WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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COMMUNICATING INTERNAL CONTROL
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For Year Ended June 30, 2019

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September 27, 2019

To the Board of Education
Williamson 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 Williamson Central School District, New York as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Williamson 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:

Computer Access Rights –

Our examination of computer access rights revealed one employee, who has left the District, still has access rights to the software system.

We recommend employees who leave the District should have their access rights to the system terminated in a timely fashion.
(Prior Year Deficiencies Pending Corrective action) (Continued)

Continuing Education –

During our interview with the Continuing Education Director, we were informed that payments for continuing education classes are often sent to the Director’s home address. If classes are paid for at the District, the Director will pick up that money and take it home to be counted.

We recommend all amounts paid to the District for Continuing Education classes be sent directly to the District.

Current Year Deficiency in Internal Control:

Retirement Reporting –

During our examination over the payroll retirement reporting procedures, we noted four instances in which the optout form was not available for our review.

We recommend the District review the employee files to ensure optout forms are on file for all employees and obtain updated forms for any missing.

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 AICPA Center for Audit Quality recently issued a cyber security risk management document discussing cyber threats that face both public and private entities. The District’s IT personnel routinely assesses cyber risk as part of their normal operating procedures. We recommend the District 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 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.
Prior Year Recommendation:

The following prior year recommendation has been implemented to our satisfaction:

1. During the 2018-19 fiscal year it appears that the proper amount of quotes were obtained for the disbursements we examined.

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
September 27, 2019