

# 2023 Audit Results

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# Alameda Unified School District

Dear Governing Board:

Thank you for your continued engagement of Moss Adams LLP. We are pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the results of our audit of the financial statements and federal program compliance of Alameda Unified School District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The accompanying report, which is intended solely for the use of the Governing Board and management, and is not intended to be and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties, presents important information regarding the District's financial statements and our audit that we believe will be of interest to you.

We conducted our audit with the objectivity and independence that you expect. We received the full support and assistance of the District's personnel. We are pleased to serve and be associated with the District as its independent public accountants and look forward to our continued relationship.

We look forward to discussing our report or any other matters of interest with you during this meeting.





# Agenda

- 1. Auditor Opinions and Reports
- 2. Communication with Those Charged with Governance

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3. About Moss Adams

# Auditor Opinions and Reports – District FS



## Auditor Report on the Financial Statements – District

Unmodified Opinion – Basic financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

Emphasis of Matter – The District implemented Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 89, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)*.

### **Other Auditor Reports**

GAGAS Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

• No financial findings reported

No compliance findings reported

Report on Compliance with Requirements that could have a Direct and Material Effect on the Major Federal Programs and on Internal Control Over Compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200)

- No control findings
- No compliance findings
- Unmodified opinion on compliance

## **Other Auditor Reports**

Report on State Compliance

• No control findings

No compliance findings

• Unmodified opinion on compliance

Communication with Those Charged with Governance



# Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

### 1

To express our opinion on whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, and in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, our audit does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

### 2

To perform an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards issued by the AICPA and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and design the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

3

To consider internal control over financial reporting and internal control over compliance as a basis for designing audit procedures but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on its effectiveness or to provide assurance concerning such internal control.

### 4

To communicate findings that, in our judgment, are relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process and administering federal and state awards. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

# Planned Scope & Timing of the Audit

It is the auditor's responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence and to communicate with those charged with governance an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

The planned scope and timing of the audit was communicated to you in our engagement letter dated February 27, 2023.

### COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNING BODY Significant Accounting Policies & Unusual Transactions

The auditor should determine that the Board of Education is informed about the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. The auditor should also determine that the Board of Education is informed about the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in the footnotes to the financial statements. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 89, *SBITAs*. There were no other accounting policies adopted and there were no changes in the application of existing policies during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

We believe management has selected and applied significant accounting policies appropriately and consistent with those of the prior year.

### COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNING BODY Management Judgments & Accounting Estimates

The Board of Education should be informed about the process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and about the basis for the auditor's conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

Management's judgments and accounting estimates are based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. We apply audit procedures to management's estimates to ascertain whether the estimates are reasonable under the circumstances and do not materially misstate the financial statements.

Significant management estimates impacting the financial statements include the following: useful lives of capital assets, net pension liability and other postemployment benefits liability.

We deemed them to be reasonable.

### COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNING BODY Management Judgments & Accounting Estimates

Our views about qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates, and financial statement disclosures.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

The disclosures in the financial statements are clear and consistent. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users, however we do not believe any of the footnotes are particularly sensitive. We call your attention to: long term liabilities in Note 6, other postemployment benefits in Notes 8, and pension plans in Note 9.

# Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

The Board of Education should be informed of any significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

There were no other significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### Significant Audit Adjustments & Unadjusted Differences Considered by Management To Be Immaterial

The Board of Education should be informed of all significant audit adjustments arising from the audit. Consideration should be given to whether an adjustment is indicative of a significant deficiency or a material weakness in the District's internal control over financial reporting, or in its process for reporting annual financial information, that could cause future financial statements to be materially misstated.

