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Dear Dr. Filas:

Thank you for using Baker Tilly US, LLP (Baker Tilly, we, our, us) as your accountants and business advisors.

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the nature and limitations of the services we are to provide for Benjamin School District 25 (the District, Client, you, your).

### **Services and Related Report**

We currently expect to perform the agreed-upon procedures specified and agreed to by you and Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative ("CLIC") (the "specified parties") on the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative ("CLIC") Workers' Compensation Payroll Audit Form for period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (subject matter) which is to be provided to us by the District. The Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative ("CLIC") Workers' Compensation Payroll Audit Form is your responsibility. The intended purpose of this engagement is to agree the amounts reported by the District on the Workers' Compensation Payroll Audit Form to the balances recorded in the District's general ledger for the period requested. Prior to the completion of the engagement, you agree to provide us with written agreement and acknowledgment that the procedures performed are appropriate for this intended purpose. In addition, at the conclusion of the engagement you agree to provide a written representation that you have obtained from the specified parties, agreement to the procedures performed and acknowledgment that those procedures are appropriate for their purposes.

We expect to issue a written report addressed to you and use of the specified parties, upon the completion of our engagement that lists the procedures performed and our findings. You understand that our report is intended solely for your information and use and the information and use of the specified parties, and should not be used by anyone else and that this restriction will be indicated in a separate paragraph in our report. Our report will also contain a paragraph indicating that had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete any of the procedures, or if we determine in our professional judgment the circumstances necessitate, we will describe in our report any restrictions on the performance of the procedures, or may withdraw and decline to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

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Baker Tilly US, LLP and Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP will not perform any management functions or make management decisions on your behalf with respect to any nonattest services we provide.

In connection with Baker Tilly US, LLP's or Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP's performance of any nonattest services, you agree that you will:

- > Continue to make all management decisions and perform all management functions, including approving all journal entries and general ledger classifications when they are submitted to you.
- > Designate an employee with suitable skill, knowledge and/or experience, preferably within senior management, to oversee the services performed.
- > Evaluate the adequacy and results of the nonattest services performed.
- > Accept responsibility for the results of the nonattest services.
- > Establish and maintain internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities related to the nonattest function.

#### **Timing and Fees**

Our estimated professional fees for these services will be \$840.

In addition to professional fees, our invoices will include our standard technology charge of 5%, plus travel and subsistence and other out-of-pocket expenses related to the engagement.

We plan to begin our procedures as soon as we receive the necessary information and, unless unforeseeable problems are encountered, the engagement should be completed by December 15, 2026. Completion of our work is subject to, among other things, (i) appropriate cooperation from the District's personnel, including timely preparation of necessary schedules and (ii) timely responses to our inquiries. When and if for any reason the District is unable to provide such schedules, information and assistance, Baker Tilly and you may mutually revise the fee to reflect additional services, if any, required of us to complete the engagement.

Invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. A charge of 1.5 percent per month shall be imposed on accounts not paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of our statement for services provided. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes thirty (30) days or more overdue and will not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notice of termination, even if we have not completed our report. The District will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all expenditures through the date of termination. In the event that collection procedures are required, the District agrees to be responsible for all expenses of collection including related attorneys' fees.

Our fee estimate is based on certain assumptions. Certain circumstances may arise during the course of our procedures that could significantly affect the targeted completion date or our fee estimate, and additional fees may be necessary as a result. Such circumstances include but are not limited to the following:

- Changes to the timing of the engagement initiated by the District, which may require the reassignment of our personnel.

We may use temporary contract staff to perform certain tasks on your engagement and will bill for that time at the rate that corresponds to Baker Tilly staff providing a similar level of service. Upon request, we will be happy to provide details on training, supervision and billing arrangements we use in connection with these professionals. Additionally, we may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use service providers (e.g., to act as a specialist or audit an element of the financial statements) in serving your account. We may share Confidential Information about you with these contract staff and service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all contract staff and service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your Confidential Information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your Confidential Information with the contract staff or third-party service provider. Furthermore, the firm will remain responsible for the work provided by any such contract staff or third-party service providers.

