

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2

Phillips County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2023



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PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005 described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 20, 2024 on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING
STANDARDS*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2024. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

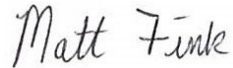
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state and federal laws and regulations, contracts, and grant agreements,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

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated February 20, 2024.

Purpose of This Report

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
February 20, 2024

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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

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the Helena-West Helena School District No. 2's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Qualified Opinion on AL 84.425 COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on AL 84.425 COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the District 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 other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

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.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on AL 84.425 COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the District did not comply with requirements regarding AL 84.425 COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund described in finding number 2023-001 for Equipment and Real Property Management.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the District to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

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 instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-002 and 2023-003. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our 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. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001 to be a material weakness.

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 deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-002 and 2023-003 to be significant deficiencies.

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 findings identified in our 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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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

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

We noted the following issues with capital assets:

- a. In FY2021, two purchases for twelve-month digital learning subscriptions were incorrectly added to the capital asset listing. These items are still on the capital asset listing.
- b. In the prior year, we noted 27 items incorrectly reflected the fund/source for the purchase. Those items were not corrected in the current year.
- c. Three of ten items selected for testing could not be located.
- d. Two Special Education assets were not properly removed from the District's capital asset listing.

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

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Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
February 20, 2024

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 4,695,594	\$ 142,941	\$ 6,278,223
Investments	250,000		
Accounts receivable	749	419,852	
Deposit with paying agent			378,034
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,946,343	\$ 562,793	\$ 6,656,257
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 466,472	\$ 23,707	\$ 614,626
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable			378,034
Restricted	1,985,409	539,086	1,681,842
Assigned	88,005		3,981,755
Unassigned	2,406,457		
Total Fund Balances	4,479,871	539,086	6,041,631
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,946,343	\$ 562,793	\$ 6,656,257

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 6,590,601		
State assistance	7,875,131	\$ 4,105	
Federal assistance	57,722	5,875,573	
Activity revenues	43,968		
Meal sales		115,253	
Investment income	9,716		
Other revenues	171,980		
TOTAL REVENUES	14,749,118	5,994,931	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	3,591,219	844,034	
Special education	967,345	407,335	
Career education programs	176,723	19,935	
Compensatory education programs	51,426	255,381	
Other instructional programs	349,270	35,120	
Student support services	408,215	166,153	
Instructional staff support services	607,568	1,408,601	
General administration support services	454,595	116,012	
School administration support services	402,941	34,043	
Central services support services	422,722	176,442	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,206,571	56,219	
Student transportation services	627,451	470,727	
Other support services	26,879		
Food services operations		1,011,921	
Community services operations		10,905	
Facilities acquisition and construction services		960,419	\$ 1,382,845
Non-programmed costs		52,287	
Activity expenditures	21,959		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement			640,000
Interest and fiscal charges			778,053
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,314,884	6,025,534	2,800,898
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,434,234	(30,603)	(2,800,898)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			4,318,213
Transfers out	(4,318,213)		
Refund to grantors		(3,555)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(4,318,213)	(3,555)	4,318,213
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	116,021	(34,158)	1,517,315
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	4,363,850	573,244	4,524,316
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 4,479,871	\$ 539,086	\$ 6,041,631

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 5,476,297	\$ 6,590,601	\$ 1,114,304			
State assistance	7,490,017	7,875,131	385,114		\$ 4,105	\$ 4,105
Federal assistance	4,893	57,722	52,829	\$ 5,231,794	5,875,573	643,779
Activity revenues		43,968	43,968			
Meal sales				110,000	115,253	5,253
Investment income	6,477	9,716	3,239			
Other revenues	54,303	171,980	117,677			
TOTAL REVENUES	13,031,987	14,749,118	1,717,131	5,341,794	5,994,931	653,137
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	4,184,634	3,591,219	593,415	215,035	844,034	(628,999)
Special education	1,304,085	967,345	336,740	413,442	407,335	6,107
Career education programs	182,467	176,723	5,744		19,935	(19,935)
Compensatory education programs	97,781	51,426	46,355	420,985	255,381	165,604
Other instructional programs	419,933	349,270	70,663		35,120	(35,120)
Student support services	492,822	408,215	84,607	176,413	166,153	10,260
Instructional staff support services	1,258,719	607,568	651,151	1,026,155	1,408,601	(382,446)
General administration support services	510,134	454,595	55,539	110,635	116,012	(5,377)
School administration support services	410,602	402,941	7,661		34,043	(34,043)
Central services support services	347,063	422,722	(75,659)	38,639	176,442	(137,803)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,876,671	2,206,571	(329,900)	837	56,219	(55,382)
Student transportation services	827,218	627,451	199,767	95,167	470,727	(375,560)
Other support services	18,900	26,879	(7,979)			
Food services operations				836,842	1,011,921	(175,079)
Community services operations				21,736	10,905	10,831
Facilities acquisition and construction services				1,300,000	960,419	339,581
Non-programmed costs				84,608	52,287	32,321
Activity expenditures		21,959	(21,959)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,931,029	10,314,884	1,616,145	4,740,494	6,025,534	(1,285,040)

