

Little Rock School District

Pulaski County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2023



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PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Little Rock School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Little Rock School District (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 March 8, 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

Little Rock School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Little Rock School District (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 March 8, 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*.

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
March 8, 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

Little Rock School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Little Rock School District's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 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.

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, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

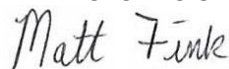
A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
March 8, 2024

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	Fiduciary Fund Types
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 47,508,633	\$ 1,226,612	\$ 129,613,973	\$ 1,804,554
Investments				3,547,298
Accounts receivable	95,928	6,248,759	641,532	34,041
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 47,604,561	\$ 7,475,371	\$ 130,255,505	\$ 5,385,893
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 14,077,727	\$ 368,089	\$ 7,700,056	
Due student groups				\$ 12,300
Total Liabilities	14,077,727	368,089	7,700,056	12,300
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable				3,547,298
Restricted	2,451,923	7,107,282	122,555,449	1,826,295
Assigned	3,101,422			
Unassigned	27,973,489			
Total Fund Balances	33,526,834	7,107,282	122,555,449	5,373,593
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 47,604,561	\$ 7,475,371	\$ 130,255,505	\$ 5,385,893

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

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
PULASKI 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
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 184,100,943		\$ 8,117,597
State assistance	80,579,503	\$ 60,871	
Federal assistance	245,796	75,023,134	1,574,137
Activity revenues	4,068,305		
Meal sales		951,794	
Investment income	364,492	34,299	3,723,619
Other revenues	3,917,090	160,908	768,674
TOTAL REVENUES	273,276,129	76,231,006	14,184,027
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	105,615,118	12,469,543	103
Special education	21,209,382	6,336,754	
Career education programs	4,657,815	194,307	
Adult/continuing education program	599,666	340,819	
Compensatory education programs	3,840,607	4,473,479	
Other instructional programs	11,467,281	1,072,179	
Student support services	12,822,745	4,962,158	
Instructional staff support services	17,864,928	26,332,868	188,065
General administration support services	4,654,170	868,745	
School administration support services	14,422,190	1,393,164	
Central services support services	7,296,508	214,132	6,348,373
Operation and maintenance of plant services	28,087,741	2,279,781	5,271,479
Student transportation services	15,902,204	459,569	
Other support services	132,511		
Food services operations		15,449,446	
Community services operations	106,167	931,299	
Facilities acquisition and construction services	5,350	1,534,688	70,092,618
Non-programmed costs		1,324,360	
Activity expenditures	3,930,635		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	833,931		8,240,000
Interest and fiscal charges	246,168		11,845,885
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	253,695,117	80,637,291	101,986,523
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	19,581,012	(4,406,285)	(87,802,496)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			20,085,885
Transfers out	(20,085,885)		
Refund to grantor	(10,723)	(1,381)	
Value of financed purchase	688,500		
Sale of capital assets	76,500		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(19,331,608)	(1,381)	20,085,885
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	249,404	(4,407,666)	(67,716,611)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	33,277,430	11,514,948	190,272,060
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 33,526,834	\$ 7,107,282	\$ 122,555,449

