

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

REGULATORY BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND OTHER REPORTS

Year Ended June 30, 2021

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative
Plumerville, Arkansas

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major governmental fund of the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413 (c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, as described in Note A, to meet the reporting requirements of the State of Arkansas. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my 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. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Cooperative's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of

significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described more fully in Note A to the financial statements, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of Arkansas, the financial statements are prepared by the Cooperative on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413 (c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note A and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In my opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2021, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2021, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413 (c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005 described in Note A.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A to the financial statements, in 2021 the Cooperative adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and Schedule of State Assistance – ABC and the Supplemental Data Sheet as required by Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Audit Guidelines, Section IX-C are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Capital Assets and the Supplemental Data Sheet as required by Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Audit Guidelines, Section IX-C has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated March 28, 2022 on my consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

 Doug Dobbs, CPA, P.A.

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Little Rock, Arkansas
March 28, 2022

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2021

		Governmental Funds	
		Major	
		General	Special Revenue
ASSETS			
Cash	\$	6,444,748	\$ 294,117
Accounts receivable		116,482	216,103
Inventories - resale		834,206	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	7,395,436	\$ 510,220
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	52,594	\$ 17,603
TOTAL LIABILITIES		52,594	17,603
Fund balances:			
Restricted		2,890,900	492,617
Assigned		834,206	
Unassigned		3,617,736	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		7,342,842	492,617
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	7,395,436	\$ 510,220

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

		Governmental Funds	
		Major	
		General	Special Revenue
REVENUES			
Tuition and services to other LEA's	\$	3,234,087	\$
Cooperative sales		1,312,097	
State assistance		7,927,484	
Federal assistance			2,555,406
Investment income		40,016	
Other revenues		16,874,480	
TOTAL REVENUES		29,388,164	2,555,406
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs		782,393	
Special education		1,319,434	
Other instructional programs		9,943,591	
Pupil support services		1,751,828	253,366
Staff support services		9,967,580	1,781,647
General administration support services		472,621	
Business support services		865,202	19,825
Operation and maintenance of plant		690,145	10,650
Cost of Cooperative sales		944,326	
Other support services		16,205	
Non-programmed costs		1,420,581	103,788
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		28,173,906	2,169,276
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		1,214,258	386,130
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Refund of prior year expenses		7,880	
Indirect cost		73,193	(73,193)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		81,073	(73,193)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		1,295,331	312,937
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		6,047,511	179,680
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	7,342,842	\$ 492,617

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund			Special Revenue Fund		
	Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Tuition and services to other LEA's	\$ 3,269,752	\$ 3,234,087	\$ (35,665)			
Cooperative sales	1,500,000	1,312,097	(187,903)			
State assistance	7,888,062	7,927,484	39,422			
Federal assistance				\$ 2,179,327	\$ 2,555,406	\$ 376,079
Investment income	75,000	40,016	(34,984)			
Other revenues	16,461,877	16,874,480	412,603			
TOTAL REVENUES	29,194,691	29,388,164	193,473	2,179,327	2,555,406	376,079
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	797,577	782,393	15,184	3,800	0	3,800
Special education	1,308,954	1,319,434	(10,480)			
Other instructional programs	9,671,949	9,943,591	(271,642)			
Pupil support services	1,776,996	1,751,828	25,168	500,474	253,366	247,108
Staff support services	11,182,042	9,967,580	1,214,462	1,835,617	1,781,647	53,970
General administration support services	478,671	472,621	6,050			
Business support services	857,515	865,202	(7,687)	49,792	19,825	29,967
Operation and maintenance of plant	730,850	690,145	40,705	17,682	10,650	7,032
Student transportation services				2,000	0	2,000
Cost of Cooperative sales	750,000	944,326	(194,326)			
Other support services	16,205	16,205	0			
Non-programmed costs	1,431,548	1,420,581	10,967	105,246	103,788	1,458
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,002,307	28,173,906	828,401	2,514,611	2,169,276	345,335
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	192,384	1,214,258	1,021,874	(335,284)	386,130	721,414
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Refund of prior year expenses		7,880	7,880			
Indirect cost	(204,926)	73,193	278,119	(78,893)	(73,193)	(5,700)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(204,926)	81,073	285,999	(78,893)	(73,193)	(5,700)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (12,542)	\$ 1,295,331	\$ 1,307,873	\$ (414,177)	\$ 312,937	\$ 715,714

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY

The Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative Board of Directors, a twenty seven member group, is the basic level of government which has oversight responsibility and control over all activities within the jurisdiction of the Cooperative. The Cooperative serves Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pope, Van Buren and Yell counties in Arkansas. There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Cooperative and accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the Cooperative not encompassed within other funds.

