

Deer/Mt. Judea School District

Newton County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2023



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NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Deer/Mt. Judea School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Deer/Mt. Judea School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 19, 2024 on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Deer/Mt. Judea School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Deer/Mt. Judea School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2024. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated June 19, 2024.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit, excluding the management letter findings, and 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 the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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
June 19, 2024

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Deer/Mt. Judea School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the Deer/Mt. Judea School District's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

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

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

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

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the District did not comply with requirements regarding Assistance Listing No. 84.425 COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund as described in finding number 2023-002 for Allowable Costs/Cost Principles.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-002 to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Deer/Mt. Judea School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

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

Three unauthorized withdrawals totaling \$8,470 were made from the District bank account between June 8, 2022 and January 25, 2023. Entity personnel discovered the unauthorized withdrawals upon reviewing the affected bank account, and the funds were recovered from the bank.

In March 2023, 34 fraudulent charges totaling \$1,837 were made to a District purchasing card (P-Card). The District discovered the charges but failed to dispute the charges with the financial institution timely. As a result, the charges were not reimbursed.

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
June 19, 2024

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 636,212	\$ 61,554	\$ 3,805,617
Investments	326,118		
Accounts receivable	14,843	183,956	
Due from other funds	156,368		
Deposit with paying agent			13,525
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,133,541	\$ 245,510	\$ 3,819,142
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 53,974		
Due to other funds		\$ 156,368	
Total Liabilities	53,974	156,368	
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable			\$ 13,525
Restricted	304,553	89,142	
Assigned	151,874		3,805,617
Unassigned	623,140		
Total Fund Balances	1,079,567	89,142	3,819,142
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,133,541	\$ 245,510	\$ 3,819,142

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

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 899,753		
State assistance	3,666,725	\$ 857	
Federal assistance	258,624	990,235	
Activity revenues	159,017		
Meal sales		56,809	
Investment income	89,020		
Other revenues	65,482		
TOTAL REVENUES	5,138,621	1,047,901	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	1,961,386	297,797	
Special education	78,842	56,964	
Career education programs	207,190	36,460	
Compensatory education programs	111,681	79,238	
Other instructional programs	54,691		
Student support services	161,855	78,489	
Instructional staff support services	181,801	81,959	
General administration support services	187,807	42,306	
School administration support services	297,451		
Central services support services	90,191		
Operation and maintenance of plant services	684,658	2,298	
Student transportation services	305,006		
Other support services	1,102		
Food services operations	45,000	270,887	
Facilities acquisition and construction services	16,125	97,536	
Non-programmed costs		3,233	
Activity expenditures	161,826		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	5,703		\$ 100,000
Interest and fiscal charges	81		28,810
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,552,396	1,047,167	128,810
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	586,225	734	(128,810)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			584,335
Transfers out	(584,335)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(584,335)		584,335
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	1,890	734	455,525
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,077,677	88,408	3,363,617
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,079,567	\$ 89,142	\$ 3,819,142

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

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 828,200	\$ 899,753	\$ 71,553			
State assistance	3,697,397	3,666,725	(30,672)	\$ 1,100	\$ 857	\$ (243)
Federal assistance	300,000	258,624	(41,376)	1,595,999	990,235	(605,764)
Activity revenues		159,017	159,017			
Meal sales				55,400	56,809	1,409
Investment income	16,000	89,020	73,020			
Other revenues	7,000	65,482	58,482			
TOTAL REVENUES	4,848,597	5,138,621	290,024	1,652,499	1,047,901	(604,598)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	1,850,805	1,961,386	(110,581)	436,886	297,797	139,089
Special education	86,200	78,842	7,358	129,397	56,964	72,433
Career education programs	171,535	207,190	(35,655)	156,049	36,460	119,589
Compensatory education programs	41,753	111,681	(69,928)		79,238	(79,238)
Other instructional programs	81,418	54,691	26,727			
Student support services	150,879	161,855	(10,976)	21,000	78,489	(57,489)
Instructional staff support services	205,246	181,801	23,445	149,956	81,959	67,997
General administration support services	166,950	187,807	(20,857)	42,727	42,306	421
School administration support services	245,443	297,451	(52,008)			
Central services support services	89,675	90,191	(516)			
Operation and maintenance of plant services	495,843	684,658	(188,815)	254,664	2,298	252,366
Student transportation services	681,587	305,006	376,581			
Other support services	93	1,102	(1,009)			
Food services operations	45,000	45,000		269,139	270,887	(1,748)
Community services operations				2,500		2,500
Facilities acquisition and construction services	20,959	16,125	4,834	177,296	97,536	79,760
Non-programmed costs				3,500	3,233	267
Activity expenditures		161,826	(161,826)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement		5,703	(5,703)			
Interest and fiscal charges		81	(81)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,333,386	4,552,396	(219,010)	1,643,114	1,047,167	595,947

