

South Orangetown Central School District
Report to Those Charged with Governance
June 30, 2025

October 1, 2025

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October 1, 2025

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We have audited the financial statements of South Orangetown Central School District, New York ("School District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025 and have issued our report thereon dated October 1, 2025.

Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated March 26, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

We are pleased to be of service to you and the School District and appreciate the opportunity to present our audit findings to you. We are also pleased to discuss other matters which may be of interest to you and to answer any questions you may have.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of Those Charged with Governance and management of the School District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP
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Status of the Audit

Audit of Financial Statements

- Audit fieldwork is complete.
- The financial statements have been reviewed by management and issued.
- We have issued an unmodified report on the financial statements.

Federal Compliance Audit in Accordance with Uniform Guidance

- The compliance audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* will be completed when the 2025 OMB Compliance Supplement is issued by the Federal Office of Management and Budget
- The Data Collection Form will be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse upon issuance of compliance audit

Required Communications and Other Matters

Required Item	Comments
Auditor's responsibility under professional standards and planned scope and timing of the audit	We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated March 26, 2024. Generally, these responsibilities include: • Forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements. • Obtaining <i>reasonable assurance</i> that the financial statements are <i>free of material misstatements</i>, whether caused by error or fraud. • Accumulating and communicating uncorrected misstatements to Those Charged with Governance ("TCWG"). • Maintaining professional skepticism. • Communicating audit related matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant to TCWG.
Supplementary information accompanying the financial statements	Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.
Required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements	We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Required Item	Comments
Other information in documents containing audited financial statements	Our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the auditors' report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to determine that such other information is properly stated.
Our responsibilities under the Yellow Book	In connection with our audit, we performed tests of the School District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.
Responsibilities of management and TCWG	Management's responsibilities include: • The fair presentation of the financial statements, including the selection of appropriate accounting policies. • Establishing and maintaining effective internal control. • Complying with laws, regulations, grants and contracts. • Providing the auditors with all financial records and related information and a signed representation letter. • Evaluate if there are any conditions or events, considered in the aggregate that raise substantial doubt about the School 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. • Setting the proper tone at the top. • Designing and implementing policies and controls to prevent and detect fraud. TCWG are responsible for communicating with the auditors and overseeing the financial reporting process.

Required Item	Comments
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices - Accounting Policies	Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year, except for the adoption of the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 101, "<i>Compensated Absences</i>" and 102, "<i>Certain Risk Disclosures</i>". The accounting policies of the School District conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to state and local governments. The School District's reports are based on all applicable GASB pronouncements. We noted no transactions entered into by the School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices – Significant Unusual Transactions	No matters have come to our attention that would require us to inform you about the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions.
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices - Accounting Estimates and Management's Judgment	Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the School District's financial statements were: • Actuarial assumptions related to the Other Postemployment Benefit Liability ("OPEB") • Actuarial assumptions and proportionate share calculations related to pension liabilities • Asset lives for depreciable capital assets • Estimates of certain receivable balances and allowances for uncollectible amounts • Estimates for compensated absences liabilities • Estimates for certain operating and long-term liabilities

Required Item	Comments
Qualitative aspects of accounting practices - <i>Financial Statement Disclosures</i>	Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements are: • Other postemployment benefit liabilities payable • Pension plan information • Outstanding bonded indebtedness • Fund balances The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.
Going Concern	The auditor is required to communicate with TCWG events or conditions that, when considered in the aggregate; indicate a substantial doubt about the School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time. We concur with management's assessment that the School District will continue as a going concern for one year from the balance sheet date.
Significant risks	Significant risks are defined as risks that require special audit consideration without regard to identified controls related to those risks. In most audits, one of more significant risks normally arise. We have identified the following significant risks in connection with our audit: Management override of internal controls Management is in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of management's ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating efficiently. Although the level of risk of management override of controls will vary from entity to entity, the risk is nevertheless present in all entities. Our audit procedures did not identify any management override of internal controls. Improper revenue recognition due to fraud Auditing standards require the auditor to ordinarily presume that improper revenue recognition is a fraud risk on all audit engagements unless the auditor can conclude that the risk is not applicable to the entity. Our audit procedures did not identify any improper revenue recognition due to fraud. The audit procedures applied as a result of the aforementioned significant risks were designed to and have reduced the risk of material misstatement to low. Our audit procedures did not identify any improper revenue recognition due to fraud.