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

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
PULASKI 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)	\$ 176,982,138	\$ 184,100,943	\$ 7,118,805			
State assistance	80,110,757	80,579,503	468,746	\$ 59,047	\$ 60,871	\$ 1,824
Federal assistance		245,796	245,796	74,755,498	75,023,134	267,636
Activity revenues	4,692,073	4,068,305	(623,768)			
Meal sales				1,016,000	951,794	(64,206)
Investment income	25,010	364,492	339,482	500	34,299	33,799
Other revenues	2,534,500	3,917,090	1,382,590	25,000	160,908	135,908
TOTAL REVENUES	264,344,478	273,276,129	8,931,651	75,856,045	76,231,006	374,961
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	103,615,901	105,615,118	(1,999,217)	8,275,518	12,469,543	(4,194,025)
Special education	21,392,069	21,209,382	182,687	5,871,270	6,336,754	(465,484)
Career education programs	4,679,723	4,657,815	21,908	4,000	194,307	(190,307)
Adult/continuing education program	603,537	599,666	3,871	298,635	340,819	(42,184)
Compensatory education programs	4,151,456	3,840,607	310,849	5,602,043	4,473,479	1,128,564
Other instructional programs	11,718,527	11,467,281	251,246	337,515	1,072,179	(734,664)
Student support services	12,770,183	12,822,745	(52,562)	4,325,575	4,962,158	(636,583)
Instructional staff support services	18,473,209	17,864,928	608,281	24,358,926	26,332,868	(1,973,942)
General administration support services	4,581,254	4,654,170	(72,916)	1,455,465	868,745	586,720
School administration support services	14,206,238	14,422,190	(215,952)	769,347	1,393,164	(623,817)
Central services support services	6,911,026	7,296,508	(385,482)	9,492,449	214,132	9,278,317
Operation and maintenance of plant services	27,502,748	28,087,741	(584,993)	1,770,300	2,279,781	(509,481)
Student transportation services	13,905,209	15,902,204	(1,996,995)	54,845	459,569	(404,724)
Other support services	101,450	132,511	(31,061)			
Food services operations				15,667,817	15,449,446	218,371
Community services operations	72,809	106,167	(33,358)	1,333,442	931,299	402,143
Facilities acquisition and construction services	35,000	5,350	29,650	1,704,089	1,534,688	169,401
Non-programmed costs				1,361,810	1,324,360	37,450
Activity expenditures	3,591,248	3,930,635	(339,387)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement		833,931	(833,931)			
Interest and fiscal charges		246,168	(246,168)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	248,311,587	253,695,117	(5,383,530)	82,683,046	80,637,291	2,045,755

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
PULASKI 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	\$ 16,032,891	\$ 19,581,012	\$ 3,548,121	\$ (6,827,001)	\$ (4,406,285)	\$ 2,420,716
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	332,058,123		(332,058,123)			
Transfers out	(350,728,603)	(20,085,885)	330,642,718	(55,142)		55,142
Refund to grantor		(10,723)	(10,723)		(1,381)	(1,381)
Value of financed purchase		688,500	688,500			
Sale of capital assets		76,500	76,500			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(18,670,480)	(19,331,608)	(661,128)	(55,142)	(1,381)	53,761
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(2,637,589)	249,404	2,886,993	(6,882,143)	(4,407,666)	2,474,477
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	39,285,857	33,277,430	(6,008,427)	10,971,366	11,514,948	543,582
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 36,648,268	\$ 33,526,834	\$ (3,121,434)	\$ 4,089,223	\$ 7,107,282	\$ 3,018,059

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

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a nine member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the Little Rock School District (District). There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fiduciary Fund types include the following:

Custodial Funds – Custodial Funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities).

Private-purpose Funds – Private-purpose funds are used to report all other arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

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.

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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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.

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

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

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

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life in Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	10-50
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.

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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Property Taxes (Continued)

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. 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

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:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 57,334,645	\$ 57,334,645
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the District's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the District's name	48,695,160	57,300,941
US government guaranteed accounts	<u>74,123,767</u>	<u>74,123,767</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$180,153,572</u>	<u>\$188,759,353</u>

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$200.

3: INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2023, the District's investments consisted of Chevron Corporation common stock with a fair value of \$3,547,298. The earnings from this stock are to be used for scholarships. The value of the stock is reported as nonspendable within the fiduciary fund types.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. All investments reported in the District's fiduciary fund types consist of Chevron Corporation stock, a gift from Winthrop Rockefeller.

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3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Fair value of investments - Fair value measurements are based on the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets

Level 2 - Significant other observable inputs

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs

The above investments are classified in Level 1. There are no investments classified in Levels 2 or 3.

4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Fund Types
	Major			
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	
State assistance	\$ 25,164			
Federal assistance		\$ 4,784,727	\$ 574,353	
Meal sales		1,450,018		
Other	70,764	14,014	67,179	\$ 34,041
Totals	\$ 95,928	\$ 6,248,759	\$ 641,532	\$ 34,041

5: 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	\$ 2,877,994	\$ 368,089	\$ 7,700,056
Payroll withholdings and matching	11,199,733		
Totals	<u>\$ 14,077,727</u>	<u>\$ 368,089</u>	<u>\$ 7,700,056</u>

