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In connection with your audit of the basic financial statements of Northfield Township High Schools District 225 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, we confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, changes in financial position, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the regulatory basis prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this report the following representations made to you during your audit.

- 1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the regulatory basis as prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education.
- 2. There are no organizations that are a part of this reporting entity or with which we have financial accountability as defined in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.
- 3. We have identified for you all of our funds and governmental functions.
- 4. We have properly classified all funds and activities.
- 5. We have chosen to report all funds as major funds for presentation purposes.
- 6. We are responsible for compliance with laws and regulations applicable to Northfield Township High Schools District 225, including adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 7. We have identified and disclosed to you all laws and regulations that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 8. We have made available to you:
 - a. All financial records and related data of all funds and activities, including those of all special funds, programs, departments, projects, activities, etc., in existence at any time during the period covered by your audit.
 - b. All minutes of the meetings of the governing board and committees of board members or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 9. We have no knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:
 - a. Management or employees who have significant roles in the internal control.
 - b. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

- 10. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of programs and controls to provide reasonable assurance that fraud is prevented and detected.
- 11. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting Northfield Township High Schools District 225 received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers, or others.
- 12. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data except those identified by you during your audit.
- 13. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 14. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- 15. The following have been properly recorded and/or disclosed in the financial statements:
 - a. The fair value of investments.
 - b. Contractual obligations for construction and purchase of real property or equipment not included in the liabilities or encumbrances recorded on the books.
 - c. All Debt provisions.
 - d. All leases and material amounts of rental obligations under long-term leases.
 - e. All significant estimates and material concentrations known to management which are required to be disclosed in accordance with the AICPA's Statement of Position No. 94-6, *Disclosure of Certain Significant Risks and Uncertainties*. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date which could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets for which events could occur which would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
 - f. Authorized but unissued bonds and/or notes.
 - g. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value.
 - h. Deposits and investment securities category of custodial credit risk.
 - i. For pension obligations, post-retirement benefits other than pensions, and deferred compensation agreements attributable to employee services rendered through June 30, 2010.
- 16. We are responsible for making the accounting estimates included in the financial statements.

Those estimates reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take. In that regard, adequate provisions have been made:

- a. To reduce receivables to their estimated net collectable amounts.
- b. To reduce investments, intangibles, and other assets which have permanently declined in value to their realizable values.

17. There are no:

- a. Material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
- b. Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency. In that

- regard, we specifically represent that we have not been designated as, or alleged to be, a "potentially responsible party" by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency or any equivalent state agencies in connection with any environmental contamination.
- c. Material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5 and/or GASB Statement No. 10.
- d. Related-party transactions, including those with other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with Northfield Township High Schools District 225 are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete and joint ventures in which Northfield Township High Schools District 225 has an interest all as defined in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, and interfund transactions, including interfund accounts and advances receivable and payable, sale and purchase transactions, interfund transfers, long-term loans, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, all of which have been recorded in accordance with the economic substance of the transaction and appropriately classified and reported.
- e. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Government is contingently liable.
- f. Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances.
- g. Lines of credit or similar arrangements.
- h. Agreements to repurchase assets previously sold.
- i. Security agreements in effect under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- j. Liens or encumbrances on assets or revenues or any assets or revenues which were pledged as collateral for any liability or which were subordinated in any way.
- k. Liabilities which are subordinated in any way to any other actual or possible liabilities.
- 1. Debt issue repurchase options or agreements, or sinking fund debt repurchase ordinance requirements.
- m. Risk financing activities.
- n. Derivative financial instruments.
- o. Special and extraordinary items.
- p. Arbitrage rebate liabilities.
- q. Impairment of capital assets.
- r. Uninsured losses or loss retentions (deductibles) attributable to events occurring through June 30, 2010 and/or for expected retroactive insurance premium adjustments applicable to periods through June 30, 2010.
- s. Material losses to be sustained in the fulfillment of, or from the inability to fulfill, any service commitments.
- t. Material losses to be sustained as a result of purchase commitments.
- u. Environmental clean-up obligations.
- v. Communications from grantors, lenders, other funding sources, or regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with:
 - (1) Statutory, regulatory, or contractual provisions or requirements.

- (2) Financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 18. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.5 and/or GASB Statement No.10.
- 19. We have no direct or indirect, legal or moral, obligation for any debt of any organization, public or private, that is not disclosed in the financial statement.
- 20. We have satisfactory title to all owned assets.
- 21. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 22. Net asset components (invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted) and fund balances are properly classified and, when applicable, approved.
- 23. Expenses or expenditures have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 24. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statements of activities within program revenues and general revenues.
- 25. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and depreciated.
- 26. Required supplementary information is properly measured and presented.
- 27. The restatement of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009 because of the Capital Asset evaluation is appropriate. We agree with the restatement of the previously issued financial statements discussed in Note O. In that regard:
 - a. The restatement adjusts an accounting estimate in those financial statements.
 - b. We believed the estimate was correct when those financial statements were issued.
 - c. We are not aware of any other errors or incorrect estimates in those financial statements.
 - d. We do not believe it is necessary to recall those financial statements and all users of those financial statements will receive a copy of the current year's financial statements and independent auditor's report.
- 28. No events or transactions, other than those disclosed in Note P of the financial statements, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
- 29. During the course of your audit, you may have accumulated records containing data which should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.
- 30. We believe there are no uncorrected misstatements that would require adjustment to the financial statements. For purposes of this representation, we consider items to be material, regardless of their size, if they involve the misstatement or omission of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

In connection with your audit, conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we confirm:

31. We are responsible for:

- a. Compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to Township High Schools District 225.
- b. Establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.
- 32. We have identified and disclosed to you:
 - a. All laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determinations of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to audit objectives.
 - b. There have been no violations (and possible violations) of laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the auditor's report on noncompliance.
- 33. There has been no fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse.
- 34. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 35. There have been no previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives of the audit being undertaken.
- 36. We have reviewed, approved, and take full responsibility for the financial statements and related noted and acknowledge the auditors' role in preparation of this information.
- 37. We have reviewed, approved, and take full responsibility for all accrual adjustments.

In connection with your audit of federal awards conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, we confirm:

- 38. We are responsible for complying, and have complied, with the requirements of Circular A-133.
- 39. We have prepared the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and we have prepared the schedule in accordance with Circular A-133 section 310.b. We have included expenditures made during the period being audited for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance. We further acknowledge that:
 - a. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period or, if the methods of measurement have changed, we have provided you with the reasons for such changes.
 - b. We are responsible for understanding and complying with the compliance requirements related to the preparation of the schedule.
- 40. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that Township High Schools District 225 is managing federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs.

- 41. We are responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of Township High Schools District 225's federal programs and have complied, in all material respects, with those requirements.
- 42. We have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.
- 43. We have provided you with our interpretations of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations.
- 44. We have made available all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence that has taken place with federal agencies or pass-through entities related to federal programs.
- 45. There have been no amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including those resulting from other audits or program reviews.
- 46. We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- 47. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- 48. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared.
- 49. Federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- 50. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by Circular A-133.
- 51. We have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- 52. We have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the data collection form.
- 53. There have been no contracts or other agreements with service organizations.
- 54. There were no known noncompliance occurring subsequent to the period for which compliance is audited.
- 55. There have been no changes in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to significant deficiencies (including material weaknesses), have occurred subsequent of the date as of which compliance is audited.

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRCT 225 For the Release of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report:

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