Required Item	Comments
Difficulties encountered in performing the audit	We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.
Corrected and uncorrected misstatements	Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit (including passed adjustments and omitted financial statement disclosures), other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures are also included in Appendix 1.
Disagreements with management	For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning financial accounting, reporting, or auditing, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.
Management representations	We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter (see Appendix 2).
Management's consultations with other accountants	In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.
Auditor independence	We affirm that PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP is independent with respect to the School District in accordance with relevant professional standards.
Significant issues discussed with management prior to retention	We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards with management each year prior to retention as the School District's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the South Orangetown Central School District, New York (the "School District") 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Professional standards require that we communicate to you, in writing, all significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control that we identify in performing our audit. For this purpose, deficiencies in internal control are categorized as follows:

- 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 School 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 and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified.

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

However, we share for your consideration on the following pages other observations about the internal control and operations.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and others charged with governance and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We will be pleased to discuss these communications and comments in further detail at your convenience, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP
Harrison, New York
October 1, 2025

South Orangetown Central School District, New York

Control Deficiencies

- **Extraclassroom Activity Funds**

The New York State Department of Education authorizes the establishment of extraclassroom activity funds as an integral part of the educational program of the School District. As part of our audit, we have reviewed, evaluated and tested the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the School District. The result of our tests disclosed that the following areas did not comply with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Clubs with No Financial Activity

We noted that one club in the High School with a balance of \$132 (Science Honor Society) and one club in the Middle School with a balance of \$75 (Spanish Club) had no financial activity during the current fiscal year. State Education Regulations provide that the funds of a discontinued activity shall automatically revert to the account of the general student organization or the student council and shall be expended in accordance with that organization's constitution.

Recommendation

The School District should make a determination of the status of the clubs with no financial activity to determine the proper disposition of funds. If the clubs have ceased operations, the balances should be transferred in accordance with the regulations noted above.

Cash Receipts

It was noted during our testing of Extraclassroom receipts that one out of ten selections for the Middle School was not deposited in a timely manner, within 72 hours of receipt.

Recommendation

We recommend that the School District deposit all Extraclassroom cash receipts as soon as they are received.

- **Inactive Capital Projects**

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report resources restricted to expenditures for capital outlays. Our analysis of the ending fund balance for the 2018-19 Minor Capital Project indicated that there was no activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Furthermore, two capital projects reflect fund deficits at June 30, 2025: 2021-22 Minor Capital Project (\$589,659) and Smart School Bond (\$165,637).

South Orangetown Central School District, New York

Control Deficiencies

- **Inactive Capital Projects (*Continued*)**

Recommendation

We recommend that the School District analyze the capital projects to determine if the project has been fully completed. If the project is deemed to be complete, the Board should authorize closure of those projects and remaining funds transferred to the General Fund, which provided the original funding for the projects. The School District also needs to provide funding in its next budget to eliminate the deficit in the 2021-22 Minor Capital Project and the Smart School Bond Project.

- **General Fund**

Tax Certiorari Reserve

New York State Consolidated Laws, Education Law §3651 limits monies held in such reserve fund shall not exceed the total tax certiorari claims. Our audit of the General Fund disclosed that the School District's tax certiorari reserve was in excess of this amount by approximately \$858,000.

Recommendation

We recommend that the School District exercise oversight over the tax certiorari reserve so that the reserve is within the legal limit at year end.

- **School Lunch Fund - Deferred Revenue**

The School Lunch Fund currently reports \$9,707 of deferred revenue that was carried forward during the transition to the Mosaic system.

Recommendation

We recommend that the School District determine who the money belongs to or determine whether the balance should be written off.

