

# LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

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## Palisades School District Bucks County, Pennsylvania

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Palisades School District  
39 Thomas Free Drive  
Kintnersville, Pennsylvania 18930

Mr. James Hallowell, Board President  
Palisades School District  
39 Thomas Free Drive  
Kintnersville, Pennsylvania 18930

Dear Dr. O'Connell and Mr. Hallowell:

We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Palisades School District (District) to determine its compliance with certain relevant state laws, regulations, policies, and administrative procedures (relevant requirements). The LPE covers the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, except for any areas of compliance that may have required an alternative to this period. The engagement was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Article VIII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and The Fiscal Code, 72 P.S. § 403, but was not conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As we conducted our LPE procedures, we sought to determine answers to the following questions, which serve as our LPE objectives:

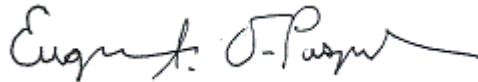
- Did the District have documented board policies and administrative procedures related to the following?
  - Internal controls
  - Budgeting practices
  - The Right-to-Know Law
  - The Sunshine Act
- Were the policies and procedures adequate and appropriate, and have they been properly implemented?
- Did the District comply with the relevant requirements in the Right-to-Know Law and the Sunshine Act?

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Our engagement found that the District properly implemented policies and procedures for the areas mentioned above and complied, in all significant respects, with relevant requirements.

We appreciate the District's cooperation during the conduct of the engagement.

Sincerely,

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Eugene A. DePasquale  
Auditor General

June 30, 2016

cc: **PALISADES SCHOOL DISTRICT** Board of School Directors

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