

Dermott Special School District

Chicot County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2025



DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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 March 5, 2026, 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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Little Rock, Arkansas
March 5, 2026
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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, 2025, 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 March 5, 2026. 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, 2025, 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 2025-001 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*.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated March 5, 2026.

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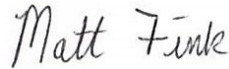
District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit, excluding the management letter finding, 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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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

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 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, 2025. 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, 2025.

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



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

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

We would like to communicate the following item that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comment is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management to maintain a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations, and to improve internal control. This matter was discussed previously with District officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

On November 19, 2024, the District discovered that an employee's payroll direct deposit was fraudulently diverted to another bank account after the employee contacted the District about not receiving her direct deposit. It was determined that the District made the direct deposit change after receiving an email request from what appeared to be the employee's email account, without properly verifying the authenticity of the change request. The District recovered \$479 of the funds, resulting in a loss of \$1,698.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local school board and District management, state executive and oversight management, federal regulatory and oversight bodies, the federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Fink".

Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
March 5, 2026

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 245,057		\$ 2,520,763
Investments	419,273		
Accounts receivable	40,644	\$ 328,665	
Due from other funds		4,768	264,462
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 704,974</u>	<u>\$ 333,433</u>	<u>\$ 2,785,225</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 51,746	\$ 1,749	
Due to other funds	4,768	264,462	
Total Liabilities	<u>56,514</u>	<u>266,211</u>	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	74,861	67,222	
Assigned	26,099		\$ 2,785,225
Unassigned	547,500		
Total Fund Balances	<u>648,460</u>	<u>67,222</u>	<u>2,785,225</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 704,974</u>	<u>\$ 333,433</u>	<u>\$ 2,785,225</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, 2025

Exhibit B

	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 2,014,401		
State assistance	2,251,520	\$ 1,349	
Federal assistance	19,624	1,719,157	
Activity revenues	51,491		
Meal sales		39,103	
Investment income	14,380		
Other revenues	181,040	15,170	
TOTAL REVENUES	4,532,456	1,774,779	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	1,930,542	152,194	
Special education	402,812	103,411	
Career education programs	66,426		
Compensatory education programs	73,855	722,511	
Other instructional programs	17,088		
Student support services	144,639	74,762	
Instructional staff support services	235,836	298,387	
General administration support services	206,841	25,212	
School administration support services	232,002	199	
Central services support services	127,127		
Operation and maintenance of plant services	667,990	1,265	\$ 229,337
Student transportation services	259,198		
Other support services	20,398		
Food services operations	35,121	367,279	
Community services operations		6,873	
Non-programmed costs		10,548	
Activity expenditures	55,936		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	2,906		200,000
Interest and fiscal charges	9		34,405
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,478,726	1,762,641	463,742
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	53,730	12,138	(463,742)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			234,405
Transfers out	(234,405)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(234,405)		234,405
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(180,675)	12,138	(229,337)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	829,135	55,084	3,014,562
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 648,460	\$ 67,222	\$ 2,785,225

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, 2025

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,896,000	\$ 2,014,401	\$ 118,401			
State assistance	2,243,791	2,251,520	7,729	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,349	\$ (51)
Federal assistance		19,624	19,624	1,851,952	1,719,157	(132,795)
Activity revenues		51,491	51,491			
Meal sales				10,600	39,103	28,503
Investment income	7,000	14,380	7,380			
Other revenues	179,400	181,040	1,640		15,170	15,170
TOTAL REVENUES	4,326,191	4,532,456	206,265	1,863,952	1,774,779	(89,173)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	2,095,395	1,930,542	164,853	185,586	152,194	33,392
Special education	408,499	402,812	5,687	76,843	103,411	(26,568)
Career education programs	65,005	66,426	(1,421)			
Compensatory education programs	72,394	73,855	(1,461)	775,532	722,511	53,021
Other instructional programs	25,108	17,088	8,020			
Student support services	190,680	144,639	46,041	133,690	74,762	58,928
Instructional staff support services	226,445	235,836	(9,391)	331,720	298,387	33,333
General administration support services	221,267	206,841	14,426	28,099	25,212	2,887
School administration support services	235,272	232,002	3,270	370	199	171
Central services support services	111,961	127,127	(15,166)			
Operation and maintenance of plant services	612,015	667,990	(55,975)	2,120	1,265	855
Student transportation services	305,868	259,198	46,670			
Other support services	13,000	20,398	(7,398)			
Food services operations		35,121	(35,121)	338,920	367,279	(28,359)
Community services operations				13,457	6,873	6,584
Non-programmed costs				10,548	10,548	
Activity expenditures		55,936	(55,936)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement	3,540	2,906	634			
Interest and fiscal charges	438	9	429			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,586,887	4,478,726	108,161	1,896,885	1,762,641	134,244