To the extent the Services require Baker Tilly to receive personal data or personal information from Client, Baker Tilly may process, and engage subcontractors to assist with processing, any personal data or personal information, as those terms are defined in applicable privacy laws. Baker Tilly's processing shall be in accordance with the requirements of the applicable privacy laws relevant to the processing in providing Services hereunder, including Services performed to meet the business purposes of the Client, such as Baker Tilly's tax, advisory, and other consulting services. Applicable privacy laws may include any local, state, federal or international laws, standards, guidelines, policies or regulations governing the collection, use, disclosure, sharing or other processing of personal data or personal information with which Baker Tilly or its Clients must comply. Such privacy laws may include (i) the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR); (ii) the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA); and/or (iii) other laws regulating marketing communications, requiring security breach notification, imposing minimum security requirements, requiring the secure disposal of records, and other similar requirements applicable to the processing of personal data or personal information. Baker Tilly is acting as a Service Provider/Data Processor, as those terms are defined respectively under the CCPA/GDPR, in relation to Client personal data and personal information. As a Service Provider/Data Processor processing personal data or personal information on behalf of Client, Baker Tilly shall, unless otherwise permitted by applicable privacy law, (a) follow Client instructions; (b) not sell personal data or personal information collected from the Client or share the personal data or personal information for purposes of targeted advertising; (c) process personal data or personal information solely for purposes related to the Client's engagement and not for Baker Tilly's own commercial purposes; and (d) cooperate with and provide reasonable assistance to Client to ensure compliance with applicable privacy laws. Client is responsible for notifying Baker Tilly of any applicable privacy laws the personal data or personal information provided to Baker Tilly is subject to, and Client represents and warrants it has all necessary authority (including any legally required consent from individuals) to transfer such information and authorize Baker Tilly to process such information in connection with the Services described herein. Client further understands Baker Tilly US, LLP and Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP will co-process Client data as necessary to perform the Services, pursuant to the alternative practice structure in place between the two entities. Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP maintains custody of client files for both entities. By executing this Engagement Letter, you hereby consent to the transfer to Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP of all your Client files, workpapers and work product. Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP is bound by the same confidentiality obligations as Baker Tilly US, LLP. Baker Tilly is responsible for notifying Client if Baker Tilly becomes aware that it can no longer comply with any applicable privacy law and, upon such notice, shall permit Client to take reasonable and appropriate steps to remediate personal data or personal information processing. Client agrees that Baker Tilly has the right to utilize Client data to improve internal processes and procedures and to generate aggregated/de-identified data from the data provided by Client to be used for Baker Tilly business purposes and with the outputs owned by Baker Tilly. For clarity, Baker Tilly will only disclose aggregated/de-identified data in a form that does not identify Client, Client employees, or any other individual or business entity and that is stripped of all persistent identifiers. Client is not responsible for Baker Tilly's use of aggregated/de-identified data.

If mediation does not settle the Dispute, then the parties agree that the Dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration to be initiated by the party seeking damages or other permitted relief in any form (the "Claimant"). The arbitration proceeding shall take place in the city in which the Baker Tilly office providing the services in Dispute is located, unless the parties mutually agree to a different location. The proceeding shall be governed by the provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA) and will proceed in accordance with the Arbitration Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Disputes of the AAA (the "Rules") as amended and effective February 1, 2015, except that no prehearing discovery shall be permitted unless specifically authorized by the arbitrator. Any issue concerning the extent to which the Dispute is subject to arbitration, or concerning the applicability, interpretation, or enforceability of any of these procedures, shall be governed by the FAA and resolved by the arbitrators. The arbitration will be conducted before a panel of three (3) arbitrators, with experience in accounting and auditing matters or resolving accounting and auditing matters. In the thirty (30) days after the arbitration is initiated, the parties shall attempt to mutually agree on the three (3) arbitrators, including one arbitrator who will serve as chair of the panel, and all of whom may be selected from AAA, JAMS, the Center for Public Resources, or any other internationally or nationally-recognized organization mutually agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on a panel of three (3) arbitrators within the thirty (30) day period, the three (3) arbitrators shall be selected according to Rules A-16(a) and (b) of the Rules except that the AAA shall send an identical list of fifteen (15) names to the parties to the arbitration. The arbitrator shall have no authority to award nonmonetary or equitable relief and will not have the right to award punitive damages or statutory awards. Furthermore, in no event shall the arbitrator have power to make an award that would be inconsistent with the Engagement Letter or any amount that could not be made or imposed by a court deciding the matter in the same jurisdiction. The award of the arbitration shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a well-reasoned opinion. The award issued by the arbitrator may be confirmed in a judgment by any federal or state court of competent jurisdiction. Discovery shall be permitted in arbitration only to the extent, if any, expressly authorized by the arbitrators upon a showing of substantial need. Each party shall be responsible for their own costs associated with the arbitration, except that the costs of the arbitrators shall be equally divided by the parties. Both parties agree and acknowledge that they are each giving up the right to have any Dispute heard in a court of law before a judge and a jury, as well as any appeal. The arbitration proceeding and all information disclosed during the arbitration shall be maintained as confidential, except as may be required for disclosure to professional or regulatory bodies or in a related confidential arbitration. The arbitrators shall apply the limitations period that would be applied by a court deciding the matter in the same jurisdiction, including the contractual limitations set forth in this Engagement Letter, and shall have no power to decide the dispute in any manner not consistent with such limitations period. The arbitrators shall be empowered to interpret the applicable statutes of limitations subject to the choice of law provision set forth herein.

