



Board of Directors  
Making Waves Academy  
Richmond, California

We have audited the financial statements of Making Waves Academy as of and for the year ended June 30 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2019. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards, and the 2018-19 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, published by the Education Appeals Panel*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant audit findings**

#### ***Qualitative aspects of accounting practices***

##### *Accounting policies*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Making Waves Academy are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

As described in Note 1, the Organization changed accounting policies related to the change in accounting principle by adopting Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, in 2018. Accordingly, the accounting change has been retrospectively applied to prior periods presented as if the policy had always been used.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2018, other than that noted above.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity 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*

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 the functional allocation of expenses shared between programs, management and general, and fundraising is based on a reasonable and consistent basis using factors such as direct payroll allocation, square footage, full time equivalents within each department, and total direct expenses. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allocation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures. 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.

#### **Uncorrected misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

#### **Corrected misstatements**

Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any financial statement misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures.

#### **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 auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

#### **Management representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the attached management representation letter dated September 18, 2019.

#### **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 entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' 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.

***Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the entity's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

**Other information in documents containing audited financial statements**

With respect to the Local Education Agency Organization Structure, Schedule of Instructional Time, Schedule of Average Daily Attendance, Reconciliation of Annual Financial Report with Audited Financial Statements, and the WCCUSD Measure G Parcel Tax Revenue and Expenses (collectively, the supplementary information) accompanying the financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statements as a whole, 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 or the reasons for such changes, 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 have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2019.

Our auditors' opinion, the audited financial statements, and the notes to financial statements should only be used in their entirety. Inclusion of the audited financial statements in a document you prepare, such as an annual report, should be done only with our prior approval and review of the document.

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***Recent accounting standards***

Our promise is to get to know you and help you. For your consideration, we provided recent accounting standards applicable to your entity.

Revenue recognition –

- Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 for public entities and December 15, 2018 for nonpublic entities. For your entity – June 30, 2020's financial statements. Early adoption is permitted.
- Principles-based revenue standard to be applied to all industries.
- 5-step process for revenue recognition.
- Recognize revenue when an entity transfers goods or services to a customer, the amount recognized should represent the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled.

Statement of cash flows –

- Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 for public entities and December 15, 2018 for nonpublic entities. For your entity – June 30, 2020's financial statements.
- Streamlines activities between cash and restricted cash as operating, investing or financing, or as a combination of those activities.
- Provides explanation for the change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash.

Grants and Contracts –

- Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018 for public entities and December 15, 2018 for nonpublic entities. For your entity – June 30, 2020's financial statements.
- Provides decision trees to assist in evaluating transactions in determining revenue recognition of grant and contracts.
- Defines nonreciprocal transactions (contributions) and conditional contributions that have been placed on the resources provided.
- Conditional contributions only if both criteria exist:
  - Contributor retains either a right of return to the resources provided, and,
  - An entity must overcome a barrier in order to be entitled to the resources provided.
- Refers to the revenue recognition standard for reciprocal transactions (exchange).

Leases –

- Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 for public entities and December 15, 2019 (proposed to extend to December 15, 2020) for nonpublic entities. For your entity – June 30, 2021's (if proposal passed, June 30, 2022's) financial statements.
- Requires lessees to recognize the assets and liabilities arising from all leases on the statement of financial position.
- A lessee should recognize the liability to make lease payments (the lease liability) and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term.
- Continued differentiation between finance and operating leases.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of Making Waves Academy and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Glendora, California  
September 18, 2019