



**JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
JONESBORO, ARKANSAS**

**REGULATORY BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

with

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
Jonesboro School District No. 1
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major governmental fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jonesboro School District No. 1 (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 Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the 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 statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances 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 provision of Arkansas Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) provided in Act 2201 of 2005 as 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 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 of the District for the year then ended. Further, the District has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Jonesboro School District No. 1 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 to the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas 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 determined, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

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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 practices prescribed by Arkansas Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's 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 opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 state assistance, schedule of statutes required by Arkansas Department of Education and 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*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of state assistance, schedule of statutes required by Arkansas Department of Education, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are 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 annual report. The other information comprises the schedule of capital assets, schedule of units of service – Child and Adult Care Food Program, and supplemental data sheet as required by Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Audit Guidelines but does not include the regulatory financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory 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 financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic 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 January 6, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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.

HCT CPAs & Advisors, PLLC

Little Rock, Arkansas
January 6, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Other Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,218,721	\$ 4,058,258	\$ 13,085,707
Accounts Receivable	25,659	1,919,252	-
Due from Other Funds	1,721,085	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,965,465</u>	<u>\$ 5,977,510</u>	<u>\$ 13,085,707</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 200,692	\$ 415,077	\$ 257,978
Due to Other Funds	-	1,721,085	-
Total Liabilities	<u>200,692</u>	<u>2,136,162</u>	<u>257,978</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted:			
State Programs	2,771,041	-	-
Federal Programs	-	3,841,348	-
Assigned:			
Capital Projects	-	-	12,827,729
Unassigned	11,993,732	-	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>14,764,773</u>	<u>3,841,348</u>	<u>12,827,729</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 14,965,465</u>	<u>\$ 5,977,510</u>	<u>\$ 13,085,707</u>

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Major		Other Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 24,009,656	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	1,950,361	-	43,224
Tuition Charges	429,736	-	-
State Revenues	42,708,784	29,253	1,003,655
Federal Revenues	-	23,790,450	-
Food Services	-	168,945	-
Student Activities	319,173	-	-
Other	2,843,033	21,601	-
	<u>72,260,743</u>	<u>24,010,249</u>	<u>1,046,879</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction and Instructional - Related Services	40,772,640	5,777,338	-
Support Services	24,642,464	5,284,049	-
Non-Instructional Services	513,401	5,749,850	-
Other	-	137,735	-
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	-	-	1,530,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	1,345,379
Paying Agent's Fees	-	-	2,794
Capital Outlay	<u>2,211,134</u>	<u>6,866,051</u>	<u>8,596,630</u>
	<u>68,139,639</u>	<u>23,815,023</u>	<u>11,474,803</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	4,121,104	195,226	(10,427,924)
OTHER FINANCING (USES) SOURCES			
Transfers, Net	(3,291,172)	14,802	3,276,370
Compensation for Disposal of Capital Assets	27,697	8,707	-
Total Other Financing (Uses) Sources	<u>(3,263,475)</u>	<u>23,509</u>	<u>3,276,370</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	857,629	218,735	(7,151,554)
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>13,907,144</u>	<u>3,622,613</u>	<u>19,979,283</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 14,764,773</u>	<u>\$ 3,841,348</u>	<u>\$ 12,827,729</u>

See accompanying notes.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET TO ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS -
REGULATORY BASIS**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 23,529,465	\$ 24,009,656	\$ 480,191
Interest	850,000	1,950,361	1,100,361
Tuition Charges	400,000	429,736	29,736
State Revenues	42,302,044	42,708,784	406,740
Federal Revenues	-	-	-
Food Services	-	-	-
Student Activities	-	319,173	319,173
Other	<u>2,770,312</u>	<u>2,843,033</u>	<u>72,721</u>
	69,851,821	72,260,743	2,408,922
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	41,156,362	40,772,640	383,722
Support Services	25,052,360	24,642,464	409,896
Non-Instructional Services	577,795	513,401	64,394
Other	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	<u>1,539,357</u>	<u>2,211,134</u>	<u>(671,777)</u>
	68,325,874	68,139,639	186,235
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	1,525,947	4,121,104	2,595,157
OTHER FINANCING (USES) SOURCES			
Transfers, Net	(2,782,124)	(3,291,172)	(509,048)
Compensation for Disposal of Capital Assets	-	27,697	27,697
Total Other Financing (Uses) Sources	<u>(2,782,124)</u>	<u>(3,263,475)</u>	<u>(481,351)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>\$ (1,256,177)</u>	<u>\$ 857,629</u>	<u>\$ 2,113,806</u>

See accompanying notes.