South Orangetown Central School District, New York

Other Matters

- **Special Purpose**

Inactive Accounts

The Special Purpose Fund is used to account for assets held by the School District in accordance with the terms of a trust or scholarship agreement. Our review of the Special Purpose Fund indicated that, for several of these accounts, there was no activity during fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. These accounts aggregate to approximately \$6,032.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>
WOS – PPT	\$755
CLE – PPT	981
TZHS – Music Department	10
TZHS – Display Case	1
WOS – STEM	432
WOS – Outdoor Learning Space	938
CLE – Outdoor Learning Space	1
TZHS – Robotics	327
TZHS – Art Department Supplies	13
TZHS – Banners	2,061
TZHS – STEM	3
CLE – Grief Counseling	10
WOS – Grief Counseling	500

Recommendation

We recommend the School District check the validity of inactive accounts and consider closing if necessary.

On the Horizon

GASB Statement No. 103 – *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*

The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues.

- Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") - This Statement requires that the information presented in the MD&A be limited to five sections: (1) Overview of the Financial Statements, (2) Financial Summary, (3) Detailed Analyses, (4) Significant Capital Asset and Long-Term Financing Activity, and (5) Currently Known Facts, Decisions or Conditions. It is stressed that the detailed analyses within should not only present the amounts or percentages by which they changed, but also include explanations as to why balances and results of operations changed. The Statement emphasizes that only the most relevant information be presented by eliminating duplicative explanations and removing "boilerplate" discussions.
- Unusual or Infrequent Items - This Statement describes unusual or infrequent items as transactions and other events that are either unusual or infrequent in occurrence. Furthermore, governments are required to display the inflows and outflows related to each item separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements.
- Presentation of Proprietary Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - It is required that the proprietary fund statement referenced continue to distinguish between operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses. In addition to the subtotals currently required, this Statement requires that a subtotal for *operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies* be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses. Subsidies are defined as (1) resources received from another party of fund (a) for which the proprietary fund does not provide goods and services to the other party or fund and (b) that directly or indirectly keep the proprietary fund's current or future fees and charges lower than they would be otherwise, (2) resources provided to another party or fund (a) for which the other party or fund does not provide goods and services to the proprietary fund and (b) that are recoverable through the proprietary fund's current or future pricing policies, and (3) all other transfers.
- Major Component Unit Information - This Statement requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting School District's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements. If readability is reduced, combining statements of major component units should be presented after the fund financial statements.
- Budgetary Comparison Information – This Statement requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication – Required Supplementary Information. Governments are also required to present (1) variances between original and final budget amounts and (2) variances between final budget and actual amounts. An explanation of significant variances is required to be presented in the notes to the Required Supplementary Information.

The requirements of this Statement are **effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025 (i.e., the School District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2026).**

GASB Statement No. 104 – *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*

GASB Statement No. 104, “*Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*”, provides guidance on disclosures for capital assets to be presented by major class. The objective of this Statement is to provide government financial statement users with essential information about certain types of capital assets

This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures. Leased assets recognized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, “*Leases*” and subscription assets recognized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, “*Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*” should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires any other intangible assets other than these types to also be disclosed separately by major class.

This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale. A capital asset is a capital asset held for sale if (a) the government has decided to pursue the sale of the capital asset and (b) it is probable that the sale will be finalized within one year of the financial statement date. Governments should consider relevant factors to evaluate the likelihood of the capital asset being sold within the established time frame. This Statement requires that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral or each major class of asset.

The requirements of this Statement are **effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025 (i.e., the School District’s financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2026).**

Appendix 1

Corrected Misstatements

South Orangetown Central School District
Corrected Misstatements
June 30, 2025

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
General Fund			
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 7			
To adjust the balances of lease receivable and deferred inflow related to new lease.			
A 2421	LEASE PAYMENTS COLLECTED	\$ 17,001	\$
A 454	LEASE RECEIVABLE	1,810,305	
A 691.0	DEFERRED LEASE REVENUE		1,827,306
Total		\$ 1,827,306	\$ 1,827,306