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, 2025

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (260,696)</u>	<u>\$ 53,730</u>	<u>\$ 314,426</u>	<u>\$ (32,933)</u>	<u>\$ 12,138</u>	<u>\$ 45,071</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	5,239,579		(5,239,579)	50,395		(50,395)
Transfers out	<u>(5,483,509)</u>	<u>(234,405)</u>	<u>5,249,104</u>	<u>(31,152)</u>		<u>31,152</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(243,930)</u>	<u>(234,405)</u>	<u>9,525</u>	<u>19,243</u>		<u>(19,243)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(504,626)	(180,675)	323,951	(13,690)	12,138	25,828
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>831,605</u>	<u>829,135</u>	<u>(2,470)</u>	<u>34,364</u>	<u>55,084</u>	<u>20,720</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u><u>\$ 326,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 648,460</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 321,481</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,674</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 67,222</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,548</u></u>

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, 2025

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 compensated absences and 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.

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

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
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

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. 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.

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.

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. 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.

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Budget and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

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.

M. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost. The District's cash deposits at June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	Bank Balance
	<u> </u>
Insured (FDIC)	<u><u>\$ 3,438,894</u></u>

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$419,273 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

The insured (FDIC) balances were comprised of funds placed through IntraFi Cash Services (ICS) and Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS). ICS deposits are held in various banks which are insured by FDIC, and CDARS invests in certificates of deposit at various banks which are insured by FDIC.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2025, were comprised of the following:

	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
Description	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 38,781	
Federal assistance		\$ 328,495
Activity fund accounts	250	
Other	1,613	170
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals	<u><u>\$ 40,644</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 328,665</u></u>

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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JUNE 30, 2025

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2025, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 51,266	\$ 1,749
Payroll withholdings and matching	480	
Totals	<u>\$ 51,746</u>	<u>\$ 1,749</u>

5: COMMITMENTS

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2025:

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, 2025	Maturities To June 30, 2025
<u>Bonds</u>					
4/1/13	2/1/38	1.4-3.15%	\$ 755,000	\$ 495,000	\$ 260,000
9/1/14	6/1/28	1-2.6%	<u>2,120,000</u>	<u>530,000</u>	<u>1,590,000</u>
Total Long-Term Debt			<u>\$ 2,875,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,850,000</u>

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2024	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2025
Bonds payable	<u>\$ 1,225,000</u>		<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Financed purchase	<u>2,906</u>		<u>2,906</u>	
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,227,906</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 202,906</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,000</u>

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding (Continued)

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 210,000	\$ 28,560	\$ 238,560
2027	210,000	23,397	233,397
2028	215,000	17,798	232,798
2029	35,000	12,068	47,068
2030	35,000	11,017	46,017
2031-2035	185,000	38,415	223,415
2036-2038	135,000	8,505	143,505
Totals	<u>\$ 1,025,000</u>	<u>\$ 139,760</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,760</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 \$1,164,760, payable through February 1, 2038. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$233,485 and \$809,904, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 28.83 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$234,405 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments.

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.

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

8: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

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, 2025, were \$472,245, 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, 2024, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$3,658,308.

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 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.