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for federal funding received by the Cooperative that is restricted for specified purposes. The Special Revenue Fund consists of federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects. The Special Revenue Fund also includes required matching for those federal programs, program income required to be used to further the objectives of those programs, and transfers from the general fund to supplement such programs.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413, as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to the financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types,

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES (CONTINUED)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses.

REVENUE RECOGNITION POLICIES

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of various school supplies and equipment held for sale to the schools served by the Cooperative and are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Buildings and equipment are stated on the basis of historical costs or estimated cost. Assets acquired through gifts or donations are recorded at their estimated or market value at time of acquisition. The Cooperative defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$ 1,000 or greater and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend lives are not capitalized. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the related costs or other recorded amounts are removed. Depreciable capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over useful lives of 5-20 years for furniture and equipment and 50 years for buildings and improvements.

FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

- (1) **Restricted Fund Balance** – represents amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through bond covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES (CONTINUED)

FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- (2) **Assigned Fund Balance** – represents amounts that are constrained by the Cooperative’s *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted or committed.
- (3) **Unassigned Fund Balance** – represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification can also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

BUDGET AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The Cooperative is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The Cooperative does not prepare and submit amended budgets during the fiscal year. The State Department of Education’s regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the education cooperatives employ the cash basis method.

The Cooperative budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis.

Budgetary perspective differences are not considered to be significant, because the structure of the information utilized in preparing the budget and the applicable fund financial statements is essentially the same. Additionally, the District routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund. Significant variances may result in the budgetary comparison of the revenues and expenditures of the special revenue fund because of the reclassification of those federal programs primarily utilized for capital projects to the other aggregate funds for reporting purposes.

STABILIZATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Cooperative’s Board of Education has not formally set aside amounts for use in emergency situations or when revenue shortages or budgetary imbalances arise.

MINIMUM FUND BALANCE POLICIES

The Cooperative’s Board of Education has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Director, in conjunction with other management and accounting personnel, is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. The Cooperative’s Board of Education has not formally adopted a policy addressing this authorization.

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FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

The Cooperative's revenues, expenditures, and fund balances are tracked in the accounting system by numerous sources of funds. The fund balances of these sources of funds are combined to derive the Cooperative's total fund balances by fund. It is common for an individual source of funds to contain restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) funds. The Cooperative does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which restricted or unrestricted amounts are available. Cooperative personnel decide which resources (source of funds) to use at the time expenditures are incurred. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The Cooperative does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance when committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

ENCUMBRANCES

The Cooperative does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

NOTE B – CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department in the Cooperative's name	6,488,865	6,957,128
Total Deposits	\$ 6,738,865	\$ 7,207,128

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JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE C – RECEIVABLES

The accounts receivable balance of \$ 332,585 at June 30, 2021 was comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds				
	Major			Total	
	General	Special Revenue			
State assistance	\$	63,891	\$	\$	63,891
Federal assistance					216,103
Due from customers		52,591			52,591
Totals	\$	116,482	\$	\$	332,585

NOTE D – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable balance of \$ 70,197 at June 30, 2021 was comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds			Total
	Major			
	General	Special Revenue		
Vendor payables	\$ 52,594	\$ 17,603	\$ 70,197	

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
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JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE E – RETIREMENT PLANS

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description. The Cooperative contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees, except certain non-teaching school employees. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-666-2877.

Funding Policy. ATRS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 6.50% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 14.50% of covered salaries. The employer contribution was paid by the Department of Education from the Public School Fund, except for those employees paid from federal funding. The Department of Education determines the amount funded. The Department of Education's contributions to ATRS for the Cooperative during the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$ 2,998,244 equal to the required contributions. The Cooperative's contributions to ATRS for federally funded employees for the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$ 129,435 equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability. The Arkansas Department of Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2021 (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) is \$ 38,270,953.

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NOTE F - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

Health insurance premiums were paid by the Arkansas Department of Education in the amount of approximately \$ 57,887 on behalf of the Cooperative's employees.

NOTE G – EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFITS

The Cooperative has an IRS code section 125 cafeteria plan offering health, dental and vision insurance and medical and child care reimbursement to current employees. Approximately \$ 1,138,365 of wages were withheld under the plan.

NOTE H – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Cooperative carries commercial insurance for board liability, student accidents, building and contents and vehicle coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in the major categories of risk.

