

De Queen School District No. 17

Sevier County, Arkansas

**Regulatory Basis Financial Statements
and Other Reports**

June 30, 2024



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SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

De Queen School District No. 17 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 De Queen School District No. 17 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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

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

De Queen School District No. 17 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the De Queen School District No. 17 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2025. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
April 30, 2025

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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

De Queen School District No. 17 and School Board Members
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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the De Queen School District No. 17's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Qualified Opinion on AL 10.553 and 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster

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 10.553 and 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Unmodified Opinion on the Other Major Federal Program

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, 2024.

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 qualified and unmodified opinions 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 10.553 and 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the District did not comply with requirements regarding AL 10.553 and 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster as described in finding number 2024-001 for Procurement and Suspension and Debarment.

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.

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 a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.


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

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

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

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Fink". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
April 30, 2025

DE QUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
 SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			Fiduciary Fund Types
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 3,766,790	\$ 578,284	\$ 2,291,876	\$ 542,110
Accounts receivable	14,166	309,197		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,780,956</u>	<u>\$ 887,481</u>	<u>\$ 2,291,876</u>	<u>\$ 542,110</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 114,670	\$ 40,690		
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable				\$ 220,000
Restricted	330,002	846,791		322,110
Assigned	397,904		\$ 2,291,876	
Unassigned	2,938,380			
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,666,286</u>	<u>846,791</u>	<u>2,291,876</u>	<u>542,110</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,780,956</u>	<u>\$ 887,481</u>	<u>\$ 2,291,876</u>	<u>\$ 542,110</u>

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

DE QUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 5,355,789		
State assistance	17,826,682	\$ 29,442	
Federal assistance		4,972,904	
Activity revenues	468,697		
Meal sales		283,475	
Investment income	348,654		
Other revenues	96,215	23,500	\$ 500
TOTAL REVENUES	24,096,037	5,309,321	500
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	10,733,828	681,858	
Special education	1,064,688	480,740	
Career education programs	850,450		
Compensatory education programs	295,996	1,004,467	
Other instructional programs	626,462	59,673	
Student support services	1,001,521	427,904	
Instructional staff support services	1,247,729	142,932	
General administration support services	625,947	100,059	
School administration support services	1,455,235		
Central services support services	179,788		
Operation and maintenance of plant services	3,022,319	34,811	73,072
Student transportation services	847,834	73,500	
Other support services	41,824		
Food services operations	15,073	2,369,525	
Community services operations		78,790	
Facilities acquisition and construction services		11,042	
Non-programmed costs		800	
Activity expenditures	414,018		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	58,959		505,000
Interest and fiscal charges	8,504		331,669
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,490,175	5,466,101	909,741
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,605,862	(156,780)	(909,241)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			1,529,662
Transfers out	(1,529,662)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,529,662)		1,529,662
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	76,200	(156,780)	620,421
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	3,590,086	1,003,571	1,671,455
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,666,286	\$ 846,791	\$ 2,291,876

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

DE QUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 5,025,000	\$ 5,355,789	\$ 330,789			
State assistance	17,457,031	17,826,682	369,651	\$ 9,740	\$ 29,442	\$ 19,702
Federal assistance				5,180,929	4,972,904	(208,025)
Activity revenues		468,697	468,697			
Meal sales				367,000	283,475	(83,525)
Investment income	175,000	348,654	173,654			
Other revenues	206,436	96,215	(110,221)		23,500	23,500
TOTAL REVENUES	22,863,467	24,096,037	1,232,570	5,557,669	5,309,321	(248,348)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	11,003,872	10,733,828	270,044	792,346	681,858	110,488
Special education	1,081,282	1,064,688	16,594	494,246	480,740	13,506
Career education programs	810,445	850,450	(40,005)			
Compensatory education programs	309,935	295,996	13,939	1,159,905	1,004,467	155,438
Other instructional programs	639,417	626,462	12,955	71,152	59,673	11,479
Student support services	988,699	1,001,521	(12,822)	481,664	427,904	53,760
Instructional staff support services	1,216,875	1,247,729	(30,854)	300,091	142,932	157,159
General administration support services	604,863	625,947	(21,084)	105,240	100,059	5,181
School administration support services	1,406,192	1,455,235	(49,043)			
Central services support services	185,116	179,788	5,328			
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,884,105	3,022,319	(138,214)	71,709	34,811	36,898
Student transportation services	807,844	847,834	(39,990)	73,500	73,500	
Other support services	40,000	41,824	(1,824)			
Food services operations	12,000	15,073	(3,073)	1,867,917	2,369,525	(501,608)
Community services operations				96,815	78,790	18,025
Facilities acquisition and construction services	30,000		30,000	25,124	11,042	14,082
Non-programmed costs				12,657	800	11,857
Activity expenditures		414,018	(414,018)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement	131,999	58,959	73,040			
Interest and fiscal charges	24,699	8,504	16,195			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,177,343	22,490,175	(312,832)	5,552,366	5,466,101	86,265

