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ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS

To the Members of the Board of Education
Pleasantdale School District 107
Burr Ridge, Illinois

We have audited the financial statements of Pleasantdale School District 107 (“the District”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2019. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters related to the audit.

Our Responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America

As communicated in our engagement letter dated May 8, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also performed tests of internal control over financial reporting and tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that contribute to the evidence supporting our opinion on the financial statements. However, they do not provide a basis for opining on Pleasantdale School District 107’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance and other matters.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you. We have provided our comments regarding control deficiencies and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated January 8, 2019.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the District’s audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. We are not aware of any documents that include the audited financial statements.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing that we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Management and the Board of Education have acknowledged our role in providing requested non-audit services and has taken full responsibility for these non-audit services, as detailed in the engagement letter.

Qualitative Aspects of the District's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in Note A to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application, except as noted below during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Policies Adopted in the Current Year

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, issued in June 2015, was effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2018. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statements No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, for OPEB. Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements for OPEB plans.

The adoption of GASB Statement No. 75 required a restatement of net position, other postemployment benefit liabilities and deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits, which is addressed in an emphasis of a matter paragraph in our report. Our opinion is not modified as a result of this issue.

Significant Accounting Policies which will be Applicable in Future Years

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, issued in November 2016, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2019. The objective of this Statement is to address accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). This Statement notes an ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has a legal obligation to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on this Statement.

Qualitative Aspects of the District's Significant Accounting Practices (Continued)

Significant Accounting Policies which will be Applicable in Future Years (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, issued in January 2017, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2020. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. The Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, issued in June 2017, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2021. The objective of this Statement is to improve the accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement will require recognition of certain lease assets, liabilities, and a deferred inflow of resources related to certain leases that were previously classified as operating leases.

GASB Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, issued April 2018, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2020. The objective of this Statement is to improve information that is disclosed in the notes of government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt.

GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, issued June 2018, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2021. The objective of this Statement is to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and simply accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period.

GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, issued August 2018, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2020. The objective of this Statement is to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units.

The District's management has not yet determined the effect that these statements will have on the District's financial statements.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on 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 markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are assumptions used for pension liabilities and other postemployment benefit liabilities. Included in the notes to the financial statements are the methodologies used by management to determine the estimates.

Qualitative Aspects of the District's Significant Accounting Practices (Continued)

Significant Accounting Estimates (Continued)

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop those estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the District's financial statements relate to actuarial methods and assumptions regarding the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) and the Teacher's Retirement Fund of the State of Illinois (TRS), and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liabilities.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

We did encounter issues related to implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, specifically related to THIS, which were not a fault of management. It was discovered during the audit that the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services THIS Report on the Allocation of Other Post Employment Benefit Amounts contained errors. As a result, the initial report relied upon by all school districts in the State was recalled in October 2018 and a revised report was made available in late November 2018. The reissue of the report caused delays in completion of fieldwork as well as significant modifications and re-work of audit working papers and the District's financial statements.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. There were no uncorrected misstatements, including disclosures.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. There were no material, corrected misstatements identified by us.

We assisted your personnel with non-audit services necessary for the preparation of the financial statements, including drafting of the financial statements and AFR, assistance with modified accrual adjustments and GASB34 entries, and filing the AFR with the Illinois State Board of Education.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the District's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the representation letter dated January 8, 2019.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Findings or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the District, we generally discuss a variety of matters including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the District, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the District's auditors.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Members 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.

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Certified Public Accountants

Deerfield, Illinois
January 8, 2019