

Earle School District No. 1

Crittenden County, Arkansas

**Regulatory Basis Financial Statements
and Other Reports**

June 30, 2024



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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Earle School District No. 1, School Board Members, and Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
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 Earle 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 Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005 described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2024, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200*, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 30, 2025 on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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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

Earle School District No. 1, School Board Members, and Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
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 Earle 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 30, 2025. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's regulatory basis financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Earle School District No. 1, School Board Members, and Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Earle 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, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001 to be a significant deficiency.

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

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

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
January 30, 2025

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 795,158	\$ 449,807	\$ 25,452
Accounts receivable	27,191	115,113	
Due from other funds			32,666
	\$ 822,349	\$ 564,920	\$ 58,118
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 37,506		
Due to other funds	32,666		
Total Liabilities	70,172		
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	194,289	\$ 564,920	\$ 58,118
Assigned	29,047		
Unassigned	528,841		
Total Fund Balances	752,177	564,920	58,118
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 822,349	\$ 564,920	\$ 58,118

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

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 2,016,822		
State assistance	3,508,102	\$ 2,150	
Federal assistance		1,621,294	
Activity revenues	61,850		
Meal sales		9,771	
Investment income	3		
Other revenues	40,507	1,628	
TOTAL REVENUES	5,627,284	1,634,843	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	2,044,870	117,518	
Special education	157,239	76,754	
Compensatory education programs	122,408	85,440	
Other instructional programs	172,658		
Student support services	154,662	223,965	
Instructional staff support services	187,486	447,794	
General administration support services	149,738	108,851	
School administration support services	219,713		
Central services support services	106,065	10,063	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,039,154	43,806	
Student transportation services	134,007	606	
Other support services	3,000		
Food services operations	15,024	424,596	
Community services operations		1,828	
Facilities acquisition and construction services		23,769	
Non-programmed costs	10,000		
Activity expenditures	59,159		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement			\$ 245,000
Interest and fiscal charges			316,644
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,575,183	1,564,990	561,644
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,052,101	69,853	(561,644)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			561,644
Transfers out	(561,644)		
Refund to grantor	(120,000)	(10)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(681,644)	(10)	561,644
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	370,457	69,843	0
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	381,720	495,077	58,118
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 752,177	\$ 564,920	\$ 58,118

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

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,805,840	\$ 2,016,822	\$ 210,982			
State assistance	3,454,638	3,508,102	53,464	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,150	\$ 350
Federal assistance				2,053,725	1,621,294	(432,431)
Activity revenues	24,316	61,850	37,534			
Meal sales				14,100	9,771	(4,329)
Investment income	3	3				
Other revenues	11,107	40,507	29,400		1,628	1,628
TOTAL REVENUES	5,295,904	5,627,284	331,380	2,069,625	1,634,843	(434,782)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	2,545,922	2,044,870	501,052	365,602	117,518	248,084
Special education	233,217	157,239	75,978	68,015	76,754	(8,739)
Compensatory education programs	154,536	122,408	32,128	153,471	85,440	68,031
Other instructional programs	164,801	172,658	(7,857)			
Student support services	150,317	154,662	(4,345)	377,061	223,965	153,096
Instructional staff support services	232,160	187,486	44,674	489,267	447,794	41,473
General administration support services	165,752	149,738	16,014	109,354	108,851	503
School administration support services	210,607	219,713	(9,106)			
Central services support services	111,760	106,065	5,695	16,300	10,063	6,237
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,094,068	1,039,154	54,914	74,714	43,806	30,908
Student transportation services	161,428	134,007	27,421	606	606	
Other support services	3,030	3,000	30			
Food services operations		15,024	(15,024)	538,163	424,596	113,567
Community services operations				13,086	1,828	11,258
Facilities acquisition and construction services				23,769	23,769	
Non-programmed costs	120,000	10,000	110,000	23,959		23,959
Activity expenditures		59,159	(59,159)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,347,598	4,575,183	772,415	2,253,367	1,564,990	688,377

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (51,694)	\$ 1,052,101	\$ 1,103,795	\$ (183,742)	\$ 69,853	\$ 253,595
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	6,109,292		(6,109,292)			
Transfers out	(6,669,836)	(561,644)	6,108,192			
Refund to grantor		(120,000)	(120,000)		(10)	(10)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(560,544)	(681,644)	(121,100)		(10)	(10)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(612,238)	370,457	982,695	(183,742)	69,843	253,585
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	656,875	381,720	(275,155)	484,563	495,077	10,514
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 44,637	\$ 752,177	\$ 707,540	\$ 300,821	\$ 564,920	\$ 264,099

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

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Earle School District (District), as of November 6, 2017, is under the control of the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The local school board, a five member group, was dissolved as of that date. On June 1, 2023, the State Board of Education appointed the current members of the suspended local school board to a limited authority board. See Note 12. There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

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

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects, including the District's food services operations. The Special Revenue Fund also includes required matching for those federal programs, program income required to be used to further the objectives of those programs, and transfers from the general fund to supplement such programs.

