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To the Board and Management of
Navigator Schools

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of Navigator Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit. We ask that if you have any questions or need clarification you email either Wade.McMullen@claconnect.com, Derrick.Debruyne@claconnect.com or Lili.Huang@claconnect.com, since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

Timelines and Deadlines

Audit reports must be filed with the CDE, the State Controller's Office (SCO), the local County Superintendent of Schools, and, if applicable, the chartering entity, by **December 15th** of each year.

We request that basic financial information (**trial balance and general ledger as of June 30, 2020 and general ledger for the next fiscal year**) be transmitted to us no later than **October 1st**.

In order to file the report on or before the December 15 state deadline, **all audit information requests made prior to October 25th should be received no later than October 31st**. This will allow us the time needed to complete the audit and submit our working-papers to our national assurance quality control team.

If a *significant amount* of the audit information requests are not received by the specified date, we will send a letter to Board and Management specifying the extent of outstanding information and possibly recommend notifying Navigator Schools authorizer that an audit report filing extension to **January 15th** is needed. The decision to apply for this extension is solely the responsibility of Navigator Schools Board and Management.

Our responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America

Our responsibilities, as described by professional standards, are as follows:

- Forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Considering, as part of planning and performing our audit, the entity's internal control over financial reporting 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 over financial reporting.
- Planning and performing the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement.
- Performing, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the entity's financial statements are free of material misstatement, tests of the entity's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit.

- Communicating significant matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.
- Communicating matters required by law, regulation, agreement, or other requirements.
- Communicating any matters relevant to compliance with the *California State K-12 Audit Guide*.

Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

We gave significant consideration to assisting management with the preparation of the financial statements to be provided, which may reasonably be thought to bear on independence, in reaching the conclusion that independence has not been impaired.

Our responsibility for other supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We will make certain inquiries of management and evaluate the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine whether 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 will compare and reconcile the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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. Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the entity's financial statements and our auditors' report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the report. We have no responsibility for determining whether such other information is properly stated and do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in such documents. We are required by professional standards to read the other information in order to identify material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and the other information because the credibility of the audited financial statements and our report may be undermined by material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and other information.

Planned scope and timing of the audit

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit of the financial statements will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit.

However, some matters may be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Our responsibility under Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

If we determine that Navigator Schools has expended more than \$750,000 in federal funds during the course of the year being audited, the additional following responsibilities apply:

Our responsibilities, as described by professional standards, are as follows:

- Considering internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).
- Examining, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance on a test basis, evidence about the entity's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the "U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement" applicable to each of its major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the entity's compliance with those requirements. While our audit will provide a reasonable basis for our opinion, it will not provide a legal determination on the entity's compliance with those requirements.

Our responsibility for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the SEFA in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the SEFA is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We will make certain inquiries of management and evaluate the form, content, and methods of preparing the SEFA to determine whether the SEFA complies with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the SEFA is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We will compare and reconcile the SEFA to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We expect to begin our audit in the Spring and issue our report no later than December 15th.

Other planning matters

Recognizing the importance of two-way communication, we encourage you to provide us with information you consider relevant to the audit. This may include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Your views about the following matters:
 - The appropriate person(s) in the entity's governance structure with whom we should communicate.
 - The allocation of responsibilities between those charged with governance and management.

- The entity's objectives and strategies and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
- Matters you believe warrant particular attention during the audit and any areas for which you request additional procedures to be undertaken.
- Significant communications with regulators.
- Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.
- The attitudes, awareness, and actions of those charged with governance concerning (a) the entity's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control, and (b) the detection or the possibility of fraud.
- The actions of those charged with governance in response to developments in law, accounting standards, corporate governance practices, and other related matters.
- The actions of those charged with governance in response to previous communications with the auditor.
- Your understanding of the risks of fraud and the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud, including your views on the following matters:
 - The “tone at the top” conveyed by management.
 - The risk that the entity’s financial statements or schedule of expenditures of federal awards might be materially misstated due to fraud.
 - Programs and controls that the entity has established to mitigate identified fraud risks or that otherwise help to prevent, deter, and detect fraud.
 - How and how often you review the entity’s policies on fraud prevention and detection.
 - If a fraud hotline is in place, how it is monitored and how you are notified of allegations or concerns.
 - How you exercise oversight of management’s processes for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud and the programs and controls management has established to mitigate those risks.
 - The risks of fraud at the entity, including any specific fraud risks the entity has identified or account balances, classes of transactions, or disclosures for which a risk of fraud may be likely to exist.
 - Examples of fraud-related discussions management has had with you.
 - Any actual or suspected fraud affecting the entity or its federal award programs that you are aware of, including measures taken to address the fraud.

- Any allegations of fraud (e.g., received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, grantors, or others) that you are aware of.
- Any knowledge of possible or actual policy violations or abuses of broad programs and controls occurring during the period being audited or the subsequent period.
- Any accounting policies or procedures applied to smooth earnings, meet debt covenants, minimize taxes, or achieve budget, bonus, or other financial targets that you are aware of; and whether you are aware of any accounting policies that you consider aggressive.
- How you oversee the entity's (1) compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements (2) policies relative to the prevention of noncompliance and illegal acts, and (3) use of directives (for example, a code of ethics) and periodic representations obtained from management-level employees about compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- Whether you are aware of any noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, including measures taken to address the noncompliance.
- If the entity uses a service organization, your knowledge of any fraud, noncompliance, or uncorrected misstatements affecting the entity's financial statements or federal award programs reported by the service organization or otherwise known to you.

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

Sincerely,

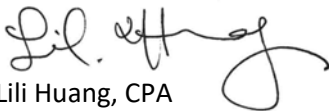
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