Our services shall be evaluated solely on our substantial conformance with the terms expressly set forth herein, including all applicable professional standards. Any claim of nonconformance must be clearly and convincingly shown.

#### **Limitation on Damages and Indemnification**

THE LIABILITY (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND ALL OTHER COSTS) OF BAKER TILLY AND ITS PRESENT OR FORMER PARTNERS, PRINCIPALS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES RELATED TO ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES RELATING TO THE SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER SHALL NOT EXCEED THE FEES PAID TO BAKER TILLY FOR THE PORTION OF THE WORK TO WHICH THE CLAIM RELATES, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT FINALLY DETERMINED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM THE WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OR FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR OF BAKER TILLY RELATING TO SUCH SERVICES. THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IS INTENDED TO APPLY TO THE FULL EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, REGARDLESS OF THE GROUNDS OR NATURE OF ANY CLAIM ASSERTED, INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF EITHER PARTY. ADDITIONALLY, IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOST PROFITS, LOST BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, LOST DATA, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, DELAYS OR INTERRUPTIONS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

Our dedication to client service is carried out through our employees who are integral in meeting this objective. In recognition of the importance of our employees to Baker Tilly, it is hereby agreed that the District will not solicit our employees for employment or enter into an independent contractor arrangement with any individual who is or was an employee of Baker Tilly US, LLP for a period of twelve (12) months following the date of conclusion of this engagement. If the District violates this nonsolicitation clause, the District agrees to pay to Baker Tilly a fee of equal to the hired individual's new annual salary at the time of the violation so as to reimburse Baker Tilly for the costs of hiring and training a replacement.

The services performed under this Agreement do not include the provision of legal advice and Baker Tilly makes no representations regarding questions of legal interpretation. Client should consult with its attorneys with respect to any legal matters or items that require legal interpretation under federal, state or other type of law or regulation.

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This Engagement Letter and any applicable online terms and conditions or terms of use ("Online Terms") related to online products or services made available to District by Baker Tilly ("Online Offering") constitute the entire agreement between the District and Baker Tilly regarding the services described in this Engagement Letter and supersedes and incorporates all prior or contemporaneous representations, understandings or agreements, and may not be modified or amended except by an agreement in writing signed between the parties hereto. For clarity and avoidance of doubt, the terms of this Engagement Letter govern Baker Tilly's provision of the services described herein, and the Online Terms govern District's use of the Online Offering. This Engagement Letter's provisions shall not be deemed modified or amended by the conduct of the parties.

The provisions of this Engagement Letter, which expressly or by implication are intended to survive its termination or expiration, will survive and continue to bind both parties, including any successors or assignees. If any provision of this Engagement Letter is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable or void, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provision, but if the remainder of this Engagement Letter shall not be affected by such declaration or finding and is capable of substantial performance, then each provision not so affected shall be enforced to the extent permitted by law or applicable professional standards.

If because of a change in the District's status or due to any other reason, any provision in this Engagement Letter would be prohibited by, or would impair our independence under laws, regulations or published interpretations by governmental bodies, commissions or other regulatory agencies, such provision shall, to that extent, be of no further force and effect and this agreement shall consist of the remaining portions.

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Illinois, without giving effect to the provisions relating to conflict of laws.