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

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

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets, leases, and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Major governmental funds are defined as general and special revenue, and such funds are presented separately in the financial statements. All other governmental funds are presented in the aggregate. Fiduciary fund types are presented in a separate column in the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and financed purchases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose funds will be reflected in the notes to financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

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

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Improvements/infrastructure	20-50
Buildings	20-50
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.

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JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Fund Balance Classifications

1. Restricted fund balance – represents amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through bond covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
2. Assigned fund balance – represents amounts that are constrained by the District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
3. Unassigned fund balance – represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification can also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

I. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

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

The District budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis. Additionally, the District routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund.

Budgetary perspective differences are not considered to be significant, because the structure of the information utilized in preparing the budget and the applicable fund financial statements is essentially the same.

J. Stabilization Arrangements

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

K. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

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

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures (Continued)

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

M. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 281,520	\$ 281,520
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name	988,497	820,843
Total Deposits	\$ 1,270,017	\$ 1,102,363

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$400.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 27,191	
Federal assistance		\$ 115,113
Totals	\$ 27,191	\$ 115,113

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JUNE 30, 2024

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>
	Major
Description	General
Vendor payables	\$ 37,506

5: COMMITMENTS

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

A. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2024	Maturities To June 30, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>					
12/28/17	2/1/48	3 - 4%	\$ 10,295,000	\$ 8,965,000	\$ 1,330,000

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2024
Bonds payable	\$ 9,210,000	\$ 0	\$ 245,000	\$ 8,965,000

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 250,000	\$ 308,194	\$ 558,194
2026	260,000	300,694	560,694
2027	265,000	292,894	557,894
2028	275,000	284,944	559,944
2029	280,000	276,693	556,693
2030-2034	1,550,000	1,250,293	2,800,293
2035-2039	1,840,000	986,044	2,826,044
2040-2044	2,185,000	647,200	2,832,200
2045-2048	2,060,000	210,000	2,270,000
Totals	\$ 8,965,000	\$ 4,556,956	\$ 13,521,956

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

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

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.

B. Memorandum of Understanding

On March 20, 2018, the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) that would require the District to refund questioned costs identified in the Title I program of \$300,300 and \$303,437 for fiscal years 2016 and 2017; respectively, for a total of \$603,737.

On July 12, 2020, the District received \$168,000 of temporary financial assistance from DESE for cash flow purposes. A MOU was executed on August 12, 2020, between the District and DESE for the repayment of these funds plus the remaining balance of the MOU dated March 20, 2018. The District will repay DESE monthly installments of no less than \$10,000. During the current fiscal year, the District submitted payments of \$120,000. The remaining payments for succeeding years are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount
2025	<u>\$ 38,838</u>

6: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$10,295,000 issued from December 28, 2017. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$13,521,956, payable through February 1, 2048. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$560,544 and \$1,096,739, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 51.11 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$561,644 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments.

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

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.

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$460,424, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$4,738,291.

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 board liability coverage.

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

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

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

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

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JUNE 30, 2024

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 \$87,469 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Alternative learning environment	\$ 374		
Enhanced student achievement funding	7,077		
Enhanced student achievement funding matching grant	57,113		
English-language learners	3,878		
Professional development	3,288		
Capital projects			\$ 58,118
Child nutrition programs		\$ 381,945	
Medical services		94,564	
Special education programs	100,974		
Education stabilization fund (COVID-19)		88,411	
Other purposes	21,585		
Total Restricted	<u>194,289</u>	<u>564,920</u>	<u>58,118</u>
Assigned to:			
Student activities	<u>29,047</u>		
Unassigned	<u>528,841</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 752,177</u>	<u>\$ 564,920</u>	<u>\$ 58,118</u>

12: FISCAL DISTRESS STATUS

On October 12, 2017, the State Board of Education classified the District in fiscal distress. On November 6, 2017, the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) assumed control of the District and the superintendent resigned. Under the authority of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1909, DESE dissolved the local school board and appointed a superintendent to direct the District's operations in coordination with DESE.

