

September 26, 2018

The Board of Education  
Lafayette Central School District

Dear Board of Education:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of LaFayette Central School District (the District) for the year ended June 30, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 12, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS**

#### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. During the year ended June 30, 2018, the District adopted the following accounting policies:

- GASB Statement No. 75 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Adoption of this guidance did have a significant effect on the District's financial statements. See note 2 for the effect of implementation.
- GASB Statement No. 81 – *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*. Adoption of this guidance did not have a significant effect on the District's financial statements.
- GASB Statement No. 82 – *Pension Issues; and amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*. Adoption of this guidance did not have a significant effect on the District's financial statements.
- GASB Statement No. 85 – *Omnibus 2017*. Adoption of this guidance did not have a significant effect on the District's financial statements.
- GASB Statement No. 86 – *Certain Extinguishment Issues*. Adoption of this guidance did not have a significant effect on the District's financial statements.

Aside from the new accounting policies adopted, the application of existing policies was not changed during 2018. We noted no transactions entered into by the 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.

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 District's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on the assignment of useful lives for each asset acquired or constructed by the District.
- Management's estimate of compensated absences is based on the accrued time at the end of the year per employee in accordance with the existing collective bargaining agreements in place at the time.
- Management's estimate of the net pension asset (liability) and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources is based on actuarial assumptions utilized by an actuary applied to the pension plans' census information.
- Management's estimate of the Other Postemployment Benefits liability is based on an actuarial calculation from a third-party actuary.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop each estimate in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### **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, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated as of the date of this letter.

#### **Management Consultations with Other Independent 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 District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's 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.

**Other Audit Findings or Issues**

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 District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis; Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund; Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios; Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset); and Schedule of Contributions – Pension Plans which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Combining Balance Sheet Non-major Governmental Funds and the Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in fund balance – Non-major Governmental Funds, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the Schedule of Change from Original Budget to Revised Budget and the Real Property Tax Limit - General Fund; Schedule of Project Expenditures - Capital Projects Fund; and the Schedule of Net Investment in Capital Assets, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

**Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Education and management of LaFayette Central School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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