

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*

Teachers' Retirement Board of the California
State Teachers' Retirement System
West Sacramento, California

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 Schedule of proportionate share of contributions for employers and nonemployer contributing entity of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), a plan administered by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (the "System") for the year ended June 30, 2026, and the related notes. We have also audited the captions titled total net pension liability as of June 30, 2026, total deferred outflows of resources, and total deferred inflows of resources (specified caption totals) included in the Schedule of aggregate pension amounts for employers and nonemployer contributing entity as of June 30, 2026, and the related notes, and have issued our report thereon dated October 7, 2026, which included an emphasis of matter related to the net pension liability of employers and nonemployer contributing entity. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Schedule of proportionate share of contributions for employers and nonemployer contributing entity and the specified caption totals included in the Schedule of aggregate pension amounts for employers and nonemployer contributing entity, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the Schedule of proportionate share of contributions for employers and nonemployer contributing entity and the specified caption totals included in the Schedule of aggregate pension amounts for employers and nonemployer contributing entity, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Schedule of proportionate share of contributions for employers and nonemployer contributing entity and the specified caption totals included in the Schedule of aggregate pension amounts for employers and nonemployer contributing entity 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Plan's Schedule of proportionate share of contributions for employers and nonemployer contributing entity and the specified caption total included in the Schedule of aggregate pension amounts for employers and nonemployer contributing entity are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the Schedule of proportionate share of contributions for employers and nonemployer contributing entity and the specified caption totals included in the Schedule of aggregate pension amounts for employers and nonemployer contributing entity. 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. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

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Sacramento, California
October 7, 2026