

Audit Communication Letter

December 16, 2024

Galion City School District
Crawford County
470 Portland Way North
Galion, Ohio 44833

To the Members of the Board of Education and Charlene Parkinson, Treasurer:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Galion City School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. 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 September 20, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Galion City School District are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new significant accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Galion City School 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 Galion City School District's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the useful life of capital assets is based on the length of time the District expects to use the acquired asset. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimated useful life of capital assets by management in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension/OPEB liabilities and OPEB assets are based on an actuarially determined information provided by pension plans. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the liability that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of Deposits and Investments in Note 4 to the financial statements, which discusses the Galion City School District's deposits and investments with financial institutions including investment type, custodial credit risk, and investment maturities.

The disclosure of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Defined Benefit OPEB Plans in Notes 12 and 13 to the financial statements details the Galion City School District's net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset with STRS and SERS.

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

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 16, 2024.

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 Galion City School 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 Galion City School 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. We are pleased to report that no such audit findings or issues arose during the course of our audit.

Other Matters

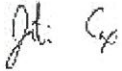
We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, schedules of net pension and other postemployment benefit assets and liabilities and pension and other postemployment benefit contributions, and budgetary comparison information, which are required supplementary information (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 engaged to report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with Uniform Guidance, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Education and management of the Galion City School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



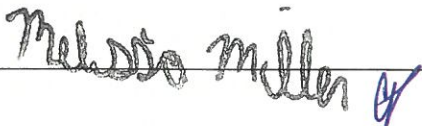
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