

Cotter School District No. 60

Baxter County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2023



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BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Cotter School District No. 60 and School Board Members
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cotter School District No. 60 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2023, 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 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District 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, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management 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 1, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements. The 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*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. Such information 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. The 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 our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplementary information, and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the regulatory basis financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 5, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our 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 our 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

Cotter School District No. 60 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

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 financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cotter School District No. 60 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2024. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, 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 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2023, 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, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, we considered the District'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 regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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.

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 were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we 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 financial statements. 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.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE **ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Cotter School District No. 60 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Cotter School District No. 60's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the 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, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
February 5, 2024

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	Fiduciary Fund Types
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 1,306,002		\$ 4,342,440	\$ 13,509
Accounts receivable	31,833	\$ 390,250		
Due from other funds	70,471			
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,408,306</u>	<u>\$ 390,250</u>	<u>\$ 4,342,440</u>	<u>\$ 13,509</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 34,433	\$ 5,733		
Due to other funds		70,471		
Total Liabilities	<u>34,433</u>	<u>76,204</u>		
Fund Balances:				
Restricted	107,214	314,046	\$ 2,293,064	\$ 13,509
Assigned	171,755		2,049,376	
Unassigned	1,094,904			
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,373,873</u>	<u>314,046</u>	<u>4,342,440</u>	<u>13,509</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,408,306</u>	<u>\$ 390,250</u>	<u>\$ 4,342,440</u>	<u>\$ 13,509</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit B

	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 2,074,782		
State assistance	4,761,252	\$ 2,368	\$ 184,574
Federal assistance		2,139,759	
Activity revenues	279,358		
Meal sales		11,311	
Investment income	114,640		1,039
Other revenues	34,314	25,271	
TOTAL REVENUES	7,264,346	2,178,709	185,613
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	2,800,457	488,790	
Special education	289,976	231,200	
Career education programs	278,328		
Compensatory education programs	54,715	351,275	
Other instructional programs	412,415		
Student support services	281,693	152,577	
Instructional staff support services	349,538	7,824	
General administration support services	191,005	10,471	
School administration support services	254,538	7,830	
Central services support services	216,022	22,065	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,142,551	18,112	
Student transportation services	264,683	3,911	
Other support services	32,208		
Food services operations		632,571	
Facilities acquisition and construction services	7,311	390,131	821,830
Activity expenditures	261,340		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	49,703		130,000
Interest and fiscal charges	7,480		55,285
Net debt issuance costs			89,180
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,893,963	2,316,757	1,096,295
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	370,383	(138,048)	(910,682)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			441,796
Transfers out	(441,796)		
Proceeds from refunding and construction bond issue			3,900,000
Payment to refunding and construction bond escrow agent			(880,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(441,796)		3,461,296
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(71,413)	(138,048)	2,550,614
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,445,286	452,094	1,791,826
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,373,873	\$ 314,046	\$ 4,342,440

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 2,024,583	\$ 2,074,782	\$ 50,199			
State assistance	4,553,221	4,761,252	208,031	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,368	\$ (132)
Federal assistance				2,446,985	2,139,759	(307,226)
Activity revenues	3,000	279,358	276,358			
Meal sales				12,600	11,311	(1,289)
Investment income	24,000	114,640	90,640			
Other revenues	6,700	34,314	27,614	25,000	25,271	271
TOTAL REVENUES	6,611,504	7,264,346	652,842	2,487,085	2,178,709	(308,376)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	2,799,935	2,800,457	(522)	823,852	488,790	335,062
Special education	302,368	289,976	12,392	230,489	231,200	(711)
Career education programs	282,472	278,328	4,144			
Compensatory education programs	67,898	54,715	13,183	437,074	351,275	85,799
Other instructional programs	422,379	412,415	9,964			
Student support services	307,151	281,693	25,458	108,000	152,577	(44,577)
Instructional staff support services	316,601	349,538	(32,937)	12,000	7,824	4,176
General administration support services	210,829	191,005	19,824	2,653	10,471	(7,818)
School administration support services	265,553	254,538	11,015		7,830	(7,830)
Central services support services	213,317	216,022	(2,705)		22,065	(22,065)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	986,501	1,142,551	(156,050)		18,112	(18,112)
Student transportation services	222,878	264,683	(41,805)		3,911	(3,911)
Other support services	24,000	32,208	(8,208)			
Food services operations				522,926	632,571	(109,645)
Facilities acquisition and construction services	218,000	7,311	210,689	553,453	390,131	163,322
Activity expenditures		261,340	(261,340)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement	49,836	49,703	133			
Interest and fiscal charges	7,494	7,480	14			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,697,212	6,893,963	(196,751)	2,690,447	2,316,757	373,690

