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December 13, 2017

Governing Board  
Castaic Union School District  
28131 Livingston Avenue  
Valencia, CA 91355

We have audited the financial statements of the Building Fund (Measure QS) of the Castaic Union School District for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *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 June 2, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Castaic Union School District Building Fund (Measure QS) are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Castaic Union 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 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. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements.

##### *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 December 13, 2017.

*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 Castaic Union School District's Building Fund (Measure QS) 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 Castaic Union 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.

Restriction on Use

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

Very truly yours,

VAVRINEK, TRINE, DAY & CO. LLP

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December 13, 2017

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)  
FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT**

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**JUNE 30, 2017**

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)  
FINANCIAL AUDIT**

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**JUNE 30, 2017**

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board and  
Citizens Oversight Committee  
Castaic Union School District  
Valencia, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Castaic Union School District's (the District), Building Fund (Measure QS), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of financial statements, whether due to error or fraud. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Building Fund (Measure QS) of the Castaic Union School District at June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Building Fund specific to Measure QS, and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of Castaic Union School District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2017, on our consideration of the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to solely describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

VAUGHN, TRINE, RAY & CO. LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
December 13, 2017



**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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**ASSETS**

Investments	\$ 1,200,955
Accounts receivable	<u>6,117</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,207,072</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable	<u>\$ 3,040</u>
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**Fund Balance**

Restricted for capital projects	<u>1,204,032</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,207,072</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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**REVENUES**

Interest income	\$ 16,148
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**EXPENDITURES**

Current

Supplies

Materials	12,525
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Services

Consulting and independent contractors	1,142
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Rentals, leases, and repairs	138,258
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Capital outlay

Building and improvements to buildings	827,284
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>979,209</b>
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<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES UNDER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(963,061)</b>
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**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES**

Transfers in	126,196
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<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(836,865)</b>
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<b>FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING</b>	<b>2,040,897</b>
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<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 1,204,032</b>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# **CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2017**

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### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Castaic Union School District's (the District) Building Fund (Measure QS) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The Castaic Union School District Building Fund accounts for financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the California School Accounting Manual.

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The financial statements include only the Building Fund of the Castaic Union School District used to account for Measure QS projects. This Fund was established to account for the expenditures of general obligation bonds issued under Measure QS. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Castaic Union School District in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The operations of the Building Fund are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The Building Fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds. The District's governing board adopts an operating budget no later than July 1 in accordance with State law. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's governing board satisfied these requirements. The Board revises this budget during the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenue and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.

# **CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2017**

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### **Encumbrances**

The District utilizes an encumbrance accounting system under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid and all outstanding encumbrances are lapsed at June 30.

### **Fund Balances – Building Fund (Measure QS)**

As of June 30, 2017, the fund balance of the Building Fund (Measure QS) is classified as follows:

**Restricted** - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

### **Spending Order Policy**

When expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the governing board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS**

### **Policies and Practices**

The District is authorized under *California Government Code* to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

# CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2017

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### Investment in County Treasury

The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool as the District is required to deposit all receipts and collections of monies with their County Treasurer (*Education Code* Section 41001). The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the accounting financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

### General Authorizations

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool. The District maintains a building fund investment of \$1,200,955 with the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool with an average maturity of 672 days.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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**NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the District has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 asset may include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market and that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Level 2 - Observable inputs, other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, such as interest rates and curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, and credit spreads. For financial reporting purposes, if an asset has a specified term, a Level 2 input is required to be observable for substantially the full term of the asset.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs should be developed using the best information available under the circumstances, which might include the District's own data. The District should adjust that data if reasonably available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or certain circumstances specific to the District are not available to other market participants.

Uncategorized - Investments in the Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool are not measured using the input levels above because the District's transactions are based on a stable net asset value per share. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at \$1.00 net asset value per share.

Investment Type	Reported Amount	Uncategorized
Los Angeles County Treasury Investment Pool	\$ 1,200,955	\$ 1,200,955

**NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

Interest	\$ 6,117
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**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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**NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts payable at June 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

Services	\$ <u>3,040</u>
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**NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Litigation**

The District is not currently a party to any legal proceedings related to the Building Fund (Measure QS).

