

PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2021



September 13, 2021

Board of Education  
Plainfield Community Consolidated School District No. 202  
Plainfield, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Plainfield Community Consolidated School District No. 202 (the District), Illinois, for the year ended June 30, 2021, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

We do not intend to imply that our audit failed to disclose commendable aspects of your system and structure. For your consideration, we herein submit our comments and suggestions which are designed to assist in effecting improvements in internal controls and procedures. Those less-significant matters, if any, which arose during the course of the audit, were reviewed with management as the audit field work progressed.

The accompanying comments and recommendations are intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education and management of the Plainfield Community Consolidated School District No. 202, Illinois.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various District personnel. We would be pleased to discuss our comments and suggestions in further detail with you at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to review the procedures necessary to bring about desirable changes.

We commend the finance department for the well-prepared audit package and we appreciate the courtesy and assistance given to us by the entire District staff.

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## **CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1. GASB STATEMENT NO. 87 LEASES**

#### Comment

In June 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which provides guidance regarding the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, which was issued as temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* is applicable to the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022.

#### Recommendation

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will work directly with the District to review the new lease criteria in conjunction with the District's current leases to determine the appropriate financial reporting for these activities under GASB Statement No. 87.

#### Management Response

Management acknowledges this comment and will work to implement it for the fiscal year June 30, 2022, as required by GASB.

### **2. FUNDS OVER BUDGET**

#### Comment

During our current year-end audit procedures, we noted that the following funds had an excess of actual expenditures over budget for the fiscal year:

Fund	Excess
Education Account - General	\$ 7,656,223
Operations and Maintenance Account - General	1,853,785
Debt Service	1,835,476

#### Recommendation

We recommend the District investigate the causes of the funds over budget and adopt appropriate future funding measures.

#### Management Response

Management acknowledges this comment and will work to correct it in the coming year. This was a direct cause of the COVID-19 pandemic bringing additional expenses and federal grants that emerged.



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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Plainfield Community Consolidated School District No. 202, Illinois 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 September 13, 2021. 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 the Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 estimate affecting the governmental activities' financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense on capital assets is based on assumed useful lives of the underlying capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation expense estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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. Any material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management.

Significant Audit Findings - Continued

*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 September 13, 2021.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Auditors*

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

We applied certain limited procedures to the 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 the other supplementary information and supplemental schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are 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 the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Restrictions on Use

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

We wish to express our gratitude to the Board of Education and staff (in particular the Finance Department) of the Plainfield Community Consolidated School District No. 202, Illinois for their valuable cooperation throughout the audit engagement.

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