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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Northwest Local School District  
School Employees Retirement System  
RSM US, LLP  
2309 Locust Street South  
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614

We have examined the Northwest Local School District, Stark County management's assertion that the census data and pensionable wages reported to the School Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2018, 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, 2018 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, 2018 included all enrolled employees.
- Census data changes occurring during the year ended June 30, 2018 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, 2018 agrees with the payroll records of the employer.

Northwest Local School District'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.

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, 2018 are fairly stated in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Northwest Local School District's management, those charged with governance, School Employees Retirement System management and RSM US, LLP 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.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

November 9, 2018



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**NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT- SERS**

**STARK COUNTY**

## **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018**