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,100,958	\$ 4,434,234	\$ 3,333,276	\$ 601,300	\$ (30,603)	\$ (631,903)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	12,858,750		(12,858,750)			
Transfers out	(14,189,887)	(4,318,213)	9,871,674			
Refund to grantors					(3,555)	(3,555)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,331,137)	(4,318,213)	(2,987,076)		(3,555)	(3,555)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(230,179)	116,021	346,200	601,300	(34,158)	(635,458)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	4,465,720	4,363,850	(101,870)	519,392	573,244	53,852
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 4,235,541	\$ 4,479,871	\$ 244,330	\$ 1,120,692	\$ 539,086	\$ (581,606)

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

On July 14, 2022, the Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) determined Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (District) should be classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support. The State Board removed the powers and duties to make all personnel decisions from the local seven member school board (Local Board). The Local Board has responsibilities over day-to-day activities of the District, and the Commissioner of the State Board shall make all personnel decisions of the District. There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 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
Buildings	50
Equipment	5-20

F. Property Taxes

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

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Fund Balance Classifications

1. Nonspendable fund balance – represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

K. 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.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. 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.

L. 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)	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the District's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the District's name	10,616,758	11,056,941
Total Deposits	\$ 11,366,758	\$ 11,806,941

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$250,000 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Federal assistance		\$ 419,852
Other	\$ 749	
Totals	\$ 749	\$ 419,852

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 JUNE 30, 2023

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
Vendor payables	\$ 190,039	\$ 23,707	\$ 614,626
Payroll withholdings and matching	276,433		
Totals	\$ 466,472	\$ 23,707	\$ 614,626

5: COMMITMENTS

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

A. Construction Contracts

Project Name	Completion Date	Contract Balance
Helena High School Gym HVAC	January 2, 2024	\$ 585,105
Social Distancing Locker Room & Gym	February 14, 2024	3,013,162

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2023	Maturities To June 30, 2023
Bonds					
6/29/17	2/1/47	3 - 3.375%	\$ 26,630,000	\$ 23,605,000	\$ 3,025,000

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2022	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2023
Bonds payable	\$ 24,245,000	\$ 0	\$ 640,000	\$ 23,605,000

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2023

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

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

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 660,000	\$ 756,069	\$ 1,416,069
2025	680,000	736,269	1,416,269
2026	700,000	715,869	1,415,869
2027	720,000	694,869	1,414,869
2028	745,000	673,268	1,418,268
2029-2033	4,080,000	3,017,594	7,097,594
2034-2038	4,815,000	2,352,669	7,167,669
2039-2043	5,765,000	1,511,937	7,276,937
2044-2047	5,440,000	467,437	5,907,437
Totals	<u>\$ 23,605,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,925,981</u>	<u>\$ 34,530,981</u>

Security for Debt Payments

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

6: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$26,630,000 issued on June 29, 2017. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$34,530,981, payable through February 1, 2047. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$1,415,269 and \$2,833,132, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 49.95 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$4,318,213 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$1,796,087 and for future capital expenditure of \$2,522,126.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

8: 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 employees of schools and education-related agencies, except certain non-teaching school employees. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 501-682-1517, or by visiting the ATRS website at www.artrs.gov.

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$1,079,394, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$12,636,990.

