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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
Manchester Essex Regional School District
Manchester-By-The-Sea, Massachusetts 01944

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 Manchester Essex Regional School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Manchester Essex Regional School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Manchester Essex 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 Manchester Essex Regional School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Manchester Essex 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 Manchester Essex 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pons & Allini, LLC". The script is cursive and fluid, with the letters "P", "A", and "L" being particularly prominent.

December 15, 2015



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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 OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable School Committee
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Manchester-By-The-Sea, Massachusetts 01944

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Manchester Essex Regional School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Manchester Essex Regional School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Manchester Essex Regional School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of 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 Manchester Essex 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Manchester Essex 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 of the Manchester Essex Regional School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Manchester Essex 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, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Manchester Essex 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 Manchester Essex 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 OMB Circular A-133, 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 Manchester Essex 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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Manchester Essex Regional School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Manchester Essex Regional School District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2015, which contained an unmodified opinion 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 OMB Circular A-133 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.

Ponits & Allini, LLC

December 15, 2015

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<u>Federal Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:		
<u>Passed through State Department</u>		
<u>of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u>		
Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities):		
National School Lunch Program	10.555	\$ 25,003
Cash Assistance:		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	3,592
National School Lunch Program	10.555	<u>68,621</u>
TOTAL AGRICULTURE		<u>97,216</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:		
<u>Passed through State Department</u>		
<u>of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u>		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	94,858
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	350,258
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	4,800
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	23,179
ARRA - Race to the Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	84.395	6,502
<u>Passed through State Department</u>		
<u>of Early Education and Care:</u>		
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	<u>7,010</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION		<u>486,607</u>
TOTAL		\$ 583,823

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Note 1 - Definition of Reporting Entity

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the Manchester Essex Regional School District. All federal financial assistance received directly from federal agencies as well as federal financial assistance passed through other governmental agencies is included on the schedule.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the Manchester Essex Regional School District are set forth below:

- Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the cash basis of accounting. Accordingly, grant revenues are recognized when received and expenditures when paid.
- Cash Assistance - School Breakfast and Lunch Program - Program expenditures represent federal reimbursement for meals provided during the year.
- Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities) - School Lunch Program - Program expenditures represent the value of donated foods received during the year.

Note 3 - Program Clusters

In accordance with Subpart A §.105 of OMB Circular No. A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non Profit Organizations*, certain programs have been clustered in determining major programs. The following represents the clustered programs:

<u>Name of Cluster/Program</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>
Child Nutrition Cluster	
School Breakfast Program	10.553
National School Lunch Program	10.555
Special Education Cluster	
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Manchester Essex Regional School District.
2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the basic financial statements are reported in the 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*.
3. No instances of non compliance material to the financial statements of the Manchester Essex Regional School District were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs is 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 Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the Manchester Essex Regional School District expresses an unmodified opinion.
5. There are no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the Manchester Essex Regional School District.
6. The programs tested as major programs include:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173

7. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
8. The Manchester Essex Regional School District was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

None.

C. Findings and Questioned Costs

None.

D. Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

None.