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6: COMMITMENTS

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

A. Construction Contracts

Project Name	Completion Date/ Estimated Completion Date	Contract Balance
Baseline Elementary Roof Replacement	February 15, 2024	\$ 1,745,300
Dunbar Middle School Roof Replacement	August 1, 2023	324,776
Marion G. Lacey K-8	March 1, 2024	30,798,425
Metropolitan Career-Tech Center Roof Replacement	March 30, 2024	1,532,264
Central Academic Wing & Fieldhouse	December 31, 2024	60,497,684
Central Cafeteria Remodel	April 1, 2024	899,569
Chicot, Mabelvale ES & MS & Otter Creek Lighting Retro	April 1, 2024	221,885
Chicot Front Entryway Renovation	February 15, 2024	732,692
Chicot Bus Loop	April 1, 2024	1,067,402
Dunbar Window Replacement	March 24, 2024	2,024,275
Fair Park, Forest Heights, Forest Park & Hall Lighting Retro	April 1, 2024	774,320
JA Fair & Scott Football Field Lighting	December 15, 2023	476,607
JA Fair Football Turf	August 30, 2023	1,061,529
Little Rock West High	May 6, 2024	162,896,208
Laidlaw First Student Pavement Resurface	April 1, 2024	2,614,763
Mabelvale Middle Drainage & Courtyard Improvements	November 30, 2023	888,685
Mann Restroom Renovations	March 30, 2024	567,750
Mann Rooftop Unit (3) Replacement	February 29, 2024	778,465
Rockefeller Pre-K Renovations	August 1, 2024	11,515,923
		<u>\$ 281,418,522</u>

B. Leases (leases of nonfinancial assets with initial noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year)

General description of leases and leasing arrangements:

On July 1, 2020, the District executed a 48 month lease for copiers totaling \$2,856,144. The contract stipulated monthly payments of \$59,503, plus taxes and fees.

On September 25, 2019, the District executed a lease agreement totaling \$299,105 for technology equipment. The contract stipulated five annual payments of \$59,821.

1. Future minimum lease payments (aggregate) at June 30, 2023: \$773,851
2. Future minimum lease payments for the succeeding years:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	<u>\$ 773,851</u>

Lease payments for the leases described above were approximately \$773,851 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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6: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

C. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>	<u>Amount Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Maturities To June 30, 2023</u>
<u>Bonds</u>					
9/21/17	2/1/33	3%	\$ 92,055,000	\$ 60,810,000	\$ 31,245,000
6/26/19	2/1/33	3%	33,770,000	26,510,000	7,260,000
12/28/21	2/1/52	2-5%	315,940,000	315,265,000	675,000
Total Bonds			<u>441,765,000</u>	<u>402,585,000</u>	<u>39,180,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
4/7/17	1/15/33	2.50%	12,861,672	8,927,471	3,934,201
12/15/22	7/15/29	4.64%	688,500	688,500	
Total Direct Borrowings			<u>14,086,632</u>	<u>9,615,971</u>	<u>4,470,661</u>
Total Long-Term Debt			<u>\$ 455,851,632</u>	<u>\$ 412,200,971</u>	<u>\$ 43,650,661</u>

Changes in Long-term Debt

	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>
Bonds payable	<u>\$ 410,825,000</u>		<u>\$ 8,240,000</u>	<u>\$ 402,585,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Financed purchase	79,318	\$ 688,500	79,318	688,500
Installment contracts	9,682,084		754,613	8,927,471
Total Direct Borrowings	<u>9,761,402</u>	<u>688,500</u>	<u>833,931</u>	<u>9,615,971</u>
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 420,586,402</u>	<u>\$ 688,500</u>	<u>\$ 9,073,931</u>	<u>\$ 412,200,971</u>

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6: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds			Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 9,255,000	\$ 10,825,163	\$ 20,080,163	\$ 892,502	\$ 244,575	\$ 1,137,077
2025	9,560,000	10,517,013	20,077,013	903,521	233,554	1,137,075
2026	9,880,000	10,197,113	20,077,113	928,353	208,724	1,137,077
2027	10,215,000	9,864,813	20,079,813	953,826	183,251	1,137,077
2028	10,560,000	9,519,863	20,079,863	980,038	157,038	1,137,076
2029-2033	57,740,000	42,653,365	100,393,365	4,957,731	381,110	5,338,841
2034-2038	65,620,000	34,781,515	100,401,515			
2039-2043	72,540,000	27,860,176	100,400,176			
2044-2048	82,215,000	18,181,688	100,396,688			
2049-2052	75,000,000	5,316,450	80,316,450			
Totals	<u>\$ 402,585,000</u>	<u>\$ 179,717,159</u>	<u>\$ 582,302,159</u>	<u>\$ 9,615,971</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,252</u>	<u>\$ 11,024,223</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.

