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Transylvania County Board of Education
Brevard, North Carolina

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Transylvania County Board of Education for the year ended June 30, 2023, we considered the Board's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

During our audit, however, we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. This memorandum summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding these items. We previously reported on the Board's internal control structure in our report dated November 14, 2023. This letter does not affect our report dated November 14, 2023, on the financial statements of Transylvania County Board of Education.

Individual Schools Cash Receipts

While testing receipts at individual schools, we discovered that individual schools are not maintaining receipts in a manner that provides adequate accountability. We recommend implementing stronger controls that ensures all funds collected at individual schools are easily tracked by the individual handling the funds.

State Cash

While reviewing the state bank reconciliation, we discovered the State Treasurers bank account was overdrawn by $82,682. We recommend implementing stronger controls to ensure that no bank accounts are overdrawn.

The aforementioned comments are intended to be constructive suggestions for improvement in the effectiveness of internal accounting controls and operating efficiency. We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and suggestions with members of management, and we will be pleased to discuss in further detail, or to perform any additional study of this matter.

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