

# **Dermott Special School District**

**Chicot County, Arkansas**

## **Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports**

**June 30, 2024**



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CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Dermott Special School District and School Board Members  
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

#### **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 Dermott Special School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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, 2024, 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, 2024, 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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 GAAS. 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**

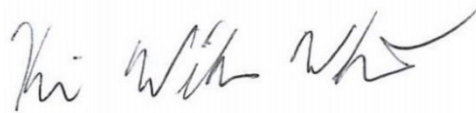
Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplementary 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 April 7, 2025 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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Kevin William White, CPA, JD  
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 7, 2025  
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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

Dermott Special School District 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Dermott Special School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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 April 7, 2025. 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, 2024, 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 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

### **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*.

### **District's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **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

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Matt Fink, CPA  
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 7, 2025



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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

Dermott Special School District 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 Dermott Special School District'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, 2024. 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, 2024.

##### ***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**

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

*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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001, to be a material weakness.

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.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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  
April 7, 2025

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 396,722		\$ 2,999,444
Investments	411,282		
Accounts receivable	5,953	\$ 174,308	16,217
Due from other funds	113,743		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 927,700</u>	<u>\$ 174,308</u>	<u>\$ 3,015,661</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 98,565	\$ 5,481	\$ 1,099
Due to other funds		113,743	
Total Liabilities	<u>98,565</u>	<u>119,224</u>	<u>1,099</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	162,528	55,084	
Assigned	30,544		3,014,562
Unassigned	636,063		
Total Fund Balances	<u>829,135</u>	<u>55,084</u>	<u>3,014,562</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 927,700</u>	<u>\$ 174,308</u>	<u>\$ 3,015,661</u>

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

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,903,554		
State assistance	2,481,773	\$ 1,471	
Federal assistance		1,469,874	
Activity revenues	75,444		
Meal sales		28,344	
Investment income	14,719		
Other revenues	191,928	1,835	\$ 15,137
TOTAL REVENUES	4,667,418	1,501,524	15,137
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	1,818,500	299,953	
Special education	387,045	163,024	
Career education programs	58,926		
Compensatory education programs	104,618	280,837	
Other instructional programs	24,313		
Student support services	106,179	104,447	
Instructional staff support services	240,347	278,481	
General administration support services	206,672	21,726	
School administration support services	223,777		
Central services support services	68,396		2,782
Operation and maintenance of plant services	604,865	1,270	229,462
Student transportation services	241,572		
Other support services	10,855		
Food services operations	17,652	386,455	
Community services operations		3,893	
Non-programmed costs		9,165	
Activity expenditures	75,906		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	3,665		195,000
Interest and fiscal charges	313		38,625
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,193,601	1,549,251	465,869
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	473,817	(47,727)	(450,732)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			448,625
Transfers out	(448,625)		
Refund to grantor	(225)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(448,850)		448,625
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	24,967	(47,727)	(2,107)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	804,168	102,811	3,016,669
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 829,135	\$ 55,084	\$ 3,014,562

