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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

March 8, 2024

To the Director and Cooperative Board Members
Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (Cooperative)

We have audited the regulatory basis financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cooperative, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2024. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-1-101(d) requires the Cooperative's board or governing body to review the audit report at the first regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the audit report if the audit report is received by the board or governing body prior to 10 days before the regularly scheduled meeting. If the audit report is received by the board or governing body within 10 days before a regularly scheduled meeting, the audit report may be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the 10 day period. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *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) as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our Engagement Letter to you dated December 12, 2023. Professional standards also require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Significant Risks Identified

We have identified management override of controls as a significant risk. We are required by professional standards to give special audit consideration to management override of controls.

Significant Audit Findings or Issues

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Cooperative are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the audit year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Cooperative during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant Unusual Transactions

Professional standards require us to communicate to you significant, unusual transactions identified during our audit.

No significant, unusual transactions were identified as a result of our audit.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No such misstatements were detected during the audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the Management Representation Letter dated February 13, 2024.

Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report.

Adverse opinion issued, because the financial statements are prepared by the Cooperative 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 by the State of Arkansas.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Cooperative's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship.

Other Matters

We were engaged to report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, which accompanies the financial statements but is not required supplementary information. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information is in conformity with the basis of accounting prescribed by law, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years, which accompany the financial statements but are not required supplementary information. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Cooperative Board Members and Cooperative management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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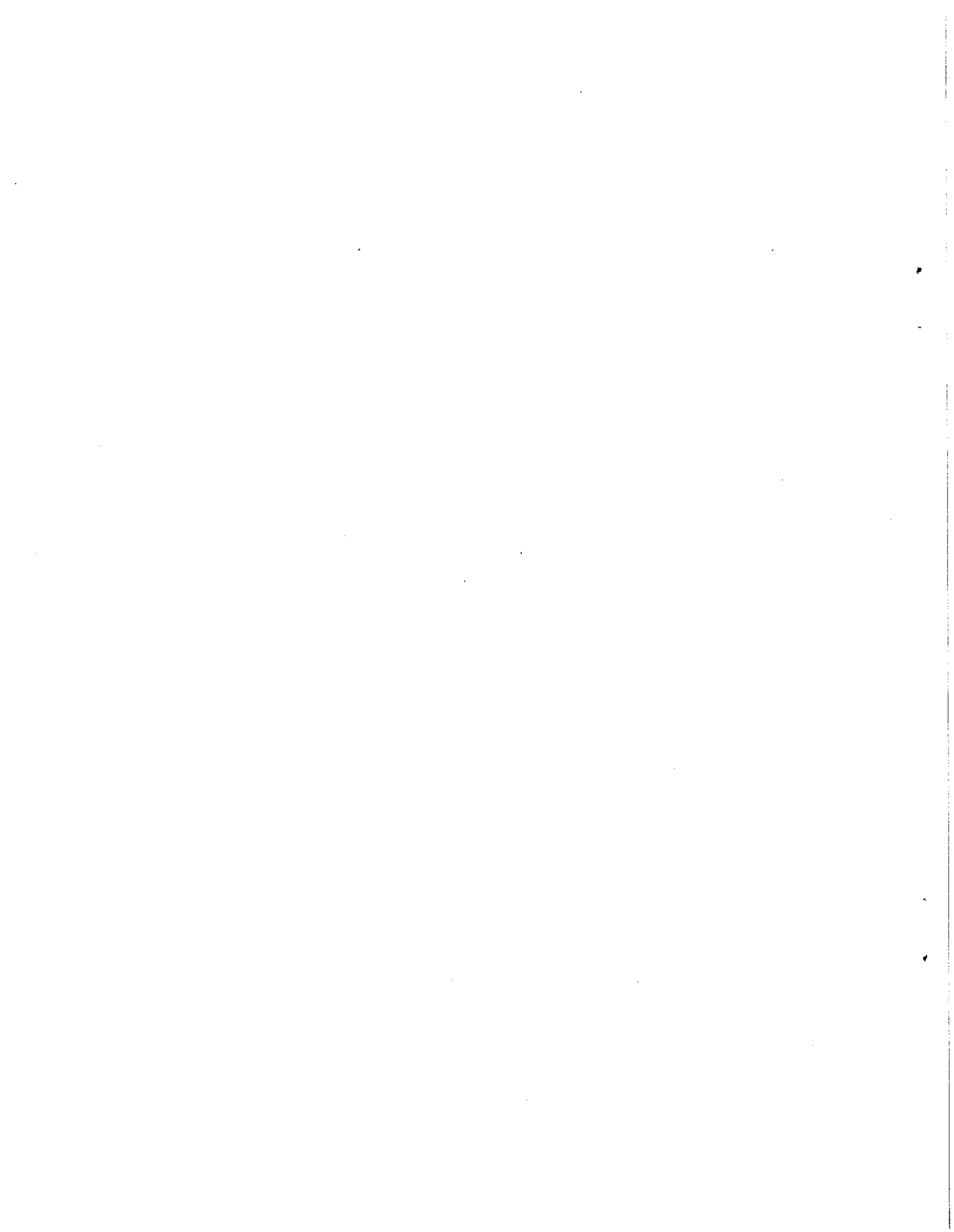
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Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