Special Revenue Fund

Budget	Actual	Variance
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-
-	-	-
26,321	29,253	2,932
26,889,525	23,790,450	(3,099,075)
188,782	168,945	(19,837)
-	-	-
<u>21,200</u>	<u>21,601</u>	<u>401</u>
27,125,828	24,010,249	(3,115,579)
7,425,886	5,777,338	1,648,548
6,790,118	5,284,049	1,506,069
7,048,739	5,749,850	1,298,889
282,919	137,735	145,184
7,548,838	6,866,051	682,787
<u>29,096,500</u>	<u>23,815,023</u>	<u>5,281,477</u>
(1,970,672)	195,226	2,165,898
-	14,802	14,802
-	8,707	8,707
<u>-</u>	<u>23,509</u>	<u>23,509</u>
<u>\$ (1,970,672)</u>	<u>\$ 218,735</u>	<u>\$ 2,189,407</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The Jonesboro School District No. 1 (the "District") operates schools for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through twelve in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The District operates under current standards prescribed by the Arkansas Department of Education in accordance with the provision of the School Laws of Arkansas. The Board of Education, a seven (7) 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 District. There are no component units.

Fund Accounting

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

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be reported in another fund. The Activity Funds are included in the General Fund and are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities).

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 or capital projects. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal and state revenues and related expenditures restricted for specific educational programs or projects, including the District's food services operations. The Special Revenue Fund also includes transfers from the general fund to supplement such programs.

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

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

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.

Fiduciary Fund types including the following:

Private Purpose – (Trust fund) accounts for activities that are not District programs, but are programs sponsored by individuals, private districts or other governments. Although the District serves as fiscal agent, the funds received and held under these programs are not available to support the District's activities and programs, but are received and held for the benefit of individuals, private districts or other governments participating in the sponsored programs. The programs accounted for within this are expandable trust funds. The District does not have any private purpose accounts at year end.

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Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA), which is an Other Comprehensive Basis of Accounting (OCBOA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Arkansas Code Ann. 10-4-413(c), as provided in Act 2205 of 2005 and amended by Act 867 of 2019, which required 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 requires that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP requires 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, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, recording a right-of-use asset and liability for leases with a term of greater than 12 months, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. 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. 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 finance leases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose trust funds, if any, will be reflected in the notes to the financial statements.

Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA, except for property taxes (see "property taxes" page 9).

Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported in the accompanying Schedule of Capital Assets. 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 fair value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

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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>
Buildings and Improvements	10-50
Site Improvements	20
Equipment	3-20

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied in November based on property assessments made between January 1 and May 31 and are an enforceable lien on January 1 for real property and June 1 for personal property. The tax records are opened on 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. Arkansas 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.

Fund Balance Classifications

Under the RBA, fund balance is reported under the following five classifications:

1. **Nonspendable Fund Balance** - includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact. The District does not have any nonspendable fund balance at year end.
2. **Restricted Fund Balance** - includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation. The Restricted for State Programs and Federal Programs balances reflect amounts restricted for specific state and federal programs as mandated by respective state and federal grant or funding agreements.
3. **Committed Fund Balance** - includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority (the Board of Education) and does not lapse at year end. The District does not have any committed fund balance at year end.
4. **Assigned Fund Balance** - includes amounts intended for a specific purpose by the Board of Education or by a District official that has been delegated authority to assign amounts. The Assigned for Capital Projects balance reflects amounts that are assigned for construction or other capital outlay projects.
5. **Unassigned Fund Balance** - includes any remaining fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. 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.

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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 common for an individual source of funds to contain restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) funds. The District has 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. The District's policy is to have expenditures spent from restricted amounts first at the time expenditures are incurred. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The District has 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 fund balance (if any) is reduced first, then assigned fund balance, and lastly unassigned fund balance.

Cash and Investments

The District's cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits maintained at financial institutions. State statutes require that the District's funds be deposited in banks located in the State of Arkansas and that all deposits be secured by general obligation bonds of the United States; bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations issued by an agency of the United States Government; bonds of the State of Arkansas; or by bonds of a political subdivision which has never defaulted on any of its obligations.

State statutes permit the Districts to invest in general obligation bonds of the United States; in bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations issued by an agency of the United States Government; in general obligations bonds of the State of Arkansas; or in bank certificates of deposit. The District generally only purchases investments that have remaining maturities of one year or less when purchased.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

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.

