



Financial and Performance Audits  
Building Fund (Measure EE)  
June 30, 2021

# Saugus Union School District

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Financial Audit  
Building Fund (Measure EE)  
June 30, 2021

# Saugus Union School District



## 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 and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 presentation of the financial statements.

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 Saugus Union School District as of June 30, 2021, and the change in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Building Fund specific to Measure EE are intended to present the financial position and the change in financial position attributable to the transactions of that Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Saugus Union School District as of June 30, 2021, and the change in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 12, 2022, on our consideration of Saugus Union School District's 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 solely 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 effectiveness of Saugus Union School District's 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 Saugus Union School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Rancho Cucamonga, California  
January 12, 2022

Saugus Union School District  
Building Fund (Measure EE)

Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2021

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Assets	
Investments	\$ 86,371,181
Receivable	<u>195,587</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 86,566,768</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 1,432,802</u>
Fund Balance	
Restricted for capital projects	<u>85,133,966</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 86,566,768</u></u>

Saugus Union School District  
 Building Fund (Measure EE)  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance  
 Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues	
Interest income	\$ 387,196
Fair market value adjustments	<u>(487,327)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>(100,131)</u>
Expenditures	
Current	
Salaries and benefits	281,860
Non-capitalized equipment	17,747
Services	
Contracted services	760,612
Legal and audit services	7,500
Advertisement	31,061
Capital outlay	
Site construction costs	3,775,752
Architects fees	1,334,197
DSA/Plan check fees	499,837
Building improvement	22,380,131
Construction testing	98,322
Geological survey	36,410
Equipment technology/other	<u>351,303</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>29,574,732</u>
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>(29,674,863)</u>
Other Financing Sources	
Other Sources - Proceeds from sale of bonds	<u>102,400,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	72,725,137
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>12,408,829</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u><u>\$ 85,133,966</u></u>

## **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 (Measure EE) 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 (Measure EE) 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 (Measure EE) 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 (Measure EE) 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.

## **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 – Building Fund (Measure EE)**

As of June 30, 2021, fund balance is 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.

## **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.

### General Authorizations

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

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment 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. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool. The District maintains a Building Fund (Measure EE) investment of \$86,371,181 with the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool with an average maturity of 1,045 days.

**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. The District's investment in the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool is not required to be rated, nor has it been rated as of June 30, 2021.

**Note 3 - Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Interest	<u>\$ 195,587</u>
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**Note 4 - Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable at June 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Salaries and benefits	\$ 16,037
Construction	<u>1,416,765</u>
Total accounts payable	<u>\$ 1,432,802</u>

**Note 5 - Commitments and Contingencies**

**Construction Commitments**

As of June 30, 2021, the Building Fund (Measure EE) had the following commitments with respect to unfinished projects:

Measure EE Projects	Remaining Construction Commitments	Expected Date of Completion
Activity Turf Area - Various Schools	\$ 193,707	2021 - 2022
Asphalt Play Courts - Various Schools	85,787	2021 - 2022
Communication PA System - Various Schools	56,250	2021 - 2022
Fence & Gates - Highlands and Mountainview	133,241	2021 - 2022
Fire Alarm - Various Schools	2,053,112	2021 - 2022
Flooring - Plum Cyn	101,789	2021 - 2022
Interior-Exterior Painting - Cedar creek and Plum Cyn	286,100	2021 - 2022
Landscape - Tesoro	50,330	2021 - 2022
New 1-Story CR Building - Plum Cyn	1,683,928	2021 - 2022
Roof Replacement - Various Schools	2,613,778	2021 - 2022
Shade Structure - Mountainview and Plum Cyn	156,738	2021 - 2022
Single Point of Entry - Reconfigure Fence - Helmers	179,022	2021 - 2022
Site Grading & Drainage - Rosedell	58,941	2021 - 2022
Site Lighting - Santa Clarita	26,835	2021 - 2022
Activity Turf Area - Cedar creek and Helmers	619,335	2022 - 2023
Audio Visual - Cedar creek	23,875	2022 - 2023
Fence & Gates - Various Schools	475,778	2022 - 2023
Fire Alarm - Cedar creek	68,880	2022 - 2023
Landscape - Cedar creek	95,160	2022 - 2023
Modernize existing perm build - core area - Highlands	5,678,903	2022 - 2023
New Multipurpose Building - Cedar creek	500,237	2022 - 2023
Biopolar Ionization - Various Schools	554,558	2023 - 2024
HVAC - Various Schools	704,496	2023 - 2024
Science-Flex Lab - Cedar creek	700,733	2023 - 2024
Shade Structure - Helmers	89,164	2023 - 2024
Track and Playground - Rosedell	2,960	2024 - 2025
Asphalt Play Courts - Santa Clarita	93,600	2025 - 2026
Seismic Upgrade - Cedar creek	345,642	2025 - 2026
Single Point of Entry - Admin Building - Cedar creek	370,583	2025 - 2026
	<u>370,583</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 18,003,462</u>	

**Litigation**

The District is not currently a party to any legal proceedings related to the Building Fund (Measure EE) as of June 30, 2021.