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (85,708)</u>	<u>\$ 370,383</u>	<u>\$ 456,091</u>	<u>\$ (203,362)</u>	<u>\$ (138,048)</u>	<u>\$ 65,314</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	8,553,414		(8,553,414)	54,478		(54,478)
Transfers out	<u>(8,738,814)</u>	<u>(441,796)</u>	<u>8,297,018</u>	<u>(54,478)</u>		<u>54,478</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(185,400)</u>	<u>(441,796)</u>	<u>(256,396)</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(271,108)	(71,413)	199,695	(203,362)	(138,048)	65,314
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>1,477,448</u>	<u>1,445,286</u>	<u>(32,162)</u>	<u>397,475</u>	<u>452,094</u>	<u>54,619</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u><u>\$ 1,206,340</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,373,873</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 167,533</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 194,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 314,046</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 119,933</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a five member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the Cotter School District (District).

B. 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 used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects, including the District's food services operations. 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.

Other governmental funds, presented in the aggregate, consist of the following:

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Capital Projects Fund excludes those types of capital-related outflows financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Fiduciary Fund types include the following:

Private-purpose Funds – Private-purpose funds are used to report all other arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

C. 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(c) 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 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 and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets, leases, 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.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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. Major governmental funds are defined as general and special revenue, and such funds are presented separately in the financial statements. All other governmental funds are presented in the aggregate. Fiduciary fund types are presented in a separate column in the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis. 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. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and financed purchases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose funds will be reflected in the notes to financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA, except for property taxes (see Note 1 F below).

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

No salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Improvements/infrastructure	10-25
Buildings	20-50
Equipment	5-25

F. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied (tax rates are established) in November of each year based on property assessment (real and personal) that occurred within a specific period of time beginning January 1 of the same year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the year following the levy date and are considered delinquent after October 15 of the same calendar year.

Amendment no. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution established a uniform minimum property tax millage rate of 25 mills for maintenance and operation of public schools. Ark. Code Ann. § 26-80-101 provides the uniform rate of tax (URT) shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other school property taxes, but the net revenues from the URT shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and distributed by the State to the county treasurer of each county for distribution to the school districts in that county. For reporting purposes, URT revenues are considered property taxes.

G. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund receivables and payables result from services rendered from one fund to another or from interfund loans.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. 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.
2. Assigned fund balance – represents amounts that are constrained by the District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor 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.

I. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The District 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 school districts employ the cash basis method.

The District 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. Additionally, the District routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund.

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.

J. Stabilization Arrangements

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

K. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

The District's Board of Education has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The Superintendent, in conjunction with other management and accounting personnel, is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. The District's Board of Education has not adopted a formal policy addressing this authorization.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures (Continued)

The District'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 District's total fund balances by fund. It is uncommon for an individual source of funds to contain restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) funds. The District does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. District 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 District does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balances 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.

M. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: 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 District's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the District's name	5,411,751	5,860,162
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 5,661,751</u>	<u>\$ 6,110,162</u>

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$200.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2023, were comprised of the following:

	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
Description	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 23,580	
Federal assistance		\$ 387,784
Other	8,253	2,466
Totals	<u>\$ 31,833</u>	<u>\$ 390,250</u>

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JUNE 30, 2023

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable at June 30, 2023, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 34,433	\$ 5,733

5: COMMITMENTS

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2023:

A. Construction Contracts

Project Name	Estimated Completion Date	Contract Balance
High School Addition	December 13, 2024	\$ 6,035,507
Cooler/Freezer Addition	August 1, 2023	15,328
Elementary HVAC	November 1, 2023	344,998

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

The District is presently paying on the following long-term debt:

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2023	Maturities To June 30, 2023
<u>Bonds</u>					
9/29/22	2/1/52	2.5%-4%	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 3,770,000	\$ 130,000
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
5/24/18	5/24/28	4.38%	147,500	81,623	65,877
4/29/21	4/29/26	3.89%	90,111	56,171	33,940
Total Direct Borrowings			237,611	137,794	99,817
Total Long-Term Debt			\$ 4,137,611	\$ 3,907,794	\$ 229,817

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding (Continued)

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2022	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2023
Bonds payable	\$ 875,000	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 1,005,000 *	\$ 3,770,000
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Postdated warrants	114,023		32,400	81,623
Installment contracts	73,474		17,303	56,171
Total Direct Borrowings	187,497		49,703	137,794
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,062,497	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 1,054,703	\$ 3,907,794

* Includes \$875,000 early retirement of debt – See Note 6.

