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Certified Public Accountants

## **Communication with Those Charged with Governance**

Navarro Independent School District 6450 N. State Hwy 123 Seguin, Texas 78155

We have audited the financial statements of Navarro Independent School District as of and for the year ended August 31, 2025 and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2025. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters related to our audit.

#### Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated April 30, 2025, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion(s) about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 of 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 entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Navarro Independent School District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

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.

## **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing 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.

## **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use of appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District are described in Note A to the financial statements. There has been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2025 except for the following:

As of September 1, 2024, the District implemented GASB Statement 101 on compensated absences as required. The statement essentially adds a liability for accrued leave that is expected to be taken as time off. Previously only accrued leave expected to be paid on termination was included in the liability. The impact of the change increased the liability for the government-wide statements and required an adjustment to beginning balances.

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 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 estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Allowance for uncollectible ad valorem tax
- Estimated useful lives of capital assets
- Final State Allotment (Foundation School Program) for fiscal year
- Net Pension Liability, mortality rates, and investment return
- Net OPEB Liability, mortality rates, health care cost trends, and investment return
- Accrued compensated absences expected to be taken as leave
- Arbitrage Liability Estimate

Management's estimate of the allowance for uncollectible accounts is based on history and age of outstanding accounts and approximates 9% of total delinquent receivables. Management's estimate of useful lives of capital assets are based on published industry guidance and professional judgment. The final adjustment to State School Foundation revenue is based on average daily attendance. The estimates related to the Net Pension Liability and Net OPEB Liability are based on the actuarial study performed by Teacher Retirement System with no input from the District's management. Management's estimate of the accrued compensated absences expected to be taken as leave is based on history and age leave more likely than not to be used in the future. Management's arbitrage liability estimate is based on an annual report provided by external professional consultants, who assist with calculating the potential arbitrage payment due. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance for uncollectible accounts, estimated useful lives of capital assets, estimated final state allotment, net pension liability, net OPEB liability, and arbitrage liability in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the 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 financial statement users. There most sensitive disclosures affecting Navarro Independent School District's financial statements relate to the Teacher Retirement System, and commitments.

#### Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

#### **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 and each applicable opinion unit. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

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. We assisted management with updating property tax receivables, and recording capital assets. We also assisted management in recording a prior period adjustment related to a change in accounting principal for compensated absences.

### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as 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. No such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 24, 2025.

#### **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. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

# Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing Navarro Independent School 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. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the information and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially consistent with its presentation in the financial statements.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

# Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

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

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the audit committee, Board of Trustees and management of Navarro Independent School District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,

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November 24, 2025