Capital Projects Fund			
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1			
To accrue capital invoices for services incurred in fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.			
H 1620.293-23-06033	GENERAL CONSTRUCTION BOND - TZHS - PHASE 2	\$ 122,954	\$
H 1620.294-23-06033	MECHANICAL HVAC BOND - TZHS - PHASE 2	476,642	
H 1620.294-23-10022	MECHANICAL HVAC BOND CLE	86,254	
H 1620.296-23-06033	ELECTRICAL BOND - TZHS - PHASE 2	192,898	
H 1620.296-23-10022	ELECTRICAL BOND CLE	83,511	
H 600	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		962,259
Total		\$ 962,259	\$ 962,259

Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3			
To agree receivable to Smart School Bond Project balance			
H 410	STATE & FEDERAL AID REC	\$ 107,533	\$
H 691	DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES		107,533
Total		\$ 107,533	\$ 107,533

Appendix 2

Management Representation Letter

South Orangetown Central School District

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October 1, 2025

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the South Orangetown Central School District, New York ("School District"), which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the disclosures (collectively, the "financial statements"), for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

This representation letter is also provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the School District, which comprise the statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements and cash balances as of June 30, 2025 and for the year then ended, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the New York State Department of Education.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit:

Our Responsibilities

- 1) We acknowledge that we have fulfilled our responsibilities as set forth in the terms of the engagement letter dated March 26, 2024 for:
 - a) The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with US GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the

- primary government required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity. The combining and individual fund financial statements have been prepared and presented in conformity with the accounting principles used to prepare the basic financial statements.
- b) The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the School District's Extraclassroom Activity Funds in conformity with the accounting principles prescribed by the New York State Department of Education, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than US GAAP.
 - c) 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; and
 - d) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 2) We understand that the term "fraud" refers to intentional acts by one or more individuals among management, those charged with governance, employees, or third parties, involving the use of deception that results in a misstatement in financial statements. Two types of intentional misstatements are relevant to your audit – misstatements resulting from fraudulent financial reporting and misstatements resulting from misappropriation of assets. Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements, including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users. Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets.
 - 3) In regard to the financial statement preparation non-attest services performed by you, we have:
 - a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
 - b) Designated individuals within senior management, who have suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the result of the services.
 - 4) We are further responsible for reviewing, accepting and processing the standard, adjusting, or correcting journal entries that you proposed during the course of your engagement. We confirm that we designated a suitably qualified individual who understands the nature and impact of the proposed entries to the financial statements, and we accept responsibility for the proposed entries that we authorized and processed.
 - 5) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with US GAAP, and we believe the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with US GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

Financial Statements

- 6) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with US GAAP and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation. In that connection, we specifically confirm that:
 - a) The School District's accounting policies, and the practices and methods followed in applying them, are appropriate and are as disclosed in the financial statements.
 - b) There have been no changes during the period audited in the School District's accounting policies and practices.
 - c) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 7) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 8) The following, where they exist, have been appropriately disclosed to you and accounted for and/or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of US GAAP:
 - a) The identity of all related parties and related party relationships and transactions including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - b) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the School District is contingently liable, if any.
 - c) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims and assessments.
- 9) We have evaluated events subsequent to the date of the financial statements through the date of this letter, and no such events have occurred which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.
- 10) The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole for each opinion unit. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter. In addition, you have proposed adjusting journal entries that have been posted to the School District's accounts. We are in agreement with those adjustments.

Information Provided

- 11) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b) Communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices, if applicable.
 - c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - d) Unrestricted access to persons within the School District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

- e) Completeness and availability of all minutes of the meetings of the Board of Education or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - f) All significant contracts and agreements.
 - g) All documents and records provided electronically are accurate and complete reproductions of the original documents and records.
- 12) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. Based on our assessment, we did not identify any fraud risks that we believe would result in a material misstatement of the financial statements.
- 13) There are no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the School District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data reliably in accordance with US GAAP.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
- 1) Management,
 - 2) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - 3) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the School District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 16) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Hosting Services

- 17) We acknowledge that electronic portals used during the audit are only a method of transferring data and the data may be deleted by you at any time.
- 18) We are responsible for maintaining our financial and non-financial information, licensing and hosting of any applications, and downloading and retaining anything you uploaded to such portal in a timely manner.

Government—specific

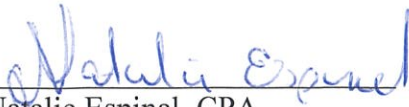
- 19) We have process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 20) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 21) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.