7: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$441,765,000 issued from September 21, 2017 through December 28, 2021. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$582,302,159, payable through February 1, 2052. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$20,081,133 and \$51,368,748, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 39.09 percent.

8: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$20,085,885 from the general fund to other aggregate funds for debt service payments.

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9: 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 \$28,374,902, equal to the required contributions.

Additionally, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) paid retirement contributions to ATRS for certain employees of the District's Metropolitan Vocational Center, a secondary area center for career and technical education. DESE's contribution for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$256,760, 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 \$278,574,031.

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 \$10,843, equal to the required contributions.

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9: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

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 \$86,278.

10: CHANGES IN PRIVATE-PURPOSE FUNDS

ADDITIONS	
Donations	\$ 38,786
Interest	3,777
Dividends	132,108
Unrealized gain in fair value of investments	<u>283,378</u>
 TOTAL ADDITIONS	 <u>458,049</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships	38,996
Other	<u>500</u>
 TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	 <u>39,496</u>
 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 418,553
 FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	 <u>4,955,040</u>
 FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	 <u><u>\$ 5,373,593</u></u>

11: 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 maintains a self-insurance, risk management account within the General Fund to account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss. Under this self-insurance program, the District is responsible for individual losses up to maximum limits, which range from \$0 to \$250,000 based on the nature of the loss. The District purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of amounts paid from the risk management account and for other risks of loss.

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.

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11: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Additionally, the District participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Risk Management Program (the Association), a self-insurance program voluntarily established on February 1, 1984, pursuant to state law. The Association is responsible for obtaining and administering insurance coverage for property and vehicles for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Association is responsible for monitoring, negotiating, and settling claims that have been filed against member districts. The District pays an annual premium for its coverage of buildings and contents.

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.

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.

12: 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 \$7,383,803 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Enhanced student achievement funding	\$ 603		
Private grants	242,003		
Capital projects			\$ 122,555,449
Child nutrition programs		\$4,767,731	
Child care and early childhood education		1,984,955	
Workforce center operations	810,434		
Juvenile detention center	58,809		
Medical services		327,368	
Arkansas school recognition program	237,558		
Special education programs	926,271		
Education stabilization fund (COVID-19)		1,324	
Verizon innovative learning project	118,610		
Other purposes	57,635	25,904	
Total Restricted	<u>2,451,923</u>	<u>7,107,282</u>	<u>122,555,449</u>
Assigned to:			
Student activities	2,882,747		
Self-insurance claims	218,675		
Total Assigned	<u>3,101,422</u>		
Unassigned	<u>27,973,489</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 33,526,834</u>	<u>\$7,107,282</u>	<u>\$ 122,555,449</u>

14: SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

The District received \$76,500 from Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc. for the sale of the Franklin Elementary School campus.

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2023
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 21,062,617
Construction in progress	72,321,165
Total nondepreciable capital assets	<u>93,383,782</u>
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings and improvements/infrastructure	469,183,615
Equipment	66,902,332
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>536,085,947</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings and improvements/infrastructure	221,853,764
Improvements/infrastructure	
Equipment	41,966,191
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>263,819,955</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>272,265,992</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 365,649,774</u></u>

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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	6001		\$ 2,701,079
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			253,366
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	6001		9,588,128
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	6001000		939,298
Total for National School Lunch Program				10,780,792
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	6001		144,926
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				13,626,797
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				13,626,797
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	6001		6,059,073
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	6001		573,920
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	6001		241,482
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173X	6001		61,706
Total U. S. Department of Education				6,936,181
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				6,936,181
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Agriculture - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Farm Bill	10.170	6001		1,250
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				1,250
<u>U. S. Department of Defense</u>				
ROTC (Note 7)	12.AR060012			112,269
Total U. S. Department of Defense				112,269
<u>U. S. Department of the Interior</u>				
Historic Preservation Fund Grants - In - Aid	15.904			54,485
Total U.S. Department of the Interior				54,485
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>				
Emergency Connectivity Fund Program- COVID-19	32.009			1,574,137
Total Federal Communications Commission				1,574,137
<u>National Endowment for the Arts</u>				
Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism - Arkansas Arts Council - Promotion of the Arts - Partnership Agreements	45.025	6001		400
Total National Endowment for the Arts				400

