

To: The Provincial Auditor

We have audited Prairie Valley School Division No.208's operating effectiveness of internal controls as of August 31, 2018 to express an opinion as to the effectiveness of its internal controls related to the following objectives:

- To safeguard public resources. That is, to ensure its assets are not lost or used inappropriately; to ensure it does not inappropriately incur obligations; to establish a financial plan for the purposes of achieving its financial goals; and to monitor and react to its progress towards the objectives established in its financial plan.
- To prepare reliable financial statements.
- To conduct its activities following laws, regulations, and policies related to financial reporting, safeguarding public resources, revenue raising, spending, borrowing, and investing.

The Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) defines control as comprising those elements of an organization that, taken together, support people in the achievement of the organization's objectives. Control is effective to the extent that it provides reasonable assurance that the organization will achieve its objectives.

Prairie Valley School Division No.208's management is responsible for effective control related to the objectives described above. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the effectiveness of control based on our audit.

We used the control framework included in the *Guidance on Control* published by CPA Canada to make our judgments about the effectiveness of Prairie Valley School Division No.208's control. We did not audit certain aspects of control concerning the effectiveness, economy, and efficiency of certain management decision-making processes.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards for assurance engagements published in the *CPA Canada Handbook – Assurance*. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to the effectiveness of Prairie Valley School Division No.208's control related to the objectives stated above. An audit includes obtaining an understanding of the significant risks related to these objectives, the key control elements and control activities to manage these risks, and examining, on a test basis, evidence relating to control.

Our audit on the effectiveness of Prairie Valley School Division No.208's control related to the above objectives does not constitute an audit of internal control over financial reporting performed in conjunction with an audit of financial statements in *CPA Canada Handbook - Assurance* Section 5925 An Audit of Internal Control over Financial Reporting that is Integrated with an Audit of Financial Statements.

Control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance of achieving objectives reliably for the following reasons. There are inherent limitations in control including judgment in decision-making, human error, collusion to circumvent control activities, and management overriding control. Cost/benefit decisions are made when designing control in organizations. Because control can be expected to provide only reasonable assurance and not absolute assurance, the objectives referred to above may not be achieved reliably. Also, projections of any evaluation of control to future periods are subject to the risk that control may become ineffective because of changes in internal and external conditions, or that the degree of compliance with control activities may deteriorate.

In our opinion, based on the limitations noted above, Prairie Valley School Division No.208's internal controls were effective, in all material respects, to meet the objectives stated above as of August 31, 2018 based on the CPA Canada criteria of control framework.

Regina, Saskatchewan

November 14, 2018

*MNP LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants

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We have audited Prairie Valley School Division No.208's compliance with the provisions of the following legislative and related authorities pertaining to its financial reporting, safeguarding of assets, spending, revenue raising, borrowing, and investment activities during the year ended August 31, 2018:

- The Education Act, 1995
- The Education Regulations, 2015
- The Financial Administration Act, 1993
- The Pension Benefits Act, 1992
- The Pension Benefits Regulations, 1993
- The Pension Benefit Standards Regulation, 1985
- The School Division Administration Regulations, 2017

Compliance with the provisions of the stated legislative and related authorities is the responsibility of management of Prairie Valley School Division No.208. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards for assurance engagements published in the *CPA Canada Handbook – Assurance*. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether Prairie Valley School Division No.208 complied with the criteria established by the legislation and related authorities referred to above. Such an audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting compliance, evaluating the overall compliance with these criteria, and where applicable, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management.

In our opinion, for the year ended August 31, 2018, Prairie Valley School Division No.208 has complied, in all significant respects, with the provisions of the aforementioned legislative and related authorities.

Regina, Saskatchewan

November 14, 2018



Chartered Professional Accountants

To: The Provincial Auditor

We have audited the financial statements of Prairie Valley School Division No.208 for the year ended August 31, 2018 and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2018. We have audited the internal controls of Prairie Valley School Division No.208 as of August 31, 2018, and have issued our report to you dated November 14, 2018. We have also audited Prairie Valley School Division No.208's compliance with specified legislative and related authorities pertaining to its financial reporting, safeguarding of assets, spending, revenue raising, borrowing and investing activities for the year ended August 31, 2018, and have issued our report to you dated November 14, 2018.

These audits were conducted in accordance with standards for assurance engagements published in the *CPA Canada Handbook – Assurance*, and, accordingly, included such tests and other procedures, as weopa considered necessary in the circumstances. In those instances, if any, that our study and evaluation of internal control disclosed conditions indicating that internal controls were inadequate or not complied with, substantive tests were performed to detect any significant instances in which:

- (1) Any officer or employee of Prairie Valley School Division No.208 has wilfully or negligently omitted to collect or receive public money belonging to the Crown;
- (2) There has been a deficiency or loss to the Crown through the fraud, default or mistake of any person; and
- (3) An expenditure was made which was not properly vouchered or certified.

During the course of these examinations, no instances came to our attention that would indicate to us that:

- (1) Any officer or employee of Prairie Valley School Division No.208 has wilfully or negligently omitted to collect or receive public money belonging to the Crown;
- (2) There has been a deficiency or loss to the Crown through the fraud, default or mistake of any person; and
- (3) An expenditure was made which was not properly vouchered or certified.

Regina, Saskatchewan

November 14, 2018



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