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds			Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 55,000	\$ 136,788	\$ 191,788	\$ 32,947	\$ 5,532	\$ 38,479
2025	65,000	135,275	200,275	34,327	4,152	38,479
2026	70,000	133,488	203,488	35,759	2,719	38,478
2027	75,000	131,562	206,562	17,008	1,523	18,531
2028	85,000	129,500	214,500	17,753	778	18,531
2029-2033	510,000	605,200	1,115,200			
2034-2038	595,000	518,612	1,113,612			
2039-2043	700,000	407,000	1,107,000			
2044-2048	835,000	258,800	1,093,800			
2049-2052	780,000	79,400	859,400			
Totals	\$ 3,770,000	\$ 2,535,625	\$ 6,305,625	\$ 137,794	\$ 14,704	\$ 152,498

Security for Debt Payments

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1204 specifies procedures to be followed if a school district is delinquent in a payment to the paying agent for bonded debt. As additional security, any delinquent payment for bonded debt will be satisfied by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Depending on the date of the bond issue, DESE will recover the full amount of any delinquency payment through the withholding of a school district's state funding or a direct payment from the school district. There were no delinquent bond payments incurred by the District during the audit period.

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JUNE 30, 2023

6: DEBT REFUNDING

On September 29, 2022 the District issued refunding and construction bonds of \$3,900,000 with interest rates of 2.5 to 4 percent to refund \$875,000 of outstanding bonds dated November 1, 2012. The interest rates of the bonds refunded were 0.5 to 1.9 percent. Net bond proceeds of \$880,500 were remitted to an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments for the bonds refunded. These bonds were called on October 31, 2022. The remaining proceeds of \$2,930,320 (after payment of \$89,180 net bond issuance costs) will be utilized for construction and improvement projects. The bond issue restructured and extended the debt obligation of the District from fiscal year 2027 to 2052.

7: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$3,900,000 issued on September 29, 2022. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$6,305,625, payable through February 1, 2052. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$184,907 and \$487,101, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 37.96 percent.

8: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$441,796 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$176,796 and for future capital expenditures of \$265,000.

9: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers employees of schools and education-related agencies, 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, by calling 501-682-1517, or by visiting the ATRS website at www.artrs.gov.

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. 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 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$693,009, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary 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 District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$7,169,848.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

10: CHANGES IN PRIVATE-PURPOSE FUNDS

FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	<u>\$ 13,509</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	<u><u>\$ 13,509</u></u>

11: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District 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 District carries commercial insurance for board liability and student accident.

The District 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 districts. The District contributes annually to this program.

The District participates in the Arkansas Fidelity Bond Trust Fund administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program provides coverage for actual losses sustained by its members through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by officials or employees. Each loss is limited to \$300,000 with a \$2,500 deductible. Premiums for coverage are paid by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas from funds withheld from the Public School Fund.

The District participates in the Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program's general objectives are to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of member districts, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property and vehicles coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The District pays an annual premium for its coverage of buildings, contents, and vehicles.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in the major categories of risk.

12: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The allocation of the health insurance premiums paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of the District's employees, totaled \$214,882 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

13: DETAILS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS DISPLAYED IN THE AGGREGATE

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Enhanced student achievement funding	\$ 46,860		
English-language learners	1,732		
Professional development	6,159		
Capital projects			\$2,293,064
Child nutrition programs		\$ 180,851	
Medical services		133,195	
Special education programs	45,892		
Other purposes	6,571		
Total Restricted	<u>107,214</u>	<u>314,046</u>	<u>2,293,064</u>
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			2,049,376
Student activities	<u>171,755</u>		
Total Assigned	<u>171,755</u>		<u>2,049,376</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,094,904</u>		
Totals	<u><u>\$1,373,873</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 314,046</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,342,440</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

