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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Hocking Technical College
Athens County
School Employees Retirement System
RSM US, LLP
3301 Hocking Parkway
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

We have examined the Hocking Technical College, Athens County, Ohio (the College) management's assertion that the census data and pensionable wages reported to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2022, and for the year then ended was accurate and complete.

Management asserts that:

- The census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2022 is accurate and complete. Census data includes
 - First and Last Name;
 - Last four digits of the social security number;
 - Gender;
 - Date of Birth;
 - Contributions remitted to the plan;
 - Pensionable Compensation;
- The census data provided to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2022 included all enrolled employees.
- Census data changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2022 to an enrolled employee's eligible compensation, were properly updated with the School Employees Retirement System.
- All employees required to be enrolled in the School Employees Retirement System in accordance with statutory requirements were properly enrolled.
- The total pensionable wages and employee contributions information reported to the School Employees Retirement System for the year ended June 30, 2022 agrees with the payroll records of the employer.

Hocking Technical College's management is responsible for the assertions. Our responsibility is to opine on management's assertions based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's

assertions are fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertions, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, management's assertions related to the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages as described above provided to School Employees Retirement System as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 are fairly stated in all material respects.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws or regulations that have a material effect on the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages; and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance; noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements that materially affects the subject matter. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether management's assertions regarding the accuracy and completeness of the census data reported to the retirement system are fairly stated, and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the accuracy and completeness of the census data provided to the pension system, or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. Our examination disclosed certain findings that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and those findings, along with the views of responsible officials, are described in the attached Schedule of Findings.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Hocking Technical College's management, those charged with governance, and School Employees Retirement System management, and plan auditors to provide assurances that the census data reported to the School Employees Retirement System is accurate and complete. This report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 19, 2022

**HOCKING TECHNICAL COLLEGE
ATHENS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

FINDING NUMBER 2022-001

Significant Deficiency

The College is required to provide complete and accurate census data to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS). This includes ensuring employee demographic data such as name, gender, last four digits of social security number and birth date are accurate.

The SERS system report showed an incorrect birthdate for 3.3% of employees tested due to errors on the enrollment form. The failure to accurately report census data to the pension system could result in miscalculations of the actuarially reported liability.

The College should implement procedures to help ensure that the census data reported to SERS is accurate and complete for all employees.

Management's Response: Hocking agrees with the finding that the birth date of one sampled file was incorrect. Since being made aware, Hocking has already corrected this error with SERS. Hocking will evaluate its processes and add additional controls to ensure that this does not recur.

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HOCKING TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM CENSUS DATA EXAMINATION

ATHENS COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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