DE QUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
 SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 686,124	\$ 1,605,862	\$ 919,738	\$ 5,303	\$ (156,780)	\$ (162,083)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	28,698,504		(28,698,504)			
Transfers out	(29,522,257)	(1,529,662)	27,992,595			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(823,753)	(1,529,662)	(705,909)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(137,629)	76,200	213,829	5,303	(156,780)	(162,083)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	4,332,229	3,590,086	(742,143)	941,733	1,003,571	61,838
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 4,194,600	\$ 3,666,286	\$ (528,314)	\$ 947,036	\$ 846,791	\$ (100,245)

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

DE QUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a five 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 De Queen 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:

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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

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

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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.

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JUNE 30, 2024

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)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name	6,929,060	7,693,583
Total Deposits	\$ 7,179,060	\$ 7,943,583

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 4,539	\$ 2,680
Federal assistance		306,517
Other	9,627	
Totals	\$ 14,166	\$ 309,197

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4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 113,576	\$ 40,690
Payroll withholdings and matching	1,094	
Totals	<u>\$ 114,670</u>	<u>\$ 40,690</u>

5: COMMITMENTS

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

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2024	Maturities To June 30, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>					
11/1/10	6/1/28	1 - 3.5%	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 985,000
2/1/20	2/1/47	1.375 - 2.375%	5,905,000	5,870,000	35,000
3/1/20	2/1/47	1.25 - 2.25%	3,540,000	3,210,000	330,000
7/1/21	6/1/29	.3 - .95%	895,000	585,000	310,000
11/1/21	2/1/47	.55 - 2.2%	6,430,000	6,205,000	225,000
Total Bonds			<u>18,100,000</u>	<u>16,215,000</u>	<u>1,885,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
4/27/21	10/31/31	3%	750,000	500,562	249,438
4/28/21	4/28/31	2%	608,700	402,600	206,100
Total Direct Borrowings			<u>1,358,700</u>	<u>903,162</u>	<u>455,538</u>
Total Long-Term Debt			<u>\$ 19,458,700</u>	<u>\$ 17,118,162</u>	<u>\$ 2,340,538</u>

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JUNE 30, 2024

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding (Continued)

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2024
Bonds payable	\$ 16,720,000		\$ 505,000	\$ 16,215,000
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Installment contracts	962,121		58,959	903,162
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 17,682,121</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 563,959</u>	<u>\$ 17,118,162</u>

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds			Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 600,000	\$ 323,410	\$ 923,410	\$ 86,017	\$ 36,950	\$ 122,967
2026	610,000	315,371	925,371	136,214	20,485	156,699
2027	615,000	306,405	921,405	139,703	16,996	156,699
2028	635,000	297,043	932,043	143,273	13,426	156,699
2029	645,000	286,643	931,643	146,945	9,754	156,699
2030-2034	3,130,000	1,276,944	4,406,944	251,010	8,048	259,058
2035-2039	3,480,000	949,519	4,429,519			
2040-2044	3,915,000	559,221	4,474,221			
2045-2047	2,585,000	118,795	2,703,795			
Totals	<u>\$ 16,215,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,433,351</u>	<u>\$ 20,648,351</u>	<u>\$ 903,162</u>	<u>\$ 105,659</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,821</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 \$18,100,000 issued from November 1, 2010 to November 1, 2021. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$20,648,351, payable through February 1, 2047. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$834,636 and \$1,197,568, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 69.69 percent.