14: COMPONENT UNIT

The financial statements do not include assets, fund balance, and changes in fund balance of the Cotter Warrior Foundation, Inc. The Foundation operates as a nonprofit benevolent corporation organized exclusively for charitable educational purposes. A summary of the Foundation's financial condition (unaudited) as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 24,129
Certificate of deposit	14,057
Other Investments	<u>314,390</u>
FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 352,576</u></u>
REVENUE	
Donations	\$ 14,331
Interest and dividends	6,710
Realized gain on investments	8,311
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>8,393</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>37,745</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Scholarships	9,500
Other	<u>7,474</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>16,974</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$ 20,771</u></u>

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2023
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 172,835
Construction in progress	1,167,891
Total nondepreciable capital assets	<u>1,340,726</u>
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	5,717,018
Improvements/infrastructure	938,678
Equipment	2,334,498
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>8,990,194</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	3,815,210
Improvements/infrastructure	683,332
Equipment	1,414,463
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,913,005</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>3,077,189</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 4,417,915</u></u>

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	0302		\$ 148,867
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			9,998
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	0302		383,564
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	0302000		27,115
Total for National School Lunch Program				420,677
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				569,544
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				569,544
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	0302		186,544
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	0302		20,823
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	0302		13,703
Total U. S. Department of Education				221,070
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				221,070
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>				
Emergency Connectivity Fund Program- COVID-19	32.009			10,301
Total Federal Communications Commission				10,301
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	0302		36
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	0302		976,333
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	0302		1,382
Total Education Stabilization Fund				977,751
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	0302		273,770
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	0302		19,157
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	0302		43,060
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	0302		17,927
Total U. S. Department of Education				1,331,665
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				1,341,966
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 2,132,580

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Cotter School District No. 60 (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. 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 District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- Note 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.
- Note 3: The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District received Medicaid funding of \$112,406 from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended, and therefore, are not included in the above Schedule.
- Note 5: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the U. S. Department of Defense through an agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
- Note 6: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Types of auditor's reports issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with:

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) - adverse
Regulatory basis - unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.425D, 84.425U, and 84.425W	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	<u>\$</u>	<u>750,000</u>
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

COTTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Schedule 4

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

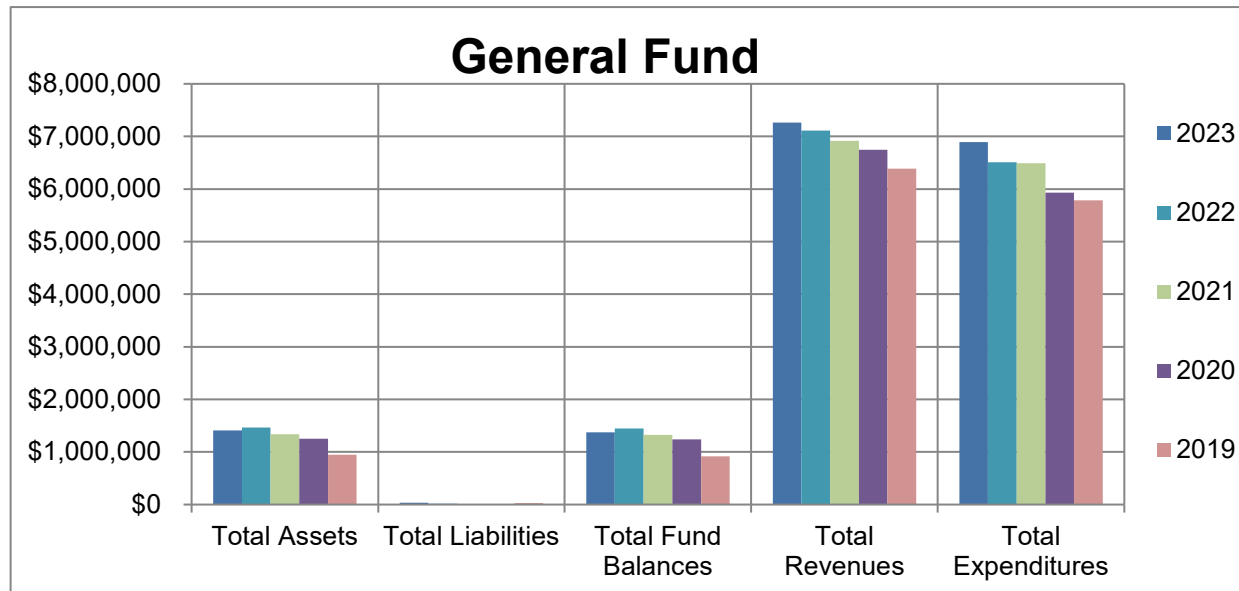
There were no findings in the prior audit.

