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Members of the School Board
North Slope Borough School District
Utqiagvik, Alaska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Slope Borough School District (District) for the year ended June 30, 2026 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards, 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 *the State of Alaska Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement for State Single Audits,* 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 December 18, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Accounting Policies and Transactions

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by North Slope Borough School District are described in Note I to the Financial Statements. The District implemented GASB 103 and 104 during 2026. Financial reporting accounting policies related to the implementation of these standards has changed, but the change had no effect on net position. 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 financial statements were:

All Opinion Units:

Management's estimate of the collectability of accounts receivable is based on historical collections. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the collectability of accounts receivable in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Governmental Activities Opinion Unit:
Management's estimate of the useful lives of capital assets and depreciation is based upon the expected life of an asset. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives and depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Management's estimates of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension and OPEB liability/asset and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on information furnished by the State of Alaska and actuarial reports generated during the audit of the Public Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System. The amortization of these deferrals is based on guidance provided by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension and OPEB liability and deferred outflows and inflows of resources and related amortization in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Management's estimate of the calculation of the right of use asset and lease liability is based on an incremental borrowing rate for the present value calculation of the lease payments. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop present value calculation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Management's estimate of the amounts of compensated absences used is based upon historical data. We evaluated 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.

General (School) Operating Fund Opinion Unit and Governmental Activities Opinion Unit:
Management's estimate of Self-Insurance payable is based on prior expenditures and expenses and expectations for future trends. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the ending liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures
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. We did not identify any misstatements.

Disagreements with Management
For the 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.

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Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated Month XX, 2026.

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.

Internal Control Matters

See Compliance Reports for definition and descriptions of deficiencies, significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and any report findings.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the budgetary comparison information, and the schedules of District's proportionate share of net pension and OPEB liabilities and assets, contributions for the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System, 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 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (where applicable): School Operating Fund, Food Service Special Revenue Fund; Other Governmental Funds: Combining Balance Sheet; Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances; Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds Reports; Schedule of Compliance – AS 14.17.505; Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and related notes, and the Schedule of State Financial Assistance and related notes, 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.

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.

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Restriction on Use

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

Sincerely,

Anchorage, Alaska
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