On June 1, 2023, the State Board of Education removed the District from fiscal distress status, pursuant to the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, and appointed the current members of the suspended local school board to a limited authority board. The limited authority board considers all matters that would be considered by an elected local board of directors, except for selecting the superintendent, and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of Education for final determination. The selection of the superintendent remains the sole authority of the Commissioner of Education

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2024
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 355,291
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	16,503,620
Improvements/infrastructure	3,977,293
Equipment	3,074,216
Total depreciable capital assets	23,555,129
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	5,244,099
Improvements/infrastructure	802,438
Equipment	1,704,360
Total accumulated depreciation	7,750,897
Total depreciable capital assets, net	15,804,232
Capital assets, net	\$ 16,159,523

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	1802		\$ 146,496
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			11,997
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	1802		237,771
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	1802000		17,075
Total for National School Lunch Program				<u>266,843</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	1802		7,847
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				<u>421,186</u>
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				<u>421,186</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	1802		171,067
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	1802		1,389
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	1802		4,663
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173X	1802		2,813
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>179,932</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				<u>179,932</u>
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	1802		129,399
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	1802		250,953
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	1802		1,828
Total Education Stabilization Fund				<u>382,180</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	1802		449,328
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	1802		4,006
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	1802		35,966
Arkansas Department of Education - Comprehensive Literacy Development	84.371C	1802		6,715
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	1802		18,025
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>896,220</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				<u>896,220</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,497,338</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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

Schedule 2

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Earle School District No. 1 (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Note 3: The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received Medicaid funding of \$1,091 from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended, and therefore, are not included in the above Schedule.
- Note 5: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the U. S. Department of Defense through an agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
- Note 6: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

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

Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.553, 10.555, and 10.582	Child Nutrition Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes no

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 3

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER - AL NUMBERS 10.553 AND 10.555
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 1802
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2024-001. Reporting

Criteria or specific requirement: Monthly claims for reimbursement are required to be submitted to the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Child Nutrition Unit (DESE, CNU), as required by 7 CFR 210.8 and 7 CFR 220.11. Eligible schools that have elected the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) apply an alternative reimbursement option. As required by 7 CFR 245.9, reimbursement through the CEP is based on free and paid claiming percentages applied to the total number of reimbursable lunches and breakfasts served each month, respectively.

Condition: During our review of Child Nutrition claim for reimbursement forms, we noted the District did not utilize the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) calculation to determine the maximum number of eligible meals. As a result, the October 2023 claim for reimbursement exceeded the maximum allowed resulting in an overclaim of \$552.

Cause: Lack of management oversight, training, and not utilizing the CEP calculation method to determine the maximum number of meals allowed resulted in an overclaim.

Effect: The District was not properly reimbursed for meals served during the year.

Questioned costs: The amount of questioned costs was \$552.

Context: The two monthly claim for reimbursement forms tested did not calculate the maximum number of eligible meals utilizing the CEP method.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: The District should contact the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Child Nutrition Unit for guidance regarding this matter.

Views of responsible officials: The District has consulted with the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Child Nutrition Unit (DESE, CNU) for guidance and technical assistance. Per CNU guidance, the District is in the process of submitting an amended claim for October 2023 to correct the \$552 discrepancy. We anticipate acceptance of this claim, resolving the issue.

The District has fully implemented the required CEP compliance procedures and has trained personnel to ensure future claims adhere to federal and state regulations. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Child Nutrition Program have been updated to prevent recurrence of this issue.

