Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23

St. Francis County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2024



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 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 Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 (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, for gery, 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 March 4, 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

Kevin William White, CPA, JD

Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas March 4, 2025 EDSD36324



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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

Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 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 Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 (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 March 4, 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 March 4, 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

Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 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 Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

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 4, 2025

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Funds								
		Ma	ajor						
				Special		Other			
		General	F	Revenue	Aggregate				
ASSETS									
Cash	\$	1,352,406	\$	352,671	\$	1,225,092			
Accounts receivable		27,239		102,173					
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,379,645	\$	454,844	\$	1,225,092			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	\$	89,281	\$	1,041	\$	24,330			
Fund Balances:									
Restricted		169,394		453,803					
Assigned		118,810				1,200,762			
Unassigned		1,002,160							
Total Fund Balances		1,290,364		453,803		1,200,762			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND									
FUND BALANCES	\$	1,379,645	\$	454,844	\$	1,225,092			

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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

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REVENUES General Special Revenue Other Aggregate Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution) \$ 1,295,216 \$ 6,802		Major					
REVENUES				•	Special		Other
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Federal assistance	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	\$					
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	FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$	1,290,364	\$	453,803	\$	1,200,762

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

Exhibit C

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS 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

	General						Special Revenue					
	Budget		Budget Actu		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
REVENUES												
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$	1,758,000	\$	1,925,216	\$	167,216						
State assistance		6,253,349		6,469,222		215,873	\$	2,800	\$	6,802	\$	4,002
Federal assistance							1	,443,929		1,564,461		120,532
Activity revenues		150,297		207,040		56,743						
Meal sales								46,764		60,231		13,467
Investment income		185,000		8,921		(176,079)						
Other revenues		19,684		193,555		173,871		200		2,940		2,740
TOTAL REVENUES		8,366,330		8,803,954		437,624	1	,493,693		1,634,434		140,741
EXPENDITURES												
Regular programs		3,535,473		3,103,536		431,937		42,518		49,750		(7,232)
Special education		601,342		525,763		75,579		177,471		213,615		(36,144)
Career education programs		295,678		315,543		(19,865)						
Compensatory education programs		225,878		251,252		(25,374)		207,810		166,319		41,491
Other instructional programs		407,631		424,196		(16,565)						
Student support services		433,518		588,325		(154,807)		97,416		105,039		(7,623)
Instructional staff support services		481,982		473,206		8,776		225,343		138,457		86,886
General administration support services		222,066		250,202		(28,136)		10,850		10,115		735
School administration support services		277,547		262,784		14,763						
Central services support services		186,011		217,339		(31,328)		17,390		17,028		362
Operation and maintenance of plant services		1,124,883		1,392,014		(267,131)		106,864		227,309		(120,445)
Student transportation services		194,710		225,878		(31,168)		119,268		124,900		(5,632)
Other support services		12,000		13,959		(1,959)						
Food services operations				58,691		(58,691)		408,537		495,857		(87,320)
Community services operations								7,621		2,581		5,040
Activity expenditures		138,027		210,557		(72,530)						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		8,136,746		8,313,245		(176,499)	1	,421,088		1,550,970		(129,882)

Exhibit C

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS 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

		General			Special Revenue					
	 Budget	Actual	(Variance Favorable Unfavorable)		Budget		Actual	F	Variance Favorable nfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 229,584	\$ 490,709	\$	261,125	\$	72,605	\$	83,464	\$	10,859
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	10,424,615 (10,843,052)	(526,353)		(10,424,615) 10,316,699		14,781 (14,781)				(14,781) 14,781
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER	 (418,437)	 (526,353)		(107,916)		0				0
SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(188,853)	(35,644)		153,209		72,605		83,464		10,859
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	 1,383,685	 1,326,008		(57,677)		360,912		370,339		9,427
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,194,832	\$ 1,290,364	\$	95,532	\$	433,517	\$	453,803	\$	20,286

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

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a seven 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 Palestine-Wheatley 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.

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

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> - 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:

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – 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.

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

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 financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

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

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years						
Improvements/infrastructure	15-20						
Buildings	10-50						
Equipment	5-25						

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.

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Fund Balance Classifications

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

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.

