

**REPORT TO THE BOARD**

October 10, 2019

The Board of Education  
Hempstead Union Free School District

Dear Board Members:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hempstead Union Free School District (the District) for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District 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 2019. 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

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:

- Useful lives of capital assets - Management's estimate of the useful lives of capital assets is based on historical asset life information for the District's capital assets and industry standards, in order to determine the period of time over which capital assets are depreciated. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimated useful lives of the capital assets and their reasonableness in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

- Accounting for pensions (ERS/TRS) - Management's estimate for the accounting and disclosures related to pensions is based upon audited information provided directly to the District. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Compensated absences liability - Management's estimate of the liability for compensated absences is based on vested accumulated sick, vacation and other leave payouts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of this liability for purpose of determining its reasonableness in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Other postemployment benefits - Management's estimate of the liability for other postemployment benefits is based on an actuarial valuation periodically prepared by an independent third party. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate for the purpose of determining its reasonableness in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- The disclosure of long-term debt obligations in note 14.
- The disclosure of pension plans in note 15.
- The disclosure of other post-employment benefits in note 16.
- The disclosure of risk management policies in note 17.
- The disclosure of commitments and contingencies in note 19.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

#### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management and its external accounting firm 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. There were no material misstatements detected as a result of our audit procedures.

### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this report, 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.

### 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.

We have prepared required communications regarding material noncompliance in the Single Audit report and a management letter.

### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquires 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 other supplementary information, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and is 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.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Education and management of Hempstead Union Free 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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