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Workers' Compensation Trust (the Trust), a self-insurance trust voluntarily established on July 1, 1994 pursuant to state law. The Trust is responsible for obtaining and administering workers' compensation insurance coverage for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Trust is responsible for monitoring, negotiating and settling claims that have been filed on behalf of and against member Cooperatives. The Cooperative contributes annually to this program.

NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 30, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE J– CONTINGENCIES

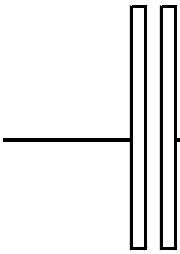
The Cooperative participates in federally assisted grant programs. The Cooperative is potentially liable for expenditures which may be disallowed pursuant to the terms of these grant programs. Management is not aware of any material items of noncompliance which would result in the disallowance of program expenditures.

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**NOTE K – DETAILS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS
DISPLAYED IN THE AGGREGATE**

Description	Major		Total
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
State programs	\$ 2,890,900	\$	\$ 2,890,900
Federal programs		492,617	492,617
Total Restricted	<u>2,890,900</u>	<u>492,617</u>	<u>3,383,517</u>
Assigned to:			
Inventory for resale	<u>834,206</u>		<u>834,206</u>
Unassigned:	<u>3,617,736</u>		<u>3,617,736</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 7,342,842</u>	<u>\$ 492,617</u>	<u>\$ 7,835,459</u>

OTHER REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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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 Board of Education
Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative
Plumerville, Arkansas

I have audited, 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, the financial statements of each major governmental fund of the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated March 28, 2022. I issued an adverse opinion because the Cooperative prepared the financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Arkansas Code, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2021, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general fund and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note A.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, I considered the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative's regulatory basis 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.

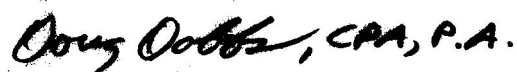
My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given those limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I 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 Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state and federal laws and 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my 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 my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Little Rock, Arkansas
March 28, 2022



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative
Plumerville, Arkansas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

I have audited the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Cooperative's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Cooperative's major federal programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my 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 audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that I 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 Cooperative's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, my audit does not provide a legal determination on the Cooperative's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In my opinion, the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative 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, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Cooperative is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing my audit of compliance, I considered the Cooperative's 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 the Uniform Guide, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's 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 a 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.

My 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. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider 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 my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guide. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Doug Dobbs, CPA, P.A.
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 28, 2022

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
(UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2021

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2021</u>
<i>Nondepreciable assets:</i>	
Land	\$ <u>22,412</u>
Total nondepreciable cost	<u>22,412</u>
<i>Capital assets that are depreciated:</i>	
Buildings and leasehold improvements	1,621,826
Equipment	<u>859,339</u>
Total depreciable historical cost	<u>2,481,165</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>	
Buildings and leasehold improvements	474,292
Equipment	<u>589,697</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,063,989</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ <u><u>1,439,588</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<u>Passed Through Arkansas Department of Education</u>			
<u>Special Education Cluster (IDEA) - Cluster</u>			
Special Education – Grants to States	84.027	15-20	398,766
Special Education – Preschool Grants	84.173	15-20	--
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA) - Cluster			<u>398,766</u>
Other Programs			
<u>Passed Through Arkansas Department of Education</u>			
Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants to States	84.048	15-20	474,562
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	15-20	54,252
Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act	84.425	15-20	1,294,316
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243	15-20	10,000
Improving Student Health and Academic Achievement through Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Management of Chronic Conditions in Schools	93.981	15-20	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>2,241,896</u>

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

1. Basis of Presentation - This schedule includes the federal grant activity of the Cooperative under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Cooperative, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the Cooperative.
2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS-CONTINUED

3. The Cooperative has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
4. Medicaid reimbursements are defined as contracts for services and not federal awards, therefore such reimbursements totaling \$ 574 are not included in the above schedule.

**ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS
FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. My report expresses an adverse opinion on the GAAP basis of reporting and an unqualified opinion on the regulatory basis opinion units.
2. There were no material weaknesses identified in internal control over financial reporting.
3. There were no significant deficiencies identified in internal control over financial reporting.
4. There was no noncompliance material to the financial statements noted.
5. There were no material weaknesses identified in internal control over major federal programs.
6. There were no significant deficiencies identified in internal control over major federal programs.
7. My report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative expresses an unqualified opinion.
8. There were no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).
9. The program tested as a major program : Education Stabilization Fund Under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, CDFA # 84.425.
10. The threshold for distinguishing types A and B programs was \$ 750,000.
11. Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative was determined not to be a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

No findings.

