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PERFORMANCE AUDIT
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education and the
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Milpitas Unified School District
Milpitas, California

We have conducted a performance audit of the Milpitas Unified School District (the "District"), Measure AA General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2023.

We conducted our performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed on page 3 of this report which includes determining the compliance with the performance requirements for the Proposition 39 Measure AA General Obligation Bonds under the applicable provisions of Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Proposition 39 as they apply to the bonds and the net proceeds thereof. Management is responsible for Milpitas Unified School District's compliance with those requirements.

Solely to assist us in planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the internal controls of Milpitas Unified School District to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate for the purpose of providing a conclusion on the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, we do not express any assurance on the internal controls.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, Milpitas Unified School District expended Measure AA General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2023 only for the specific projects developed by the District's Governing Board and approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.


Crowe LLP

Sacramento, California
December 11, 2023

MILPITAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE AA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act. Proposition 39 amended portions of the California Constitution to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts, "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities", upon approval by 55% of the electorate.

Education Code Section 15278 provides additional accountability measures:

1. A requirement that the school district establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee.
2. A requirement that the school district expend bond funds only for the purposes described in Section 1(b)(3) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and ensuring that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.
3. A requirement to conduct an annual independent performance audit required by Section 1(b)(3)C of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.
4. A requirement to conduct an annual independent financial audit required by Section 1(b)(3)D of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

MILPITAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL MEASURE AA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

On November 6, 2018, the electorate of Milpitas Unified School District approved the \$284,000,000 Measure AA General Obligation Bonds, with greater than two-thirds or more of the votes in favor. The summarized text of the ballot language was as follows:

"To improve safety, provide additional classrooms and science labs to relieve elementary, middle and high school overcrowding; repair leaky roofs; update technology; and repair, construct, acquire classrooms, sites, facilities/equipment, shall Milpitas Unified School District's measure authorizing \$284,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, levying \$60/\$100,000 assessed value, averaging \$21,000,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, be approved, with oversight, annual audits, no funds for administrators' salaries, and all funds stay local?"

On May 8, 2019, the District issued Election of 2018, Series A General Obligation Bonds in the total amount of \$75,000,000. The Bonds were issued as Current Interest Bonds and mature through February 1, 2045, with interest yields ranging from 3.0% to 5.0%.

On September 29, 2021, the District issued Series B General Obligation Bonds in the total amount of \$150,000,000 (Series B Bonds). The Series B Bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 2.0% to 4.0% and are scheduled to mature through August 1, 2046.

The financial activity related to the Measure AA General Obligation Bonds is recorded in the District's Financial Activity Report for Fund 21 (Building Fund) in the District's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

MILPITAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE AA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, METHODOLOGY AND CONCLUSION

OBJECTIVES

The objective of our performance audit was to determine that the District expended Measure AA General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2023 only for the purposes approved by the voters and only on the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Education, in accordance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure AA General Obligation Bond proceeds.

SCOPE

The District provided to us a list of all Measure AA General Obligation Bond project expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2023 (the "List"). A total of \$63,239,336 in expenditures from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, were identified.

METHODOLOGY

We performed the following procedures to the List of Measure AA General Obligation Bond project expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2023:

- Verified the mathematical accuracy of the List.
- Reconciled the List to total bond expenditures as reported by the District in the District's audited Measure AA General Obligation Bonds financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.
- Selected a sample of 25 expenditures totaling \$8,282,508. The sample was selected to provide a representation across specific construction projects, vendors and expenditure amounts. The sample represented approximately 13% of the total expenditure value. Verified that the expenditures were for the approved projects and were to repair, upgrade, acquisition, construction, and equip District property and facilities as per bond language.

CONCLUSION

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, Milpitas Unified School District expended Measure AA General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2023 only for the specific projects developed by the District's Governing Board and approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure AA General Obligation Bond proceeds.