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7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$1,529,662 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$777,901 and future capital expenditures of \$751,761.

8: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

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

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$2,422,929, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$23,802,378.

9: CHANGES IN PRIVATE-PURPOSE FUNDS

ADDITIONS	
Donations	\$ 200
Interest	29,697
	29,697
TOTAL ADDITIONS	29,897
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships	11,775
	11,775
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	18,122
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	523,988
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	\$ 542,110

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JUNE 30, 2024

10: DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

On January 17, 1986, family members Carolyn Leeper and Mary Leichter donated \$20,000 to De Queen High School to create the TM and Georgia Leeper Scholarship fund. With donations and interest earned, the fund has increased to a balance of \$77,699 at June 30, 2024. The donors have stipulated that the principal remain intact and the interest earnings be used to fund scholarships to students graduating from De Queen High School.

In February 2006, the estate of Frances Powell donated \$100,000 to Lockesburg High School to create the Powell Memorial Scholarship. With donations and interest earned, the fund has increased to \$161,971 at June 30, 2024. The gift documents specified that the principal is to remain intact and the interest earnings shall be used to fund scholarships to students graduating from the Lockesburg High School and planning to attend a vocational school.

In April of 2010, family members of Arthurine Cox Mooney donated \$100,000 to De Queen High School to create the Arthurine Cox Mooney Scholarship Fund. The fund had a balance of \$121,059 at June 30, 2024. The gift documents specified that the principal is to remain intact and the interest earnings shall be used to fund scholarships graduating from the De Queen High School.

The total endowment balance at June 30, 2024, was \$220,000 maintained in an interest-bearing bank account.

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 carries commercial insurance for business trip accidental death and dismemberment, student accidents, 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.

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.

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 vehicles.

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

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JUNE 30, 2024

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 \$632,681 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Alternative learning environment	\$ 10,283		
Enhanced student achievement funding	213,506		
English-language learners	7,411		
Professional development	38,897		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 609,208	
Medical services		237,143	
Special education programs	50,071		
Other purposes	9,834	440	
Total Restricted	<u>330,002</u>	<u>846,791</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$2,291,876
Student activities	397,904		
Total Assigned	<u>397,904</u>		<u>2,291,876</u>
Unassigned	<u>2,938,380</u>		
Totals	<u>\$3,666,286</u>	<u>\$ 846,791</u>	<u>\$2,291,876</u>

14: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On July 24, 2024, the District entered into a contract of \$695,000 with Altech, Inc. for the construction of a new animal barn.

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 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2024
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 709,390
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	45,067,841
Improvements/infrastructure	6,505,786
Equipment	6,166,745
Total depreciable capital assets	57,740,372
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	16,456,134
Improvements/infrastructure	2,048,915
Equipment	3,682,164
Total accumulated depreciation	22,187,213
Total depreciable capital assets, net	35,553,159
Capital assets, net	\$ 36,262,549

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

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	6701		\$ 427,405
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			29,999
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	6701		1,170,393
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	6701000		31,035
Total for National School Lunch Program				<u>1,231,427</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				<u>1,658,832</u>
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				<u>1,658,832</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	6701		596,541
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	6701		28,189
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>624,730</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				<u>624,730</u>
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	10.579	6701		49,391
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				<u>49,391</u>
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	6701		3
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	6701		708,305
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	6701		1,994
Total Education Stabilization Fund				<u>710,302</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	6701		1,122,164
Arkansas Department of Education - Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011A	6701		115,371
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	6701		59,860
Arkansas Department of Education - English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365A	6701		83,754
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	6701		82,565
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	6701		71,468
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>2,245,484</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				<u>2,294,875</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 4,578,437</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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

Schedule 2

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of De Queen School District No.17 (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Note 3: The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received Medicaid funding of \$132,012 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.

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 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: unmodified for all major programs except for the Child Nutrition Cluster, 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
10.553 and 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.027A and 84.173A	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

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

No matters were reported.