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. Significant variances may result in the budgetary comparison of the revenues and expenditures of the special revenue fund because of the reclassification of those federal programs primarily utilized for capital projects to the other aggregate funds for reporting purposes.

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.

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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.

Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated all subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through January 6, 2025, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 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 Value	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Collateralized-held by pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department in the District's name	30,112,686	31,398,844
	\$ 30,362,686	\$ 31,648,844

Note 3: Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable balance in the governmental funds consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Due from Other Governments	\$ 21,164	\$ 1,919,252	\$ 1,940,416
Other	4,495	-	4,495
	\$ 25,659	\$ 1,919,252	\$ 1,944,911

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Note 4: Commitments

Construction Commitments

At June 30, 2024, the District was contractually obligated for eight construction contracts related to construction and renovation projects within the District, with remaining contract balances of approximately \$3,689,956. These projects are estimated to be completed by November 2024.

Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>	<u>Amount Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Maturities to June 30, 2024</u>
Bonds Payable:					
10/20/2020	2/1/2050	2.00 – 5.00%	\$ 43,095,000	\$ 41,110,000	\$ 1,985,000
11/24/2020	2/1/2041	1.00 – 5.00%	<u>16,930,000</u>	<u>16,025,000</u>	<u>905,000</u>
Totals			<u>\$ 60,025,000</u>	<u>\$ 57,135,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,890,000</u>

Changes in long-term debt:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2024</u>
Bonds Payable	\$ 58,665,000	\$ -	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 57,135,000

Total long-term debt principal and interest payments are as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 1,590,000	\$ 1,283,679	\$ 2,873,679
2026	1,665,000	1,204,179	2,869,179
2027	1,755,000	1,120,929	2,875,929
2028	1,790,000	1,085,179	2,875,179
2029	1,825,000	1,047,296	2,872,296
2030 - 2034	9,750,000	4,615,131	14,365,131
2035 - 2039	10,780,000	3,581,381	14,361,381
2040 - 2044	11,935,000	2,437,650	14,372,650
2045 - 2049	13,230,000	1,154,406	14,384,406
2050	<u>2,815,000</u>	<u>59,819</u>	<u>2,874,819</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 57,135,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,589,649</u>	<u>\$ 74,724,649</u>

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024

Operating Leases

The District has entered into an agreement to lease a postage meter. Lease expense totaled approximately \$2,820 for the year ending June 30, 2024.

At June 30, 2024, the minimum rental commitments under the uncancelable operating lease is as follows:

2025	\$	2,115
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Note 5: Accounts Payable

The accounts payable balance in the governmental funds is comprised of the following at June 30, 2024:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vendor Payables	\$ 200,692	\$ 415,077	\$ 257,978	\$ 873,747

Note 6: Interfund Transfers

The following details the transfers between governmental funds for operating purposes:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Transfers In	\$ 80,196,012	\$ 750,345	\$ 3,276,370	\$ 84,222,727
Transfers Out	<u>(83,487,184)</u>	<u>(735,543)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(84,222,727)</u>
	<u>\$ (3,291,172)</u>	<u>\$ 14,802</u>	<u>\$ 3,276,370</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 7: Retirement Plans

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 all Arkansas public school employees, except certain nonteachers hired prior to July 1, 1989. ATRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution 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 1-800-666-2877 or by visiting the ATRS website at www.artrs.gov.

Funding policy: ATRS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 7% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by law to contribute at a rate established by the Arkansas General Assembly. The current employer rate is 15%.

The District's contributions to ATRS for federally-funded and nonfederally-funded employees for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$6,998,120; \$7,018,108; and \$6,394,500, respectively.

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024

Net pension liability

The Arkansas Department of Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the 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 \$69,147,259.

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan description: The District contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers certain nonteaching Arkansas public school employees hired before July 1, 1989. APERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or by visiting the APERS website at www.apers.org.

Funding policy: APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 5% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by law to contribute at a rate established by the Arkansas General Assembly. The current statutory employer rate is 4% of annual covered payroll. The District's contributions to APERS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was \$0; \$0; and \$1,371, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Net pension liability

The Arkansas Department of Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the 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 \$0.

Note 8: Litigation and Contingencies

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

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 Public School Property and Vehicle 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 the member districts, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property and vehicle 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 vehicles.

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024

Note 9: Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District carries commercial insurance for coverage of buildings' contents, board liability, theft, student accidents, and bus drivers and business trip accidental death and dismemberment. Settled claims did not exceed this commercial coverage in the current year. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in the major categories of risk.

