



June 14, 2022

USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools
306 Main St.
Effingham, Kansas 66023

You have requested that we audit the fund summary statement of receipts, expenditures and unencumbered cash balances – regulatory basis of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (KMAAG) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Supplementary information other than RSI will accompany USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools's financial statement. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statement and perform certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the supplementary information to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and additional procedures in accordance with GAAS and KMAAG. We intend to provide an opinion on the following supplementary information in relation to the financial statement as a whole:

- Summary of Expenditures – Actual and Budget
- Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures – Actual and Budget
- Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures – Non-Budgeted Funds
- Summary of Receipts and Disbursements – Agency Funds
- Schedule Receipts, Expenditures, and Unencumbered Cash – Activity Funds

Auditor Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and KMAAG. As part of our audit we exercise the professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Auditor Responsibilities (Continued)

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements (whether caused by errors, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws or governmental regulations) may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and KMAAG.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Management Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with KMAAG, a regulatory basis of accounting;
- b. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements; and
- c. To provide us with:
 - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement such as records, documentation, and other matters;
 - ii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
 - iii. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- d. For including the auditor's report in any document containing the financial statement that indicates that the financial statement has been audited by the entity's auditor;

Management Responsibilities (Continued)

- e. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
- f. For adjusting the financial statement to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statement as a whole; and
- g. For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
- h. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
- i. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- j. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statement, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statement, to make the audited financial statement readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools's basic financial statement. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

Nonattest Services

With respect to any nonattest services we perform:

At the end of the year, we agree to perform the following:

- Propose adjusting or correcting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by management.
- Assist in preparation of the financial statement as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

We will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management in performing its responsibilities.

Nonattest Services (Continued)

USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the engagement are as follows:

- This engagement is limited to the accounting services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account codings and approving journal entries. Our firm will advise USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools with regard to tax positions taken in the preparation of the tax return, but USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools must make all decisions with regard to those matters.

Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statement and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing and Fees

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

April G. Swartz, CPA, is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. Her responsibilities include supervising Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility, not to exceed \$6,440. We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit. Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the financial statement of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statement is issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing and Fees (Continued)

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to those charged with governance the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to regulators pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to regulators. The regulators may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statement including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC

Certified Public Accountants
Manhattan, Kansas

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools.

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of USD 377 - Atchison County Community Schools by:

Name: _____

Title: _____