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 515,211	\$ 586,225	\$ 71,014	\$ 9,385	\$ 734	\$ (8,651)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	4,493,248		(4,493,248)			
Transfers out	(5,004,298)	(584,335)	4,419,963			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(511,050)	(584,335)	(73,285)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	4,161	1,890	(2,271)	9,385	734	(8,651)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,077,431	1,077,677	246	53,324	88,408	35,084
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,081,592</u>	<u>\$ 1,079,567</u>	<u>\$ (2,025)</u>	<u>\$ 62,709</u>	<u>\$ 89,142</u>	<u>\$ 26,433</u>

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

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

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 Deer/Mt. Judea 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.

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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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

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

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

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

G. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund receivables and payables result from services rendered from one fund to another or from interfund loans.

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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. 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.

I. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

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

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

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

J. Stabilization Arrangements

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

K. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

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

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 JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures (Continued)

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

M. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 573,777	\$ 573,777
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the District's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the District's name	4,255,724	4,658,394
Total Deposits	\$ 4,829,501	\$ 5,232,171

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$326,118 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Federal assistance		\$ 183,956
Other	\$ 14,843	
Totals	\$ 14,843	\$ 183,956

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4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>
	Major
Description	General
Vendor payables	\$ 53,974

5: COMMITMENTS

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

A. Construction Contract

Project Name	Completion Date	Contract Balance
Deer/Mt. Judea HVAC Upgrades	December 13, 2023	\$ 293,174

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2023	Maturities To June 30, 2023
<u>Bonds</u>					
8/1/20	2/1/41	1 - 1.75%	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,005,000	\$ 195,000

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2022	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2023
Bonds payable	\$ 2,105,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 2,005,000
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Installment contract	5,703		5,703	0
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 2,110,703	\$ 0	\$ 105,703	\$ 2,005,000

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 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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 JUNE 30, 2023

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

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

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 100,000	\$ 27,050	\$ 127,050
2025	105,000	26,050	131,050
2026	105,000	25,000	130,000
2027	105,000	23,950	128,950
2028	105,000	22,900	127,900
2029-2033	545,000	96,980	641,980
2034-2038	585,000	58,908	643,908
2039-2041	355,000	12,425	367,425
Totals	<u>\$ 2,005,000</u>	<u>\$ 293,263</u>	<u>\$ 2,298,263</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 \$2,200,000 issued August 1, 2020. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$2,298,263, payable through February 1, 2041. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$128,050 and \$218,122, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 58.71 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$584,335 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$142,335 and \$442,000 for future capital projects.

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NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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JUNE 30, 2023

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, 2023, were \$431,084, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$4,087,679.

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 and business trip accidental death and dismemberment.

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, contents, and vehicles.