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COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 5

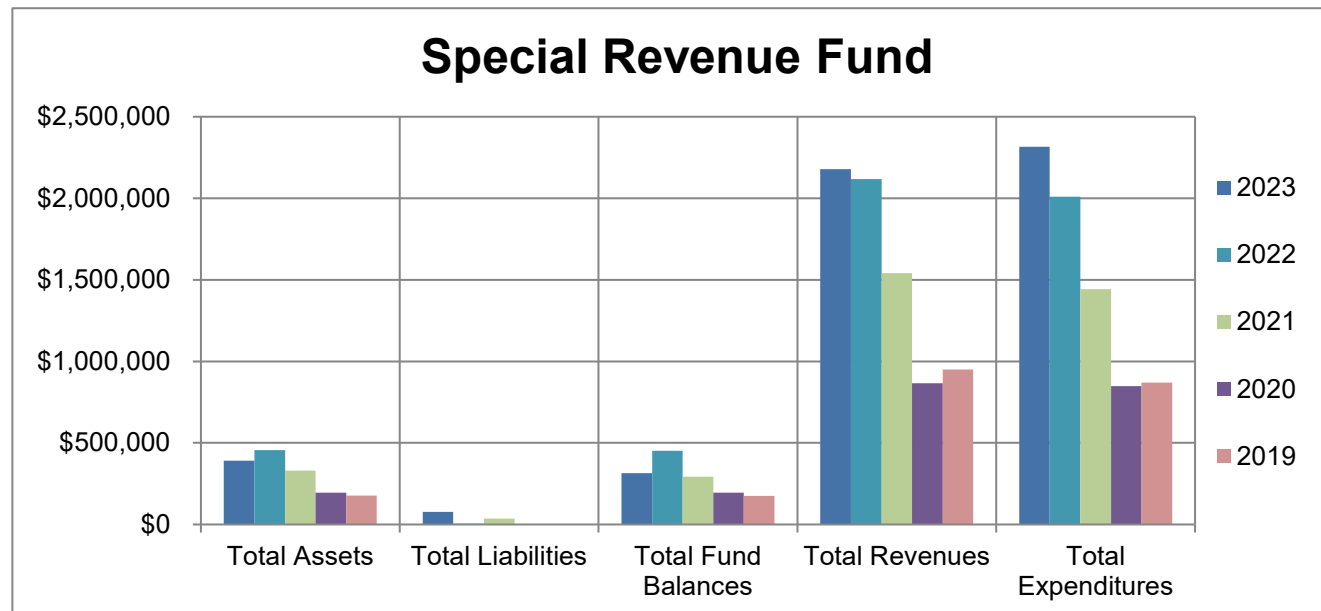
General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 1,408,306	\$ 1,464,019	\$ 1,335,781	\$ 1,251,302	\$ 946,427
Total Liabilities	34,433	18,733	11,691	11,599	27,690
Total Fund Balances	1,373,873	1,445,286	1,324,090	1,239,703	918,737
Total Revenues	7,264,346	7,113,082	6,916,047	6,747,045	6,385,457
Total Expenditures	6,893,963	6,506,569	6,491,224	5,931,049	5,786,255
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(441,796)	(485,317)	(429,001)	(495,030)	(595,665)



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Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 390,250	\$ 456,461	\$ 329,783	\$ 195,665	\$ 176,240
Total Liabilities	76,204	4,367	36,801	1,282	109
Total Fund Balances	314,046	452,094	292,982	194,383	176,131
Total Revenues	2,178,709	2,118,358	1,541,708	866,781	950,966
Total Expenditures	2,316,757	2,009,883	1,443,109	848,529	870,639
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		50,637			



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Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 4,342,440	\$ 1,791,826	\$ 1,489,218	\$ 1,513,005	\$ 1,202,403
Total Liabilities					
Total Fund Balances	4,342,440	1,791,826	1,489,218	1,513,005	1,202,403
Total Revenues	185,613		17,064	20,933	20,318
Total Expenditures	1,096,295	182,709	559,963	205,361	226,014
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,461,296	485,317	519,112	495,030	595,665

