

***BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
SECOND SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF
MONROE AND ORLEANS COUNTIES***

NEW YORK

***COMMUNICATING INTERNAL CONTROL
RELATED MATTERS IDENTIFIED IN AN AUDIT***

For Year Ended June 30, 2020

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To the Board Members
Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Second Supervisory District of
Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Second Supervisory District of Monroe and Orleans Counties, 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 Board of Cooperative Educational Services Second Supervisory District of Monroe and Orleans Counties, 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the BOCES internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the BOCES 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 BOCES' 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 Deficiency Pending Corrective Action:

Special Aid Fund –

The year end fund balance is a deficit of (\$3,237,949). This is primarily due to deficits incurred by the EPE program, however, several other Adult education and training programs also reported deficits. Additionally, the cash balance in the Special Aid Fund at June 30, 2020 totaled \$1,692,620 and the net amount due to the General Fund totaled \$6,276,904. The amount due to the General Fund continues to exceed available cash by a substantial amount.

We recommend the fiscal stability of these programs continue to be reviewed.

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:

Cyber Risk Management –

The BOCES’ IT personnel routinely assesses cyber risk as part of their normal operating procedures. We recommend the BOCES continue to document their cyber risk assessment process in writing which should include the risk assessment process, the frequency of the risk assessment, how findings are to be communicated to the appropriate level of management, and how the process will be monitored.

Federal Programs –

As a result of recent federal program changes, the BOCES 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.

GASB Statement No. 84 –

During this next fiscal year the BOCES 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 BOCES’ extraclassroom activity funds, scholarships, and other Agency activity.

Prior Year Recommendation:

The prior year recommendation has 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.

Mengel, Metzger, Barw & Co. LLP

Rochester, New York
October 10, 2020