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## Regulatory Basis Engagement

Board of Education  
Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228  
As Administrative District for  
Rock River Alternative School  
209 S. College Street  
Geneseo, IL 61254

CLIENT'S COPY

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School for the year ended June 30, 2012. We will audit the financial statements of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School's financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund-Schedule of Funding Progress is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited. Supplementary information other than RSI also accompanies Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School's financial statements. We will subject the supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Certain additional supplemental and statistical information is reported to the Illinois State Board of Education on the Annual Financial Report. This information will be subjected to limited procedures, but will not be audited.

The financial statements of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School are presently prepared on the basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the regulatory basis prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). In addition, the financial statements are prepared on the cash basis, which is an other comprehensive basis of accounting. Accordingly, our opinion will be limited to an expression of opinion as to the fairness with which the financial statements present assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions and the related statements of revenue received and expenditures disbursed. Such statements do not purport to present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Since the District has elected to use the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by ISBE, which is a restricted use report and may be used by others, we expect the opinion on your financial statements to read as follows:

In our opinion, because of the District's policy to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting discussed in the previous paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School as of June 30, 2012, or results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended.

However, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School as of June 30, 2012, and its revenue received and expenditures disbursed during the fiscal year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note # 1.

This opinion is considered by professional standards to be an "Adverse Opinion" on the financial statements because they do not conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The Illinois State Board of Education understands this and accepts it.

### **Audit Objectives**

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by ISBE and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the first paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Illinois State Board of Education's *Guide to Auditing and Reporting for Illinois Public Local Education Agencies*, and will include tests of the accounting records of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. If our opinion on the financial statements is other than unqualified for reasons other than use of the regulatory basis of accounting, we will fully discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and compliance will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the body or individuals charged with governance, others within the entity, and specific legislative or regulatory bodies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. If during our audit we become aware that Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

### **Management Responsibilities**

Management is responsible for the financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. As part of the audit, we will assist with preparation of your financial statements and related notes. You are responsible for making all management decisions and performing all management functions relating to the financial statements and related notes and for accepting full responsibility for such decisions. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you are required to designate an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee any nonaudit services we provide and for evaluating the adequacy and results of those services and accepting responsibility for them. We will prepare the trial balance for use during the audit. Our preparation of the trial balance will be limited to formatting information into a working trial balance based on management's chart of accounts.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the fair presentation in the financial statements of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by ISBE.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly recorded. Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### Management Responsibilities (cont'd.)

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, illegal acts, violations of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we may report. You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by ISBE. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

With regard to using the auditor's report, you understand that you must obtain our prior written consent to reproduce or use our report in bond offering official statements or other documents.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

### Audit Procedures – General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors. We have advised you of the limitations of our audit regarding the detection of fraud and the possible effect on the financial statements (including misappropriation of cash or other assets).

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

### **Audit Procedures – Internal Controls**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance, internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Audit Procedures – Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

You may request that we perform additional services not addressed in this engagement letter. If this occurs, we will communicate with you regarding the scope of the additional services and the estimated fees. We also may issue a separate engagement letter covering the additional services. In the absence of any other written communication from us documenting such additional services, our services will continue to be governed by the terms of this engagement letter.

We will also complete the Annual Financial Report (AFR) with the appropriate signatures for submission to the Illinois State Board of Education, as well as copies for the District. Management is responsible for submission of the AFR to the Regional Office of Education by October 15, which will be transmitted to the Illinois State Board of Education as well.

We will provide copies of our reports to Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. and constitutes confidential information. However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to the Illinois State Board of Education or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the Illinois State Board of Education. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

### Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other (cont'd.)

In the interest of facilitating our services to your District, we may communicate by facsimile transmission or by sending electronic mail over the Internet. Such communications may include information that is confidential to your District. Our firm employs measures in the use of facsimile machines and computer technology designed to maintain data security. While we will use our best efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent.

We expect to begin our audit at a mutually agreed upon time in July or August 2012 and to issue our reports no later than October 15, 2012. Stephanie Ramsay is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report. Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed \$3,560. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees are payable on presentation. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

*Government Auditing Standards* require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our most recent peer review report accompanies this letter.

If the information you provide is not submitted in a timely manner or is incomplete or unusable, we reserve the right to charge additional fees and expenses for services required to correct the problem. If this occurs, we will contact your representative to discuss the matter and the anticipated delay in performing our services.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate our work. If we elect to suspend or terminate our services, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification, even if we have not completed our report(s). You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of suspension or termination. You agree that we will not be responsible for your failure to meet government and other deadlines, or for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against you resulting from your failure to meet such deadlines.

We reserve the right to withdraw from this engagement without completing the audit if you fail to comply with the terms of this engagement letter. If any portion of this agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the finding shall not operate to invalidate the remainder of the terms set forth in this engagement letter.

**Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other (cont'd.)**

Our audit engagement ends on delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

*Gorenz and Associates, Ltd.*

Gorenz and Associates, Ltd.  
Certified Public Accountants

**RESPONSE:**

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 as administrative district for Rock River Alternative School.

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## SYSTEM REVIEW REPORT

To the Shareholders of  
Gorenz and Associates, Ltd.  
and the Peer Review Committee of the  
Illinois CPA Society

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2009. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.aicpa.org/prsummary).

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under the *Government Auditing Standards* and audits of employee benefit plans.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. in effect for the year ended June 30, 2009, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiencies* or *fail*. Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

*May, Cocagne & King, P.C.*

November 11, 2009