

***BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT***

***NEW YORK***

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

***For Year Ended June 30, 2022***



**MENGEL METZGER BARR & CO. LLP**

Certified Public Accountants

October 7, 2022

To the Board of Education  
Brighton Central School District, New York

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Brighton Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Brighton Central School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Brighton Central School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Brighton Central School District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain matters involving the internal control and other operational matters that are presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated October 7, 2022 on the financial statements of the District. We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. Our comments and recommendations, all of which have been discussed with appropriate members of management, are intended to improve the internal control or result in other operating efficiencies. Our comments are summarized as follows:

**Prior Year Deficiency Pending Corrective Action:**

**Deficit Fund Balance –**

The Pre-School program recorded in the Special Aid fund had an operating deficit of \$1,662 this year, which increased the overall program deficit to \$11,398.

We recommend the District continue to monitor the Continuing Education program in order to eliminate the deficits.

**Current Year Deficiency in Internal Control:**

**School Lunch Fund –**

As a result of Federal stimulus funding the School Lunch Program generated an operating surplus during the year resulting in an assigned fund balance at June 30, 2022 totaling \$770,860. This fund balance appears to be in excess of the three month average expenditure level recommended by Federal Regulation #7CFR Part 210.09.

We recommend the District continue to monitor the fund balance in order to comply with the Federal Regulation.

**Prior Year Recommendations:**

We are pleased to report that the following prior year recommendations have been implemented to our satisfaction:

1. There is a new plan in place for the 2022-2023 school year to adjust the payroll schedule.
2. The District adjusted their self-insured medical and dental coverage for their employees so they now only have the amount needed to cover claims in their account.
3. The District has prepared a federal program procedures manual.

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We believe that the implementation of these recommendations will provide Brighton Central School District with a stronger system of internal control while also making its operations more efficient. We will be happy to discuss the details of these recommendations with you at your convenience.

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.

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 7, 2022