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Dear Ms. Buckton,

I have reviewed your letter dated May 30, 2019, containing a request for the Auditor of State's opinion on whether a school district's management fund can be used to pay the costs to establish and maintain a local government risk pool to transfer and reduce risk stemming from changes in natural gas prices. In addition, I have reviewed relevant statutes and court decisions. Members of our professional staff in the office have also independently reviewed your letter. For certainty, I will reiterate our mutual understanding that you were inquiring as to my opinion in the role as Auditor of State, not as an attorney, and that I am not representing you nor offering legal advice.

Our office has concluded that it appears appropriate for a school district to use their management fund to cover costs related to this type of local government risk pool.

Please contact me with additional questions. Best of luck to you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Sand". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rob Sand  
Auditor of the State of Iowa