

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 881

**REPORT TO THE
MEMBERS OF GOVERNANCE**

REPORT DATE

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Members of Governance
Independent School District No. 881
Maple Lake, Minnesota

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of Independent School District No. 881 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for the District's financial reporting process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of governance and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to Independent School District No. 881.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 881 REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

Generally accepted auditing standards (AU-C 260, The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the basic financial statement audit as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial and related compliance reporting process.

Our Responsibilities With Regard to the Financial Statement Audit

Our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States have been described to you in our arrangement letter dated August 6, 2018. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, which are also described in that letter.

Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit

We have issued a separate communication dated August 14, 2019 regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and have discussed with you our identification of significant risks of material misstatement.

Accounting Policies and Practices

Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices

Under generally accepted accounting principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the District. The District did not adopt any significant new accounting policies, nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

Significant or Unusual Transactions

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. You may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to compute and record these accounting estimates. The only estimates we have deemed significant to the financial statements are the estimates associated with the following balances reported at year-end:

- Amounts due from the Minnesota Department of Education
- Net pension liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources
- Net OPEB liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources

Audit Adjustments

There were no material audit adjustments made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin our audit.

Uncorrected Misstatements

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

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Departure From the Auditor's Standard Report

Our Independent Auditors' Report includes several additional or non-standard paragraphs that you should be aware of as follows:

- Other Matters related to Required Supplementary Information and Supplementary Information
- Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
- Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Disagreements with Management

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultations with Other Accountants

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Significant Issues Discussed with Management

No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

Letter Communicating Significant Deficiencies and Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have separately communicated the material weakness and significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting identified during our audit of the basic financial statements, and this communication is included within the compliance section of the District's financial report for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Certain Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated Report Date.