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) Collateralized: Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's	\$	250,000	\$ 250,000
trust department or agent in the District's name		2,680,169	 2,835,167
Total Deposits	\$_	2,930,169	\$ 3,085,167

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

	Governmental Funds						
	Ma	jor					
		S	pecial				
Description	 Seneral	Revenue					
State assistance Federal assistance	\$ \$ 27,239		422 101,751				
Totals	\$ 27,239	\$	102,173				

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

		Governmental Funds								
		M	1 ajor							
			S	pecial	Other					
Description	G	Seneral	Re	evenue	Ą	ggregate				
Vendor payables	\$	\$ 89,281		1,041	\$	24,330				

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:

			Amount		Amount Debt		Maturities			
Date	Date of Final	Rate of	Authorized		(Outstanding		То		
of Issue	Maturity	Interest	and Issued		J	une 30, 2024	Ju	ne 30, 2024		
<u>Bonds</u>										
7/1/20	2/1/40	.65 - 2%	\$	2,005,000	\$	1,755,000	\$	250,000		
10/1/20	2/1/40	.55 - 1.55%		4,565,000		4,030,000		535,000		
Total	Long-Term De	ebt	\$	6,570,000	\$	5,785,000	\$	785,000		
				_						
Changes in I	Long-term Deb	t								
		Balance					В	Balance		
	_	July 1, 2023	_	Issued	_	Retired	June	e 30, 2024		
Bonds paya	ıble	\$6,120,000	\$	0		335,000	_\$ 5	5,785,000_		

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding (Continued)

Future Principal and Interest Payments

	Bonds								
Year Ended June 30,		Principal		Interest		Total			
2025	\$	335,000	\$	77,253	\$	412,253			
2026		335,000		74,708		409,708			
2027		335,000		71,827		406,827			
2028		340,000		68,613		408,613			
2029		340,000		65,062		405,062			
2030-2034		1,790,000		261,152		2,051,152			
2035-2039		1,915,000		128,550		2,043,550			
2040		395,000		6,686		401,686			
Totals	\$	5,785,000	\$	753,851	\$	6,538,851			

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 \$6,570,000 issued from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$6,538,851, payable through February 1, 2040. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$414,412 and \$617,325, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 67.13 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$526,353 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$415,353 and future capital expenditures of \$111,000.

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 \$758,210, 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 \$6,902,402.

9: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The allocation of the health insurance premiums paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of the District's employees, totaled \$178,220 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

	Governmental Funds								
		Ma	ijor	_					
			Special	Other					
Description		Seneral	Revenue	Aggregate					
Fund Balances:									
Restricted for:									
Alternative learning environment	\$	1,264							
Enhanced student achievement funding		10,175							
Enhanced student achievement match grant funding		68,902							
English-language learners		15,615							
Child nutrition programs			\$ 344,038						
Medical services			34,133						
Special education programs		59,751							
Education stabilization fund (COVID-19)			37						
AR DHS Cares act funding			50,000						
Other purposes		13,687	25,595						
Total Restricted		169,394	453,803	_					
Assigned to:									
Capital projects				\$1,200,762					
Student activities		118,810							
Total Assigned		118,810		1,200,762					
Unassigned	1	,002,160							
Totals	\$1	,290,364	\$ 453,803	\$1,200,762					

Schedule 1

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Balance June 30, 2024				
Nondepreciable capital assets: Land	\$	425,825			
Depreciable capital assets:					
Buildings		22,825,745			
Improvements/infrastructure		6,233,783			
Equipment		2,714,836			
Total depreciable capital assets		31,774,364			
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings		2,306,313			
Improvements/infrastructure		1,072,867			
Equipment		1,445,735			
Total accumulated depreciation		4,824,915			
Total depreciable capital assets, net		26,949,449			
Capital assets, net	\$	27,375,274			

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	al Federal penditures
U. S. Department of Agriculture				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	6205		\$ 71,831
National School Lunch Program (Note 5) Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch	10.555			5,998
Program Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School	10.555	6205		374,051
Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	6205000		12,218
Total for National School Lunch Program				392,267
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				464,098
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				464,098
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
U. S. Department of Education				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	6205		163,806
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education -	04.027A	0203		103,000
Preschool Grants	84.173A	6205		5,999
Total U. S. Department of Education				 169,805
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				169,805
OTHER PROGRAMS <u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u> Arkansas Department of Education - Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability Total U. S. Department of Agriculture	10.579	6205		 31,759 31,759
U. S. Department of Education				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American	84.425D	6205		69,268
Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	6205		390,551
Arkansas State University - COVID-19 - American	04.4250	0205		390,331
Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency				
Relief Fund	84.425U	not available		63,744
Total Education Stabilization Fund				 523,563
Arkanaga Danartmant of Education Title Cranta to Lace				
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local	04.0404	COOF		440 500
Educational Agencies Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.010A 84.358B	6205 6205		143,588 23,779
Arkansas Department of Education - Noral Education Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective	04.5500	0203		23,113
Instruction State Grants	84.367A	6205		17,028
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and				,
Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	6205		14,876
Total U. S. Department of Education				722,834
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				754,593
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 1,388,496

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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 Palestine-Wheatley School District No. 23 (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 \$133,791 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.