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

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT 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, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,844,000	\$ 1,903,554	\$ 59,554			
State assistance	2,531,985	2,481,773	(50,212)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,471	\$ 471
Federal assistance				1,748,255	1,469,874	(278,381)
Activity revenues		75,444	75,444			
Meal sales				12,050	28,344	16,294
Investment income	7,000	14,719	7,719			
Other revenues	183,389	191,928	8,539	20,000	1,835	(18,165)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,566,374</b>	<b>4,667,418</b>	<b>101,044</b>	<b>1,781,305</b>	<b>1,501,524</b>	<b>(279,781)</b>
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	1,964,051	1,818,500	145,551	283,580	299,953	(16,373)
Special education	427,176	387,045	40,131	113,089	163,024	(49,935)
Career education programs	61,297	58,926	2,371			
Compensatory education programs	71,797	104,618	(32,821)	311,695	280,837	30,858
Other instructional programs	24,986	24,313	673			
Student support services	133,556	106,179	27,377	195,888	104,447	91,441
Instructional staff support services	290,267	240,347	49,920	485,410	278,481	206,929
General administration support services	237,373	206,672	30,701	25,913	21,726	4,187
School administration support services	226,825	223,777	3,048			
Central services support services	79,066	68,396	10,670	2,500		2,500
Operation and maintenance of plant services	641,048	604,865	36,183	38,892	1,270	37,622
Student transportation services	315,552	241,572	73,980			
Other support services	21,000	10,855	10,145			
Food services operations		17,652	(17,652)	340,082	386,455	(46,373)
Community services operations				12,407	3,893	8,514
Non-programmed costs	6,318		6,318	9,165	9,165	
Activity expenditures		75,906	(75,906)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement	3,540	3,665	(125)			
Interest and fiscal charges	438	313	125			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,504,290</b>	<b>4,193,601</b>	<b>310,689</b>	<b>1,818,621</b>	<b>1,549,251</b>	<b>269,370</b>

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT 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, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 62,084	\$ 473,817	\$ 411,733	\$ (37,316)	\$ (47,727)	\$ (10,411)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	5,269,524		(5,269,524)	31,654		(31,654)
Transfers out	(5,494,067)	(448,625)	5,045,442	(31,654)		31,654
Refund to grantor		(225)	(225)			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(224,543)	(448,850)	(224,307)	0		0
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(162,459)	24,967	187,426	(37,316)	(47,727)	(10,411)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	828,951	804,168	(24,783)	65,041	102,811	37,770
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 666,492	\$ 829,135	\$ 162,643	\$ 27,725	\$ 55,084	\$ 27,359

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

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024

**1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Board of Education, a six 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 Dermott Special School District (District). There are no component units.

**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.

**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.

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**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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life in Years</u>
Improvements/infrastructure	20
Buildings	50
Equipment	5-20

**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.

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**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.



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**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)	\$ 3,807,448	\$ 3,957,805

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$411,282 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts. The District's primary bank account balance is swept daily to a number of banks in which all cash deposits in the bank are insured.

**3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2024, were comprised of the following:

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
Description	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
Federal assistance		\$ 174,308	
Other	\$ 5,953		\$ 16,217
Totals	\$ 5,953	\$ 174,308	\$ 16,217

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**4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2024, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Vendor payables	\$ 8,427	\$ 5,481	\$ 1,099
Payroll withholdings and matching	90,138		
Totals	<u>\$ 98,565</u>	<u>\$ 5,481</u>	<u>\$ 1,099</u>

**5: COMMITMENTS**

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2024:

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, 2024	Maturities To June 30, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>					
4/1/13	2/1/38	1.4 - 3.15%	\$ 755,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 230,000
9/1/14	6/1/28	1 - 2.6%	2,120,000	700,000	1,420,000
Total Bonds			<u>2,875,000</u>	<u>1,225,000</u>	<u>1,650,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
3/31/20	3/31/25	6.35%	17,000	2,906	14,094
Total Long-Term Debt			<u>\$ 2,892,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,227,906</u>	<u>\$ 1,664,094</u>

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2024
Bonds payable	<u>\$ 1,420,000</u>		<u>\$ 195,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Financed purchase	<u>6,571</u>		<u>3,665</u>	<u>2,906</u>
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,426,571</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 198,665</u>	<u>\$ 1,227,906</u>

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JUNE 30, 2024

**5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)**

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding (Continued)

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds			Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 200,000	\$ 33,485	\$ 233,485	\$ 2,906	\$ 78	\$ 2,984
2026	210,000	28,560	238,560			
2027	210,000	23,398	233,398			
2028	215,000	17,798	232,798			
2029	35,000	12,067	47,067			
2030-2034	185,000	44,077	229,077			
2035-2038	170,000	13,860	183,860			
Totals	<u>\$ 1,225,000</u>	<u>\$ 173,245</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,245</u>	<u>\$ 2,906</u>	<u>\$ 78</u>	<u>\$ 2,984</u>

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.

