

***TOWN OF BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS***

***REPORTS ON FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS***

***YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015***

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Mayor and the Town Council  
Town of Braintree, Massachusetts

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014 for the Braintree Contributory Retirement System and the Braintree Electric Light Department), and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2015. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Braintree Electric Light Department, as described in our report on the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' financial statements. The financial statements of the Braintree Electric Light Department were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Powers + Johnson, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

December 18, 2015



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM;  
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT  
ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Mayor and the Town Council  
Town of Braintree, Massachusetts

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

The Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' basic financial statements include the operations of the Braintree Electric Light Department, which did not receive any federal awards during the year ended December 31, 2014. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Braintree Electric Light Department because the Department engaged other auditors to perform an audit of their financial statements.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts' internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

## Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2015, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the 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. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Powers + Sullivan, LLC*

December 18, 2015

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<u>Federal Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:		
<u>Passed through State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u>		
Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities):		
National School Lunch Program.....	10.555	\$ 98,700
Cash Assistance:		
School Breakfast Program.....	10.553	70,708
National School Lunch Program.....	10.555	553,644
TOTAL AGRICULTURE.....		<u>723,052</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:		
<u>Passed through State Military Division:</u>		
National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance Projects, Recovery Act.....	12.401	<u>7,768</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE:		
<u>Direct Programs:</u>		
Federal Equitable Sharing Program.....	16.UNK	<u>66,506</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:		
<u>Passed through Governor's Highway Safety Bureau:</u>		
State and Community Highway Safety.....	20.600	13,497
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants.....	20.703	<u>6,850</u>
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION.....		<u>20,347</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:		
<u>Passed through State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:</u>		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies.....	84.010	360,058
Special Education Grants to States.....	84.027	1,481,699
English Language Acquisition.....	84.365	29,076
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants.....	84.367	105,061
Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act.....	84.395	51,481
<u>Passed through State Department of Early Education and Care:</u>		
Special Education Preschool Grants .....	84.173	<u>32,868</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION.....		<u>2,060,243</u>
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:		
<u>Passed through Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission:</u>		
Social Security Disability Insurance.....	96.001	<u>300</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:		
<u>Passed through Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security:</u>		
Assistance to Firefighters Grant.....	97.044	<u>236,422</u>
TOTAL.....		<u>\$ 3,114,638</u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

**Note 1 – Definition of Reporting Entity**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts. All federal financial assistance received directly from federal agencies as well as federal financial assistance passed through other governmental agencies is included on the schedule.

**Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts, are set forth below:

- (a) Basis of Presentation – The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, expenditures are recognized when the liability is incurred.
- (b) Cash Assistance – School Breakfast and Lunch Program – Program expenditures represent federal reimbursement for meals provided during the year.
- (c) Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities) – School Lunch Program – Program expenditures represent the value of donated foods received during the year.
- (d) Disaster Grants are recorded the year the grant was approved.

**Note 3 – Program Clusters**

In accordance with Subpart A §.105 of OMB Circular No. A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non Profit Organizations*, certain programs have been clustered in determining major programs. The following represents the clustered programs applicable to the Town of Braintree:

<u>Name of Cluster/Program</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>
<b>Child Nutrition Cluster</b>	
School Breakfast Program	10.553
National School Lunch Program	10.555
<b>Special Education Cluster</b>	
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027
Special Education Preschool Grants (IDEA, Preschool)	84.173

**A. Summary of Auditor’s Results**

1. The auditor’s report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts.
2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133.
5. The auditor’s report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts, expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. There were no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts.
7. The programs tested as major grants include:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027
Special Education Preschool Grants (IDEA, Preschool)	84.173

8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
9. The Town of Braintree, Massachusetts was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

**B. Findings – Financial Statements Audit**

None

**C. Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Program Audit**

None

**D. Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs**

None