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Types of auditor's reports issued on whether the financial statements audited	were prepared in accordance with:
Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) - adverse Regulatory basis - unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes X no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	yes X none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	yes X no
FEDERAL AWARDS	
Internal control over major federal programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes X no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	yes X none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: unr	modified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	yes X no
Identification of major federal programs:	
AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.553 and 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$ 750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	X yes no
SECTION II - FINANCIAL STA	ATEMENT FINDINGS
No matters were reported.	
SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDIN	IGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
No matters were reported.	

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Schedule 4

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

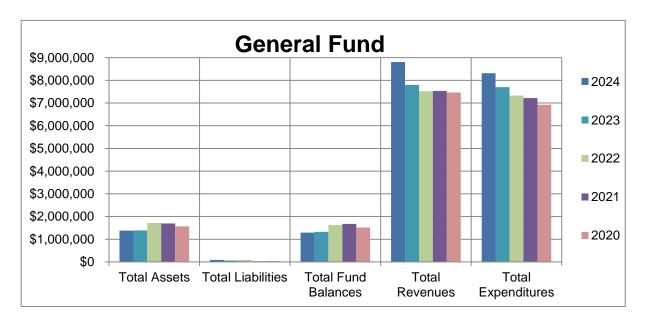
There were no findings in the prior audit.

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

R THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 202 (Unaudited)

Year Ended June	ଌଐ	U
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General Fund	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
Total Assets	\$	1,379,645	\$	1,383,685	\$	1,713,720	\$	1,693,959	\$	1,560,947
Total Liabilities		89,281		57,677		85,891		23,416		42,423
Total Fund Balances		1,290,364		1,326,008		1,627,829		1,670,543		1,518,524
Total Revenues		8,803,954		7,804,734		7,520,038		7,537,662		7,465,791
Total Expenditures		8,313,245		7,699,322		7,329,121		7,217,379		6,925,900
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(526,353)		(407,233)		(233,631)		(199,572)		(386,513)

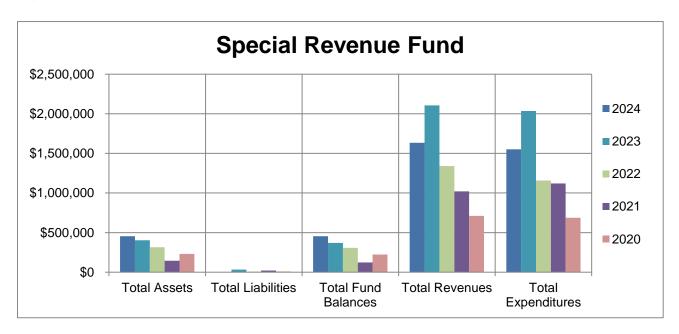


PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(Unaudited)

Year	∟nded	I June	30,
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Special Revenue Fund		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
Total Assets	\$	454,844	\$	403,106	\$	314,444	\$	143,974	\$	231,458	
Total Liabilities		1,041		32,767		8,130		20,720		8,724	
Total Fund Balances		453,803		370,339		306,314		123,254		222,734	
Total Revenues		1,634,434		2,106,248		1,339,901		1,020,727		710,549	
Total Expenditures		1,550,970		2,034,728		1,156,841		1,120,207		687,511	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				(7,495)							



PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

Year Ended June 30.

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Other Aggregate Funds	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		
Total Assets	\$	1,225,092	\$	1,586,119	\$	3,368,283	\$	6,310,687	\$	6,362,128	
Total Liabilities		24,330		15,123		117,746		9,945		335,461	
Total Fund Balances		1,200,762		1,570,996		3,250,537		6,300,742		6,026,667	
Total Revenues								1,709,088		6,958,277	
Total Expenditures		896,587		2,086,774		3,258,084		1,813,080		10,057,453	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		526,353		407,233		207,879		378,067		386,513	

