course of business. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the disposition of all litigation pending is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2023.



Independent Auditor's Report June 30, 2023 Vallejo City Unified School District



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## Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Governing Board and Citizens Oversight Committee Vallejo City Unified School District Vallejo, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the Building Fund (Measure S) of the Vallejo City Unified School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes of the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 8, 2024.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only Building Fund (Measure S), and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District, as of June 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the 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 Fund'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's Building Fund (Measure S) financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Building Fund (Measure S) of the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Eader Bailly LLP

Menlo Park, California March 8, 2024

None reported.

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Performance Audit Building Fund (Measure S) June 30, 2023

Vallejo City Unified School District



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#### Independent Auditor's Report on Performance

Governing Board and Citizens Oversight Committee Vallejo City Unified School District Vallejo, California

We were engaged to conduct a performance audit of the Building Fund (Measure S) of the Vallejo City Unified School District (District) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with the standards applicable to performance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed within the report which includes determining the District's compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Appendix A contained in the 2022-2023 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting issued by the California Education Audit Appeals Panel. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements.

In planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the District's internal control in order to determine if the internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The results of our tests indicated that the District expended Measure S bond funds only for the specific projects approved by the voters in accordance with Proposition 39, and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Ende Bailly LLP

Menlo Park, California March 8, 2024

#### **Authority for Issuance**

The general obligation bonds associated with Measure S were issued pursuant to the provisions of Article XIIIA, Section 1 and Article XVI, Section 18 of the California State Constitution, the provisions of Government Code Section 53506 et seq. and all laws amendatory to or supplemental thereof, certain provisions of Education Code Section 15100 et seq., and all laws amendatory to or supplemental thereof, and pursuant to the provisions of the Resolution and the Paying Agent Agreement. The District may incur bonded indebtedness upon the vote of two-thirds or more of the qualified electors of the District voting on the proposition pursuant to Article XIIIA, subject to the debt limitations set forth in Article XVI of the State Constitution and the Education Code.

The District received authorization from an election held on November 6, 2018, to issue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$194,000,000 to finance specific construction and renovation projects approved by eligible voters within the District. The proposition required approval of more than two-thirds of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District (the 2018 Authorization). The bonds represent the first, second and third series of the authorized bonds to be issued under the 2018 Authorization.

## Purpose

The Bonds are being issued by the District to (i) finance the specific school facilities projects set forth in the ballot measure approved by the District's voters at an election held on November 6, 2018, and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds.

On November 6, 2018, at an election duly held pursuant to State law (the "2018 Election"), more than two-thirds of the votes received from qualified voters within the boundaries of the District approved "Measure S" as follows:

"To improve classroom education, safety, and college/ career preparation by repairing/updating classrooms, roofs, and bathrooms; updating science/technology labs; improving security/disability access, acquiring, constructing, and modernizing sites/facilities/equipment, shall Vallejo City Unified School District issue \$194,000,000 of bonds raising approximately \$10 million annually on average for 33 years at a projected rate of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed value of legal interest rates with citizen oversight, annual audits, and no money for administrators' salaries/pensions?"

## Authority for the Audit

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act. Proposition 39 amended portions of the California Constitution to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts, community college districts, or county offices of education, "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of rental property for school facilities", upon approval by 55% of the electorate. In addition to reducing the approval threshold from two-thirds to 55%, Proposition 39 and the enacting legislation (AB 1908 and AB 2659) requires the following accountability measures as codified in *Education Code* sections 15278-15282:

- Requires that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
- 2. The school district must list the specific school facilities projects to be funded in the ballot measure and must certify that the governing board has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the project list.
- 3. Requires the school district to appoint a citizen's oversight committee.
- 4. Requires the school district to conduct an annual independent financial audit and performance audit in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of the bond proceeds until all of the proceeds have been expended.
- 5. Requires the school district to conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the bond funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.

## **Objectives of the Audit**

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed below which includes determining the compliance with the performance requirements as referred to Measure S ballot measure and Appendix A contained in the 2022-2023 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting issued by the California Education Audit Appeals Panel. Management is responsible for the District compliance with those requirements.

- 1. Determine whether expenditures charged to the Building Fund have been made in accordance with the bond project list approved by the voters through the approval of Measure S.
- 2. Determine whether salary transactions, charged to the Building Fund were in support of Measure S and not for District general administration or operations.

## Scope of the Audit

The scope of our performance audit covered the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The population of expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other State or local funding sources, other than proceeds of the bonds, were not included within the scope of the audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2023, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

In planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the District's internal control in order to determine if the internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1 of the California Constitution, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

## Methodology

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, for the Building Fund (Measure S). Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices, purchase orders, and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1 of the California Constitution and Measure S as to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

- 1. We identified expenditures and projects charged to the general obligation bond proceeds by obtaining the general ledger and project listing.
- 2. We selected a sample of expenditures using the following criteria:
  - a) We considered all expenditures recorded in all object codes.
  - b) We considered all expenditures recorded in all projects that were funded from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 from Measure S bond proceeds.
  - c) We selected all expenditures that were individually significant expenditures. Individually significant expenditures were identified based on our assessment of materiality.
  - d) For all items below the individually significant threshold identified in item 2c, judgmentally selected expenditures based on risk assessment and consideration of coverage of all object codes, including transfers out, and projects for period starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The results can be projected to the intended population.
- 3. Our sample included transactions totaling \$11,858,061. This represents 82% of the total expenditures of \$14,460,354.
- 4. We reviewed the actual invoices and other supporting documentation to determine that:
  - a) Expenditures were supported by invoices with evidence of proper approval and documentation of receipting goods or services.
  - b) Expenditures were supported by proper bid documentation, as applicable.
  - c) Expenditures were expended in accordance with voter-approved bond project list.
  - d) Bond proceeds were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the District.
- 5. We determined that the District has met the compliance requirement of Measure S if the following conditions were met:
  - a) Supporting documents for expenditures were aligned with the voter-approved bond project list.
  - b) Supporting documents for expenditures were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the District.

## **Audit Results**

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Building Fund (Measure S) and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects. Further, it was noted funds held in the Building Fund (Measure S) and expended by the District were used for salaries only to the extent they perform administrative oversight work on construction projects as allowable per Opinion 04-110 issued on November 9, 2004 by the State of California Attorney General.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District, Governing Board, and Citizens Oversight Committee, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Menlo Park, California March 8, 2024

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's schedule of findings and responses.