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<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	6001		\$ 56,988
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	6001		32,395,284
Arkansas State University - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	6001		119,004
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	6001		107,689
Total Education Stabilization Fund				<u>32,678,965</u>
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services - Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002A	6001		200,009
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	6001		12,300,532
Arkansas Department of Career Education - Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	6001		542,040
Arkansas Department of Education - Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196A	6001		103,871
Arkansas Department of Education - Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287C	6001		1,320,893
Arkansas Department of Education - English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365A	6001		906,976
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	6001		1,085,601
Arkansas Department of Education - Comprehensive Literacy Development	84.371C	6001		75,840
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	6001		460,215
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>49,674,942</u>
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	6001		4,900,000
Arkansas Department of Career Education - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	6001		24,186
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	6001		96,592
Total for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families				<u>5,020,778</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Cooperative Agreements to Promote Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance	93.079	6001		798
Arkansas Department of Education - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243	6001		225
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services				<u>5,021,801</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				<u>56,439,284</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	<u>\$ 77,002,262</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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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 Little Rock School District (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 \$500,954 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.
- Note 7: The Federal Assistance Listing Number was not available. An alternative identifying number was utilized.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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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="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

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

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	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, 84.173A, 84.173X	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)
84.365A	English Language Acquisition State Grant
84.425D, 84.425U, 84.425W	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$	<u>2,310,068</u>
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.



Schedule 4

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 AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COVID-19 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND – AL
NUMBER 84.425U**

2022 – Finding – 2022-001. Allowable Costs/Cost Principles

CONDITION:

In our tests of equipment purchases from the COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund, we identified the purchase of 447 pieces of equipment with unit costs greater than the \$5,000 threshold for which the District did not obtain prior written approval from the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Retroactive approval was subsequently obtained from DESE during audit fieldwork.

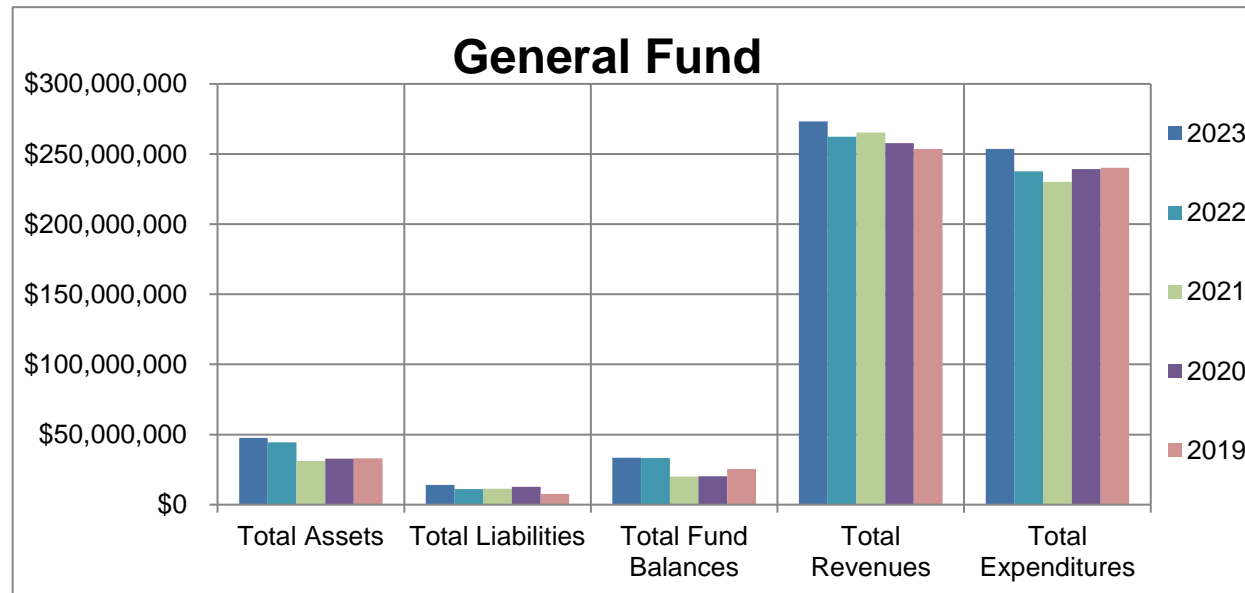
CURRENT STATUS:

Corrective action was taken. Retroactive approval was subsequently obtained from DESE during audit fieldwork.

