



David Rastellini

Deputy Superintendent
Business and Finance

Effective: October 1, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have retained FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities, as our financial advisor. This company is a registered municipal advisor. We are represented by and will rely on our financial advisor to provide advice on proposals from financial services firms concerning the issuance of municipal securities and investments of bond proceeds and defeasance escrow investments. By "rely on" we mean that we intend to seek and consider the advice, analysis, and perspective of our financial advisor before acting on any such proposals. We may also rely on representations, if any, made by financial services firms in proposals or otherwise.

Financial services firms may rely on this certification for purposes of qualifying for the IRMA exemption afforded by SEC Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi) until our replacement hereof with an updated or correcting letter posted at the same page on our internet site (www.nisd.net/business) and sent to the same address, if any, to which we have sent this letter. To confirm that this certification is current you may contact the undersigned.

If you wish to learn the identity of individuals at our financial advisor who will participate in any manner in advising us, including by participating in the management, direction, supervision, or performance of related activities, please contact our financial advisor using the contact information provided below.

Financial Services firms may submit proposals and other recommendations to us in care of the undersigned, David Rastellini, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance, and our financial advisor.

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By: _____
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