**6: PLEDGED REVENUES**

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$2,875,000 issued from April 1, 2013 through September 1, 2014. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$1,398,245, payable through February 1, 2038. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$232,708 and \$765,337, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 30.41 percent.

**7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

The District transferred \$448,625 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$233,625 and future capital expenditures of \$215,000.

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**8: 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](http://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, 2024, were \$474,263, 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, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$4,300,453.

**9: 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 student accidents.

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.

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**10: 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 \$113,498 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**11: DETAILS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS DISPLAYED IN THE AGGREGATE**

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Alternative learning environment	\$ 11,207		
Enhanced student achievement funding	74,500		
English-language learners	3,573		
Professional development	11,281		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 13,749	
Medical services		26,785	
Special education programs	5,990		
Other purposes	55,977	14,550	
Total Restricted	<u>162,528</u>	<u>55,084</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$3,014,562
Student activities	30,544		
Total Assigned	<u>30,544</u>		<u>3,014,562</u>
Unassigned	<u>636,063</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 829,135</u>	<u>\$ 55,084</u>	<u>\$3,014,562</u>

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
(Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2024
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 303,723
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	4,284,934
Improvements/infrastructure	2,175,377
Equipment	2,345,651
Total depreciable capital assets	8,805,962
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	3,729,435
Improvements/infrastructure	443,886
Equipment	1,469,059
Total accumulated depreciation	5,642,380
Total depreciable capital assets, net	3,163,582
Capital assets, net	\$ 3,467,305

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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
<b>CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER</b>				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	0901		\$ 90,325
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			5,816
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	0901		197,824
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	0901000		11,587
Total for National School Lunch Program				215,227
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	0901		7,554
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				313,106
<b>TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER</b>				313,106
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)</b>				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	0901		149,584
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	0901		6,358
Total U. S. Department of Education				155,942
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)</b>				155,942
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	0901		413,481
Total Education Stabilization Fund				413,481
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	0901		410,430
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	0901		4,615
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	0901		29,502
Arkansas Department of Education - Comprehensive Literacy Development	84.371C	0901		25,670
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	0901		31,858
Total U. S. Department of Education				915,556
<b>TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS</b>				915,556
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			\$ 0	\$ 1,384,604

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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 Dermott Special School District (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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, 2024, the District received Medicaid funding of \$50,211 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.



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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
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**FEDERAL AWARDS**

Internal control over major federal programs:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
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Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.553, 10.555, and 10.582	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010A	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
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CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
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Schedule 3

**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

**MATERIAL WEAKNESS**

**2024-001. Internal Control**

Criteria: Internal control is a process consisting of five interrelated components - *control environment, risk assessment, information and communication, control activities, and monitoring*. Management is responsible for adopting sound accounting policies and for establishing and maintaining internal control that will, among other things, initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions (as well as events and conditions) consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements.

Condition: Deficiencies in the internal control component of control activities adversely affected the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there was a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements would not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. Financial accounting duties were not adequately segregated among employees. Specifically, certain key weaknesses included the following: non-payroll checks were prepared by the same employee responsible for the maintenance of accounting records and such employee had unrestricted access to the District's electronic signature stamp. Payroll checks were prepared by the same employee responsible for changes to the payroll amounts, without compensating controls. The District Treasurer was responsible for receiving and depositing monies collected and preparation of bank reconciliations, without compensating controls. Repeat of finding 2023-001.

Cause: District management, due to cost/benefit implications which hindered the District's ability to adequately segregate financial accounting duties among employees, did not effectively address the deficiencies in internal control.

Effect or potential effect: The District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements, as well as the ability to safeguard District assets, was adversely affected by the identified weaknesses in the above internal control component.