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 \$116,781 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
English-language learners	\$ 4,305		
Professional development	1,432		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 11,636	
Medical services		45,570	
Special education programs	4,274		
Other purposes	64,850	10,016	
Total Restricted	<u>74,861</u>	<u>67,222</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$2,785,225
Student activities	26,099		
Total Assigned	<u>26,099</u>		<u>2,785,225</u>
Unassigned	<u>547,500</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 648,460</u>	<u>\$ 67,222</u>	<u>\$2,785,225</u>

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2025
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 303,723
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	4,284,933
Improvements/infrastructure	2,175,377
Equipment	2,426,091
Total depreciable capital assets	8,886,401
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	3,785,996
Improvements/infrastructure	540,668
Equipment	1,597,332
Total accumulated depreciation	5,923,996
Total depreciable capital assets, net	2,962,405
Capital assets, net	\$ 3,266,128

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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	0901		\$ 94,632
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555	Direct		7,999
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	0901		188,697
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	0901000		13,392
Total for National School Lunch Program				210,088
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	0901		6,090
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				310,810
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				310,810
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	0901		127,188
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	0901		6,126
Total U. S. Department of Education				133,314
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				133,314
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	0901		536,342
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	0901		12,234
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	0901		37,688
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	0901		31,152
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	0901		570,408
Total U. S. Department of Education				1,187,824
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Cooperative Agreements to Promote Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance	93.079	0901		199
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services				199
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				1,188,023
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 1,632,147

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, 2025

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, 2025. 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 rates allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District received Medicaid funding of \$58,526 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 Education.

DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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:

☒ Material weakness(es) identified?	X	yes		no
☒ Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	X	none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

	yes	X	no
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FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

☒ Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	X	no
☒ Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	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)?

	yes	X	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?

	yes	X	no
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DERMOTT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Schedule 3

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

2025-001. 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 2024-001.

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

No matters were reported.

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CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024-Finding 2023 - Finding 2023-001: 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 2025-001 at Schedule 3.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TITLE I GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

2024 – Finding 2024-001: CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER – AL NUMBERS 10.553, 10.555, and 10.582 and
TITLE I GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES – AL NUMBER 84.010A

Condition:

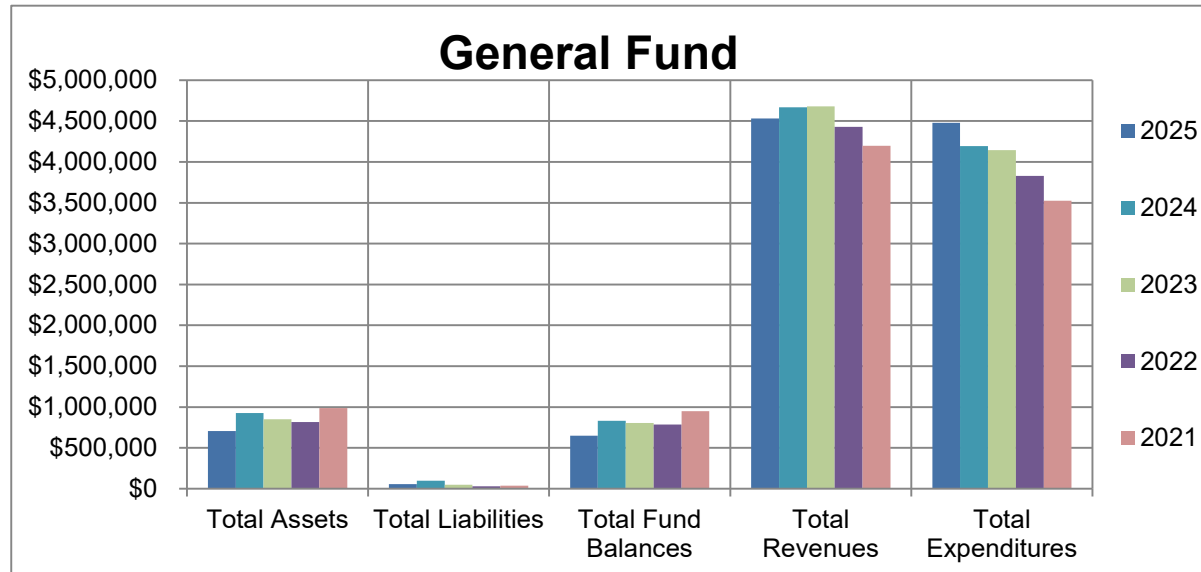
Deficiencies in the internal control component of control activities adversely affected the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there was a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement 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: Complete. Corrective action was implemented by the District to strengthen the internal control process by setting compensating controls in place, which includes oversight from the Federal Programs Coordinator and Child Nutrition Director and federal funds closely monitored by DESE and ADE.

