**AUDIT REPORT** 

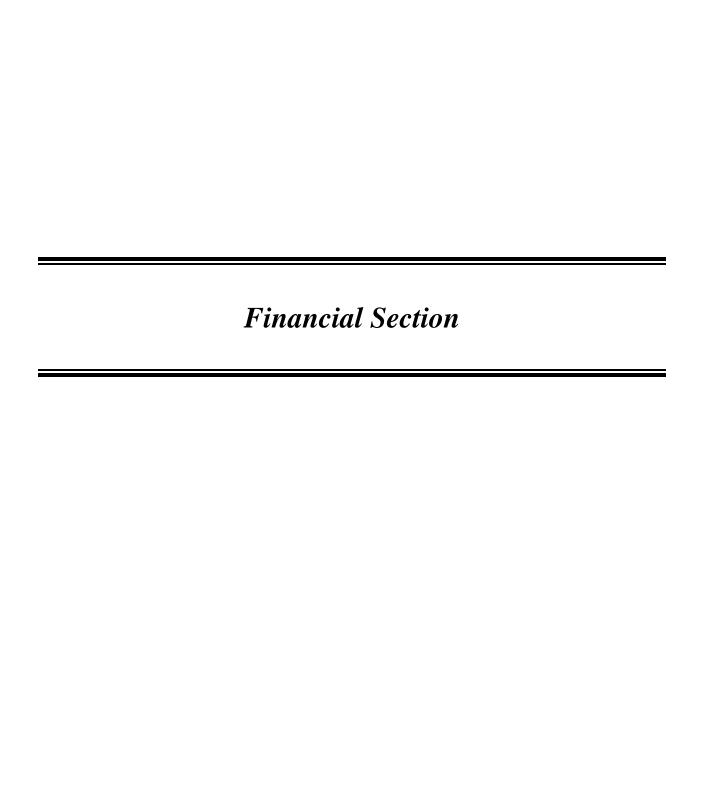
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020



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Introduction and Citizens' Oversight Committee Member Listing June 30, 2020

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (the District) consists of nine elementary, three middle, two K-8, two comprehensive high schools, and two alternative schools, one of which is a continuation high school, supported by a District Office. The District serves about 13,700 students.

On June 7, 2016, the voters of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District approved by more than 55% Measure "J", authorizing the issuance and sale of \$245.0 million of general obligation bonds. The bonds are being issued to finance the construction and modernization of school facilities and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

The passage of Proposition 39 in November 2000 amended the California Constitution to include accountability provisions. Specifically, the District must conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed as well as an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of the proceeds have been expended for facilities projects.

Upon passage of Proposition 39, an accompanying piece of legislation, AB1908 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 2000), was also enacted, which amended the Education Code to establish additional procedures which must be followed if a District seeks approval of a bond Proposition pursuant to the 55% majority authorized in Proposition 39 including formation, composition and purpose of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, and authorization for injunctive relief against the improper expenditure of bond revenues.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was comprised of the following members as of June 30, 2020:

Name	Title	Representation
Vaughn Draggoo	Chair	At-Large Community Member
Barbara Bailey	Vice Chair	At-Large Community Member
Karie Chamberlain	Member	Parent/ Guardian of Child in District
Betty Cleveland	Member	Senior Citizen Group Representative
Sally Dunlop	Member	At-Large Community Member
James Fisher	Member	Parent/ Guardian of Child in District
Kevin Lalor	Member	Business Representative
J. David Lopez	Member	At-Large Community Member
Isidore Loth	Member	Parent/ Guardian of Child in District
Will Macedo	Member	Taxpayer Organization Member



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Education and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Livermore, California

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure "J" General Obligation Bond Building Fund of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure "J" General Obligation Bond Building Fund of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure "J" General Obligation Bond Building Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, as of June 30, 2020, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 4, 2020, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Murrieta, California December 4, 2020

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Balance Sheet June 30, 2020

	Measure "J"	
ASSETS		_
Deposits and investments	\$	103,484,609
Accounts receivable		428,480
Total Access	¢	102 012 000
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	103,913,089
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	4,963,708
Fund Balance		
Restricted for capital projects		98,949,381
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	\$	103,913,089

