

**MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION
BOND BUILDING FUND OF
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2024**

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RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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Financial Section

MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduction and Citizens’ Oversight Committee Member Listing

June 30, 2024

Riverside Unified School District (the District) consists of 29 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 5 high schools, and 9 alternative schools supported by a District Office and an operations center. The District serves approximately 39,500 students.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Riverside Unified School District approved by more than 55% Measure “O”, authorizing the issuance and sale of \$392,000,000 of general obligation bonds. The bonds were issued to finance the construction and modernization of school facilities and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

The passage of Proposition 39 in November 2000 amended the California Constitution to include accountability provisions. Specifically, the District must conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed as well as an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of the proceeds have been expended for facilities projects.

Upon passage of Proposition 39, an accompanying piece of legislation, AB1908 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2000), was also enacted, which amended the Education Code to establish additional procedures which must be followed if a District seeks approval of a bond Proposition pursuant to the 55% majority authorized in Proposition 39 including formation, composition and purpose of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, and authorization for injunctive relief against the improper expenditure of bond revenues.

The Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee was comprised of the following members as of June 30, 2024.

Name	Title	Representation
Art Alcaraz	Member	Community-at-Large Representative
Chani Beeman	Member	Community-at-Large Representative
Martin De Campos	Member	Taxpayer Organization Representative
Bob Garcia	Member	Senior Citizen Organization Representative
Tina Grande-Field	Member	Parent Active in PTA
Jessica Gomez	Member	Parent of Student
Douglas Kroon	Member	Senior Citizens' Organization Representative
Lara E. Martin	Member	Business Representative
Sandra Roy	Member	Parent Active in PTA
Cheryl Tavaglione	Member	Community-at-Large Representative
Beiwei Tu	Member	Parent Active in PTA
Terry Walling	Member	Community-at-Large Representative

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Education and the
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Riverside Unified School District
Riverside, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure "O" General Obligation Bond Building Fund of Riverside Unified School District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure "O" General Obligation Bond Building Fund of Riverside Unified School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal 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), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, Appendix A*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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.

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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' 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 opinions. 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

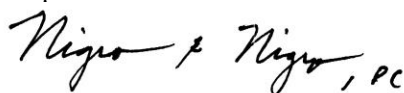
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure "O" General Obligation Bond Building Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Riverside Unified School District, as of June 30, 2024, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 22, 2024 on our consideration 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 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Murrieta, California
November 22, 2024

**MEASURE "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2024

	<u>Measure "O"</u>
ASSETS	
Investments	\$ 77,489,284
Accounts receivable	<u>983,852</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 78,473,136</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,234,621
Due to other funds	<u>500</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,235,121</u>
Fund Balance	
Restricted for capital projects	73,104,631
Unassigned	<u>(866,616)</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>72,238,015</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 78,473,136</u></u>

**MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	<u>Measure "O"</u>
REVENUES	
Interest earnings	\$ 4,106,092
Other local revenues	<u>6,271,961</u>
Total Revenues	<u>10,378,053</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Materials & supplies	356,267
Services & other operating expenses	101,929
Capital outlay	<u>36,126,466</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>36,584,662</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>(26,206,609)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Other sources	<u>8,422</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(26,198,187)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2023	<u>98,436,202</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 72,238,015</u></u>

MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

On November 8, 2016, the District voters authorized \$392,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Measure “O”) for the purpose of financing the modernization and construction of school facilities within the District. The measure required a minimum 55% vote for passage. In response, an advisory committee to the District’s Governing Board and Superintendent, the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, was established. The Committee’s oversight goals include ensuring compliance with conditions of Measure “O”.

The Bond proceeds are accounted for in the District’s Building Fund (21), where they are expended for the approved projects. The statements presented are for the individual Measure “O” General Obligation Bond Building Fund and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the District’s financial position or results of operations.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Measure “O” General Obligation Bond Building Fund is a governmental fund reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and financing from capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

C. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all government funds. By state law, the District’s governing board must adopt a budget no later than July 1. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District’s governing board satisfied these requirements.

These budgets are revised by the District’s governing board during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration was employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.

D. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used in all budgeted funds to reserve portions of applicable appropriations for which commitments have been made. Encumbrances are recorded for purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments when they are written. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid. All encumbrances are liquidated as of June 30.

MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Fund Balances

The fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Nonspendable: Fund balance is reported as nonspendable when the resources cannot be spent because they are either in a nonspendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Resources in nonspendable form include inventories and prepaid assets.

Restricted: Fund balance is reported as restricted when the constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provision or by enabling legislation.