Recommendation: District management should adopt sound accounting policies and establish and maintain internal control that will initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements and that will safeguard District assets.

Views of responsible officials: We concur with the recommendation and will implement corrective procedures to the extent possible.

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**MATERIAL WEAKNESS**

**APPLICABLE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS:**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER - AL NUMBERS 10.553, 10.555, and 10.582  
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 0901  
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
TITLE I GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES - AL NUMBER 84.010A  
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 0901  
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**2024-001. Internal control**

The internal control deficiencies identified in Finding 2024-001 noted in Section II above also apply to these major federal programs.

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**DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

2023 - Finding 2023-001: Internal Control

2022 - Finding 2022-001: Internal Control

### **Condition:**

Deficiencies in the internal control component of control activities adversely affected the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there was a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements would not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. Financial accounting duties were not adequately segregated among employees. Specifically, certain key weaknesses include the following: non-payroll checks were prepared by the same employee responsible for the maintenance of accounting records and such employee had unrestricted access to the District's electronic signature stamp. Payroll checks were prepared by the same employee responsible for changes to the payroll amounts, without compensating controls. The District Treasurer was responsible for receiving and depositing monies collected, and preparation of bank reconciliations, without compensating controls.

Current Status: Due to cost/benefit implications, the District was unable to adequately segregate the financial accounting duties. See Finding 2024-001 at Schedule 3.

## **FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

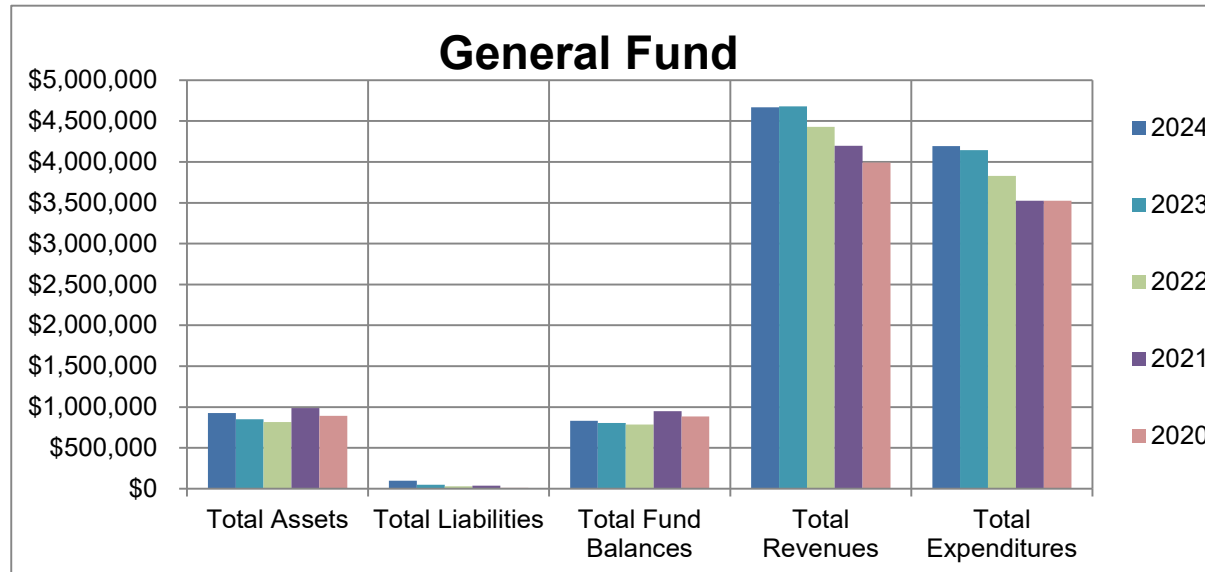
There were no findings in the prior audit.

