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To the Saugus Union School District Governing Board and Citizens' Oversight Committee Santa Clarita, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Building Fund (Measure EE) of Saugus Union School District for the period ended June 30, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Saugus Union School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. 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. There were no sensitive estimates affecting the Building Fund financial statements.

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. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements.

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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 January 17, 2017.

Management Consultations With Other Independent Accountant

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.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Saugus Union School District Citizens' Oversight Committee and management of Saugus Union School District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Varrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California January 17, 2017

# SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUILDING FUND (MEASURE EE) FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS

**JUNE 30, 2016** 

# SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUILDING FUND (MEASURE EE) FINANCIAL AUDIT

**JUNE 30, 2016** 

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FINANCIAL SECTION

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board and Citizens' Oversight Committee Saugus Union School District Santa Clarita, California

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Saugus Union School District's (the District), Building Fund (Measure EE), as of June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of financial statements, whether due to error or fraud. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design 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. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Building Fund (Measure EE) of the Saugus Union School District at June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Building Fund specific to Measure EE, and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of Saugus Union School District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Saugus Union School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 17, 2017, on our consideration of the District's Building Fund (Measure EE) internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's Building Fund (Measure EE) internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Con LLP Rancho Cucamonga, California

# **BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS Deposits and investments Accounts receivable Total Assets	\$ 13,152,092 41,789 \$ 13,193,881
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ 134,942
Fund Balance:  Restricted  Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	13,058,939 \$ 13,193,881

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

REVENUES	
Local income	444.570
Interest income	\$ 113,670
EXPENDITURES	
Current	
Salaries and benefits	243,472
Supplies	
Materials	785
Computer and equipment	575,081
Services	
Contracted services	357,857
Audit	3,000
Legal services	13,840
Advertisement	948
Computer tech related services	235,239
Capital outlay	
Architects fees	188,625
Land improvements	71,513
Building improvement	1,940,171
Construction testing	4,794
DSA/Plan check fees	64,715
Equipment technology/other	1,814,922
Total Expenditures	5,514,962
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	(5,401,292)
Other Financing Uses:	
Transfers out	(207,746)
Net Financing Uses	(207,746)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(5,609,038)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	18,667,977
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 13,058,939
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Saugus Union School District's (the District) Building Fund (Measure EE) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The Saugus Union School District Building Fund accounts for financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the California School Accounting Manual.

### Financial Reporting Entity

The financial statements include only the Building Fund of the Saugus Union School District used to account for Measure EE projects. This Fund was established to account for the expenditures of general obligation bonds issued under the General Obligation Bonds Election of 2014. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Saugus Union School District in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Fund Accounting**

The operations of the Building Fund are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

### **Basis of Accounting**

The Building Fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds. The District's governing board adopts an operating budget no later than July 1 in accordance with State law. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's governing board satisfied these requirements. The Board revises this budget during the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenue and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

#### **Encumbrances**

The District utilizes an encumbrance accounting system under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid and all outstanding encumbrances lapse at June 30.

#### Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

As of June 30, 2016, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

**Restricted** - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

### **Spending Order**

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the governing board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Change in Accounting Principles**

In February 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.

The District has implemented the provisions of this Statement as of June 30, 2016.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. The objective of this Statement is to identify—in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment—the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The "GAAP hierarchy" consists of the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with GAAP and the framework for selecting those principles. This Statement reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and non-authoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP.

This Statement supersedes Statement No. 55, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments.

The District has implemented the provisions of this Statement as of June 30, 2016.

In December 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 79, Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. Specifically, it establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. An external investment pool qualifies for that reporting if it meets all of the applicable criteria established in this Statement. The specific criteria address (1) how the external investment pool transacts with participants; (2) requirements for portfolio maturity, quality, diversification, and liquidity; and (3) calculation and requirements of a shadow price. Significant noncompliance prevents the external investment pool from measuring all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. Professional judgment is required to determine if instances of noncompliance with the criteria established by this Statement during the reporting period, individually or in the aggregate, were significant.

If an external investment pool does not meet the criteria established by this Statement, that pool should apply the provisions in paragraph 16 of Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, as amended. If an external investment pool meets the criteria in this Statement and measures all of its investments at amortized cost, the pool's participants also should measure their investments in that external investment pool at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. If an external investment pool does not meet the criteria in this Statement, the pool's participants should measure their investments in that pool at fair value, as provided in paragraph 11 of Statement No. 31, as amended.

This Statement establishes additional note disclosure requirements for qualifying external investment pools that measure all of their investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes and for governments that participate in those pools. Those disclosures for both the qualifying external investment pools and their participants include information about any limitations or restrictions on participant withdrawals.

The District has implemented the provisions of this Statement as of June 30, 2016.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

### **NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS**

#### **Policies and Practices**

The District is authorized under *California Government Code* to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State: U.S. Treasury instrument; registered State warrants or treasury notes: securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security, and collateralized mortgage obligations.

