

Deer/Mt. Judea School District

Newton County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2024



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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, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

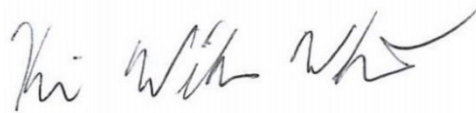
Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplementary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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 19, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 19, 2025
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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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), 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, 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 May 19, 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated May 19, 2025.

Purpose of This Report

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 19, 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

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the 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, 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

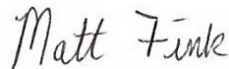
A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement 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



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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.

Our examination of bank reconciliations and investments revealed the following:

- The District's operating bank account as of June 30, 2024, had an unreconciled variance of \$6,840. During audit fieldwork, ALA staff identified \$5,583 in errors leaving an unexplained variance of \$1,257.
- The District's activity fund bank account as of June 30, 2024, had an unreconciled variance of \$1,172.
- The District's scholarship fund bank account was unreconciled during the 2024 fiscal year, and revenues and disbursements of the account were not recorded in the financial statements. Additionally, the bank account on the District's general ledger was incorrectly classified as an investment account.
- Bank reconciliations were not reviewed and approved by entity personnel during the 2024 fiscal year.
- Interest revenue on the District's certificates of deposit totaling \$13,064 and \$2,603 was not recorded in the financial statements for fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Our examination of payroll expenditures for 12 employees revealed the following:

- Accumulated sick leave records were not properly maintained by District personnel, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-1205.
- The District could not provide proper documentation to support the payment of unused sick leave totaling \$880.
- One employee was not paid in accordance with their contract and stipend, resulting in an underpayment of \$1,000.
- One employee's contract did not agree to the approved salary schedule, resulting in an underpayment of \$262.

A similar finding was issued in the prior year audit.

During our examination of capital assets, the following discrepancies were noted:

- The District did not establish procedures to ensure disposal of surplus or obsolete equipment was properly removed from the capital assets listing.
- Four equipment assets with a cost exceeding \$1,000 were not added to the District's capital assets listing for fiscal year 2024.
- Discrepancies identified in the previous year audit were not corrected in the current year including one equipment asset with a cost exceeding \$1,000 was not added to the District's capital assets listing, and five assets were misclassified as building assets.

During our examination of the May 2024 bank statement, we noted seven payments totaling \$14,811 were made electronically without board approval or an approved resolution, in noncompliance with ADE Commissioner's Memo COM-12-036 and Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-701(e)(1).

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
May 19, 2025

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 784,784		\$ 4,040,172
Investments	339,182		
Accounts receivable	116,765	\$ 106,601	
Due from other funds	42,938		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,283,669</u>	<u>\$ 106,601</u>	<u>\$ 4,040,172</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 105,068	\$ 9,226	
Due to other funds		42,938	
Total Liabilities	<u>105,068</u>	<u>52,164</u>	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	343,570	54,437	
Assigned	152,751		\$ 4,040,172
Unassigned	682,280		
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,178,601</u>	<u>54,437</u>	<u>4,040,172</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,283,669</u>	<u>\$ 106,601</u>	<u>\$ 4,040,172</u>

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, 2024

Exhibit B

	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 963,476		
State assistance	3,551,736	\$ 3,097	
Federal assistance	254,039	956,260	
Activity revenues	148,906		
Meal sales		21,742	
Investment income	175,898		
Other revenues	27,130		
TOTAL REVENUES	5,121,185	981,099	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	2,140,064	18,386	
Special education	138,812	176,581	
Career education programs	202,873		
Compensatory education programs	110,158	76,176	
Other instructional programs	34,928		
Student support services	184,045	50,261	
Instructional staff support services	217,932	91,234	
General administration support services	190,626	46,830	
School administration support services	186,973		
Central services support services	108,852		
Operation and maintenance of plant services	648,809		
Student transportation services	337,538		
Other support services	5,755		
Food services operations	12,078	259,598	
Facilities acquisition and construction services	182	296,738	\$ 1,978
Activity expenditures	152,308		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement			100,000
Interest and fiscal charges			27,210
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,671,933	1,015,804	129,188
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	449,252	(34,705)	(129,188)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			350,218
Transfers out	(350,218)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(350,218)		350,218
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	99,034	(34,705)	221,030
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,079,567	89,142	3,819,142
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,178,601	\$ 54,437	\$ 4,040,172

