



December 21, 2017

Members of the Board of Education  
Lincolnwood School District 74  
Lincolnwood, Illinois

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Lincolnwood School District 74, Illinois for the years ended June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the District as of and for the years ended June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited: management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison schedules, pension plan employer contribution schedules, changes in the employer's net pension liability schedules, pension plan investment return schedules, and other postemployment benefit obligation funding progress and employer contribution schedules.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the District's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole: combining and individual fund statements and budgetary comparison schedules, and other information listed as supplemental schedules.

*Audit Objective*

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will include tests of the accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Education of the District. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or may withdraw from this engagement.

*Audit Procedures – General*

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements, or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

*Audit Procedures – General (Continued)*

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

*Audit Procedures – Internal Control*

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the District and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

*Audit Procedures – Compliance*

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

*Other Services*

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and required audit adjustments, if any, for the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. We will perform these services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgement, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

*Management Responsibilities*

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation in the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



*Management Responsibilities (Continued)*

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

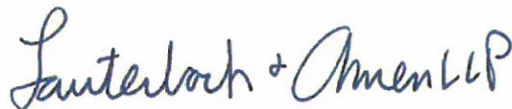
*Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other*

**LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74**

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020
Audit	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,500	\$ 20,000
DDO	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
CAFR	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,750</b>	<b>\$ 21,250</b>	<b>\$ 21,750</b>

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Lincolnwood School District 74, Illinois and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign below and return it to us.

Cordially,



LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP

**RESPONSE:**

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Lincolnwood School District 74, Illinois.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

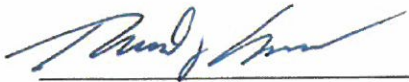
### SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACT CERTIFICATION

The Contractor identified below agrees to provide services to Lincolnwood School District No. 74 (the "District") per the terms and conditions stated herein and in Exhibit A, which are incorporated herein. The Contractor certifies that its officers, employees, and agents are not barred from bidding and entering into an agreement with the District as a result of a violation of the Bid Rigging or Bid Rotating provisions of the Public Contracts Section of the Illinois *Criminal Code of 1961* (720 ILCS 5/33E-3, 33E-4) or otherwise under the Illinois *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21). The Contractor acknowledges that the District's Board of Education may declare the agreement void if it finds this certification is false. As required by law, the Contractor certifies that it and all its affiliates will collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois *Use Tax Act* (35 ILCS 105/1 *et seq.*) regardless of whether the Contractor or its affiliate is a "retailer maintaining a place of business within this State" as defined in Section 2 of the *Use Tax Act* (35 ILCS 105/2). The Contractor further certifies that to the extent applicable, it will provide a drug free workplace as required by the Illinois *Drug Free Workplace Act* (30 ILCS 580/1 *et seq.*). Contractor agrees to comply with all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations. As required by regulation of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, the Equal Opportunity Clause contained in Exhibit B and the representations therein are hereby incorporated into this Certification.

Contractor acknowledges that it is unlawful for a child sex offender to knowingly be present on school property when persons under the age of 18 are present without the specific notification to and permission of the Superintendent of Schools.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Board of Education, its individual Board members, Board officers, employees, agents, representatives, insurers, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, charges, complaints, causes of action, fees (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and expert witness fees), and other liability arising from, related to, or connected with Contractor's negligent or wrongful errors or omissions in performing its services. Contractor shall maintain general liability insurance or self-insurance with limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate (including any umbrella insurance), and shall maintain professional liability insurance or self-insurance with limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. The Board of Education shall not waive any rights by making payment.

Contractor/Supplier Name: Lauterbach & Amen LLP

By:   
Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative

Partner  
Title

Date: January 16, 2018

## EXHIBIT B

[NOTE: Illinois law requires that this statement be included in all Illinois public contracts (See 44 Ill. Adm. Code 750.10)]

The Contractor agrees to fully comply with the requirements of the *Illinois Human Rights Act*, 775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et. seq.*, including, but not limited to, the provision of sexual harassment policies and procedures pursuant to Section 2-105 of the Act. The Contractor further agrees to comply with all federal Equal Employment Opportunity Laws, including, but not limited to, the *Americans With Disabilities Act*, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 *et. seq.*, and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The following provisions are included in this Contract pursuant to the requirements of the regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, Title 44, Part 750, of the Illinois Administrative Code, and Contractor shall be required to comply with these provisions only if and to the extent they are applicable under the law. As required by Illinois law, in the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, the *Illinois Human Rights Act* or the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights ("Department"), the Contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and the contract may be canceled or voided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulations. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- A. That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, age, citizenship status, physical or mental handicap or disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service, or arrest record status; and further that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any such underutilization.
- B. That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion thereof, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Department's Rules) of minorities and women in the area(s) from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in such a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
- C. That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, age, citizenship status, physical or mental handicap or disability unrelated to ability, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service, or arrest record status.
- D. That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising such labor organization or representative of the Contractor's obligation under the *Illinois Human Rights Act* and the Department's Rules. If any such labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the Contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules, the Contractor will promptly so notify the Department and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligation thereunder.
- E. That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the *Illinois Human Rights Act* and the Department's Rules.
- F. That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with *Illinois Human Rights Act* and the Department's Rules.
- G. That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract it awards under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that such provisions will be binding upon such subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the Contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by such subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply therewith. In addition, the Contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.