Committed: The District's Elementaryest decision-making level of authority rests with the District's Board. Fund balance is reported as committed when the Board passes a resolution that places specified constraints on how resources may be used. The Board can modify or rescind a commitment of resources through passage of a new resolution.

Assigned: Resources that are constrained by the District's intent to use them for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed, are reported as assigned fund balance. Intent may be expressed by either the Board, committees (such as budget or finance), or officials to which the Board has delegated authority.

Unassigned: Unassigned fund balance represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned and may be utilized by the District for any purpose. When expenditures are incurred, and both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources in the order of committed, assigned, and then unassigned, as they are needed.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – INVESTMENTS

Pooled Funds

In accordance with Education Code Section 41001, the District maintains all of its cash from the bond proceeds in the County Treasury. The County pools and invests the cash. These pooled funds are carried at fair value. Interest earned is deposited annually to participating funds. Any investment losses are proportionately shared by all funds in the pool.

Because the District's deposits are maintained in a recognized pooled investment fund under the care of a third party and the District's share of the pool does not consist of specific, identifiable investment securities owned by the District, no disclosure of the individual deposits and investments or related custodial credit risk classifications is required.

MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 2 – INVESTMENTS (continued)

Pooled Funds (continued)

In accordance with applicable state laws, the County Treasurer may invest in derivative securities with the State of California. However, at June 30, 2024, the County Treasurer has represented that the Pooled Investment Fund contained no derivatives or other investments with similar risk profiles.

Pooled Investments

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the 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 to changes in market interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Riverside County Treasury Investment Pool. Maturities of investments held at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	Rating	Reported Amount	Maturity		Fair Value Measurement
			Less Than One Year	One Year Through Five Years	
Investment maturities:					
Riverside County Investment Pool	N/A	<u>\$ 77,489,284</u>	<u>\$ 77,489,284</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	Uncategorized

Investments – Credit Risk

The District’s investment policy limits investment choices to obligations of local, state and federal agencies, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, corporate notes, banker acceptances, and other securities allowed by State Government Code Section 53600. At June 30, 2024, all investments represented mutual funds and governmental securities which were issued, registered and held by the District’s agent in the District’s name.

Investments – Concentration of Credit Risk

The District does not place limits on the amount it may invest in any one issuer

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. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the District has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 assets may include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market and that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, such as interest rates and curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, and credit spreads. For financial reporting purposes, if an asset has a specified term, a Level 2 input is required to be observable for substantially the full term of the asset.

MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 2 – INVESTMENTS (continued)

Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs should be developed using the best information available under the circumstances, which might include the District’s own data. The District should adjust that date if reasonably available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or certain circumstances specific to the District are not available to other market participants.

Uncategorized – Investments in the Riverside County Treasury Investment Pool are not measured using the input levels above because the District’s transactions are based on a stable net asset value per share. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at \$1.00 net asset value per share.

NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The total accounts receivable at June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$983,852 represents amounts due from the Riverside County Treasurer for interest earnings for the third and fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 4 – MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

On November 8, 2016, the voters approved the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$392,000,000 for the purpose of financing and renovation, construction and improvement of school facilities as specified in the bond measure provisions of Measure “O”.

The outstanding general obligation bonds of the Measure “O” at June 30, 2024, are:

Series	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Balance, July 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance, June 30, 2024
<i>Election of 2016 (Measure O)</i>								
Series A	5/25/2017	8/1/2041	3.0%-5.0%	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 63,560,000	\$ -	\$ 3,470,000	\$ 60,090,000
Series B	12/17/2019	8/1/2042	3.0%-4.0%	172,000,000	141,220,000	-	485,000	140,735,000
Series C	2/14/2023	8/1/2042	5.00%	80,000,000	80,000,000	-	5,600,000	74,400,000
Totals				\$ 352,000,000	\$ 284,780,000	\$ -	\$ 9,555,000	\$ 275,225,000

The requirements to amortize outstanding general obligation bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024-2025	\$ 11,230,000	\$ 11,128,938	\$ 22,358,938
2025-2026	12,105,000	10,559,763	22,664,763
2026-2027	7,905,000	10,082,463	17,987,463
2027-2028	6,455,000	9,753,238	16,208,238
2028-2029	7,340,000	9,445,488	16,785,488
2029-2034	51,855,000	41,556,206	93,411,206
2034-2039	83,735,000	27,604,100	111,339,100
2039-2043	94,600,000	8,106,025	102,706,025
Total	\$ 275,225,000	\$ 128,236,221	\$ 403,461,221

**MEASURE “O” GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BUILDING FUND OF
RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 5 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Construction Commitments

At June 30, 2024, the District had commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects of approximately \$112.3 million to be paid from local funds.