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SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 3

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER - AL NUMBERS 10.553 AND 10.555
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 6701
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2024-001. Procurement and Suspension and Debarment

Criteria or specific requirement: In accordance with 7 CFR 210.21, School Food Authorities (SFA) must follow proper procurement procedures to ensure expenditures meet the requirements to be paid from the nonprofit school food service account and maintain oversight to ensure contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications in their contracts. The District entered into a cost reimbursable contract with a food service management company (FSMC) that included a provision allowing the FSMC to provide a loan for investment not to exceed \$250,000. Additionally, 7 CFR 250.51 states that a food service management company (FSMC) must disclose and credit the SFA for the value of USDA donated foods and maintain records of all donated food received, used, or credited.

Condition: A contract monitoring review conducted by the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Child Nutrition Unit (DESE, CNU) revealed the District purchased equipment totaling \$494,203, which exceeded the food service management company (FSMC) loan for investment limit outlined in the FSMC contract by \$244,203. In January 2025, the District transferred \$244,203 in operating funds to the food service account to reimburse the unallowable costs. In addition, FSMC invoices reviewed during the audit period did not disclose the value of USDA donated foods received and used in meal preparation.

Cause: Lack of monitoring of the terms, conditions, and specifications of the FSMC contract. Additionally, the District did not establish procedures to ensure accurate tracking and reporting of USDA donated food usage and credits.

Effect or potential effect: The District exceeded the contractual loan for investment limit and incurred unallowable costs in the nonprofit Child Nutrition account. In addition, the lack of tracking and crediting donated foods could potentially result in the District not receiving full credit from the FSMC for USDA donated food.

Questioned costs: \$244,203

Context: Results of a procurement review performed by DESE, CNU and review of the FSMC contract and monthly invoices.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: The District should implement stronger internal controls over FSMC contract monitoring, including regular reconciliation of equipment purchases against contract terms, and procedures to ensure all USDA donated food is tracked and credited on FSMC invoices.

Views of responsible officials: The District has implemented controls to ensure that USDA donated food is tracked and credited on future FSMC invoices. The District made journal entries from Operating to cover the \$244,203 that had been originally approved verbally by CNU. We then found out this was not an approved expense from Child Nutrition and corrected this expense.



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Schedule 4

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

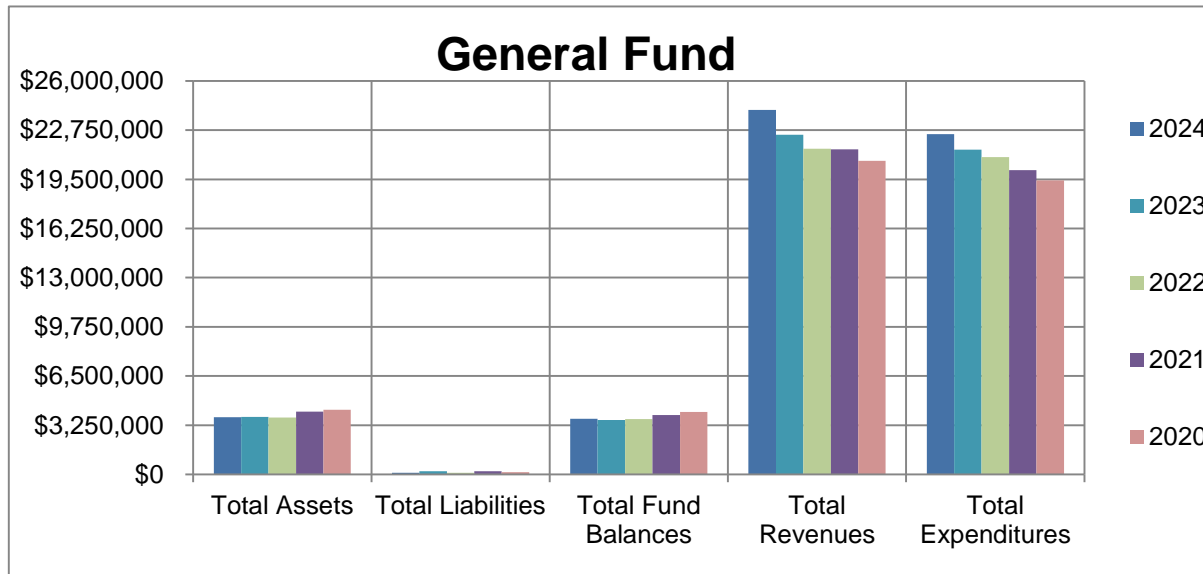
There were no findings in the prior audit.