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	N	Ieasure ''J''
REVENUES		
Interest earnings	\$	2,000,343
Other local revenue		3,787
<b>Total Revenues</b>		2,004,130
EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
Plant Services:		
Classified salaries		835,596
Benefits		326,177
Materials and supplies		330,350
Services and other operating expenditures		1,071,045
Capital Outlay		23,790,975
Total Expenditures		26,354,143
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(24,350,013)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Interfund transfer out		(3,058)
Proceeds from sale of bonds		100,000,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		99,996,942
Net Change in Fund Balance		75,646,929
Fund Balance, July 1, 2019		23,302,452
Fund Balance, June 30, 2020	\$	98,949,381

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2020

#### NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Reporting Entity

On June 7, 2016, the District voters authorized \$245.0 million in General Obligation Bonds (Measure "J") for the purpose of financing the modernization and construction of school facilities within the District. The measure required a minimum 55% vote for passage. In response, an advisory committee to the District's Governing Board and Superintendent, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, was established. The Committee's oversight goals include ensuring compliance with conditions of Measure "J".

The Bond proceeds are accounted for in the District's Building Fund (213), where they are expended for the approved projects. The statements presented are for the individual Measure "J" General Obligation Bond Building Fund and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the District's financial position or results of operations.

#### **B.** Basis of Accounting

The Measure "J" General Obligation Bond Building Fund is a governmental fund reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and financing from capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

#### C. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all government funds. By state law, the District's governing board must adopt a budget no later than July 1. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's governing board satisfied these requirements.

These budgets are revised by the District's governing board during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration was employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.

#### D. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used in all budgeted funds to reserve portions of applicable appropriations for which commitments have been made. Encumbrances are recorded for purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments when they are written. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid. All encumbrances are liquidated as of June 30.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2020

#### **NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

#### E. Fund Balances

The fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

**Restricted**: Fund balance is reported as restricted when the constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provision or by enabling legislation.

#### F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

#### **Pooled Funds**

In accordance with Education Code Section 41001, the District maintains all of its cash from the bond proceeds in the County Treasury. The County pools and invests the cash. These pooled funds are carried at cost which approximates fair value. Interest earned is deposited quarterly to participating funds. Any investment losses are proportionately shared by all funds in the pool.

Because the District's deposits are maintained in a recognized pooled investment fund under the care of a third party and the District's share of the pool does not consist of specific, identifiable investment securities owned by the District, no disclosure of the individual deposits and investments or related custodial credit risk classifications is required.

In accordance with applicable state laws, the County Treasurer may invest in derivative securities with the State of California. However, at June 30, 2020, the County Treasurer has represented that the Pooled Investment Fund contained no derivatives or other investments with similar risk profiles.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the District has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 assets may include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market and that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2020

#### NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

#### **Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable, such as interest rates and curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, and credit spreads. For financial reporting purposes, if an asset has a specified term, a Level 2 input is required to be observable for substantially the full term of the asset.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs should be developed using the best information available under the circumstances, which might include the District's own data. The District should adjust that date if reasonably available information indicates that other market participants would use different data or certain circumstances specific to the District are not available to other market participants.

Uncategorized – Investments in the Alameda County Treasury Investment Pool are not measured using the input levels above because the District's transactions are based on a stable net asset value per share. All contributions and redemptions are transacted at \$1.00 net asset value per share.

#### NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The total accounts receivable at June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$428,480 represents amounts due from the Alameda County Treasurer for interest earnings for the quarter ended June 30, 2020.