C. FINDINGS – FEDERAL AWARDS AUDIT

No findings.

**ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS
SUMMARY OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

There were no findings in the prior audit.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
COMPLIANCE WITH ARKANSAS STATE REQUIREMENTS**

To the Board of Education
Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative
Plumerville, Arkansas

I have examined management's assertions, included in its representation letter dated March 28, 2022 that Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative substantially complied with the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated 6-1-101 and the applicable laws and regulations listed on Arkansas Department of Education form OCI 95-96 during the year ended June 30, 2021. As discussed in that representation letter, management is responsible for the Cooperative's compliance with those requirements. My responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertions about the Cooperative's compliance based on my examination.

My examination was made in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Cooperative's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my examination provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My examination does not provide a legal determination on the Cooperative's compliance with specified requirements.

In my opinion, management's assertions that Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2021, are fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School Board, management, and the Arkansas Department of Education and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Doug Dobbs, CPA, P.A.

Doug Dobbs, CPA, P.A.
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 28, 2022

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
SCHEDULE OF STATUTES REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE ADDRESSED
IN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STATUTES</u>
District Bonded & Non-bonded Debt, School Bonds	6-20-1201 – 6-20-1208; 6-20-1210
Ethical Guidelines and Prohibitions for Board Members, Administrators, and Employees	6-13-628; 6-24-101 et seq.
Collateralization & Investment of Funds	6 -20-222; 19-1-504
Deposit of Funds	19-8-104; 19-8-106
District Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidding & Purchasing Commodities • Petty Cash • Changes in Pullback (no deferrals - declining accrual percentages) • Investment of Funds 	6-20- 402 6-21- 301 – 6-21-305 6-20-409 6-20-401 19-1-504
Management of Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Directors 	6-13-604; 6-13-606; 6-13-608; 6-13-611 – 6-13-613; 6-13-617 – 6-13-620; 6-24-101 et seq.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Warrants/checks 	6-13-701 6-17-918; 6-17-919; 6-20-403
Management Letter for Audit	14-75-101 – 14-75-104
Nonrecurring Salary Payments	6-20-412
Revolving Loan Fund	6-19-114; 6-20-801 et seq.
School Elections	6-13-622; 6-13-630; 6-13-631; 6-13-634; 6-14-106; 6-14-109; 6-14-118 6-13-635
Salary increases 5% or more (certified & Classified)	
Teachers and Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Policies • Employment and Assignment • Teacher's License Requirement • Contracts • Certification Requirements • Fair Dismissal Act • Sick Leave Policies • Salary Laws – Classified • Minimum Wage Act 	6-17-201 et seq., 6-17-2301 6-17-301 et seq. 6-17-401 et seq. 6-17-801 et seq. 6-17-309; 6-17-401 6-17-1501 et seq.; 6-17-1701 et seq. 6-17-1201 et seq.; 6-17-1301 et seq. 6-17-2201 et seq.; 6-17-2301 et seq. 11-4-213, 11-4-218, 11-4-403, 11-4-405
Teacher Salaries and Foundation Funding Aid	6-17-803; 6-17-907; 6-17-908; 6-17-911 – 6-17-913; 6-17-918; 6-17-919
Trust Funds (Education Excellence)	6-5-307
Use of Contractors, Improvement Contracts	22-9-201 – 22-9-205
Use of DM&O Millage	26-80-110
On Behalf Payments	The amount of funds paid by the Arkansas Department of Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of District's employees
Regulatory Basis of Accounting	10-4-413 (c)
Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Appeals	26-35-802
Arkansas Procurement Law	19-11-201 et. seq.
Fiscal Accountability	6-20-1901, et. seq.
Limitation on Fund Balance	6-20-2210 (Waived for 2019-2020 only)
Enhanced Student Achievement Funding	6-20-2305 (B)(4)(F)(1)
Cares Act (COVID-19) Education Funding	Commissioner's Memo LS-20-089
Charter Facilities Funding	6-23-908

**ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

The following information is being provided to satisfy the requirements of Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Audit Guidelines, Section IX-C – Special Requirements:

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| 1. Entity's Full Name: | Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative |
| 2. Entity's Address: | 101 Bulldog Drive
Plumerville, AR 72127 |
| 3. Entity's FEIN: | 71-0601521 |
| 4. Entity's Telephone Number: | (501) 354-2269 |
| 5. Name of Director: | Gregg Grant, Director |
| 6. Name of Contact Person: | Gregg Grant, Director |