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DE QUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

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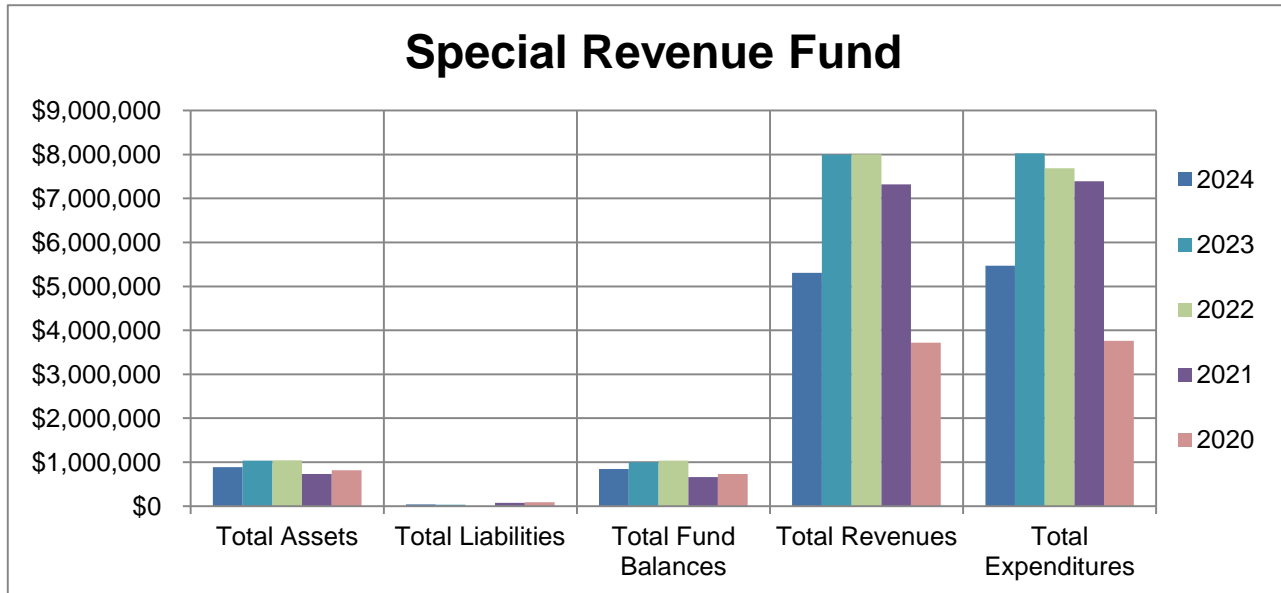
<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 3,780,956	\$ 3,808,240	\$ 3,752,628	\$ 4,138,241	\$ 4,278,195
Total Liabilities	114,670	218,154	101,326	207,580	143,666
Total Fund Balances	3,666,286	3,590,086	3,651,302	3,930,661	4,134,529
Total Revenues	24,096,037	22,437,764	21,515,404	21,472,841	20,713,944
Total Expenditures	22,490,175	21,467,160	20,962,537	20,108,733	19,421,811
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,529,662)	(1,031,820)	(832,226)	(1,685,894)	(806,688)



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Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 887,481	\$ 1,035,998	\$ 1,043,263	\$ 735,193	\$ 819,923
Total Liabilities	40,690	32,427	7,655	73,573	88,328
Total Fund Balances	846,791	1,003,571	1,035,608	661,620	731,595
Total Revenues	5,309,321	7,994,978	8,000,511	7,320,749	3,718,947
Total Expenditures	5,466,101	8,027,015	7,684,336	7,390,724	3,762,788
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			57,813		



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Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 2,291,876	\$ 1,671,455	\$ 1,776,267	\$ 3,491,078	\$ 7,436,202
Total Liabilities			61,279	360,823	1,331,765
Total Fund Balances	2,291,876	1,671,455	1,714,988	3,130,255	6,104,437
Total Revenues	500			903,216	1,187,559
Total Expenditures	909,741	1,069,686	2,416,434	6,921,992	13,379,584
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,529,662	1,026,153	1,001,167	3,044,594	4,957,763

