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To the Board of Trustees
Aledo Independent School District
Aledo, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aledo Independent School District (the "District") for the year ended August 31, 2011. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular A-133, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 3, 2011. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

We considered the following items as significant audit findings:

1. Districts receiving grant funds under IDEA, Part B must comply with maintenance of effort (MOE) in that the District shall not reduce the level of expenditures for the education of children with disabilities made by the District from local funds below the level of those expenditures for the preceding fiscal year.

The District was not in compliance with this requirement as follow:

Total expenditures per student for IDEA, Part B for the current year were \$7,702.34 as compared to \$8,811.88 in the preceding year, resulting in \$1,109.54 variance per student. This calculates to a total variance of \$393,887 based upon a child count of 355.

The District will receive a preliminary letter from Texas Education Agency (TEA) in which the District is given a deadline to respond. Depending upon TEA's determination of the District's response, the District may be requested to refund to TEA an amount equal to the amount by which the District failed to maintain effort.

The District was aware of non-compliance, but because of ARRA fund expenditure requirements and staff reductions the District was unable to comply with MOE during the current fiscal year.

We recommend the District continue in their efforts to meet IDEA, Part B, MOE requirements.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note I to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended August 31, 2011. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the District's financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical local property tax revenues, historical loss levels, and an analysis of the collectability of individual accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

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. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 5, 2011.

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. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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 governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

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 the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the District's Board of Trustees, District management and others within the entity and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Signed copy on file.

Kirk, Richardson & Poole, P.C.

cc: Dan Manning, Superintendent
Earl Husfeld, Chief Financial Officer
Beverly Hanson, Business Manager