Other Independent Auditors' Reports



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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**

The Board of Education and the
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Riverside Unified School District
Riverside, 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, the financial statements of the Measure "O" General Obligation Bond Building Fund of Riverside Unified School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Riverside Unified School 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 Riverside Unified School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Riverside Unified School 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 District'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 were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

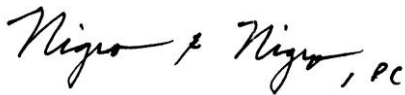
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2024-001.

Riverside Unified School District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigro & Nigro, PC". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "Nigro" repeated twice, separated by an ampersand, followed by ", PC".

Murrieta, California
November 22, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

The Board of Trustees and the
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Riverside Unified School District
Riverside, California

We have conducted a performance audit of the Riverside Unified School District (the "District"), Measure "O" General Obligation Bond funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Objectives

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed below which include determining the compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Appendix A contained in the *2023-24 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.

- The expenditures charged to the Riverside Unified School District Building Fund (21) are documented.
- 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 "O".
- Any discrepancies or weaknesses in internal controls are noted and recommendations for improvement are provided.
- The District Board and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee are provided with a performance audit report as required under the requirements of the California Constitution and Proposition 39.

Scope of the Audit

The scope of our performance audit covered the fiscal period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2024, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

In planning and conducting 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 XIII A, 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.

Procedures Performed

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, for the Measure “O” General Obligation Building Fund. Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices and other supporting documentation for expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and Measure “O” with regards to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

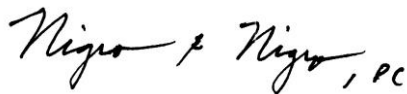
To meet our objectives, audit tests were performed and included, but were not limited to the following:

- We verified that bond funds were deposited in the District’s name and invested in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- We tested approximately \$15.9 million (42%) in bond fund invoices paid, which is a combination of expenditures paid in 2023-24 and payments on liabilities accrued as of June 30, 2024 and paid in 2024-25. This includes testing payments for validity, allowability, and accuracy. Expenditures sampled in our test included payments made to subcontractors and other vendors.
- We reviewed the approved project listing as set out in the Measure “O” election documents.
- We selected a sample of expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that such funds were properly expended on the authorized bond projects.
- We visited a construction site at North High School to ensure that the expenditures made corresponded with the actual work performed at the site.
- We verified that funds from the Building Fund (21) were expended for the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, furnishing and equipping of District facilities constituting the authorized bond projects, and we verified that funds held in the Building Fund (21) were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the District.
- We reviewed a sample of projects to ensure that proper bidding procedures were followed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.
- We verified that the District did not exceed change order limitations in excess of 10% pursuant to the Public Contract Code.

Our audit of compliance made for the purpose set forth in the preceding paragraph would not necessarily disclose all instances of noncompliance.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, the District complied with the compliance requirements for the Measure “O” General Obligation Bond proceeds listed and tested above, except as described in Finding 2024-001.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Trustees, management and the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee; however, this report is a matter of public record.



Murrieta, California
November 22, 2024

Schedule of Audit Findings and Responses

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Audit Findings and Responses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Finding 2024-001: ACH Fraud

Repeat Finding?: No

Criteria: The accounts payable function in an LEA is intended to ensure that invoices for purchases of goods and services are paid in the proper amounts. Controls should be established to help prevent LEAs from being victimized by cyberattacks or other types of cybercrime.

Condition: During the fiscal year, the District discovered that a cyber-criminal impersonated a legitimate vendor and convinced the District to send payments that were due to the vendor to an account controlled by the criminal instead.

Effect: The District paid out \$926,800 into the fraudulent account. The District has recovered \$148,178 through the investigation and the remainder through self-insurance.

Cause: The District did not properly vet the ACH request made by the cyber-criminal.

Recommendation: The District has already established improved controls to safeguard against ACH fraud in the future. Another such control is to directly contact a known representative for each vendor whenever a request is made through e-mail.

Views of Responsible Officials: The District has strengthened and will continue to look for opportunities to strengthen its internal financial controls, including prohibiting ACH payments to construction vendors and enhancing already existing measures related to vetting of requests to change vendor information. We have also implemented additional and enhanced staff training on the increasing cyber-enabled security risks in the public education sector.

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

There were no audit findings in 2022-23.