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January 12, 2022

To the Board of Directors of
Elevate School
San Diego, California

We have audited the financial statements of Elevate School for the year ended June 30, 2021, and we will issue our report thereon dated January 12, 2022. 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 letter to you dated March 9, 2020. 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 Elevate School are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the 2020-21 fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization 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(s) affecting the financial statements was (were):

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense and its impact on accumulated depreciation is based on estimated useful lives of the fixed assets previously purchased. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is 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 disclosure(s) affecting the financial statements was (were):

The disclosure on multi-employer defined benefit plan participation in Note 10 to the financial statements. The estimated withdrawal liability is based on prior year data from actuarial studies on the retirement plans and is disclosed for information purposes only. As a nonprofit entity, there is no required recording of a net pension liability as other local educational entities (LEAs), such as school districts, would have to record under governmental accounting (GASB).

The disclosure on subsequent events in Note 14 to the financial statements. The Charter petition has been extended under Assembly Bill 130 to June 30, 2026.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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Significant Audit Matters (continued)

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 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 following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

Recording of State on-behalf contributions to the CalSTRS retirement plan. Because the entry is a non-cash transaction with no impact on ending net assets, the Organization does not typically record this entry and relies on the audit adjustment.

Recording of the deferred rent liability.

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 January 12, 2022.

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 Organization'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 Organization'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

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy White, Inc". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christy White, Inc.
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