- 22) The School District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance or net position.
- 23) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 24) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 25) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 26) As part of your audit, you assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and disclosures and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably with senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and disclosures and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We also understand that as part of your audit, you prepared various adjusting journal entries, both on the fund and entity-wide level, and acknowledge that we have reviewed and approved those entries and accepted responsibility for them.
- 27) The School District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 28) The School District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 29) We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 30) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 31) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by GASB Statement No. 84.
- 32) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, as amended.

- 33) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 34) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 35) Investments and land are properly valued.
- 36) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for transactions arising on or before the balance sheet date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- 37) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 38) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 39) We agree with the findings of specialists in evaluating the other postemployment benefit obligation and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialist in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to the specialist with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialist.
- 40) We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension and OPEB liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
- 41) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 42) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 43) Deposits and investment securities and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 44) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
- 45) Capital assets, including intangible assets, have been evaluated for impairment as a result of significant and unexpected decline in service utility. Impairment loss and insurance recoveries have been properly recorded.

- 46) The government meets the GASB-established requirements for accounting for eligible infrastructure assets using the modified approach.
- 47) We have appropriately disclosed the School District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 48) We are following GASB Statement No. 54, paragraph 18, to determine the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 49) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 50) Tax abatement agreements have been properly disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, including the names of all governments involved, the gross amount and specific taxes abated, and additional commitments.
- 51) Lease agreements have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 87, "*Leases*". The School District made available all relevant information related to its leases.
- 52) The School District has agreements that meet the definition of subscriptions contained in GASB Statement No. 96, "*Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*". However, the total value of the subscription agreements for the year ended June 30, 2024 was deemed immaterial, therefore, the related amounts and disclosures have been excluded from these financials statements.
- 53) The School District has employment contracts that require implementation of GASB Statement No. 101 "*Compensated Absences*". The School District made available all relevant information and estimates related to the compensated absences. The related amounts and disclosures have been included in the financial statements.
- 54) The School District has assessed whether any substantial events associated with concentrations or constraints have occurred, have begun to occur, or are likely to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 102, "*Certain Risk Disclosures*". The School District made available all relevant information related to these risks.
- 55) With respect to federal award programs, an audit in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") is required. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is not presented with the audited financial statements. However, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended

users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditors' report thereon.

Signature: 
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Assistant Superintendent for
Business & Operations

Appendix 3

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"Top Tax Firm"

"Leader in Audit & Attest and Tax"

#5 of "Top Firms in the Mid-Atlantic"

— *Accounting Today*, 2025

"Best of Accounting Client Satisfaction"

— *ClearlyRated*, 2024

"Top Accountancy Advisory"

— *Family Wealth Report*, 2025

"America's Best Tax and Accounting Firms"

— *Forbes*, 2023

"Accounting/Due Diligence Firm of the Year"

— *The M&A Advisor*, 2024

#9 on "Vault's Accounting 25 List"

— *Vault*, 2026

#1 in Five Categories: Best in Accounting and Overall Internships, Quality of Life, Compensation and Overall Diversity

— *Vault*, 2025

"Best Company to Work for in New York"

— *Rochester Business Journal* and *NYS Society for Human Resources Management*, 2025

"Best Places to Work in NYC"

— *Crain's New York Businesses*, 2024

"Best Places to Work in Westchester"

— *914INC.*, 2025

"Top Workplaces in Western Connecticut"

— *Hearst Connecticut Media Group*, 2024

"Best Places to Work in New Jersey"

— *NJBIZ*, 2024

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- Audits, Reviews and Compilations
- Employee Benefit Plan Audits, including ESOPs
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 - Bankruptcy
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 - Dark Web Monitoring
 - Digital Forensic Services
 - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
 - M&A Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Advisory
 - Penetration Testing
 - Virtual Chief Information Security Officer Services (vCISO)
- IT and Cybersecurity Audit
- Technology Advisory



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- Family Office
- Private Business Owners
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 - Portfolio Company Accounting
- Recruitment Services
- Virtual Chief Information Security Officer Services (vCISO)

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