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Dear Community Members,

Attached you will find the school district audit reports in **draft** form; the final reports have still not been issued. ANWSU and its member school districts regret the timing of the release of these reports. The intent of the Board and Management was to turn a new page in an effort to provide timely, accurate reporting. To that end, a new auditing firm was retained as the result of a competitive procurement process to prepare the FY'15 audits.

ANWSU staff has worked diligently to allow the auditor to complete the reports on time (December) but the auditing firm's lack of timely performance (including the repeated failure to return phone calls and respond to email messages) has meant that ANWSU has not been able to resolve important questions and concerns. Among these are:

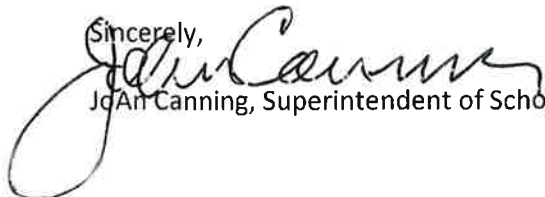
1. The management letter that School Board Chairs were asked to sign indicates that the audit reports were delivered on January 14, 2016. ANWSU actually received these final drafts on February 13th.
2. The auditor reclassified expenditure lines on the VUHS budget summary page making it difficult to reconcile with information previously provided to the VUHS Board and the public.
3. The VUHS Budget to Actual report on page 23 of the audit report is in question. The total of the original budget column for revenues does not reflect the actual budgeted amount. The actual column for revenues also does not reflect the numbers that were reported to the auditor. The expenditures on the same report, shows the budget column total matches, but the actual column total amount does not.

There are, however, no outstanding questions about the elementary schools' respective audits.

For additional documentation concerning communication with the auditor, attached please find the January 14, 2016 letter from ANWSU Board Chair, Jeff Glassberg to the auditor.

Due to their dissatisfaction with this auditing firm, the ANWSU Board will be seeking a suitable replacement to perform FY'16 audits.

Sincerely,


JoAnn Canning, Superintendent of Schools

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