

**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**  
**STATE SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2009**

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**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements  
Applicable to Each Major Program, on Internal Control over  
Compliance in Accordance with the State Single Audit Act  
and on the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance**

To the Members of the Board of Finance  
Town of Avon, Connecticut

## Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Office of Policy and Management Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2009. The major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major state programs is the responsibility of the Town of Avon, Connecticut's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town of Avon, Connecticut's compliance based on our audit.

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 the State Single Audit Act (C.G.S. Sections 4-230 to 4-236). Those standards and the State Single Audit Act 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 state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Avon, Connecticut's 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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town of Avon, Connecticut's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Avon, Connecticut, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2009.

### Internal Control over Compliance

The management of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to state programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Avon, Connecticut's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, 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 Avon, Connecticut's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a state program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the Town's internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

### Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009 and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2010. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Avon, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State Single Audit Act and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Finance, the Town Council, the Office of Policy and Management and state awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

January 25, 2010

**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

<u>State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>State Grant Program Core-CT Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>Board of Education and Services for the Blind</b>		
Education Aid Blind/Visually Impaired Children	11000-ESB65020-12060	\$ <u>2,797</u>
<b>Office of the State Comptroller</b>		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on State-Owned Property	11000-OSC15910-17004	70,468
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on Private Colleges and General Hospitals	11000-OSC15910-17006	10,984
Mashantucket Pequot/Mohegan Fund	12009-OSC15910-17005	34,073
Boat Grant	12027-OSC15910-40211	<u>3,115</u>
Total Office of the State Comptroller		<u>118,640</u>
<b>Department of Education</b>		
Child Nutrition Program - (School Lunch State Match)	11000-SDE64000-16072-82051	9,797
Adult Education	11000-SDE64000-17030	1,485
Youth Services Bureau	11000-SDE64000-17052 and 16201	20,250
Open Choice	11000-SDE64000-17053	162,361
Magnet Schools	11000-SDE64000-17057	22,100
Financial Literacy - UBS	12060-SDE64370-35358	<u>14,363</u>
Total Department of Education		<u>230,356</u>

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**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

<u>State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>State Grant Program Core-CT Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>Connecticut State Library</b>		
Grants to Public Libraries	11000-CSL66051-17003	\$ 1,897
ConnectiCard Payments	11000-CSL66051-17010	<u>7,049</u>
Total Connecticut State Library		<u>8,946</u>
<b>Office of Policy and Management</b>		
Reimbursement of Property Taxes - Disability Exemption	11000-OPM20600-17011	928
Property Tax Relief for Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners	11000-OPM20600-17018	57,822
Property Tax Relief for Veterans	11000-OPM20600-17024	4,033
Property Tax Relief for Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment and Commercial Vehicles	11000-OPM20600-17031	260,170
Local Capital Improvement Program	12050-OPM20600-40254	103,691
Heating Assistance for Public Schools	11000-OPM20600-17096	42,994
Municipal Video Competition Tr	12060-OPM20600-35362	<u>8,507</u>
Total Office of Policy and Management		<u>478,145</u>
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>		
Telecommunications Fund	12060-DPS32740-35190	<u>645</u>
<b>Department of Social Services</b>		
Services to the Elderly	11000-DSS60782-16123	<u>5,000</u>

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**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

<b>State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title</b>	<b>State Grant Program Core-CT Number</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>Department of Transportation</b>		
Town Aid Roads Grants Transportation Fund	12001-DOT57000-17036	\$ 153,671
Interstate Highway Projects	12001-DOT57000-var	<u>9,788</u>
Total Department of Transportation		<u>163,459</u>
<b>Total State Financial Assistance Before Exempt Programs</b>		<u>1,007,988</u>
<b>Exempt Programs</b>		
<b>Department of Education</b>		
Public School Transportation	11000-SDE64000-17027	20,815
Educational Cost Sharing	11000-SDE64000-17041	1,243,373
Excess Costs Student Based and Equity	11000-SDE64000-17047	799,681
School Construction Grants	13009-SDE64000-40896	27,568
School Construction Grants	13010-SDE64000-40901	<u>945,593</u>
Total Exempt Programs		<u>3,037,030</u>
<b>Total State Financial Assistance</b>		<u>\$ 4,045,018</u>

## TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT

### NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Various departments and agencies of the State of Connecticut have provided financial assistance to the Town of Avon, Connecticut, through grants and other authorizations in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The financial assistance programs fund several programs including education programs, public health programs, tax relief programs, transportation programs and environmental programs.

Note - **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The accounting policies of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to government entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies relating to the aforementioned grant programs.

**Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements contained in the Town of Avon, Connecticut's annual audit report are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The following is a summary of such basis:

Revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

The schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance, contained in this report, is prepared based on regulations established by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. In accordance with these regulations (Sections 4-236-22), certain grants are not dependent on expenditure activity and, accordingly, are considered to be expended in the fiscal year of receipt. These grant program receipts are reflected in the expenditures column of the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance.

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## **Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

To the Members of the Board of Finance  
Town of Avon, Connecticut

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town of Avon, Connecticut's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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.

### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Avon, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Avon, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Avon, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the Town's internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Avon, Connecticut's financial statements are free of 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. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, in a separate letter dated January 25, 2010.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Finance, the Town Council, the Office of Policy and Management and state awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

January 25, 2010

**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

**I. Summary of Auditors' Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes   X   no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_ yes   X   none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ yes   X   no

**State Financial Assistance**

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes   X   no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_ yes   X   none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 4-236-24 of the Regulations to the State Single Audit Act? \_\_\_\_\_ yes   X   no

- The following schedule reflects the major programs included in the audit:

<u>State Grantor and Program</u>	<u>State Core-CT Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Department of Education: Open Choice	11000-SDE64000-17053	\$ 162,361
Office of Policy and Management: Property Tax Relief for Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment and Commercial Vehicles	11000-OPM20600-17031	260,170
Local Capital Improvement Program	12050-OPM20600-40254	103,691
Department of Transportation: Town Aid Roads Grants Transportation Fund	12001-DOT57000-17036	153,671

## **II. Financial Statement Findings**

1. We issued reports, dated January 25, 2010, on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
2. Our report on compliance indicated no reportable instances of noncompliance.
3. Our report on internal control over financial reporting indicated no significant deficiencies.

## **III. State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs**

No findings or questioned costs are reported relating to state financial assistance programs.

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**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements  
Applicable to Each Major Program, on Internal Control over  
Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133  
and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

To the Members of the Board of Finance  
Town of Avon, Connecticut

## Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2009. The Town of Avon, Connecticut's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Town of Avon, Connecticut's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town of Avon, Connecticut's compliance based on our audit.

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 Avon, Connecticut's 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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Avon, Connecticut's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Avon, Connecticut, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2009.

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### Internal Control over Compliance

The management of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Avon, Connecticut's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, 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 Avon, Connecticut's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the Town's internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009 and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2010. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Avon, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Finance, the Town Council, others within the Town, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

January 25, 2010

**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Grantor's Number/ Project Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>United States Department of Agriculture</b>			
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services:</i>			
Food Donation	10.550		\$ 25,095
<i>Passed Through the State Department of Education:</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster: National School Lunch Program	10.555	12060-SDE64370-20560	<u>83,101</u>
Total United States Department of Agriculture			<u>108,196</u>
<b>United States Department of Education</b>			
<i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Education:</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	12060-SDE64370-20679	33,366
Special Education Cluster: Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	12060-SDE64370-20977	\$ 452,454
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	12060-SDE64370-20983	<u>13,319</u>
			465,773
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - State Grants	84.186	12060-SDE64370-20873	6,054
Education Technology State Grants	84.318	12060-SDE64370-20826	186
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12060-SDE64370-20858	<u>45,306</u>
Total United States Department of Education			<u>550,685</u>

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**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Grantor's Number/ Project Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>United States Department of Homeland Security</b> <i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security:</i>			
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	12060-EHS99660-21881	\$ <u>5,367</u>
<b>United States Department of Justice</b> <i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety:</i>			
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Allocation to States	16.540	12060-OPM20350-21676	<u>4,155</u>
<b>National Archives and Records Administration</b> <i>Passed Through the Connecticut State Library:</i>			
National Historical Publication and Records Grants	89.003	12060-CSL66094-35150	<u>7,000</u>
<b>United States Department of Transportation</b> <i>Passed Through the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation:</i>			
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	12062-DOT57124-22108	310
Recreational Trails Program	20.219	12060-DEP44321-20296	12,199
Highway Safety Cluster: Alcohol Traffic Safety and Drunk Driving	20.601	12062-DOT57343-22086	<u>12,682</u>
Total United States Department of Transportation			<u>25,191</u>
<b>United States Elections Assistance Commission</b> <i>Passed Through the Secretary of State:</i>			
Help America Vote Act	90.401	12060-SOS12500-21465	<u>4,466</u>
<b>Total Federal Awards Expended</b>			<b>\$ <u>705,060</u></b>

**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

Various agencies of the Federal Government have made financial assistance available to the Town of Avon, Connecticut. These grants fund several programs including housing, education, human services, transportation and general government activities.

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The accounting policies of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to government entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies relating to the aforementioned grant programs.

**Basis of Accounting** - The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Town of Avon, Connecticut, and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.

**Note 2 - Noncash Awards:**

Donated commodities in the amount of \$25,095 are included in the Department of Agriculture's Food Donation program, CFDA #10.550. The amount represents the market value of commodities received.

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## **Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

To the Members of the Board of Finance  
Town of Avon, Connecticut

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*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

January 25, 2010

**TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

**I. Summary of Auditors' Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes     X  no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_ yes     X  none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ yes     X  no

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes     X  no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_ yes     X  none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes     X  no

Identification of major programs:

CFDA #	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.027/84.173	Special Education Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  X  yes    \_\_\_\_\_ no

**II. Financial Statement Findings**

- We issued reports, dated January 25, 2010, 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*.

- Our report on compliance indicated no reportable instances of noncompliance.
- Our report on internal control over financial reporting indicated no significant deficiencies.

### **III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

- No findings or questioned costs are reported relating to federal awards.