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, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 897,500	\$ 963,476	\$ 65,976			
State assistance	3,551,722	3,551,736	14	\$ 800	\$ 3,097	\$ 2,297
Federal assistance	258,010	254,039	(3,971)	1,199,864	956,260	(243,604)
Activity revenues		148,906	148,906			
Meal sales				56,200	21,742	(34,458)
Investment income	75,000	175,898	100,898			
Other revenues	18,306	27,130	8,824			
TOTAL REVENUES	4,800,538	5,121,185	320,647	1,256,864	981,099	(275,765)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	2,231,936	2,140,064	91,872	27,232	18,386	8,846
Special education	150,708	138,812	11,896	175,294	176,581	(1,287)
Career education programs	210,032	202,873	7,159			
Compensatory education programs	107,854	110,158	(2,304)	161,731	76,176	85,555
Other instructional programs	37,887	34,928	2,959			
Student support services	188,335	184,045	4,290	39,000	50,261	(11,261)
Instructional staff support services	159,966	217,932	(57,966)	141,323	91,234	50,089
General administration support services	194,980	190,626	4,354	45,648	46,830	(1,182)
School administration support services	221,202	186,973	34,229			
Central services support services	98,725	108,852	(10,127)			
Operation and maintenance of plant services	696,088	648,809	47,279	154,828		154,828
Student transportation services	319,764	337,538	(17,774)			
Other support services	1,102	5,755	(4,653)			
Food services operations	45,000	12,078	32,922	247,505	259,598	(12,093)
Community services operations				2,500		2,500
Facilities acquisition and construction services	23,685	182	23,503	254,075	296,738	(42,663)
Non-programmed costs				3,500		3,500
Activity expenditures		152,308	(152,308)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,687,264	4,671,933	15,331	1,252,636	1,015,804	236,832

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, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 113,274	\$ 449,252	\$ 335,978	\$ 4,228	\$ (34,705)	\$ (38,933)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	4,580,559		(4,580,559)			
Transfers out	(4,717,934)	(350,218)	4,367,716			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(137,375)	(350,218)	(212,843)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(24,101)	99,034	123,135	4,228	(34,705)	(38,933)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,129,034	1,079,567	(49,467)	65,516	89,142	23,626
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,104,933	\$ 1,178,601	\$ 73,668	\$ 69,744	\$ 54,437	\$ (15,307)

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, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a five member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the 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.

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

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. 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.

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.

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2024

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)	\$ 610,900	\$ 610,900
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name	4,553,238	4,913,164
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 5,164,138</u>	<u>\$ 5,524,064</u>

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$339,182 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
Description	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 79,051	\$ 557
Federal assistance		106,044
Property taxes	37,714	
Totals	<u>\$ 116,765</u>	<u>\$ 106,601</u>

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 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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 JUNE 30, 2024

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 105,068	\$ 9,226

5: COMMITMENTS

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

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2024	Maturities To June 30, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>					
8/1/20	2/1/41	1 - 1.75%	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 1,905,000	\$ 295,000

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2024
Bonds payable	\$ 2,005,000	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,905,000

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
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	105,000	21,797	126,797
2030-2034	550,000	90,305	640,305
2035-2039	595,000	49,998	644,998
2040-2041	235,000	6,213	241,213
Totals	\$ 1,905,000	\$ 266,213	\$ 2,171,213

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

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 on August 1, 2020. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$2,171,213, payable through February 1, 2041. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$127,050 and \$233,570, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 54.39 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$350,218 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$113,685 and \$236,533 for future capital expenditures.

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 \$431,958, 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 \$4,168,620.

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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JUNE 30, 2024

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.

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 \$117,954 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2024

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Enhanced student achievement funding	\$ 102,078		
Enhanced student achievement funding matching	80,038		
Professional development	2,876		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 16,942	
Isolated funding	118,037		
Medical services		405	
Special education programs	35,108		
Other purposes	5,433	37,090	
Total Restricted	<u>343,570</u>	<u>54,437</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$4,040,172
Student activities	45,455		
Scholarships	105,196		
Other purposes	2,100		
Total Assigned	<u>152,751</u>		<u>4,040,172</u>
Unassigned	<u>682,280</u>		
Totals	<u>\$1,178,601</u>	<u>\$ 54,437</u>	<u>\$4,040,172</u>

12: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On October 1, 2024, the District entered into a financed purchase agreement with KS State Bank for the purchase of four buses. Terms of contract are three annual payments of \$34,835.

