

## REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

October 6, 2023

To the Board of Education  
Schodack Central School District:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Schodack Central School District (School District) for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *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 engagement letter to you. 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 School District are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023.

We noted no transactions entered into by the 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 School District's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on the assignment of useful lives for each asset acquired or constructed by the School District.

Management's estimate of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability is based on the use of assumptions utilized by an actuary applied to the School District's census information.

Management's estimate of compensated absences is based on the accrued time at the end of the year per employee in accordance with the existing collective bargaining agreements in place at the time.

Management's estimate of the net pension asset, net pension liability, and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources is based on actuarial assumptions utilized by an actuary applied to the pension plans' census information.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop each estimate in determining that they are 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 the School District's short term and long term debt in the footnotes to the financial statements describes all of the debt the School District has outstanding at year end including the amounts that are due in the next fiscal year.

The disclosure of the School District's pension plans in the footnotes of the financial statements describes the plans and the related pension asset or liability along with the deferred inflows/outflows of resources.

The disclosure of the School District's OPEB liability in the footnotes to the financial statements describes the overall outstanding unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the outstanding net OPEB obligation at year end.

The disclosure of the School District's contingencies describes the School District's possible litigation and other contingencies.

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. The corrected material misstatements are shown as Attachment A.

#### *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 the date of this letter.

#### *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 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 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.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability (asset), and schedule of contributions – pension plans 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 the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, 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 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.

We were not engaged to report on schedule of change from original budget to revised budget, Real Property tax limit – General Fund, schedule of project expenditures – Capital Projects Fund, and schedule of net investment in capital assets, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

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

Very truly yours,

Bonadio & Co., LLP

**Schodack Central School District  
June 30, 2023**

**Attachment A - Material Audit Adjustments:**

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<b>Government-Wide:</b>		
Right to Use Asset	\$ 208,764	
Lease Liability		\$ 208,764
<i>To record leased asset additions for GASB 87.</i>		
Amortization Expense	125,423	
Accumulated Amortization		125,423
<i>To record current year amortization of leased assets for GASB 87.</i>		
Lease Liability	85,515	
Lease Principal Expenditures		85,515
<i>To record current year lease payment activity for GASB 87.</i>		
<b>General Fund:</b>		
Lease Expenditures	208,764	
Lease Proceeds		208,764
<i>To record lease asset acquisitions for GASB 87 - lessee.</i>		
Lease Principal Expenditures	85,515	
Lease Interest Expenditures	7,223	
Lease Expenditures		92,738
<i>To record lease payment activity for GASB 87 - lessee.</i>		
Lease Receivable	19,657	
Deferred Revenue		19,657
<i>To record current year lease additions for GASB 87 - lessor.</i>		
Deferred Revenue	323,334	
Rent Revenue		323,334
<i>To record current amortization revenue of deferred inflow for GASB 87 - lessor.</i>		
Rent Revenue	338,225	
Interest Revenue		14,891
Lease Receivable		323,334
<i>To record current year receipt activity for GASB 87 - lessor.</i>		