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 non-teaching school employees. APERS, 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 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, 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, 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 noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5.25% 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 for school districts is 4% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to APERS for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$2,029, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$20,961.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

9: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

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

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

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

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

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

10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The allocation of the health insurance premiums paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of the District's employees, totaled \$196,101 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2023

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Deposit with paying agent			<u>\$ 378,034</u>
Restricted for:			
Alternative learning environment	\$ 266,601		
Enhanced student achievement funding	1,516,541		
English-language learners	3,752		
Professional development	144,364		
Capital projects			1,681,842
Child nutrition programs		\$ 381,899	
Medical services		144,863	
Special education programs	17,358		
Other purposes	36,793	12,324	
Total Restricted	<u>1,985,409</u>	<u>539,086</u>	<u>1,681,842</u>
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			3,981,755
Student activities	65,035		
Other purposes	22,970		
Total Assigned	<u>88,005</u>		<u>3,981,755</u>
Unassigned	<u>2,406,457</u>		
Totals	<u><u>\$4,479,871</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 539,086</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,041,631</u></u>

12: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On December 13, 2023, the District executed a contract with a guaranteed maximum price of \$1,326,368 for the construction of a wellness area and outdoor classroom.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2023
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 388,519
Construction in progress	3,958,026
Total nondepreciable capital assets	4,346,545
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	42,541,452
Improvements/infrastructure	10,569,982
Equipment	5,191,811
Total depreciable capital assets	58,303,245
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	10,928,209
Improvements/infrastructure	5,964,534
Equipment	3,516,587
Total accumulated depreciation	20,409,330
Total depreciable capital assets, net	37,893,915
Capital assets, net	\$ 42,240,460

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	5403		\$ 212,218
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			25,945
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	5403		665,267
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	5403000		62,255
Total for National School Lunch Program				<u>753,467</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				<u>965,685</u>
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				<u>965,685</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	5403		476,319
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	5403		41,723
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	5403		36,639
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>554,681</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				<u>554,681</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	5403		1,517,718
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5403		1,329,962
Total Education Stabilization Fund				<u>2,847,680</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	5403		1,412,315
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	5403		13,862
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	5403		121,254
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	5403		68,393
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>4,463,504</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				<u>4,463,504</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 5,983,870</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Note 3: The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District received Medicaid funding of \$6,378 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.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

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

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: unmodified for all major programs except for COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund, which was qualified.

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

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010A	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.027A, 84.027X and 84.173A	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)
84.425D and 84.425U	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund

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

No matters were reported.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND - AL NUMBERS 84.425D AND 84.425U
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 5403
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2023-001. Equipment and Real Property Management

Criteria or specific requirement: Purchases of real property and/or construction for improvements require the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, as specified in OMB 2 CFR section 200.439.

Condition: During our examination of real property and construction improvements from the Education Stabilization Fund, we identified a facilities improvement project that was denied prior approval of Education Stabilization funding by the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Expenditures paid from Education Stabilization Fund for this project totaled \$622,511.

Cause: Lack of internal controls and management oversight over program expenditures.

Effect or potential effect: Unallowable costs of \$622,511 were paid from COVID-19-Education Stabilization Fund.

Questioned costs: The amount of questioned costs was \$622,511.

Context: Examination of all payments for construction for improvements to land, buildings, and equipment totaling \$1,577,417.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: The District should contact the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for guidance regarding this matter and implement proper controls over program expenditures.

Views of responsible officials: The issue related to this finding is being resolved by reclassifying the fund to the appropriate fund source. The District sought the guidance of Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to confirm the reclassification along with returning the funds to the Arkansas Department of Education. A system of checks and balances has been established for approval of all purchases including contract services.

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SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND - AL NUMBER 84.425U
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 5403
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2023-002. Allowable Costs/Cost Principles

Criteria or specific requirement: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR part 200, subpart E – Cost Principles, establishes principles and standards for determining allowable costs incurred by the District under federal awards. Such costs are to be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the federal award and adequately documented.

Condition: During our examination of Education Stabilization Fund payroll expenditures, we noted one employee was overpaid \$430.

Cause: Lack of internal controls and management oversight over program expenditures.

Effect or potential effect: Unallowable costs of \$430 were paid from COVID-19-Education Stabilization Fund.

