

January 13, 2022

Board of Education
Point Arena Schools
Point Arena, CA

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Point Arena Schools (the "District") for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 February 4, 2020. 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 District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1K and 15 to the financial statements, the Point Arena Schools changed accounting policies related to Fiduciary Activities by adopting Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, in 2021. Accordingly, the cumulative effect of the accounting change as of the beginning of the year is reported in the Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. 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 financial statements were:

Management's estimate of depreciation of capital assets is based on historical estimates of each capitalized item's useful life. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation of capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are based on actuarial valuations and pension contributions made during the year. We evaluated the key factors, assumptions, and proportionate share calculations used to develop the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of total other postemployment benefits (OPEB) obligation is based on an actuarial valuation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the total OPEB obligation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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