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9: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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

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

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 \$124,889 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Deposit with paying agent			\$ 13,525
Restricted for:			
Enhanced student achievement funding	\$ 46,248		
Enhanced student achievement funding matching	59,377		
Professional development	17,745		
Medical services		\$ 41,074	
Child nutrition programs		44,106	
Isolated funding	155,641		
Special education programs	14,648		
Other purposes	10,894	3,962	
Total Restricted	<u>304,553</u>	<u>89,142</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			3,805,617
Student activities	48,410		
Scholarships	103,464		
Total Assigned	<u>151,874</u>		<u>3,805,617</u>
Unassigned	<u>623,140</u>		
Totals	<u>\$1,079,567</u>	<u>\$ 89,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,819,142</u>

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2023
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 192,672
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	6,852,327
Improvements/infrastructure	185,991
Equipment	2,623,858
Total depreciable capital assets	9,662,176
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	2,918,857
Improvements/infrastructure	138,867
Equipment	1,817,276
Total accumulated depreciation	4,875,000
Total depreciable capital assets, net	4,787,176
Capital assets, net	\$ 4,979,848

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 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	5106		\$ 41,326
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	5106		154,536
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 4)	10.555	5106000		16,974
Total for National School Lunch Program				<u>171,510</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	5106		10,556
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				<u>223,392</u>
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				<u>223,392</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	5106		92,941
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	5106		21,237
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	5106		3,704
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>117,882</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				<u>117,882</u>
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5106		99,834
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5106		362,501
Total Education Stabilization Fund				<u>462,335</u>
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	5106		124,777
Rural Education	84.358A			39,052
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	5106		5,349
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>631,513</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				<u>631,513</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 972,787</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, 2023

Schedule 2

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Deer/Mt. Judea School District (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Note 3: The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: 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, 2023

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? yes no

Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.425D, 84.425U	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes no

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Schedule 3

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

2023-001. Internal Control

Criteria: Internal control is a process consisting of five interrelated components - *control environment, risk assessment, information and communication, control activities, and monitoring*. District management is responsible for adopting sound accounting policies and for establishing and maintaining internal control that will, among other things, initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements.

Condition:

Our examination of payroll expenditures for 13 employees revealed the following:

- Accumulated sick leave records were not maintained, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-1205.
- Employment contracts tested did not contain required signatures.
- The District could not provide documentation to support the payment of unused vacation days (\$6,611) paid to an employee upon retirement, unused sick leave (\$11,313) paid to four employees, and additional pay (\$2,421) to another employee.
- Documentation of board approval could not be provided for the substitute daily rate of \$93.50.

Our examination of 58 non-payroll expenditures revealed adequate supporting documentation was not maintained for 9 disbursements totaling \$27,383 and credit card transactions totaling \$6,529.

Other internal control deficiencies identified during our testing included:

- Supporting documentation could not be provided by the District for 10 of the 16 journal entries tested, and journal entries were not reviewed and approved by someone other than the preparer.
- Bank reconciliations were not reviewed and approved by entity personnel.
- The District could not provide documentation to support the deletion of 225 items, totaling \$417,189, from the school's capital asset records. The equipment deletions ranged from 5 to 30 years old. In addition, during our observation of equipment, we noted 5 of 10 items selected for inspection could not be located.

Cause: Lack of proper monitoring of financial records.

Effect or potential effect: Deficiencies in the District's internal control system could hinder the prevention or detection of errors in the financial accounting records. Such records are utilized in the preparation of the District's financials statements in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Recommendation: The District should implement proper controls over financial transactions.

Views of responsible officials: For the payroll deficiencies, no one will be paid without proper documentation. Previously, the District had a Treasurer who had been with the school for more than 50 years. She had a method to pay employees unused sick leave. Moving forward, District personnel will meet with APSCN representatives and receive proper training to print sick leave reports before year end accounts close. District personnel will maintain sick leave records as required by Ark. Code 6-17-1205. Further, the partnership with Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) will help to ensure no one is paid without proper documentation. Employee contracts will be signed by the board from here on out. Substitute pay has been added to the salary schedule and has been approved by the school board.

Regarding non-payroll expenditures, vendors will not be paid without invoices and purchase orders. APSRC will not provide payment to a vendor without proper documentation. APSRC is helping the District establish internal controls and proper protocols to ensure adequate supporting documentation is maintained.

Regarding other internal control deficiencies, supporting documentation will be provided and signed by the Superintendent for every journal entry. Bank reconciliations are to be signed and dated by the Superintendent. The District is to begin using deletion forms and addition forms for capital assets records. District personnel will receive proper training to ensure equipment is properly marked and stored to be available for use and inspection. Each item prior to deletion will be approved for deletion for the school board.

