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We have audited the Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes of Berwick Area School District for the year ended December 31, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 13, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Berwick Area School District are described in Note 1 to the Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2016. We noted no tax collection transactions entered into by Berwick Area School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant tax collection transactions have been recognized in the Schedules of Settlement in the proper period.

Certain disclosures in the Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes are particularly sensitive because of their significance to Schedule users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes was:

The disclosure of the School District's tax collection year and process in Note 1 to the Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes.

The Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material and thus no corrections were required to be made as a result of our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 27, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Berwick Area School District’s Schedules of Settlement of Real Estate Taxes or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those schedules, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Berwick Area School District’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Members of the Board and management of Berwick Area School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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October 27, 2017