Questioned costs: The amount of questioned costs was \$430.

Context: An examination of Education Stabilization Fund payroll expenditures for 19 employees totaling \$100,210 from a population of 183 employees totaling \$1,077,990. Our sample was a statistically valid sample.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: The District should contact the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for resolution regarding this matter and implement proper controls over program payroll expenditures.

Views of responsible officials: We have revised our internal policies and procedures that includes a system of checks and balances including payroll. This system will allow the district to review purchases, payroll, and the fund source to ensure alignment.

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SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES (Continued)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL EDUCATION - GRANTS TO STATES - AL NUMBER 84.027A
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 5403
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2023-003. Allowable Costs/Cost Principles

Criteria or specific requirement: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR part 200, subpart E – Cost Principles, establishes principles and standards for determining allowable costs incurred by the District under federal awards. Such costs are to be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the federal award. District employees' salaries should be based on the applicable salary schedule included in the District's written personnel policies, as required by Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-201.

Condition: A Special Education employee's contracted salary amount did not agree to the approved salary schedule for the position resulting in \$6,646 in unallowable costs.

Cause: Lack of internal controls to ensure employee contracts are prepared in accordance with the applicable approved salary schedule.

Effect or potential effect: Unallowable costs of \$6,646 were paid from the Special Education Cluster.

Questioned costs: The amount of questioned costs was \$6,646.

Context: An examination of Special Education program payroll expenditures for 1 employee totaling \$75,678 from a population of 4 employees totaling \$185,744. Our sample was a statistically valid sample.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: The District should contact the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for resolution regarding this matter and implement proper controls over program payroll expenditures.

Views of responsible officials: We have revised our internal process and procedures that will review all employee contracts with the salary schedule. A system of checks and balances has been established that include reviewing payout of all employees according to the contract periodically.



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HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Subject: SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

There were no findings in the prior audit.

FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS:

