



DATE: June 9, 2025

TITLE: Engage Auditor for 2024-2025 Annual Audit

TYPE: Action

PRESENTER: Todd Lechtenberg, Executive Director of Finance and Operations

BACKGROUND:

Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 123B.77, subdivision 3, requires reporting entities to submit audited financial data to the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA). Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 123B.77, also states the required timelines for the reporting of financial data to the commissioner (MDE). The statutory deadline for the FY (Fiscal Year) 2025 Audited Final Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) Data Submission and Fiscal Compliance Table Data Submission reporting is November 30, 2025, and Audit Reports are due by December 31, 2025. Financial audit reports and findings must be approved by the LEA's Board prior to submission.

RATIONALE:

The district engages Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) to conduct the annual audit. The objective of the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement, and to issue an auditors' report that includes their opinions about whether the basic financial statements are fairly presented and in conformity with accounting principles accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

FEES:

The engagement will include a general fee of \$27,600 for the audit of the financial statements, including a minimum of one federal program audits of \$4,500 for total anticipated fees of \$32,100. Should an additional federal program require auditing, it will be billed at \$4,500 per program.

The engagement will also include a one-time fee for implementation of new GASB Accounting Standards over information technology at a cost of \$4,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Direct of Finance and Operations recommends accepting the engagement letter with CLA to conduct the Austin Public Schools audit for the fiscal year 2024-2025.