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***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Governing Board and  
Citizens Oversight Committee  
Castaic Union School District  
Valencia, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Castaic Union School District (the District) Building Fund (Measure QS), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes of the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2017.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Building Fund specific to Measure QS, and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of Castaic Union School District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Castaic Union School District's Building Fund (Measure QS) financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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 was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's Building Fund (Measure QS) internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

VAUGHN, TRINE. DAY + CO. LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
December 13, 2017

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***SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS***

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**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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None reported.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's schedule of financial statement findings.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT**

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**JUNE 30, 2017**

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**PERFORMANCE AUDIT  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

Governing Board and  
Citizens Oversight Committee  
Castaic Union School District  
Valencia, California

We were engaged to conduct a performance audit of the Castaic Union School District (the District), General Obligation Bonds, Building Fund (Measure QS) funds for the year ended June 30, 2017.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with the standards applicable to performance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed within the report which includes determining the District's compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements.

In planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the District's internal control in order to determine if the internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

The results of our tests indicated that the District expended Building Fund (Measure QS) funds only for the specific projects approved by the voters, in accordance with Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

*VAVRINEK, TRINE, DAY & CO. LLP*

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
December 13, 2017



# **CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**JUNE 30, 2017**

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## ***AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE***

The General Obligation Bonds, Measure QS Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of California (the State), including the provisions of Chapters 1 and 1.5 of Part 10 of the California *Education Code*, and other applicable provisions of law. The Bonds are authorized to be issued by a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on June 14, 2012.

The District received authorization at an election held on November 6, 2012, to issue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$51,000,000 to finance design, installation, modernization, and construction of public schools technology infrastructure, school facilities and support facilities, related facilities and equipment costs, and related costs approved by eligible voters within the District. The proposition required approval by at least 55 percent of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District (the 2012 Authorization).

## ***PURPOSE OF ISSUANCE***

The general obligation bond fund of the Castaic Union School District would be used to finance the modernization of public schools, technology infrastructure, school facilities, and support facilities, related facilities, and equipment costs, and related costs. The bond proceeds shall assist the District in meeting the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century classrooms by upgrading electrical and computer systems to keep pace with current and future technology, enhance student learning capabilities, provide mobile learning devices to support modern teaching and educational methods, and complete school facility upgrades. School facility project upgrades may include, but are not limited to, some of the following: technology/infrastructure upgrades to support teaching, learning, and educational support activities, installation of broadband and improved communication access for high-speed data and communications, upgrade/installation of wireless communication networks, expansion/renovation of computer science labs and teaching stations, and security systems upgrades.

## ***AUTHORITY FOR THE AUDIT***

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools, and Financial Accountability Act. Proposition 39 amended portions of the California Constitution to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts, community college districts, or county offices of education, "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of rental property for school facilities", upon approval by 55 percent of the electorate. In addition to reducing the approval threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent, Proposition 39 and the enacting legislation (AB 1908 and AB 2659) requires the following accountability measures as codified in *Education Code* Sections 15278-15282:

1. Requires that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.
2. The school district must list the specific school facilities projects to be funded in the ballot measure, and must certify that the governing board has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the project list.
3. Requires the school district to appoint a citizen's oversight committee.

# **CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**JUNE 30, 2017**

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4. Requires the school district to conduct an annual independent financial audit and performance audit in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of the bond proceeds until all of the proceeds have been expended.
5. Requires the school district to conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.

## ***OBJECTIVES OF THE AUDIT***

1. Determine whether expenditures charged to the Building Fund have been made in accordance with the bond project list approved by the voters through the approval of General Obligation Bonds, Measure QS.
2. Determine whether salary transactions, charged to the Building Fund were in support of General Obligation Bonds, Measure QS, and not for District general administration or operations.

## ***SCOPE OF THE AUDIT***

The scope of our performance audit covered the period of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017. The population of expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other State or local funding sources, other than proceeds of the bonds, were not included within the scope of the audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2017, were not reviewed, or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

## ***PROCEDURES PERFORMED***

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, for the Building Fund (Measure QS). Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and General Obligation Bonds, Measure QS as to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

1. We selected a sample of expenditures for the period starting July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that such funds were properly expended on the specific projects listed in the ballot text.
2. Our sample included transactions totaling \$791,787. This represents 81 percent of the total expenditures of \$979,209.
3. Based on our testing, we verified that funds from the Building Fund (Measure QS) were expended for the construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of District facilities constituting authorized bond projects.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**JUNE 30, 2017**

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***CONCLUSION***

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Castaic Union School District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Building Fund (Measure QS) and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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None reported.

**CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND (MEASURE QS)**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

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There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's schedule of findings and questioned costs.