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June 30, 2023





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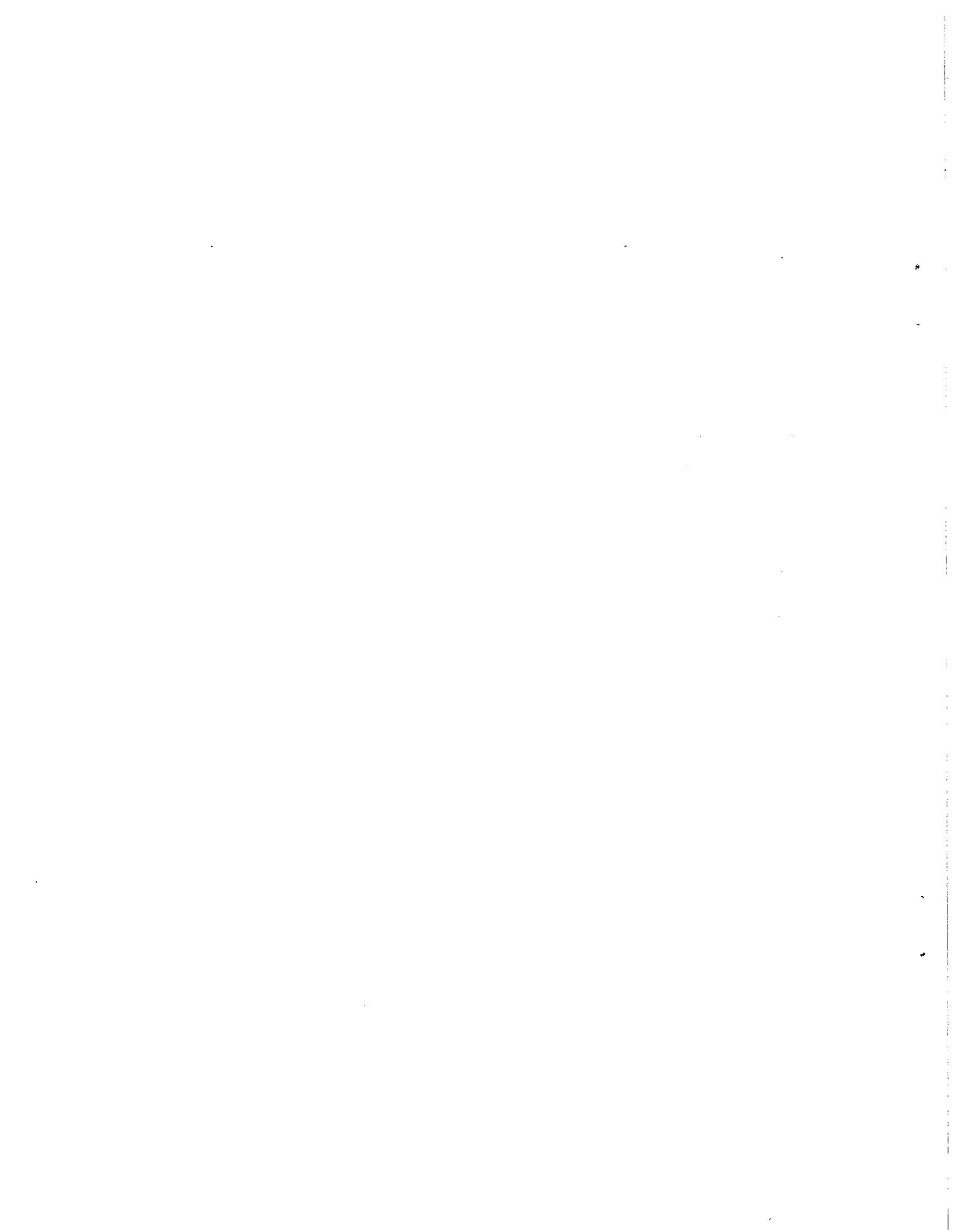
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative 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 Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative'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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative, 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 February 13, 2024 on our consideration of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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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

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative 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 Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2024. We issued an adverse opinion because the Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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.

