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To the Board and Management of
Sage Oak Charter Schools

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of Sage Oak Charter Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2026. Professional standards require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit. We will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss this information since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process. We ask if you have any questions or need clarification to any of email the following: Wade.McMullen@claconnect.com, Derrick.Debruyne@claconnect.com, Lili.Huang@claconnect.com, Marlen.Gomez@claconnect.com.

Deadline, Timelines and Meetings

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 15** of each year.

To file the report on or before the December 15, 2026 state deadline:

- Spring interim and final field work will be scheduled with assistance from management and interim deadlines will be established.
- We will schedule an interim exit meeting with management and certain members of governance to discuss any audit issues. This will ensure that all interim audit work and personnel interviews are complete by **August 1, 2026**. We will also use this meeting to revisit and re-confirm final audit fieldwork dates and the governance meeting date to review the audit draft.
- Final fieldwork scheduling dates will need to be prior to **October 31, 2026**, if possible. If final fieldwork dates are scheduled after this date, all information requested must be received by **October 31, 2026**.
- We request that basic financial information (**trial balance and general ledger as of June 30, 2026 and general ledger for the next fiscal year**) be transmitted to us no later than September 15, 2026. Earlier transmittal is strongly encouraged.
- In order to file the report on or before the December 15 state deadline, **all audit information requests made prior to October 20, 2026 should be received no later than October 31, 2026**. 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 dates, we will send a letter to Board and Management specifying the extent of outstanding information and possibly recommend notifying Sage Oak Charter Schools's authorizer that an audit report filing extension to **January 31, 2026** is needed. **The decision to apply for this extension is solely the responsibility of Sage Oak Charter Schools's Board and Management.**

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

Financial statements, internal control, and compliance

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS) and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require us to be independent of the entity and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit.

Those standards also require that we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit. As part of our audit, we will:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement or a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we identify during the audit that are required to be communicated under U.S. GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the amounts and disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- Form and express 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.
- Plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the

aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

- Perform, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, tests of the entity's compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that have a material effect on the financial statements. However, the objective of our tests is not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Provide a report (which does not include an opinion) on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements, as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Communicate 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.
- Communicate circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors' report.
- Communicating any matters relevant to compliance with the *California State K-12 Audit Guide*.

Our responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* Financial statements, internal control, and compliance

If it is determined that Sage Oak Charter Schools has expended more than \$1,000,000 in federal funds during the course of the year being audited, the additional following responsibilities apply:

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS); the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). In addition to the Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, we will:

- Obtain an understanding of internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over compliance. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identify during the audit that are required to be communicated.

- Plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements occurred. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. Material noncompliance can arise from fraud or error and is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report.
- Perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.
- Consider 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 the Uniform Guidance.
- Perform tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the “OMB Compliance Supplement” for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the entity’s major programs. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the entity’s compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance. 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.
- Provide a report on internal control over compliance related to major programs and express an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- 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.

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.

Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole

Because we were engaged to report on the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, 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.

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.

Although our audit planning has not been concluded and modifications may be made, we have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

- Revenue recognition
- Management override of controls

As a result of unexpected events, changes in conditions, or the audit evidence obtained from the results of audit procedures performed, we may need to modify the overall audit strategy and audit plan and, thereby, the resulting planned nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures, based on the revised consideration of assessed risks.

We expect to begin our audit in the Spring of 2026 and issue our report no later than December 15, 2026.

