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**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**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable School Committee
North Middlesex Regional School District
Pepperell, Massachusetts 01463

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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Middlesex Regional School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North Middlesex Regional School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 7, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the North Middlesex Regional School District's 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 North Middlesex Regional School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Middlesex Regional 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's 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 material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. 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 the North Middlesex Regional School District's financial statements are free from 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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November 7, 2017



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM;
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the North Middlesex Regional School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the North Middlesex Regional School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. The North Middlesex Regional School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the North Middlesex Regional School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the North Middlesex Regional School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the North Middlesex Regional School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the North Middlesex Regional School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the North Middlesex Regional School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In

planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the North Middlesex Regional School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Middlesex Regional School District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Middlesex Regional School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North Middlesex Regional School District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 7, 2017, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



November 7, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

| <u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u> | <u>Federal CFDA Number</u> | <u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u> | <u>Amount Passed Through To Sub-Recipients</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER: | | | | |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: | | | | |
| <u>Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u> | | | | |
| Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities): | | | | |
| National School Lunch Program..... | 10.555 | 09-299-1 | \$ - | \$ 97,812 |
| Cash Assistance: | | | | |
| School Breakfast Program..... | 10.553 | DOENUT201605SL | - | 35,285 |
| National School Lunch Program..... | 10.555 | DOENUT201605SL | - | 265,407 |
| | | | <u>-</u> | <u>398,504</u> |
| TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER..... | | | | |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER: | | | | |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: | | | | |
| <u>Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u> | | | | |
| Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)..... | | | | |
| Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)..... | 84.027 | 240-142-7-0735 | - | 744,977 |
| Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)..... | 84.027 | 240-142-6-0735 | - | 80,779 |
| Special Education Grants to States (Program Improvement)..... | 84.027 | 274-066-7-0735 | - | 25,173 |
| Special Education Grants to States (Program Improvement)..... | 84.027 | 274-066-6-0735 | - | 3,101 |
| <u>Passed through State Department of Early Education and Care:</u> | | | | |
| Special Education Preschool Grants..... | 84.173 | 26217NORTHMIDDLE | - | 36,881 |
| Special Education Preschool Grants..... | 84.173 | 26216NORTHMIDDLE | - | 2,000 |
| | | | <u>-</u> | <u>892,911</u> |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER..... | | | | |
| PASS-THROUGH PROGRAMS: | | | | |
| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: | | | | |
| <u>Passed through Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u> | | | | |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies..... | | | | |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies..... | 84.010 | 305-075137-2017-0735 | - | 271,154 |
| Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies..... | 84.010 | 305-075137-2016-0735 | - | 50,323 |
| Improving Teacher Quality State Grants..... | 84.367 | 140-078071-2017-0735 | - | 52,525 |
| Improving Teacher Quality State Grants..... | 84.367 | 140-078071-2016-0735 | - | 31,459 |
| | | | <u>-</u> | <u>405,461</u> |
| TOTAL PASS-THROUGH U.S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION..... | | | | |
| | | | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 1,696,876</u> |

See notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Note 1 - Definition of Reporting Entity

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the North Middlesex Regional School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the North Middlesex Regional School District.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the North Middlesex Regional School District are set forth below:

- (a) Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, expenditures are recognized when the liability is incurred. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- (b) Cash Assistance - School Breakfast and Lunch Program - Program expenditures represent federal reimbursement for meals provided during the year.
- (c) Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities) – School Lunch Program – Program expenditures represent the value of donated foods received during the year.
- (d) The District elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

A. Summary of Auditor’s Results

1. The auditor’s report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the North Middlesex Regional School District.
2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the basic financial statements are reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. No instances of non compliance material to the financial statements of the North Middlesex Regional School District were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Report On Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Report On Internal Control Over Compliance; And Report On Schedule Of Expenditures Of Federal Rewards Required By The Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditor’s report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the North Middlesex Regional School District expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. No audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance.
7. The program tested as a major grant is the Special Education Cluster.
8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. The North Middlesex Regional School District was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

B. Findings-Financial Statements Audit

None

C. Findings and Questioned Costs-Major Federal Award Programs Audit

None

D. Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

None