The District is a member of the Arkansas School Board Association self-insurance program, a public entity risk pool currently operating a common risk management and insurance program for its members. The fund was created by members to formulate, develop and administer a program of self-funding for the fund's membership, obtain lower costs for Workmen's Compensation Coverage and develop a comprehensive loss control program. The District pays an annual premium to the fund for its Workmen's Compensation Coverage. The Pool's governing agreement specifies that the Pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reissue through commercial carriers for claims in excess of specified stop loss amounts.

Note 10: On-Behalf Payments

During the year ended June 30, 2024, health insurance premiums of \$1,557,784 were paid by the Arkansas Department of Education to the Arkansas Employee Benefits Division on behalf of District employees.

OTHER REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(Unaudited)

Nondepreciable Capital Assets:

Land	\$ 4,196,339
Construction in Progress	3,549,530
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	<u>7,745,869</u>

Depreciable Capital Assets:

Buildings and Improvements	146,398,372
Site Improvements	7,360,193
Equipment	26,099,410
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>179,857,975</u>

Less Accumulated Depreciation for:

Buildings and Improvements	47,695,421
Site Improvements	2,194,182
Equipment	8,500,699
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>58,390,302</u>

Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net 121,467,673

Capital Assets, Net \$ 129,213,542

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*

To the Board of Education
Jonesboro School District No. 1
Jonesboro, Arkansas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jonesboro School District No. 1 (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 January 6, 2025.

We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Arkansas Code Ann. §10-4-413(c) provided in Act 867 of 2019, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determined, are presumed to be material. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary results 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 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 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 entity'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.

To the Board of Education
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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District’s regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’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.

HCJ CPAs & Advisors, PLLC

HCJ CPAs & Advisors, PLLC
Little Rock, Arkansas
January 6, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Education
Jonesboro School District No. 1
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Jonesboro School District No. 1'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, Jonesboro School District No. 1 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). 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.

Auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 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.

HCJ CPAs & Advisors, PLLC

HCJ CPAs & Advisors, PLLC
Little Rock, Arkansas
January 6, 2025

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER:			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
National School Lunch Program - Cash in Lieu of Commodities	N/A	10.555	\$ 340,419
Passed Through Arkansas Department of Education:			
School Breakfast Program - Cash Assistance	1608	10.553	1,910,759
School Breakfast Program - Prior Year Reimbursement	1608	10.553	282,930
Supply Chain Assistance Year 4	1608	10.555	172,360
National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	1608	10.555	3,329,481
National School Lunch Program - Prior Year Reimbursement	1608	10.555	21,181
Snack Reimbursement	1608	10.555	3,275
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	1608	10.582	108,036
Total Passed through Arkansas Department of Education			5,828,022
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			6,168,441
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)			
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed through Arkansas Department of Education:			
Title VI - Part B - Special Education Grants to States	1608	84.027	1,636,993
COVID-19 ARP Special Education School Age Funding	1608	84.027X	5,113
Title VI - Special Education - Preschool Grants	1608	84.173	60,624
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			1,702,730
CCDF CLUSTER:			
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Passed through Arkansas Department of Human Services:			
Child Care and Development Block Grant	1608	93.575	160,353
COVID-19 Child Care and Development Block Grant - Administration	1608	93.575	95,154
COVID-19 Stabilization Grants Operational Funds	1608	93.575	19,078
COVID-19 Stabilization Grants Quality Improvement Funds	1608	93.575	54,423
COVID-19 Stabilization Grants Essential Workers	1608	93.575	31,484
COVID-19 Stabilization Grants Operational Maintenance Grants	1608	93.575	155,507
Total CCDF Cluster			515,999
OTHER PROGRAMS:			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed through Arkansas Department of Human Services:			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	1608	10.558	37,709
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed through Arkansas Department of Education:			
Title I, Part A - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	1608	84.010	4,840,919
Title I - School Improvement Grants	1608	84.010	88,079
Title I - School Improvement Planning Grant	1608	84.010	438,834
Title I - School Improvement Implementation Grant Year 1	1608	84.010	250,876
Working for Independence Now	1608	84.126	4,851
Title III - English Language Acquisition	1608	84.365	74,188
Comprehensive Literacy Development	1608	84.371	105,199
Title IV Stronger Connections Grant	1608	84.424F	135,572
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER II	1608	84.425D	1,644,514
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER III	1608	84.425U	5,803,806
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund - ABC Stipends	1608	84.425U	225
Total Passed through Arkansas Department of Education			13,387,063

