

BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW YORK

***COMMUNICATING INTERNAL CONTROL
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For Year Ended June 30, 2020

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To the Board of Education
Brighton Central School District, New York

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Brighton Central School District, New York as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Brighton Central School District, New York's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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 financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be 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.

Prior Year Deficiencies Pending Corrective Action:

Prepayment of Payroll –

Our examination of payroll revealed that the first payroll for the 2019-20 fiscal year was dated July 5, 2019. The timing of this payroll resulted in some individuals being paid in advance of services being rendered.

Self Funded Major Medical and Dental –

The District self insures for major medical and dental coverage for its employees. To accomplish this, the District uses a third party administrator who processes claims and estimates liabilities. As of year end, the District has accrued in the General Fund an amount to cover any incurred but not reported claims (IBNR's). However, the amount recorded appears to be in excess of the amounts that would be needed to pay IBNR claims.

We recommend the District together with the third party administrator evaluate the balances accrued for these two items and make any adjustments deemed necessary. In addition, a written plan should be developed and be reviewed and approved to reduce this balance over a period of time.

(Prior Year Deficiencies Pending Corrective Action) (Continued)

Deficit Fund Balance –

The Community Education program recorded in the Special Aid fund had an operating deficit of \$8,271 this year, which increased the overall program deficit to \$53,559.

We recommend the District continue to monitor the Community Education program in order to eliminate the program deficit.

Other Items:

The following items are not considered to be deficiencies in internal control; however, we consider them other items which we would like to communicate to you as follows:

Federal Programs –

As a result of recent federal program changes, the District documents various Federal program procedures through written questionnaires prepared by the Program Coordinators and the Business Office. Recent guidance from the New York State Education Department suggests Federal recipients should enhance their written documentation into a written procedural manual that is more detailed and specific to each federal program compliance requirement.

We recommend the Business Office work with the Program Coordinators to enhance their current procedures into a procedure manual that is consistent with the federal compliance requirements for their respective program.

GASB Statement No. 84 –

During this next fiscal year the District will be required to implement GASB Statement No. 84 which will modify the financial reporting for the Agency Funds.

This will require a review of the various accounts currently reported in the Agency Funds along with the extraclassroom activity policy and procedures in order to determine where to report the District's extraclassroom activity funds, scholarships, and other Agency activity.

Prior Year Recommendations:

The prior year recommendations have been noted above.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board, audit committee, and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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We wish to express our appreciation to the business office staff for all the courtesies extended to us during the course of our examination.

Rochester, New York
October 9, 2020

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