

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent
DATE: February 9, 2022
RE: **Financial Audit Report FY 2020-21**

Summary:

An independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm annually audits the District's financial books and accounts. The annual audited financial report for fiscal year 2020-21, prepared by Eide Bailly LLP is now complete. The auditor, Jill Stenton, will present the audit and answer questions.

Background:

Education Code Section 41020 requires each school district to contract with a qualified CPA firm for an audit of their books and accounts, including an audit of income and expenditures by source of funds. The CPA firm is required to file the report with the county superintendent of schools, the California Department of Education, and the State Controller's Office by December 15 of the next fiscal year. The deadline was extended to January 31, 2022 for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The school board is required to review the report at a public school board meeting.

The audit complies with Governmental Auditing Standards (issued by the Comptroller General of the United States) and the Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting (issued by the Education Audit Appeals Panel and the State Controller's Office).

Audit Report:

The Piedmont Unified School District's audit report will be presented by Jill Stenton, Senior Manager with Eide Bailly.

Part of the audit process is to look for weaknesses in internal control. The auditors have identified a material weakness in the District's accounting practice that is listed as an audit finding. The weakness is in the recording of Associated Student Body (ASB) accounts. This was the first year implementing a new accounting standard (GASB Statement #84) that requires the student body accounts be recorded in the District's financial statements. The District has made the necessary adjustments and has processes in place to work closely with the ASB groups to properly record their accounts.