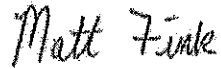
Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative's (the "Cooperative") 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 Cooperative's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Cooperative'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 Cooperative complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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

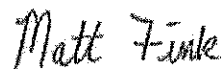
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement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

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February 13, 2024

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 2,433,028	\$ 141,293	\$ 450,000
Investments	611,502		
Accounts receivable	56,686	501,742	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,101,216	\$ 643,035	\$ 450,000
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 11,528	\$ 28,851	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	178,063	614,184	
Assigned	839,979		\$ 450,000
Unassigned	2,071,646		
Total Fund Balances	3,089,688	614,184	450,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,101,216	\$ 643,035	\$ 450,000

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

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
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			
State assistance	\$ 2,461,734		
Federal assistance		\$ 2,308,833	
Activity revenues	18,348		
Investment income	66,252		
Other revenues	4,224,605	40,513	
TOTAL REVENUES	6,770,939	2,349,346	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs		16,182	
Special education	1,650,040	14,040	
Career education programs		94,267	
Compensatory education programs		55,818	
Other instructional programs	1,343		
Student support services	1,524,473	274,406	
Instructional staff support services	2,084,369	728,110	
General administration support services	426,166	89,653	
Central services support services	595,004	99,985	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	222,566	20,788	
Student transportation services	852	1,875	
Other support services	14,968		
Non-programmed costs		216,471	
Activity expenditures	10,007		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,529,788	1,611,595	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	241,151	737,751	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Refunds to grantors	(12,537)	(715)	
Federal grant revenue passed through to school districts		(527,133)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(12,537)	(527,848)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	228,614	209,903	
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	2,861,074	404,281	\$ 450,000
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,089,688	\$ 614,184	\$ 450,000

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

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
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

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
State assistance	\$ 1,877,979	\$ 2,461,734	\$ 583,755	\$ 3,671,127	\$ 2,308,833	\$ (1,362,294)
Federal assistance	14,120	18,348	4,228			
Activity revenues	6,200	66,252	60,052			
Investment income	4,235,696	4,224,605	(11,091)	17,530	40,513	22,983
Other revenues						
TOTAL REVENUES	6,133,995	6,770,939	636,944	3,688,657	2,349,346	(1,339,311)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs				94,700	16,182	78,518
Special education	1,798,098	1,650,040	148,058	5,760	14,040	(8,280)
Career education programs				205,335	55,818	149,517
Compensatory education programs	1,200	1,343	(143)			
Other instructional programs	1,699,937	1,524,473	175,464	768,359	274,406	493,953
Student support services	2,071,767	2,084,369	(12,602)	608,914	728,110	(119,196)
Instructional staff support services	533,369	426,166	107,203	196,672	89,653	107,019
General administration support services	303,054	595,004	(291,950)	101,889	99,985	1,904
Central services support services	249,100	222,566	26,534	51,000	20,788	30,212
Operation and maintenance of plant services	5,000	852	4,148	15,000	1,875	13,125
Student transportation services	25,000	14,968	10,032			
Other support services	272,027	10,007	262,020	1,980,685	216,471	1,764,214
Non-programmed costs	10,970		963			
Activity expenditures						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,969,522	6,529,788	439,734	4,028,314	1,611,595	2,416,719
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(835,527)	241,151	1,076,678	(339,657)	737,751	1,077,408
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	431,044		(431,044)			12,000
Transfers out	(26,537)		26,537	(12,000)		(715)
Refunds to grantors		(12,537)	(12,537)		(715)	(527,133)
Federal grant revenue passed through to school districts					(527,133)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	404,507	(12,537)	(417,044)	(12,000)	(527,848)	(515,848)

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 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

	General			Special Revenue			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (431,020)	\$ 228,614	\$ 659,634	\$ (351,657)	\$ 209,903	\$ 561,560	
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	2,801,882	2,861,074	59,192	351,657	404,281	52,624	
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 2,370,862	\$ 3,089,688	\$ 718,826	\$ 0	\$ 614,184	\$ 614,184	

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

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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a sixteen member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities within the jurisdiction of the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (Cooperative). 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. If applicable, 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 individual, private organizations, or other governments.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2023

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 the financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

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 fair value when received. The Cooperative maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Improvements/infrastructure	15
Equipment	5-10

F. 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 balances – represents amounts that are constrained by the Cooperative'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.

