

Wood Dale School District No. 7
[Wood Dale, Illinois]

Communication to Those Charged with
Governance and Management

June 30, 2017

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**REQUIRED COMMUNICATION BY THE AUDITOR WITH
THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

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To the Board of Education
Wood Dale School District No. 7
Wood Dale, Illinois

We have audited the modified-cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Wood Dale School District No. 7 (District) for the year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *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 letter to you dated January 31, 2017. 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 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2017. 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 estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the useful lives of capital assets is based on management's experience with those types of assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of the useful lives of capital assets in determining that it is reasonable 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 disclosure affecting the financial statements relate to the actuarial methods and assumptions regarding the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

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(IMRF), the Teacher's Retirement Fund of the State of Illinois (TRS) and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) obligations.

The disclosures in the financial statements 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. Management has corrected all such misstatements. 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 November 14, 2017 (See Page 6).

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.

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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 governmental unit'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

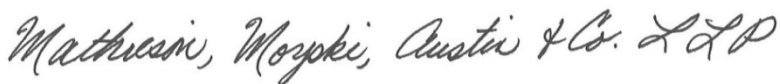
We were engaged to report on combining and individual fund schedules, which accompany the financial statements. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the modified cash basis of accounting, 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 other financial information, which accompany the financial statements. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Business Office and their personnel for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during our audit.

Restriction on Use

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

Sincerely,



Mathieson, Moyski, Austin & Co., LLP

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THAT ARE NOT MATERIAL WEAKNESSES OR SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES**

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Current Year Observations and Recommendations

BUDGET OVEREXPENDITURES

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Educational, Transportation, Illinois Municipal Retirement/Social Security, and Debt Service Funds actual expenditures disbursed exceeded the enacted District budgeted expenditures disbursed. The State Budget Act allows these excesses, provided additional resources are available to fund them. However, we recommend that if it appears that actual expenditures will exceed budgeted amounts, a new budget hearing and adoption of an amended budget take place.

T.R.S. On-Behalf Payments

For the year June 30, 2017, the District did not budget for the payments made by the State of Illinois on the District's behalf for the Teachers Retirement System (T.R.S) The state budget form contains a revenue and expenditure line on which these payment must be included. We recommended that the District properly reflect those amounts when preparing the budget.

Student Activity Funds

We noted during our audit that the District was recording student activity fund transactions in the District's main bank account. Student activity fund money should be segregated from District money. The result of these transactions was that the District owed money to the student activity funds at the end of the year. We recommend that the District repay these funds to the student activity funds and run these transactions through the student activity fund bank account going forward.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

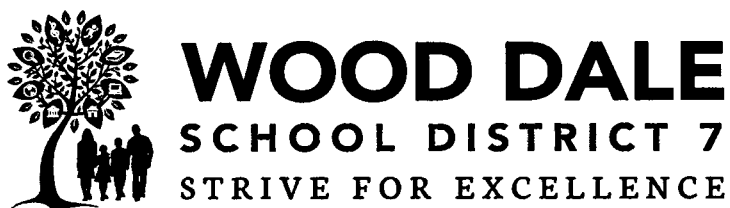
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

In June 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) approved the issuance of two new Statements that are designed to improve the usefulness of information about Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governmental plans for making decisions and assessing accountability. The new Statements will be applicable to the District in future reporting periods. We encourage management to review the following discussion to understand how the District's financial reporting will be affected by these Statements. If you have questions regarding the applicability, timing, or implementation approach for any of these Statements, we are available to discuss your questions with you.

GASB Statement No. 75: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, addresses accounting and financial reporting by government employers. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statement 45 and requires governments to report a liability on the face of the financial statements for the OPEB that they provide. Statement 75 requires governments in all types of OPEB plans to present more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI) about their OPEB liabilities. Among the new note disclosures is a description of the effect on the reported OPEB liability of using a discount rate and a healthcare cost trend rate that are one percentage point higher and one percentage point lower than assumed by the government. The new RSI includes a schedule showing the causes of increases and decreases in the OPEB liability and a schedule comparing a government's actual OPEB contributions to its contribution requirements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017.

The OPEB standards are designed to improve the information reported on OPEB for decision-making and accountability purposes, comparability across governments, and transparency for those who avail themselves to it. They also are designed to equip state and local government policy makers and all users of governmental financial reports with information that would allow them to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of a government's financial portrait.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS



November 14, 2017

Mathieson, Moyski, Austin & Co., LLP

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Wood Dale School District No. 7, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is an other comprehensive basis of accounting.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of November 14, 2017, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated January 31, 2017, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the District and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.

- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.
- 7) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- 8) The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole for each opinion unit. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter. We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the accounts.
- 9) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with modified cash basis of accounting.
- 10) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

- 11) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
 - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Education or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 12) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 13) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the District and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 16) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

- 17) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 18) We have disclosed to you the identity of the District's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Government—specific

- 19) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 20) We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 21) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 22) We have provided our views on report findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.
- 23) The District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
- 24) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts; and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 25) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances, that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
- 26) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 27) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 28) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 29) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

- 30) The District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 31) The District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 32) The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 33) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.
- 34) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASBS Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 35) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 36) Investments are properly valued.
- 37) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 38) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 39) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 40) Deposits and investment securities and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 41) Capital assets, including intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
- 42) We have appropriately disclosed the District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
- 43) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 44) With respect to the combining and individual fund schedules of the major and non-major funds:
 - a) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the combining and individual fund schedules in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting and we believe the combining and individual fund schedules, including their form and content, are fairly presented in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. The methods of measurement and presentation of the combining and individual fund schedules have not

changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

- b) If the combining and individual fund schedules of the major and non-major funds are not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

45) With respect to federal award programs:

- a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the 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), including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- b) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) and related notes in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.
- c) If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditor's report thereon.
- d) We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit, and have included in the SEFA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of federal awards, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.
- e) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.
- f) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended.
- g) We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relevant to federal programs and related activities.

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- h) We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
 - i) We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including when applicable, those set forth in the *OMB Compliance Supplement*, relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and all known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards.
 - j) We have disclosed any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
 - k) We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
 - l) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB's Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200, subpart E) and OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*.
 - m) We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
 - n) We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
 - o) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
 - p) There are no such known instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
 - q) No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
 - r) Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
 - s) The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
 - t) We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.

- u) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- v) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.

Signature: _____



Steven Wilt
Director of Finance