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Schedule 3

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COVID-19 - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND - AL NUMBER 84.425D
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 5106
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2023-002. Allowable Costs/Cost Principles

Criteria or specific requirement: Purchases of equipment and other capital expenditures require the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, as specified in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR section 200.439.

Condition: During our examination of expenditures, we identified four capital expenditures totaling \$34,957 paid from the COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund in which the District did not obtain prior written approval from the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). These capital expenditures included gymnasium windows (\$20,259) and consultation for projects in which the District did not proceed with, including restroom renovations (\$8,378) and an agricultural barn (\$6,320).

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

Effect or potential effect: Questioned costs of \$34,957 were paid from COVID-19-Education Stabilization Fund.

Questioned costs: Total questioned costs of \$34,957

Context: All capital expenditures were examined totaling \$97,536.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

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

Views of responsible officials: The District will contact the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for guidance regarding this matter. The District will follow the guidance from DESE to ensure compliance with federal regulations and commissioners memos to ensure the District follows allowable costs and principles. Further, the partnership DMJ now has with the Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) will help establish proper internal controls and management over program expenditures.



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Schedule 4

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2022 – Finding 2022-001: Misstatements not Detected by Internal Control System

Condition: The District's internal control system did not prevent or detect significant errors in the financial accounting records. Such records are utilized to prepare the District's financial statements. The District did not properly record \$180,000 of revenues and expenditures of a federal grant in the special revenue funds. In the other aggregate funds, the improper recording of transfers resulted in overstatement of expenditures of \$1,029,600 in the building fund, the overstatement of revenues of \$925,000 in the debt service fund, and the understatement of principal and interest of \$104,600 in the debt service fund. The financial statements were subsequently corrected by adjusting journal entries during audit fieldwork.

Current Status: Corrective Action was taken.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

