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Board of Education Independent School District No. 763 Medford, Minnesota

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 763 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District's 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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to fraud or error may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Material Weaknesses

The following material weaknesses were identified and communicated in a prior period; remedial action has not yet been taken:

• Oversight of the Financial Reporting Process

The School Board and management share the ultimate responsibility for the District's internal control system. While it is acceptable to outsource various accounting functions, the responsibility for internal control cannot be outsourced.

The District engages CLA to assist in preparing its financial statements and accompanying disclosures. However, as independent auditors, CLA cannot be considered part of the District's internal control system. As part of its internal control over the preparation of its financial statements, including disclosures, the District has implemented a comprehensive review procedure to ensure that the financial statements, including disclosures, are complete and accurate. Such review procedures should be performed by an individual possessing a thorough understanding of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and knowledge of the District's activities and operations.



The District's personnel have not monitored recent accounting developments to the extent necessary to enable them to prepare the District's financial statements and related disclosures, to provide a high level of assurance that potential omissions or other errors that are material would be identified and corrected on a timely basis.

Student Activity Receipts

The District has not established accounting procedures to provide assurance that all cash collections are recorded in the accounting records. The District records student activity revenues on the cash basis and does not have an accounting system and internal controls in place to ensure student activity revenues and receipts have been properly recorded. The potential exists that a material misstatement could occur in the financial statements and not be prevented or detected by the District's internal controls. The accounting system and internal controls could be improved by (a) use of pre-numbered receipts with reconciliation of the numerical sequence, (b) reconciliation of merchandise purchased to items sold and items remaining at the end of the fundraiser, and (c) calculation of expected sales compared to cash receipts or various other procedures determined by management.

The purpose of this communication is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over, financial reporting and the results of that testing. This communication is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Austin, Minnesota October 23, 2015