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To the Governing Board
William S. Hart Union High School District
Santa Clarita, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the William S. Hart Union High School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), 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 August 1, 2017. 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 the District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the District 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 estimates affecting the District's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of capital asset depreciation is based on the expected useful life for assets being capitalized and as described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. This information is disclosed in Note 6 to the financial statements.

Additionally, the estimate of the future costs of postemployment benefits provided to retirees is based upon current information about the District's employees, benefit plans, and health care rates. These factors are considered by the actuary in determining both the estimated liability and the current year required contribution to the plan. Management's estimate of the other postemployment benefits obligation liability is based on actuarial valuations performed. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Lastly, the estimate of the future costs of pension plan benefits provided to retirees is based upon employee members' final compensation, age and years of service credit, District contributions to the plans, and projected retirement pension benefit pay-outs. These factors are considered by the actuary in determining the estimated liability, as well as deferred inflows and outflows of resources associated with the liability. Note 16 to the financial statements provides additional information about the actuarial methods and assumptions used, and the required supplementary information provides the schedule of progress toward funding this liability.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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 clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

Disagreements With Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is 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 12, 2017.

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 District'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 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.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we applied certain limited procedures to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, the Schedule of Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Funding Progress, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of District Contributions, and the Management's Discussion and Analysis, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were not engaged to report on the accompanying supplementary information, which accompany the financial statements, but are not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information, and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on this other information.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the 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.

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Rancho Cucamonga, California
December 12, 2017