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 between the entity and 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, and the effects of such developments on, for example, the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the following:
 - The relevance, reliability, comparability, and understandability of the information presented in the financial statements.
 - Whether all required information has been included in the financial statements, and whether such information has been appropriately classified, aggregated or disaggregated, and presented.
- 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 or suspected fraud (e.g., received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, 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 Sage Oak Charter Schools and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

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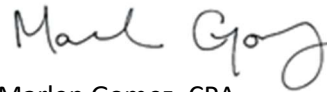
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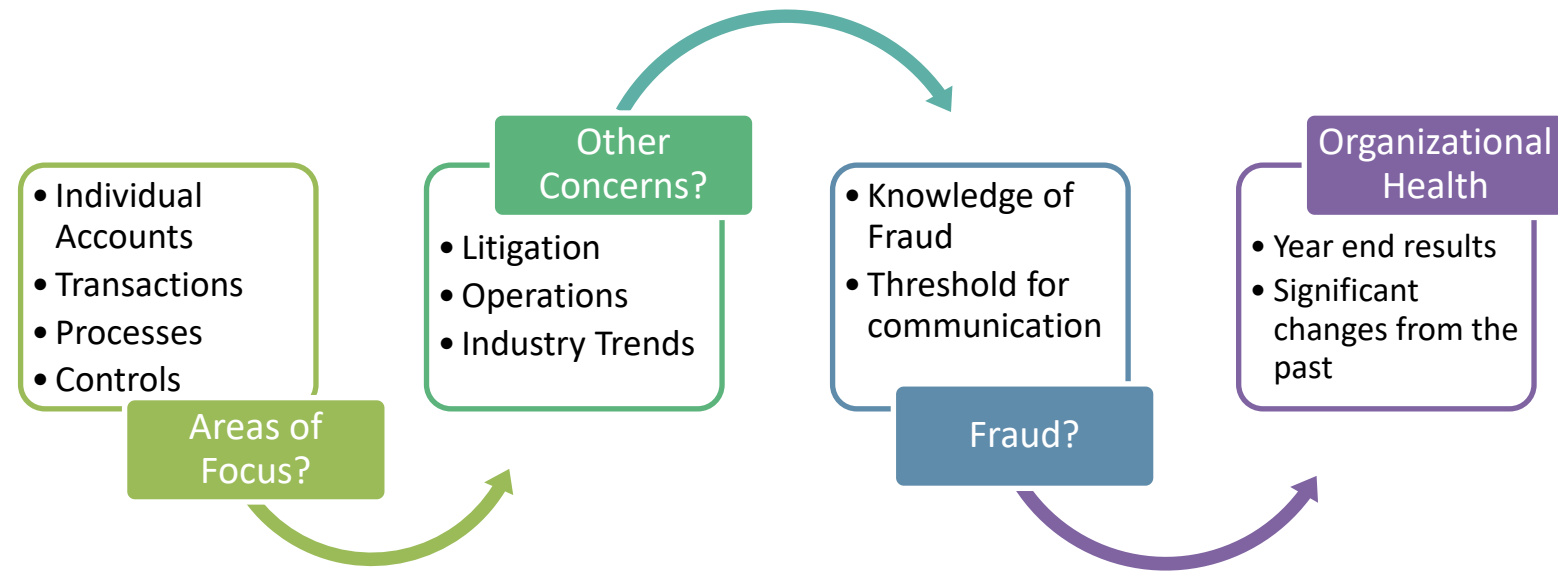


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Ask us how we can help you with:

- CARES Act Funding and applicable Single Audit
- New accounting system
- Digital Analytics and Data

Resource Tools

CLACONNECT:

<https://www.clacconnect.com/industries/nonprofit#Resources>

Charter School Audit Guide: <http://eaap.ca.gov/>

OMB Compliance Supplement: <https://www.fac.gov/compliance/>

CDE Revenue Funding: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/fr/>

Implementing best practices

- Observation: Changes in personnel and operations have focused more attention on processes and procedures.
- Recommendation: CLA business opportunity assessment to analyze your structure, process and systems.

Cybersecurity and risk management

- Observation: Cyber attacks are a prevalent threat and constantly evolving.
- Recommendation: CLA professionals can analyze key aspects of cybersecurity and make specific recommendations for your organization.

Financial planning and wealth management

- Observation: High 401(k) fees
- Recommendation: CLA Retirement Plan Diagnostic with CLA Wealth Advisor



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