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Federal Expenditures
OTHER PROGRAMS (continued):			
Passed through Arkansas Department of Career Education:			
Career and Technical Education - Carl Perkins	1608	84.048	170,040
Career and Technical Education - CTE Certification	1608	84.048	<u>3,783</u>
Total Passed through Arkansas Department of Career Education			<u>173,823</u>
Passed through Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative:			
Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants	1608	84.374B	<u>284,115</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>13,845,001</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Passed through Arkansas Early Learning, Inc.:			
Preschool Development Grant - Head Start	N/A	93.600	569,636
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>			
COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program	N/A	16.710	<u>24,891</u>
Total Other Programs			<u>14,477,237</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u><u>\$ 22,864,407</u></u>

Notes to Schedule:

1. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal awards activity of the District and is presented on the regulatory basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principle, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements. The District did not elect to use the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate.
2. Medicaid reimbursements are defined as contracts for services and not federal awards, therefore, such reimbursements totaling \$616,901 are not covered by the reporting requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and therefore, not included on the Schedule.
3. Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
4. The District received approval from the Arkansas Department of Education to transfer \$420,955 Title II - Part A - Improving Teacher Quality Grants and \$314,588 Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment funds to Title I, Part A - Grants to Local Education Agencies.

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

SCHEDULE OF STATE ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Arkansas Department of Education

State Foundation Funding	\$ 30,475,482
National School Lunch Student Funding	5,020,616
LEARNS Teacher Minimum Salary and Raise Funding	1,338,677
98% Uniform Rate of Tax Assessment	35,928
Gifted and Talented - Advanced Placement	12,050
Student Growth Funding	386,537
National Board Certification	251,433
Professional Development Funding	237,836
English Language Learners	213,744
Debt Service Supplement	98,255
School Food Service State Matching	29,253
Special Education Catastrophic Loss Funding	114,198
Special Education Extended School Year	54,982
Alternative Learning Environment	460,597
Arkansas Better Chance Program	542,490
Academic Facilities Partnership Program	905,400
Computer Science Bonus	7,359
Merit Teacher Incentive Fund	104,866
Juvenile Detention	472,316
National School Lunch Match Grant	210,760
Early Childhood Special Education	223,321
Special Education Early Intervention Day	79,295
Children with Disabilities	29,973
EAST Upgrade Grant	4,937
State School Safety Grant	311,875
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	41,622,180

Arkansas Department of Career Education

Secondary Career Centers	2,065,708
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Arkansas Department of Commerce

State Property Insurance Premium Offset	36,091
Other State Grants/Aid	17,713
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	53,804

Total State Assistance	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 43,741,692
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JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

SCHEDULE OF UNITS OF SERVICE - CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(UNAUDITED)**

Month	Meals Served			
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack
July, 2023	4,631	6,410	-	1,414
August, 2023	61,102	70,355	-	3,628
September, 2023	96,736	104,615	-	5,583
October, 2023	101,890	107,735	-	5,647
November, 2023	82,061	87,994	-	4,531
December, 2023	49,421	53,491	-	2,849
January, 2024	84,777	93,138	-	4,953
Februray, 2024	91,370	101,654	-	5,352
March, 2024	68,527	78,351	-	4,062
April, 2024	90,871	104,175	-	6,495
May, 2024	65,800	73,565	-	5,576
June, 2024	5,269	5,682	-	2,153
Total	802,455	887,165	-	52,243

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

1. Our report expresses an adverse opinion based on generally accepted accounting principles and an unmodified opinion based on the regulatory basis of accounting used in preparing the financial statements of Jonesboro School District No. 1.

2. The independent auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting described:

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None Reported

Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

3. Noncompliance considered material to the financial statements was disclosed by the audit? Yes No

4. The independent auditors' report on internal control over compliance with requirements applicable to major federal awards programs described:

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None Reported

Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

5. The opinion expressed in the independent auditors' report on compliance with requirements applicable to major federal awards was:

Unmodified Modified Adverse Disclaimed

6. The audit disclosed findings required to be reported by the Uniform Guidance? Yes No

7. The Auditee's major programs were:

Cluster/Program	Federal Assistance Listing Number
• Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010
• Special Education cluster (IDEA)	84.027, 84.027x, and 84.173

8. The threshold used to distinguish between Type A & Type B programs as those terms are defined in the Uniform Guidance was \$750,000.