### **Investment in County Treasury**

The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool as the District is required to deposit all receipts and collections of monies with their County Treasurer (*Education Code* Section 41001). The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the accounting financial statement at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fairly value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

Deposits with County Treasurer

Fair Value \$ 13,167,457

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

### **General Authorizations**

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum
Authorized	Remaining	Percentage	Investment
Investment Type	Maturity	of Portfolio	in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

### Weighted Average Maturity

The District monitors the interest rate risk inherent in its portfolio by measuring the weighted average maturity of its portfolio. Information about the weighted average maturity of the District's portfolio is presented in the following schedule:

	Fair	Average Days
Investment Type	Value	To Maturity
Los Angeles County Investment Pool	\$ 13,167,457	608

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Presented below is the minimum rating required by the *California Government Code*, the District's investment policy, or debt agreements, and the actual rating as of the year-end for each investment type.

		Minimal
	Fair	Legal
Investment Type	Value	Rating
Los Angeles County Investment Pool	\$ 13,167,457	*

<sup>\*</sup>Not required to be rated

### NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the District has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 assets may include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market and that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, such as interest rates and curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, and credit spreads. For financial reporting purposes, if an asset has a specified term, a Level 2 input is required to be observable for substantially the full term of the asset.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs should be developed using the best information available under the circumstances, which might include the District's own data. The District should adjust that data if reasonably available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or certain circumstances specific to the District are not available to other market participants.

Uncategorized - Investments in the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool are not measured using the input levels above because District's transactions are based on a stable net asset value per share. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at \$1.00 net asset value per share.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

The District's fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2016:

			Fair Value Measurements Using							
			Level 1 Level 2 Level 3					el 3		
Investment Type	Fair Value		estment Type Fair Value Inputs Inputs		outs	Inp	outs	Uı	ncategorized	
Los Angeles County Pool	\$	13,167,457	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	13,167,457

All assets have been valued using a market approach, with quoted market prices.

### NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

Interest \$ 41,789

### NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable at June 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

Salaries and benefits	\$ 28,099
Capital outlay	106,843
	\$ 134,942

### NOTE 6 - FUND BALANCES

The Building Fund (Measure EE) fund balance at June 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

Unreserved

Restricted for Capital projects

\$ 13,058,939

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2016

### NOTE 7 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

### **Operating Transfers**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

The Building Fund transferred to the Special Reserve Capital Outlay Fund for construction costs.

\$ 207,746

### **NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

As of June 30, 2016, the Building Fund (Measure EE) had the following commitments with respect to unfinished projects:

	Remaining		Expected
	Co	nstruction	Date of
Capital Projects	Cor	nmitments	Completion
District Project Support/Special Projects	\$	122,813	Not applicable
State New Construction and Modernization Eligibility		24,701	June 2017
Reconfigure Front of School / Single Point of Entry		63,797	January 2017
Highlands Site Grading and Drainage		37,983	August 2016
Bridgeport HVCA EMS		13,290	August 2016
Interactive Flat Panels		3,001,301	November 2016
Flooring Projects		47,292	July 2016
	\$	3,311,177	

### Litigation

The District is not currently a party to any legal proceedings.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 

# SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS JUNE 30, 2016

### **General Obligation Bonds**

The general obligation bonded debt is as follows:

				Bonds							Amounts
Issue	Maturity	Interest	Original	Outstanding							Outstanding
Date	Date	Rate	Issue	July 1, 2015	Iss	ued	Addi	tions	Rede	emed	June 30, 2016
06/11/15	08/01/44	3.00-5.00%	\$20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$	120	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 20,000,000

### **Election 2014, Series EE General Obligation Bonds**

On June 11, 2015, the District issued \$20,000,000 in Election 2014, Measure EE general obligation bonds. Proceeds from the bonds will be used to finance the acquisition, construction, and modernization of property and school facilities. At June 30, 2016, the principal balance outstanding was \$20,000,000.

The bonds mature through 2045 as follows:

	Principal	Current	
	Including Accreted	Interest to	
Fiscal Year	Interest to Date	Maturity	Total
2017	\$ -	\$ 923,650	\$ 923,650
2018	3,780,000	829,150	4,609,150
2019	3,925,000	636,525	4,561,525
2020	80,000	536,800	616,800
2021	-	535,200	535,200
2022-2026	315,000	2,659,125	2,974,125
2027-2031	1,105,000	2,534,125	3,639,125
2032-2036	2,220,000	2,168,250	4,388,250
2037-2041	3,895,000	1,420,350	5,315,350
2042-2045	4,680,000	393,400	5,073,400
Total	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 12,636,575	\$ 32,636,575
		-	

# RECONCILIATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORT WITH AUDITED BUILDING FUND JUNE 30, 2016

There were no adjustments to the Unaudited Actual Building Fund (Measure EE), which required reconciliation to the audited financial statements at June 30, 2016.