Independent Auditor's Report  
June 30, 2021

# Saugus Union School District



**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 financial statements of the Saugus Union School District (the District) Building Fund (Measure EE) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 2022.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Building Fund specific to Measure EE are intended to present the financial position and the change in financial position attributable to the transactions of that Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Saugus Union School District as of June 30, 2021, and the change in financial position the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Saugus Union School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Saugus Union School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 District's Building Fund (Measure EE) 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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 from 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 financial statements. 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eide Sully LLP".

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
January 12, 2022

None reported.

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings.



Performance Audit  
Building Fund (Measure EE)  
June 30, 2021

# Saugus Union School District



## 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, 2021.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and 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 XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Appendix A contained in the *2020-2021 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* issued by the California Education Audit Appeals Panel. 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 XIII A, 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. Had we performed additional procedures; other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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 XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP".

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
January 12, 2022

### **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% of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District. The Bonds represent the first, second, third 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 purposes 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 up to \$148,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with mandatory audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators salaries.

### **Authority for the Audit**

On November 7, 2000, 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% of the electorate. In addition to reducing the approval threshold from two-thirds to 55%, 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 XIII A, 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.

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 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, 2021, were not reviewed, or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

### **Methodology**

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, for the Building Fund (Measure EE). Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices, purchase orders, and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, 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 identified expenditures and projects charged to the general obligation bond proceeds by obtaining the general ledger and project listing.
2. We selected a sample of expenditures using the following criteria:
  - a. We considered all expenditures recorded in all object codes.
  - b. We considered all expenditures recorded in all projects that were funded from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 from Measure EE bond proceeds.
  - c. We selected all expenditures that were individually significant expenditures based on our assessment of materiality.
  - d. For all items below the individually significant threshold identified in item 2c, judgmentally selected expenditures based on risk assessment and consideration of coverage of all object codes, and projects for period starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

3. Our sample included transactions totaling \$13,956,756. This represents 47% of the total expenditures of \$29,574,732.
4. We reviewed the actual invoices and other supporting documentation to determine that:
  - a. Expenditures were supported by invoices with evidence of proper approval and documentation of receipting goods or services.
  - b. Expenditures were supported by proper bid documentation, as applicable.
  - c. Expenditures were expended in accordance with voter-approved bond project list.
  - d. Bond proceeds were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the District.
5. We determined that the District has met the compliance requirement of Measure EE if the following conditions were met:
  - a. Supporting documents for expenditures were aligned with the voter-approved bond project list.
  - b. Supporting documents for expenditures were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the Districts.

### **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. Further, it was noted funds held in the Building Fund (Measure EE), and expended by the District, were used for salaries only to the extent they perform administrative oversight work on construction projects as allowable per Opinion 04-110 issued on November 9, 2004 by the State of California Attorney General.

None reported.

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.



January 12, 2022

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

We have audited the financial statements of Saugus School District's (the District) Building Fund (Measure EE) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated January 12, 2022. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

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

As communicated in our letter dated July 1, 2021, 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. 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 the 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.

We have provided our comments regarding internal controls during our audit in our 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 dated January 12, 2022.

## **Our Responsibility in Relation to the Performance Audit**

As communicated in our letter dated [insert date of engagement letter], our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to conduct a performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Our performance audit does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities. We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the objectives of the performance audit. 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 financial and performance audits 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, our firm, and other firms utilized in the engagement, if applicable, 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 appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted the District is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the the year ended June 30, 2021. 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. No such significant accounting estimates were identified.

### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the District's Building Fund (Measure EE) financial statements relate to:

The Summary of significant accounting policies in Note 1 and the disclosures of Commitments in Note 5.

### **Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audits**

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

### **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. Management has corrected all identified misstatements

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. The following material misstatements that we identified as a result of our audit procedures were brought to the attention of, and corrected by, management.

Understatement of expenses	\$	478,897
Overstatement of fund balance (Measure EE)	\$	478,897

The effect of these uncorrected misstatements, including the effect of the reversal of prior year uncorrected misstatements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, is an overstatement of net change in fund balance of \$478,897, and overstatement of fund balance of \$478,897.

### **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 Building Fund (Measure EE) financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the financial and performance audit.

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated January 12, 2022.

### **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 Matters, 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, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operating 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.

### **Modification of the Auditor's Report**

We have made the following modification to our auditor's report.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Building Fund specific to Measure EE are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position attributable to the transactions of that Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Saugus Union School District as of June 30, 2021, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governing Board and management of the District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

  
Rancho Cucamonga, California