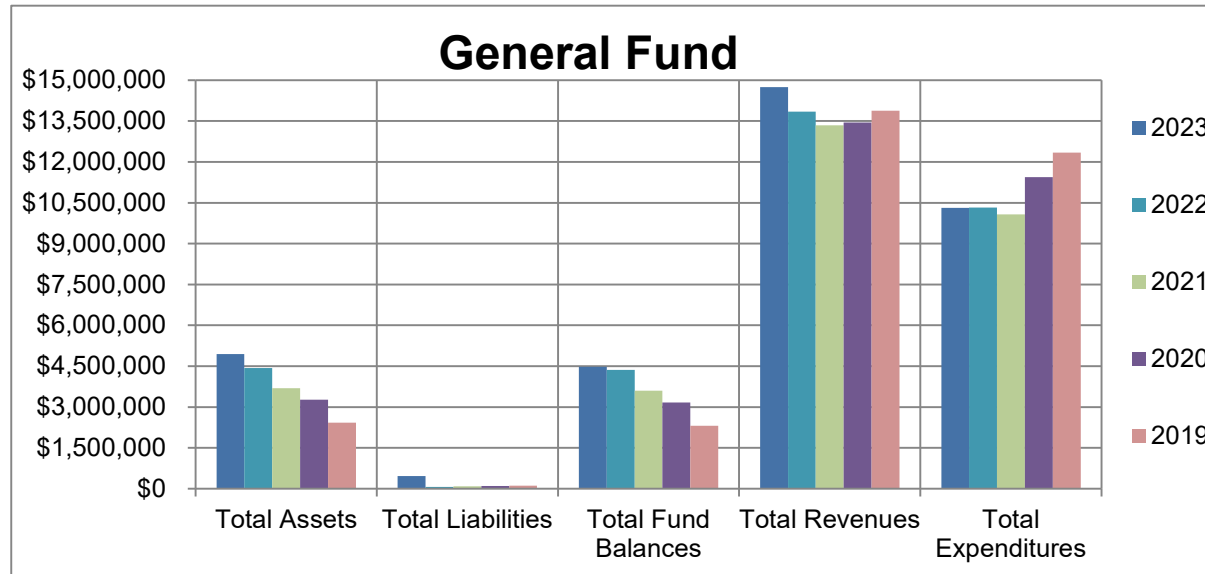
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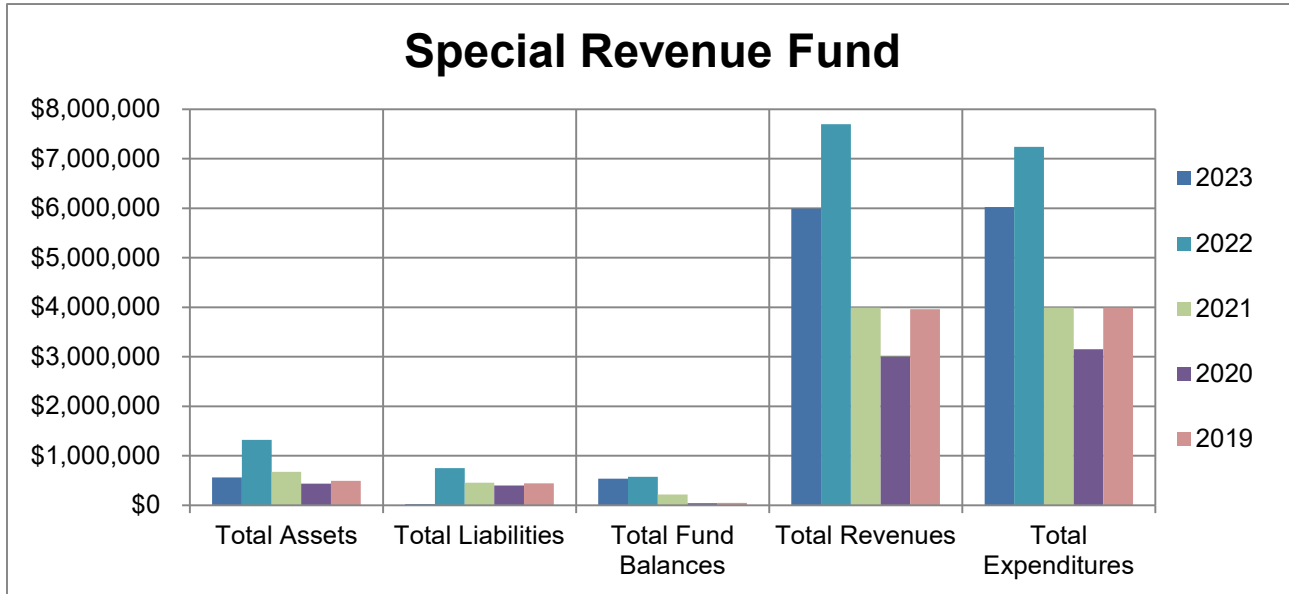
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 4,946,343	\$ 4,433,056	\$ 3,685,707	\$ 3,266,433	\$ 2,429,942
Total Liabilities	466,472	69,206	87,009	98,646	114,166
Total Fund Balances	4,479,871	4,363,850	3,598,698	3,167,787	2,315,776
Total Revenues	14,749,118	13,846,508	13,340,715	13,446,576	13,885,212
Total Expenditures	10,314,884	10,326,231	10,074,950	11,442,917	12,345,804
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(4,318,213)	(2,755,125)	(2,825,961)	(1,151,648)	(1,431,457)



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Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 562,793	\$ 1,324,685	\$ 675,705	\$ 437,641	\$ 492,782
Total Liabilities	23,707	751,441	457,181	397,746	443,200
Total Fund Balances	539,086	573,244	218,524	39,895	49,582
Total Revenues	5,994,931	7,701,448	3,990,941	2,994,828	3,958,949
Total Expenditures	6,025,534	7,242,563	3,996,091	3,155,130	3,990,421
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,555)	(104,165)	183,779	150,615	78,685



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 6,656,257	\$ 4,524,316	\$ 3,084,649	\$ 2,006,718	\$ 8,060,182
Total Liabilities	614,626			81,360	1,310,343
Total Fund Balances	6,041,631	4,524,316	3,084,649	1,925,358	6,749,839
Total Revenues		274,355	133,715	1,218,911	4,462,769
Total Expenditures	2,800,898	1,589,813	1,616,606	7,043,702	19,720,723
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,318,213	2,755,125	2,642,182	1,000,310	1,409,861