The Board of Education should also be informed of uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

There were no misstatements identified by us as a result of audit procedures, and uncorrected by management that are material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

# Potential Effect on the Financial Statements of Significant Risks, Exposures & Uncertainties

The Board of Education should be adequately informed of the potential effect on the financial statements of significant risks, exposures, and uncertainties that are disclosed in the financial statements.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

The District is subject to potential legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, which are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Disagreements with Management**

Disagreements with management, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, about matters that individually or in the aggregate could be significant to the District's financial statements, or the auditor's report.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

We are pleased to report that there were no disagreements with management.

### COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNING BODY Deficiencies in Internal Control

Any material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control that came to the auditor's attention during the audit must be reported to the Board of Education.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

- · Material weakness:
  - None noted.
- Significant deficiencies and noncompliance:
  - Nothing to communicate.

### COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNING BODY Management's Consultation with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. If management has consulted with other accountants about an auditing and accounting matter that involves application of an accounting principle to the District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

We are not aware of any significant accounting or auditing matters for which management consulted with other accountants.

### COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNING BODY Other Material Written Communications

Report to the Board of Education significant written communications between the auditor and client management.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

Other than the engagement letter, management representation letter, and communication with those charged with governance, there have been no significant communications.

### Management's Uncertainties Related to Events & Conditions

Any doubt regarding the entity's ability to continue, **as a going concern**, should be communicated to the Board of Education.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

No such matters came to our attention.

# Fraud & Noncompliance with Laws and Regulations

Fraud involving senior management and fraud (whether caused by senior management or other employees) that causes a material misstatement of the financial statements should be communicated. We are also required to communicate any noncompliance with laws and regulations involving senior management that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential.

#### **OUR COMMENTS**

We have not become aware of any instances of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations.





# Our Services to Tax-Exempt and Governmental Entities

#### ASSURANCE

- Agreed-upon procedures
- Audits and reviews
- Federal awards audits
- Compliance examinations pursuant to federal reporting requirements
- Employee benefit plan services
- Written acknowledgments and agreed-upon procedure engagements in connection with tax-exempt bond offerings

#### CONSULTING

- Endowment management and investment consulting
- Fraud investigation and forensic accounting
- IT consulting
- Strategic business planning
- · Sustainability services
- Systems Control & Operations Risk Evaluation (SCORE!)
- Wealth services

#### TAX

- Alternative investment issues
- Compensation, payroll, and employment tax issues, including fringe benefits, deferred compensation, and policy setting to meet the rebuttable presumption process
- Complex group structures, including non-501(c)(3) exempt organizations
- Donor-advised fund planning and reporting
- Estate planning for donors and development department marketing
- For-profit organization formation and operations
- Formation of new entities, including preparation of Forms 1023 and 1024 and associated state filings
- Independent contractor versus employee determinations
- IRS and state audit representation
- Joint venture formation and operation
- Lobbying and political expenditure classification and reporting

- Maintaining tax-exempt status and public charity status
- Member versus nonmember activity issues
- Preparation of Form 990, 990-T, 990-PF, and relevant state forms
- Private foundation planning analysis
- Public support test planning
- Sales and use tax
  exemptions
- State and local tax services, including credits and incentives
- State solicitation registration
  and annual filings
- Tax-exempt bond consultation, including private business use and postissuance bond compliance procedures
- Third-party management agreements and sponsorship planning
- Transfer pricing and expense allocation methodology
- Unrelated business taxable income

## Advanced Technologies and Audit Innovation

We leverage advanced technologies to deliver increased effectiveness and efficiencies across our various practices.

Kira	MindBridge	DataRobot	Data Visualization	BDMP
A machine learning tool that allows us to be smarter and more efficient in reviewing and analyzing documents for accuracy.	A platform used to uncover outliers and anomalous transactions for 100% of the transactions within general ledger data.	A tool which allows our professionals to develop predictive models that can provide additional risk-driven insights to our clients.	We've introduced technologies such as Tableau and Microsoft PowerBI within our engagement processes, resulting in advanced visualization of client data.	An advanced analytics tool that will research available technologies, test and evaluate each technology's ability to perform deep analysis of client data, and identify anomalies.

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