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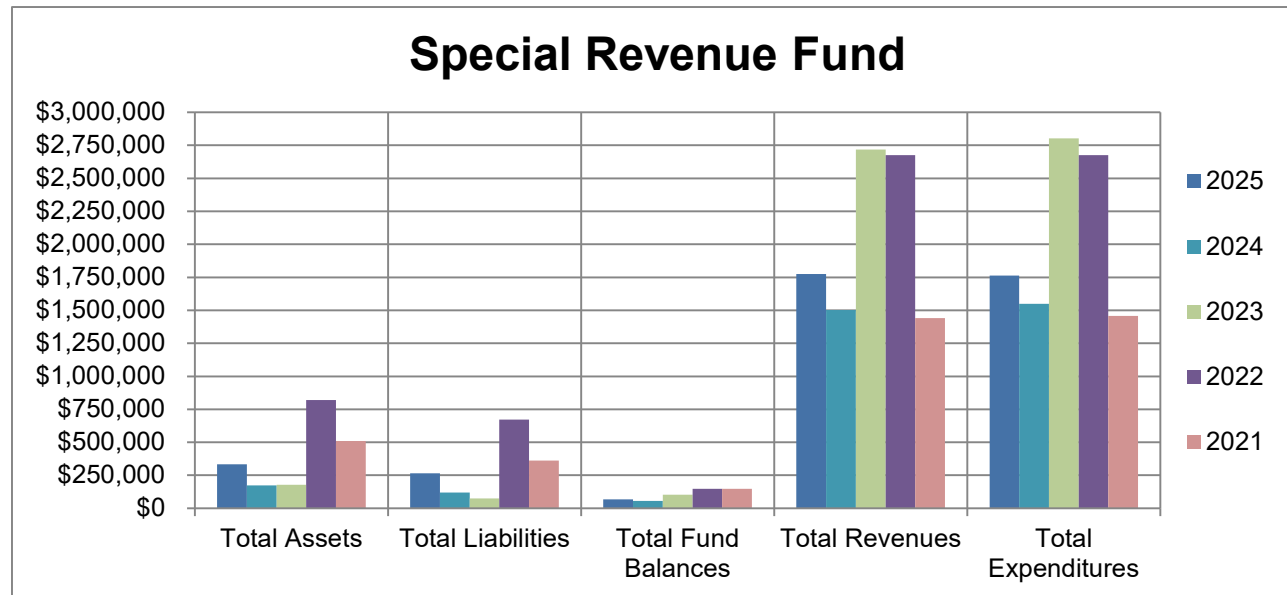
General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 704,974	\$ 927,700	\$ 850,607	\$ 814,777	\$ 986,668
Total Liabilities	56,514	98,565	46,439	28,342	36,187
Total Fund Balances	648,460	829,135	804,168	786,435	950,481
Total Revenues	4,532,456	4,667,418	4,678,132	4,428,300	4,197,236
Total Expenditures	4,478,726	4,193,601	4,144,297	3,828,495	3,523,632
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(234,405)	(448,850)	(516,102)	(763,851)	(620,169)



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<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 333,433	\$ 174,308	\$ 177,925	\$ 819,651	\$ 509,280
Total Liabilities	266,211	119,224	75,114	672,989	362,627
Total Fund Balances	67,222	55,084	102,811	146,662	146,653
Total Revenues	1,774,779	1,501,524	2,718,343	2,674,413	1,439,964
Total Expenditures	1,762,641	1,549,251	2,802,047	2,674,404	1,456,483
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			39,853		



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 2,785,225	\$ 3,015,661	\$ 3,049,550	\$ 2,943,952	\$ 2,481,059
Total Liabilities		1,099	32,881	4,119	
Total Fund Balances	2,785,225	3,014,562	3,016,669	2,939,833	2,481,059
Total Revenues		15,137			
Total Expenditures	463,742	465,869	426,661	288,262	414,210
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	234,405	448,625	503,497	747,036	620,169