Ryan Burgess
Superintendent

Earle School District

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Schedule 4

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings in the prior audit

_____**EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**_____

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VICE PRESIDENT

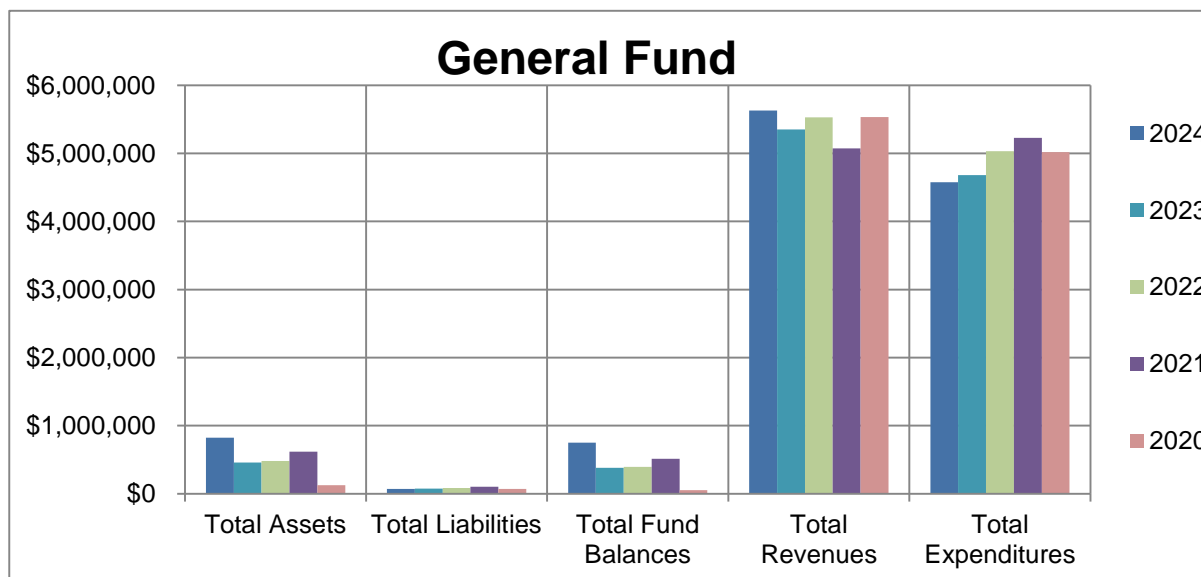
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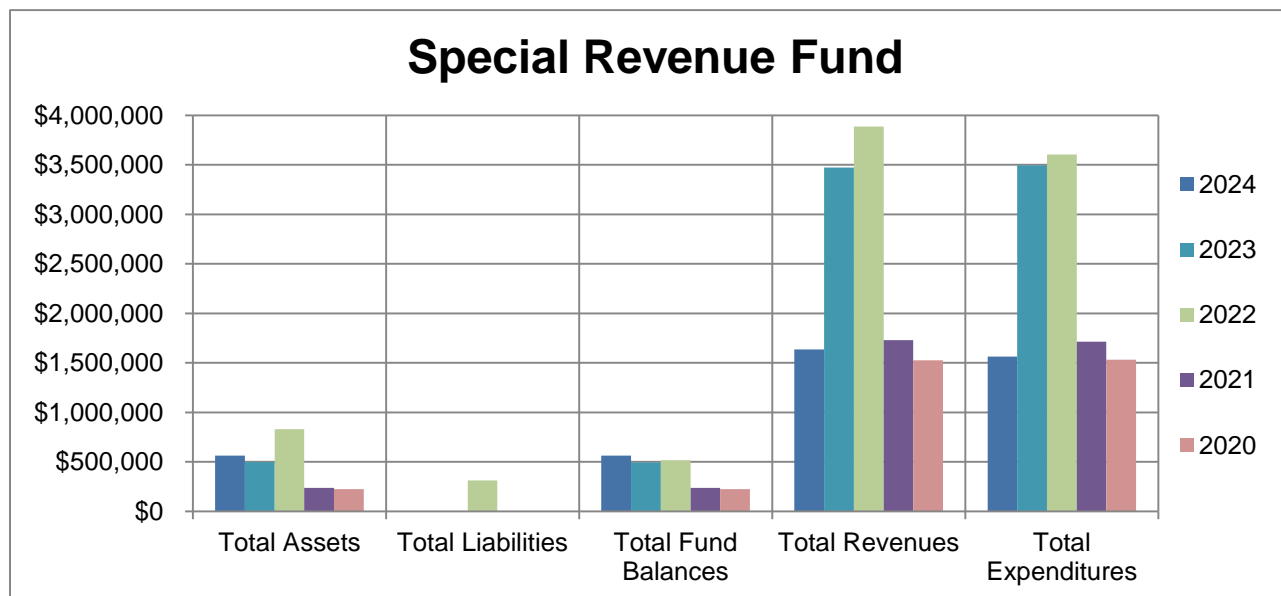
EARLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (Unaudited)

<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 822,349	\$ 457,063	\$ 484,202	\$ 617,973	\$ 125,584
Total Liabilities	70,172	75,343	87,312	104,862	72,409
Total Fund Balances	752,177	381,720	396,890	513,111	53,175
Total Revenues	5,627,284	5,349,634	5,529,760	5,074,116	5,532,339
Total Expenditures	4,575,183	4,679,485	5,030,205	5,229,066	5,020,425
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(681,644)	(685,319)	(615,776)	596,362	(376,130)



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 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (Unaudited)

Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 564,920	\$ 497,390	\$ 831,465	\$ 238,639	\$ 224,009
Total Liabilities		2,313	313,846	584	133
Total Fund Balances	564,920	495,077	517,619	238,055	223,876
Total Revenues	1,634,843	3,473,464	3,885,800	1,729,890	1,527,540
Total Expenditures	1,564,990	3,496,006	3,606,236	1,715,711	1,532,832
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(10)				



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 (Unaudited)

Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 58,118	\$ 58,118	\$ 61,493	\$ 66,904	\$ 54,024
Total Liabilities					
Total Fund Balances	58,118	58,118	61,493	66,904	54,024
Total Revenues			59,306	575,124	1,088,101
Total Expenditures	561,644	558,694	560,493	562,244	2,197,226
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	561,644	555,319	495,776		300,282