#### NOTE 4 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY

#### **Transfers to Other Funds**

Transfers to other funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

Building Fund transfer to General Fund for retiree benefits

\$ 3.058

#### NOTE 5 - MEASURE "J" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

On June 7, 2016, the voters approved the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$245.0 for the purpose to financing and renovation, construction and improvement of school facilities as specified in the bond measure provisions of Measure "J". The District issued bonds of \$82.0 million (Series 2016) on October 13, 2016, and on August 14, 2019 Series 2019 was issued for \$100.0 million.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2020

#### NOTE 5 - MEASURE "J" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (continued)

The requirements to amortize outstanding general obligation bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2020-2021	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 5,917,100	\$ 19,417,100
2021-2022	6,100,000	5,427,100	11,527,100
2022-2023	-	5,274,600	5,274,600
2023-2024	290,000	5,271,700	5,561,700
2024-2025	620,000	5,262,600	5,882,600
2025-2030	8,865,000	25,612,200	34,477,200
2030-2035	21,235,000	22,840,475	44,075,475
2035-2040	36,060,000	17,610,600	53,670,600
2040-2045	52,175,000	9,826,050	62,001,050
2045-2048	27,655,000	1,047,125	28,702,125
Total	\$ 166,500,000	\$ 104,089,550	\$ 270,589,550

#### NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### A. Construction Commitments

At June 30, 2020, the District had commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects of approximately \$69.3 million to be paid from local funds.

#### B. Impact of COVID-19

On March 13, 2020, a presidential emergency was declared due to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The declaration made federal disaster assistance available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the State of California to supplement the local recovery efforts by the K-12 education community. On that same date, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-26-20, guaranteeing continued State funding, holding LEAs harmless from several regulations, and providing guidelines for LEAs to operate under a "distance learning" environment.

In response, the District announced the closing of all schools in mid-March. With nearly all districts in California shut down to stem the spread of COVID-19, the District worked to implement distance learning for all students for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. An unforeseen benefit was that construction projects were able to begin earlier than planned.





# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Board of Education and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Livermore, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Measure "J" General Obligation Bond Building Fund of Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2020.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Murrieta, California December 4, 2020

Nigro & Nigro, PC



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

The Board of Education and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Livermore, California

We have examined the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's (the "District") compliance with the performance requirements for the Proposition 39 Measure "J" General Obligation Bond for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, under the applicable provisions of Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution and Proposition 39 as they apply to the Bonds and the net proceeds thereof. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions 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.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the examination of compliance applicable to the District are to determine with reasonable assurance that:

- The expenditures charged to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Building Fund (213) are documented.
- Expenditures charged to the Building Fund have been made in accordance with the bond project list approved by the voters through the approval of Measure "J".
- Any discrepancies or weaknesses in internal controls are noted and recommendations for improvement are provided.
- The District Board and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee are provided with a performance audit report as required under the requirements of the California Constitution and Proposition 39.

#### Scope of the Audit

The scope of our performance audit covered the fiscal period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2020, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

#### **Procedures Performed**

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, for the Measure "J" General Obligation Building Fund. Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices and other supporting documentation for expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and Measure "J" with regards to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

To meet our objectives, audit tests were performed and included, but were not limited to the following:

- We verified that bond funds were deposited in the District's name and invested in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- We tested approximately \$14.5 million (55%) in bond fund invoices paid, which is a combination of 2019-20 expenditures and payments on liabilities accrued as of June 30, 2020 and paid in 2020-21. This includes testing payments for validity, allowability, and accuracy. Expenditures sampled in our test included payments made to subcontractors and other vendors.
- We reviewed the approved project listing as set out in the Measure "J" election documents.
- We selected a sample of expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that such funds were properly expended on the authorized bond projects.
- We tested employee salaries and benefits charged to the fund to ensure that they were allowable and supported by appropriate documentation consistent with Attorney General Opinion No. 04-110 dated November 9, 2004.
- We visited construction sites at East Avenue Middle and Granada High Schools to ensure that expenditures made corresponded with actual work performed at the sites.
- We verified that funds from the Building Fund (213) were expended for the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, furnishing and equipping of District facilities constituting the authorized bond projects, and we verified that funds held in the Building Fund (213) were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the District.
- We reviewed a sample of projects to ensure that proper bidding procedures were followed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.
- We verified that the District did not exceed change order limitations in excess of 10% pursuant to Public Contract Code.

Our audit of compliance made for the purpose set forth in the preceding paragraph would not necessarily disclose all instances of noncompliance.

In our opinion, the District complied with the compliance requirements for the Measure "J" General Obligation Bond proceeds listed and tested above.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Education, management and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee; however, this report is a matter of public record.

Murrieta, California

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December 4, 2020