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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
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(Unaudited)

Schedule 5

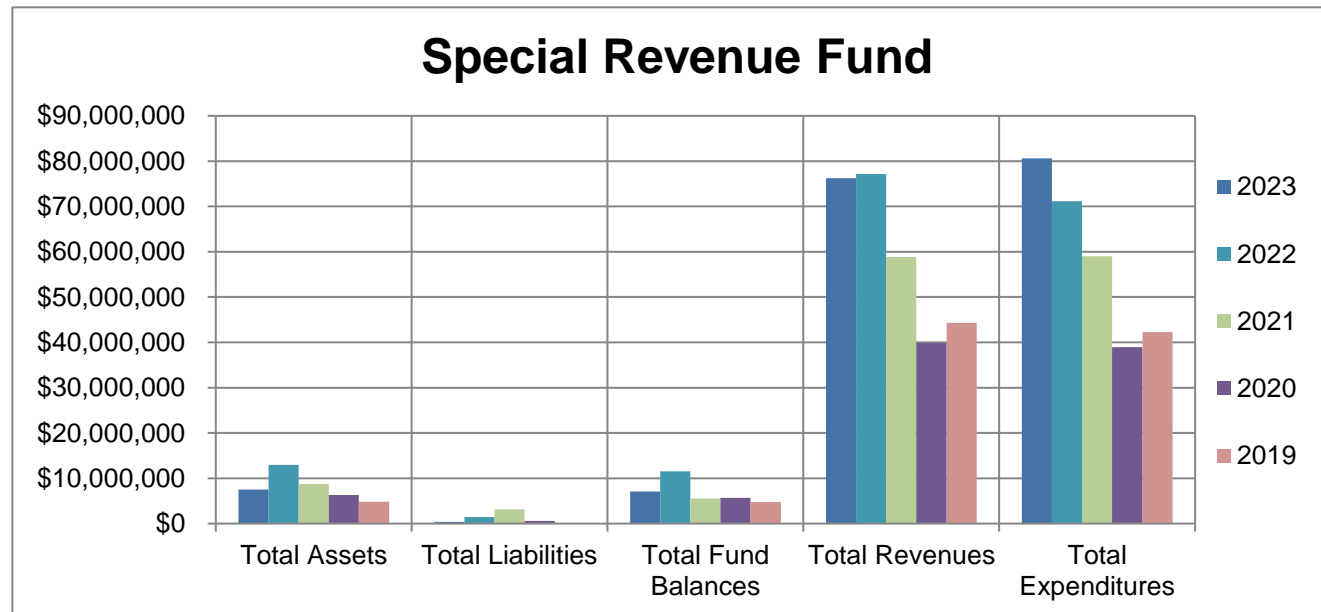
General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 47,604,561	\$ 44,390,907	\$ 31,301,409	\$ 32,830,276	\$ 33,027,965
Total Liabilities	14,077,727	11,113,477	11,387,178	12,704,711	7,654,771
Total Fund Balances	33,526,834	33,277,430	19,914,231	20,125,565	25,373,194
Total Revenues	273,276,129	262,322,531	265,289,976	257,803,263	253,632,292
Total Expenditures	253,695,117	237,756,888	230,152,267	239,286,280	240,167,300
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,331,608)	(11,202,444)	(36,292,085)	(23,764,612)	(21,271,186)



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Schedule 5

Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 7,475,371	\$ 12,916,450	\$ 8,691,467	\$ 6,282,961	\$ 4,800,735
Total Liabilities	368,089	1,401,502	3,125,352	579,655	56,992
Total Fund Balances	7,107,282	11,514,948	5,566,115	5,703,306	4,743,743
Total Revenues	76,231,006	77,131,204	58,895,750	39,867,182	44,339,040
Total Expenditures	80,637,291	71,182,371	59,015,588	38,907,619	42,276,519
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,381)		(17,353)		(7,023)



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Schedule 5

Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 130,255,505	\$ 194,847,318	\$ 3,344,163	\$ 7,221,804	\$ 46,380,382
Total Liabilities	7,700,056	4,575,258	1,433,027	5,329,218	8,433,632
Total Fund Balances	122,555,449	190,272,060	1,911,136	1,892,586	37,946,750
Total Revenues	14,184,027	9,695,469	8,715,893	8,353,071	8,402,891
Total Expenditures	101,986,523	38,821,691	44,974,021	69,782,716	98,299,675
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	20,085,885	217,487,146	36,276,678	25,375,481	21,737,523

