

## **MANAGEMENT COMMENT LETTER**

Board of Education  
Chenango Valley Central School District  
Binghamton, 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 Chenango Valley Central School District (the School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School 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 School 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.

During our audit, we became aware of other matters and items for discussion of future matters. This letter summarizes these comments and recommendations regarding these matters. This letter does not affect our report dated September 27, 2017 on the financial statements of the Chenango Valley Central School District.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

#### **Current Year Findings**

##### Cash Resources - School Lunch Fund

##### **Finding:**

During our current year audit, net cash resources in the School Lunch Fund exceeded three months' average expenditures by \$110,563. National School Lunch requirements limit cash resources retained to three months average expenditures.

Recommendation:

We recommend the School District use excess cash resources in the School Lunch Fund in order to meet cash resource requirements.

Current Status:

The School District has been in contact with the New York State Education Department regarding the excess cash in the School Lunch Fund, and intends to use the funds for cafeteria renovations and equipment.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Reserve for Tax Reduction**

During the year ended June 30, 2009, the School District sold property, and properly placed the proceeds of the sale in a reserve for tax reduction. This reserve was established for the gradual use of the proceeds of such sales. Under New York State Education Law, the School District is required to use the balance of the reserve within a ten year period. At June 30, 2017, the balance in this reserve was \$208,219. The District should consider the proper timing the use of the reserve toward tax reduction by the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **Impact of Future Standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)**

The School District is in the process of assessing the future effects of each of the following:

- GASB has issued Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions," effective for the year ending June 30, 2018. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statements No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions," as amended, and No. 57, "OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans, for OPEB."
- GASB has issued Statement No. 83, "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations," effective for the year ending June 30, 2019.
- GASB has issued Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities," effective for the year ending June 30, 2020. This statement improves guidance regarding identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and reporting purposes.
- GASB has issued Statement No. 85, "Omnibus 2017," effective for the year ending June 30, 2018.
- GASB has issued Statement No. 86, "Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues," effective for the year ending June 30, 2018.
- GASB has issued Statement No. 87, "Leases," effective for the year ending June 30, 2021.

The School District will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Audit Committee, the Board of Education, and others within the School District, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Inero & Co. CPAs, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Inero & Co. CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants

Ithaca, New York  
September 27, 2017