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2024
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 192,672
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	6,852,327
Improvements/infrastructure	185,991
Equipment	2,913,621
Total depreciable capital assets	9,951,939
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	3,204,634
Improvements/infrastructure	159,694
Equipment	2,088,612
Total accumulated depreciation	5,452,940
Total depreciable capital assets, net	4,498,999
Capital assets, net	\$ 4,691,671

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	5106		\$ 56,021
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			929
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	5106		129,369
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	5106000		10,403
Total for National School Lunch Program				140,701
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	5106		10,872
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				207,594
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				207,594
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	5106		154,783
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	5106		6,078
Total U. S. Department of Education				160,861
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				160,861
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>				
Emergency Connectivity Fund Program- COVID-19	32.009			2,615
Total Federal Communications Commission				2,615
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5106		154,279
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5106		182,751
Total Education Stabilization Fund				337,030
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	5106		125,005
Rural Education	84.358A			11,968
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	5106		41,088
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	5106		11,219
Total U. S. Department of Education				526,310
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				528,925
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 897,380

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 2

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Deer/Mt. Judea School District (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 \$18,629 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.

DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

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

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.553, 10.555, and 10.582	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.425D and 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?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2023 – Finding 2023-001: Internal Control

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.

Current Status: The District seeks training and guidance from DESE for compliance with all rules and regulations. All contracts are signed by the employee, Board President, and Board Secretary and personnel policies have been updated. Substitute daily pay rates have been added to the salary schedule and adopted by the school board. In addition, journal entries and bank reconciliations are reviewed by the Superintendent and District personnel participated in fixed asset training provided by DESE and will continue to seek out additional guidance. A specific district employee has been assigned fixed assets.

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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

2023 – Finding 2023-002: COVID-19 – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund – AL Number 84.425D

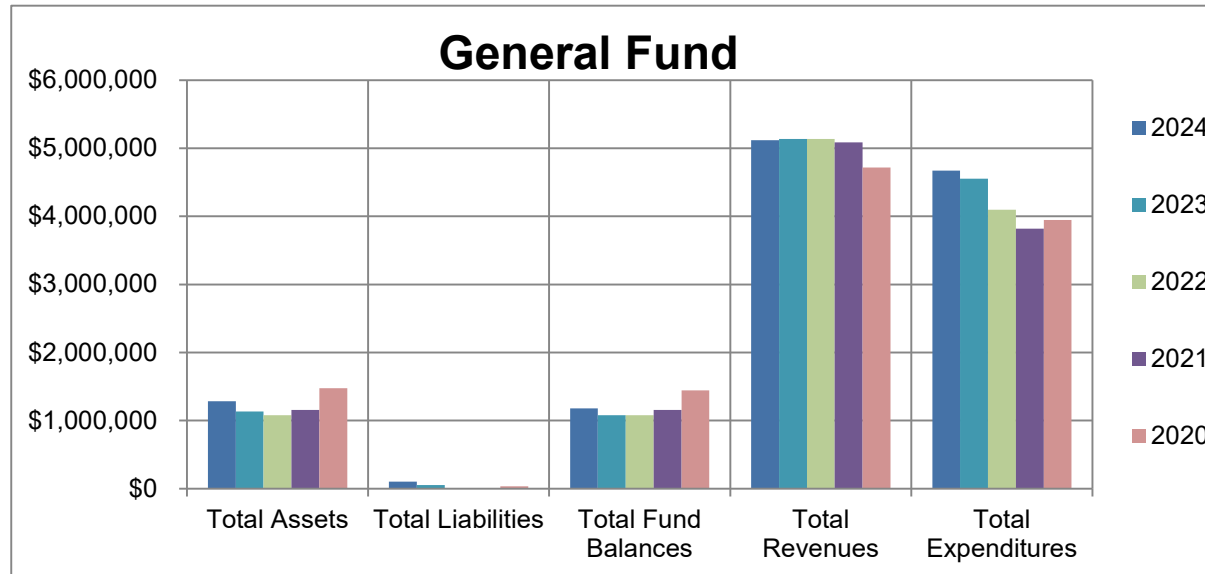
Condition: During our examination of expenditures, we identified four capital expenditures totaling \$34,957 paid from the COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund in which the District did not obtain prior written approval from the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). These capital 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).