# NOTE TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2016

### NOTE 1 - PURPOSE OF SCHEDULES

### Schedule of Long-Term Obligations

This schedule provides a debt repayment schedule associated with the bond proceeds received through issuance of Building Fund (Measure EE) obligations.

### Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report With Audited Financial Statements

This schedule provides the information necessary to reconcile the fund balance of the Building Fund (Measure EE) reported on the Unaudited Actual Financial Report to the audited financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Governing Board and Citizens' Oversight Committee Saugus Union School District Santa Clarita, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The accompanying financial statements of the Saugus Union School District (the District) Building Fund (Measure EE), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated January 17, 2017.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Building Fund specific to Measure EE, and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of Saugus Union School District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Saugus Union School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Saugus Union School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Saugus Union School District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Saugus Union School District's Building Fund (Measure EE) financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Con LLP Rancho Cucamonga, California January 17, 2017 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2016

None reported.

# SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2016

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's schedule of financial statement findings.

# SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUILDING FUND (MEASURE EE) PERFORMANCE AUDIT

**JUNE 30, 2016** 

# PERFORMANCE AUDIT JUNE 30, 2016

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

Governing Board and Citizens' Oversight Committee Saugus Union School District Santa Clarita, California

We were engaged to conduct a performance audit of the Saugus Union School District (the District) Building Fund (Measure EE) for the year ended June 30, 2016.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with the standards applicable to performance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed within the report which includes determining the District's compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements.

In planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the District's internal control in order to determine if the internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

The results of our tests indicated that the District expended Building Fund (Measure EE) funds only for the specific projects approved by the voters, in accordance with Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

Varrinek, Trine, Day & Con LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California January 17, 2017

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#### **AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE**

The General Obligation Bonds associated with Measure EE bonds were issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of California (the State), including the provisions of Chapters 1 and 1.5 of Part 10 of the California Education Code, and other applicable provisions of law. The Bonds are authorized to be issued by a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County. The District received authorization at an election held on November 4, 2014, to issue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$148,000,000 to finance specific construction and renovation projects approved by eligible voters within the District. The proposition required approval by at least 55 percent of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District. The Bonds represent the first series of the authorized bonds to be issued under the Authorization.

#### PURPOSE OF ISSUANCE

The net proceeds of the Bonds and any other series of general obligation bonds issued under the Authorized will be used for the purposed specified in the District bond proposition submitted at the election, which include renovating, repairing, constructing, and equipping certain District schools, sites, and facilities.

The Bonds are being issued to repair, renovate, acquire, construct, and equip classrooms, science labs, sites, school facilities, including upgrading electrical, fire safety, heating, cooling and ventilation system, plumbing, roofs, bathrooms, computer technology, and install energy savings systems, by issuing \$20,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, with mandatory audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators salaries.

#### **AUTHORITY FOR THE AUDIT**

On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools, and Financial Accountability Act. Proposition 39 amended portions of the California Constitution to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts, community college districts, or county offices of education, "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of rental property for school facilities", upon approval by 55 percent of the electorate. In addition to reducing the approval threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent, Proposition 39 and the enacting legislation (AB 1908 and AB 2659) requires the following accountability measures as codified in *Education Code* Sections 15278-15282:

- 1. Requires that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
- 2. The school district must list the specific school facilities projects to be funded in the ballot measure, and must certify that the governing board has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the project list.
- 3. Requires the school district to appoint a citizens' oversight committee.

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- 4. Requires the school district to conduct an annual independent financial audit and performance audit in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of the bond proceeds until all of the proceeds have been expended.
- 5. Requires the school district to conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE AUDIT**

- 1. Determine whether expenditures charged to the Building Fund have been made in accordance with the bond project list approved by the voters through the approval of Measure EE.
- 2. Determine whether salary transactions, charged to the Building Fund were in support of Measure EE and not for District general administration or operations.

#### SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

The scope of our performance audit covered the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The population of expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other State or local funding sources, other than proceeds of the bonds, were not included within the scope of the audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2016, were not reviewed, or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

### PROCEDURES PERFORMED

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the period starting July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for the Building Fund (Measure EE). Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Measure EE as to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

- 1. We selected a sample of expenditures for the period starting July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that such funds were properly expended on the specific projects listed in the ballot text.
- 2. Our sample included 12 transactions totaling \$4,695,229. This represents 82 percent of the total expenditures of \$5,722,708, including expenditures related to transferred funds.
- 3. We verified that funds from the Building Fund (Measure EE) were generally expended for the construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of District facilities constituting authorized bond projects.

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# **CONCLUSION**

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Saugus Union School District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Building Fund (Measure EE) and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects.

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2016

None reported.

# SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2016

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's schedule of financial statement findings.