9. The Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee as that term is defined in the Uniform Guidance? Yes No

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None noted

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - FEDERAL AWARDS AUDIT

Significant Deficiency

None noted

D. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST

Significant Deficiency

2023-001 COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER I, ESSER II, ESSER III, and ABC Stipends: ALN# 84.425D/84.425U; Year Ended June 30, 2023

Statement of Condition: Four of the ten ESSER construction contracts did not included the Wage Rate Requirement (Davis-Bacon Act) notification to the contractors.

Recommendation: To ensure that all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 that are financed by federal assistance funds include the required Wage Rate Requirements provision, additional training in ESSER requirements should be provided for employees involved in the construction contract writing process. Further, a review process should be put in place for all such contracts written in order to ensure that they comply with all the requirements within the Compliance Supplement.

Current Status: The recommendation was implemented in 2024. No similar findings were noted in the June 30, 2024 audit.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ARKANSAS STATE REQUIREMENTS

To the Board of Education
Jonesboro School District No. 1
Jonesboro, Arkansas

We have examined management's assertions that Jonesboro School District No. 1 (the "District") substantially complied with the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated 6-1-101 and the applicable laws and regulations including those listed in the accompanying schedule of statutes required to be addressed by the Arkansas Department of Education during the year ended June 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertions about the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is in accordance with the criteria, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertions. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, Jonesboro School District No. 1 complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School Board, management, and the Arkansas Department of Education and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Little Rock, Arkansas
January 6, 2025

**JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF STATUTES REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE
ADDRESSED IN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STATUTES</u>
Bidding & Purchasing Commodities	6-21-301 – 6-21-305
Ethical Guidelines and Prohibitions	6-13-628; 6-24-101 et seq.
Collateralization & Investment of Funds	6-20-222; 19-1-504
Deposit of Funds	19-8-104; 19-8-106
District Finances	
• School Debt	6-20-402
• District School Bonds	6-20-1201 – 6-20-1208; 6-20-1210
• Petty Cash	6-20-409
• Investment of Fund	19-1-504
Management of Schools	
• Board of Directors	6-13-608; 6-13-611 – 6-13-613; 6-13-617 – 6-13-620; 6-13-622 6-13-701
• District Treasurer Warrants/checks	6-17-918; 6-17-919; 6-20-403
Management Letter for Audit	14-75-101 – 14-75-104
Nonrecurring Salary Payments	6-20-412
Revolving Loan Fund	6-19-114; 6-20-801 et seq.
Classified Employees	6-17-2201 et seq.; 6-17-2301 et seq.
School Elections	6-13-630; 6-13-634; 6-14-106; 6-14-109; 6-14-118
Teachers and Employees	
• Personnel Policies	6-17-201 et seq., 6-17-2301 et seq.
• Employment and Assignment	6-17-301 et seq.
• Teacher's Licensure/Background Checks	6-17-401 et seq.
• Teacher Contracts	6-17-801 et seq.
• Employee Sick Leave	6-17-1201 et seq.; 6-17-1301 et seq.
• Minimum Wage Act	11-4-213; 11-4-218; 11-4-403; 11-4-405
Teacher Salaries and Foundation Funding Aid	6-17-803; 6-17-907; 6-17-908; 6-17-911 – 6-17-913; 6-17-918; 6-17-919, 6-17-2401 et seq.
Education Excellence Trust Fund	6-5-307
Use of Contractors, Improvement Contracts	22-9-201 – 22-9-205

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 SCHEDULE OF STATUTES REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE
 ADDRESSED IN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STATUTES</u>
Use of DM&O Millage	26-80-110
On Behalf Payments	The amount of funds paid by the Arkansas Department of Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of District's employees
Regulatory Basis of Accounting	10-4-413(c)
Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Appeals	26-35-802
School District Procurement Law	6-21-301 et. Seq.
Fiscal Accountability	6-20-1901 et. Seq
Enhanced Student Achievement Funding ESA	6-20-2305(B)(4)(F)(I)
Limitation on Fund Balances	6-20-2210
CARES Act (COVID-19) Education Funding	Commissioner's Memo LS-20-089
Charter Facilities Funding	6-23-908

JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SHEET AS REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES AUDIT GUIDELINES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The following information is being provided to satisfy the requirements of Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Audit Guidelines:

1. Entity's Full Name: Jonesboro School District No. 1
2. Entity's Address: 2506 Southwest Square
Jonesboro, AR 72401
3. Entity's FEIN: 71-6021029
4. Entity's Telephone Number: 870-933-5800
5. Name of Director: Dr. Kim Wilbanks, Superintendent
6. Name of Contact Person: Belinda Locke