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Examination Report

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Whatcom County

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The Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) administers eight public retirement systems for state and local government employees, with 15 different plans within those systems. These systems serve nearly 700,000 current and former public employees. Both public employers and their employees contribute to the retirement plans and the amounts they contribute are calculated as a percentage of the employee's pay.

Government entities are responsible for reporting accurate and complete pensionable wage and contribution information to DRS in accordance with the applicable retirement plan's requirements set forth in Title 415 of the Washington Administrative Code. The plan's actuarially derived pension liabilities are dependent on demographic data of the plan participants, which is referred to as census data. Significant elements of census data may include: date of birth; date of hire or years of service; marital status; eligible compensation; class of employee; gender; date of termination or retirement; spouse date of birth; and employment status (active, inactive, or retired).

Please find attached our examination report on the Blaine School District No. 503.

Sincerely,

Troy X. Kelley

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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We have examined the Blaine School District No. 503's management's assertion that pensionable wages and contributions reported to the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) for the year ended June 30, 2013 are accurate and complete in accordance with applicable retirement plan requirements set forth in Title 415 of the Washington Administrative Code.

The District's management is responsible for the assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertion 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 contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Accordingly, it included examining on a test basis, evidence supporting management's assertion and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management's assertion above is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the applicable retirement plan requirements set forth in Title 415 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Our examination disclosed no issues that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Troy X. Kelley

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April 1, 2015

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