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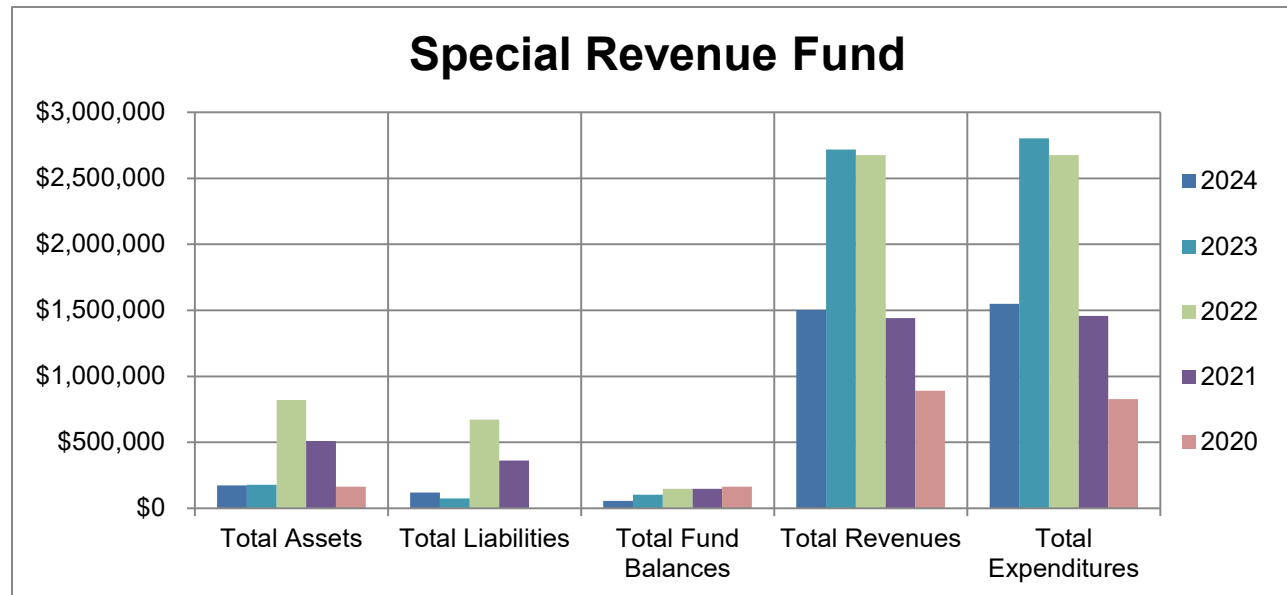
<b>General Fund</b>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 927,700	\$ 850,607	\$ 814,777	\$ 986,668	\$ 891,415
Total Liabilities	98,565	46,439	28,342	36,187	8,749
Total Fund Balances	829,135	804,168	786,435	950,481	882,666
Total Revenues	4,667,418	4,678,132	4,428,300	4,197,236	3,991,328
Total Expenditures	4,193,601	4,144,297	3,828,495	3,523,632	3,526,752
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(448,850)	(516,102)	(763,851)	(620,169)	(305,336)



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<u><b>Special Revenue Fund</b></u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 174,308	\$ 177,925	\$ 819,651	\$ 509,280	\$ 163,172
Total Liabilities	119,224	75,114	672,989	362,627	
Total Fund Balances	55,084	102,811	146,662	146,653	163,172
Total Revenues	1,501,524	2,718,343	2,674,413	1,439,964	890,419
Total Expenditures	1,549,251	2,802,047	2,674,404	1,456,483	826,811
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		39,853			



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 3,015,661	\$ 3,049,550	\$ 2,943,952	\$ 2,481,059	\$ 2,275,100
Total Liabilities	1,099	32,881	4,119		
Total Fund Balances	3,014,562	3,016,669	2,939,833	2,481,059	2,275,100
Total Revenues	15,137				
Total Expenditures	465,869	426,661	288,262	414,210	295,732
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	448,625	503,497	747,036	620,169	322,336