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Deer Principal

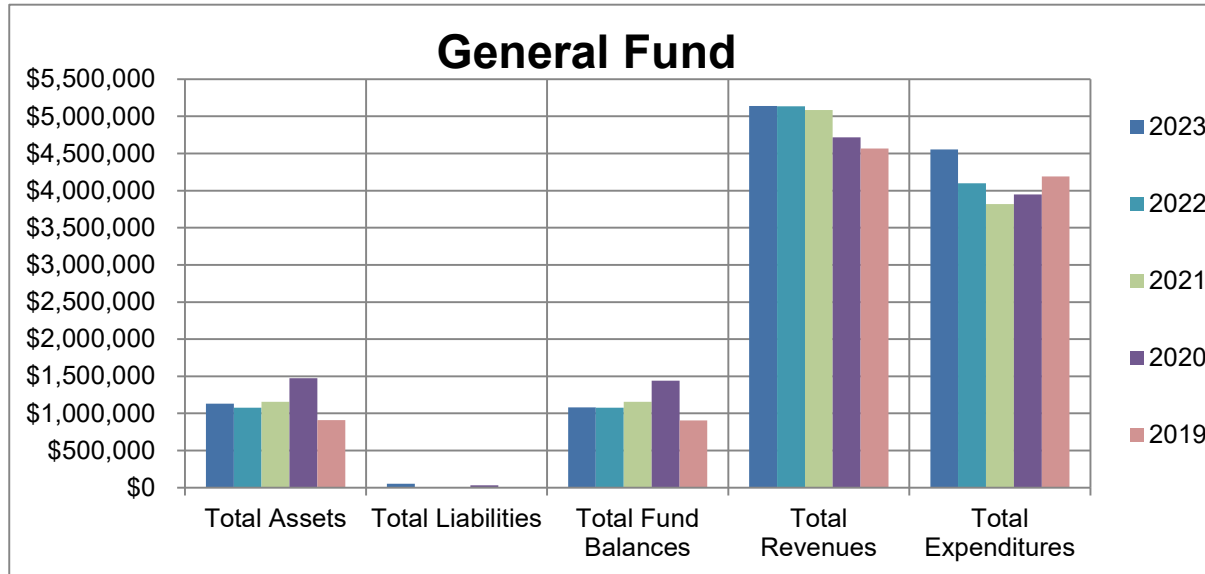
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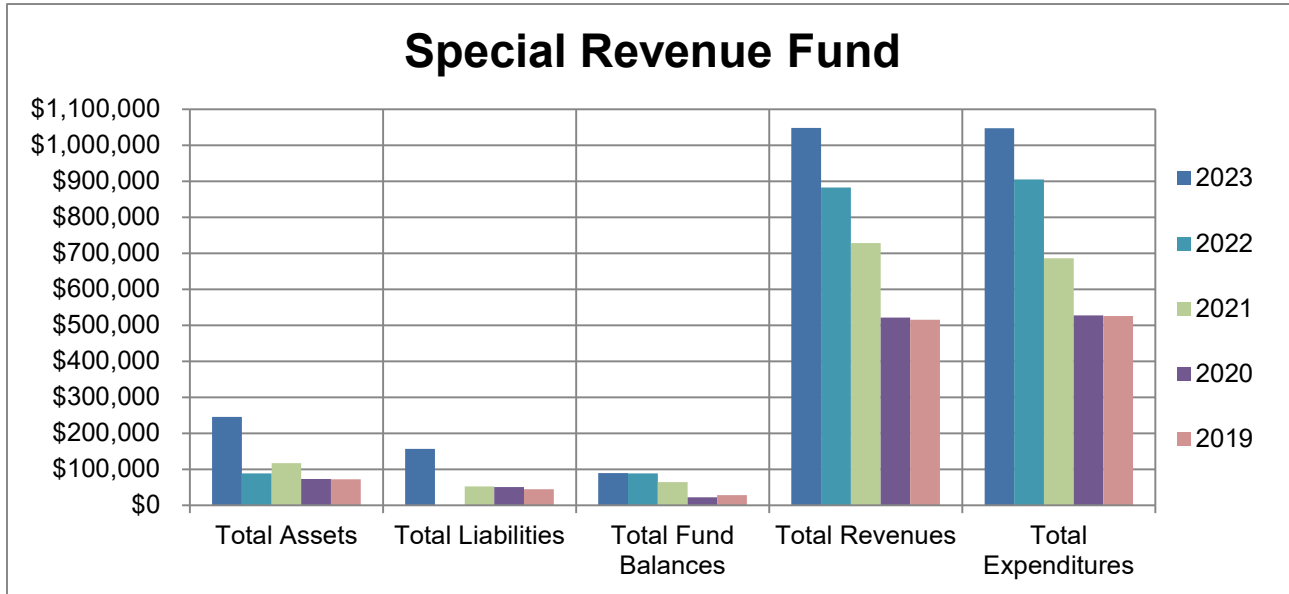
DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 1,133,541	\$ 1,077,677	\$ 1,155,317	\$ 1,475,114	\$ 909,284
Total Liabilities	53,974		30	33,300	1,576
Total Fund Balances	1,079,567	1,077,677	1,155,287	1,441,814	907,708
Total Revenues	5,138,621	5,135,321	5,085,751	4,717,874	4,566,373
Total Expenditures	4,552,396	4,097,578	3,819,287	3,946,424	4,191,650
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(584,335)	(1,115,353)	(1,594,391)	(237,344)	(238,710)



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Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 245,510	\$ 88,408	\$ 117,242	\$ 73,154	\$ 72,651
Total Liabilities	156,368		52,352	50,596	44,301
Total Fund Balances	89,142	88,408	64,890	22,558	28,350
Total Revenues	1,047,901	882,563	728,195	521,807	515,206
Total Expenditures	1,047,167	905,024	685,863	527,599	525,347
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		45,979			



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Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 3,819,142	\$ 3,363,617	\$ 3,444,113	\$ 1,846,409	\$ 1,753,017
Total Liabilities				4,822	
Total Fund Balances	3,819,142	3,363,617	3,444,113	1,841,587	1,753,017
Total Revenues		4,458	203,380	148,513	104,996
Total Expenditures	128,810	1,200,307	260,202	297,287	303,668
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	584,335	1,115,353	1,659,348	237,344	238,710