Current Status: Corrective action taken. District personnel has received training on rules and regulations concerning federal funds and approved expenses. An open line of communication has been established with DESE to provide district with support concerning allowable expenses and regulations to ensure compliance.

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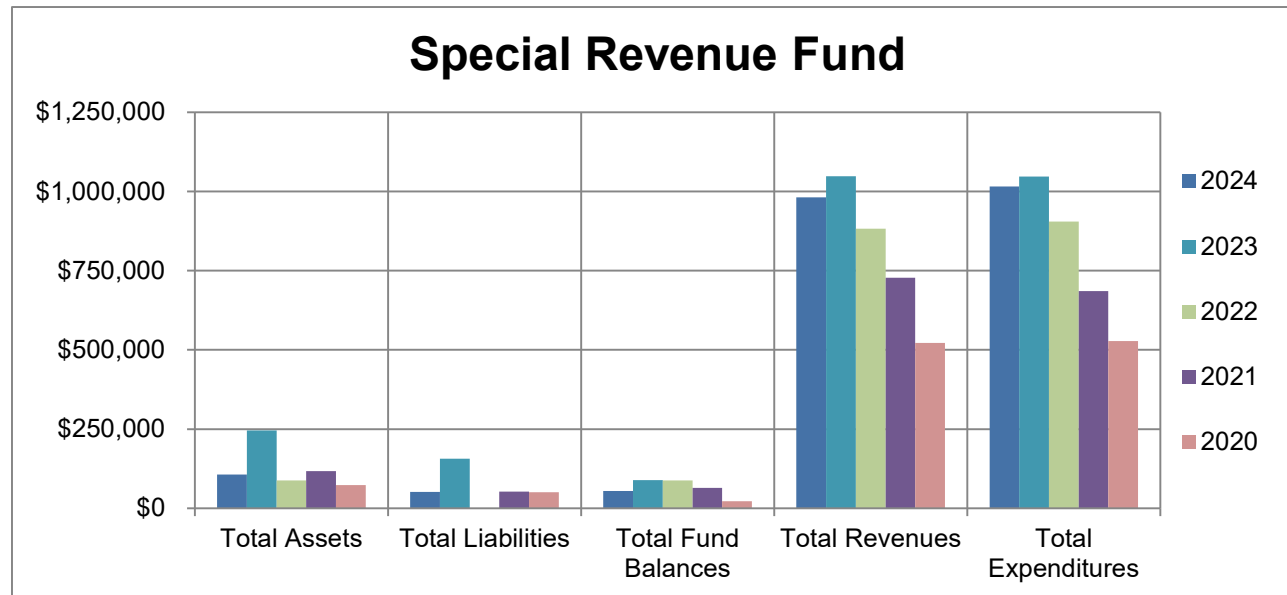
<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 1,283,669	\$ 1,133,541	\$ 1,077,677	\$ 1,155,317	\$ 1,475,114
Total Liabilities	105,068	53,974		30	33,300
Total Fund Balances	1,178,601	1,079,567	1,077,677	1,155,287	1,441,814
Total Revenues	5,121,185	5,138,621	5,135,321	5,085,751	4,717,874
Total Expenditures	4,671,933	4,552,396	4,097,578	3,819,287	3,946,424
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(350,218)	(584,335)	(1,115,353)	(1,594,391)	(237,344)



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<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 106,601	\$ 245,510	\$ 88,408	\$ 117,242	\$ 73,154
Total Liabilities	52,164	156,368		52,352	50,596
Total Fund Balances	54,437	89,142	88,408	64,890	22,558
Total Revenues	981,099	1,047,901	882,563	728,195	521,807
Total Expenditures	1,015,804	1,047,167	905,024	685,863	527,599
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			45,979		



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 4,040,172	\$ 3,819,142	\$ 3,363,617	\$ 3,444,113	\$ 1,846,409
Total Liabilities					4,822
Total Fund Balances	4,040,172	3,819,142	3,363,617	3,444,113	1,841,587
Total Revenues			4,458	203,380	148,513
Total Expenditures	129,188	128,810	1,200,307	260,202	297,287
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	350,218	584,335	1,115,353	1,659,348	237,344