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Cooperative is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The Cooperative 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 cooperatives employ the cash basis method.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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.

H. Stabilization Arrangements

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

I. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

J. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

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

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative 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. Cooperative 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 Cooperative does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance 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.

K. Encumbrances

The Cooperative does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the Cooperative's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the Cooperative's name	2,774,221	2,949,024
Total Deposits	\$ 3,024,221	\$ 3,199,024

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$100.

3: INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2023, the Cooperative's investments consisted of \$611,502 invested in US Treasury securities measured at fair value reported in the general fund.

Interest rate risk – The Cooperative does not have a formal policy limiting investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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

- Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- Level 2 - Significant other observable inputs
- Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs

The \$611,502 of US Treasury securities are classified as Level 1. There are no investments classified as Level 2 or 3.

4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 5,254	
Federal assistance		\$ 501,742
Other	51,432	
Totals	\$ 56,686	\$ 501,742

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

5: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 11,528	\$ 28,851

6: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The Cooperative contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees 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 employer contribution was paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education from the Public School Fund, except for those employees paid from federal funding. Employer contributions for those employees were paid by the Cooperative. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's contributions to ATRS for the Cooperative during the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$633,578, equal to the required contributions. The Cooperative's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$76,004, 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 Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$7,136,375.

7: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative carries commercial insurance for vehicles, business trip accidental death and dismemberment, and general liability.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

7: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Worker's 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 entities. The Cooperative contributes annually to this program.

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

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

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.

8: 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 Cooperative's employees, totaled \$184,938 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
General	Special Revenue		
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Medical services		\$ 496,899	
Special education programs	\$ 22,936		
ELD grant	123,272		
Refugee impact grant		106,690	
Other purposes	31,855	10,595	
Total Restricted	<u>178,063</u>	<u>614,184</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$ 450,000
Professional development	182,748		
Special education programs	616,920		
Student activities	30,890		
Other purposes	9,421		
Total Assigned	<u>839,979</u>		<u>450,000</u>
Unassigned	<u>2,071,646</u>		
Totals	<u>\$3,089,688</u>	<u>\$ 614,184</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>

10: COMMITMENTS

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

Lease (lease of nonfinancial assets with initial noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year)

General description of lease and leasing arrangements: On June 14, 2022, the Cooperative entered into a building lease with Farmington School District commencing on July 1, 2022, for a term of two years with annual payments of \$44,650.

1. Future minimum lease payments (aggregate) at June 30, 2023: \$44,650
2. Future minimum lease payments for the succeeding years:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount
2024	\$ <u>44,650</u>

Lease payments for the lease described above were approximately \$44,650 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2023
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	\$ 188,991
Equipment	733,100
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>922,091</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	188,991
Equipment	439,368
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>628,359</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>293,732</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 293,732</u>

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
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
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	7221		\$ 418,623
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				418,623
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund	84.425C	7221		144,247
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	7221		23,454
Total Education Stabilization Fund				167,701
Arkansas Department of Education - Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011A	7221		390,485
Arkansas Department of Career Education - Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	7221		365,307
Total U. S. Department of Education				923,493
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Minority Health and Health Disparities Research	93.307	7221		174,937
Arkansas Department of Health - COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	7221	\$ 527,133	527,133
Canopy of Northwest Arkansas - Refugee and Entrant Assistance State / Replacement Designee Administered Program	93.566	N/A		27,807
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services				729,877
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				1,653,370
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 527,133	\$ 2,071,993

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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 Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (Cooperative) 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 Cooperative, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the Cooperative.
- 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 Cooperative has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Cooperative received Medicaid funding of \$51,626 from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended, and therefore, are not included in the above Schedule.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 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:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

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

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
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Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.027A	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$ <u>750,000</u>
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	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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Schedule 4

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

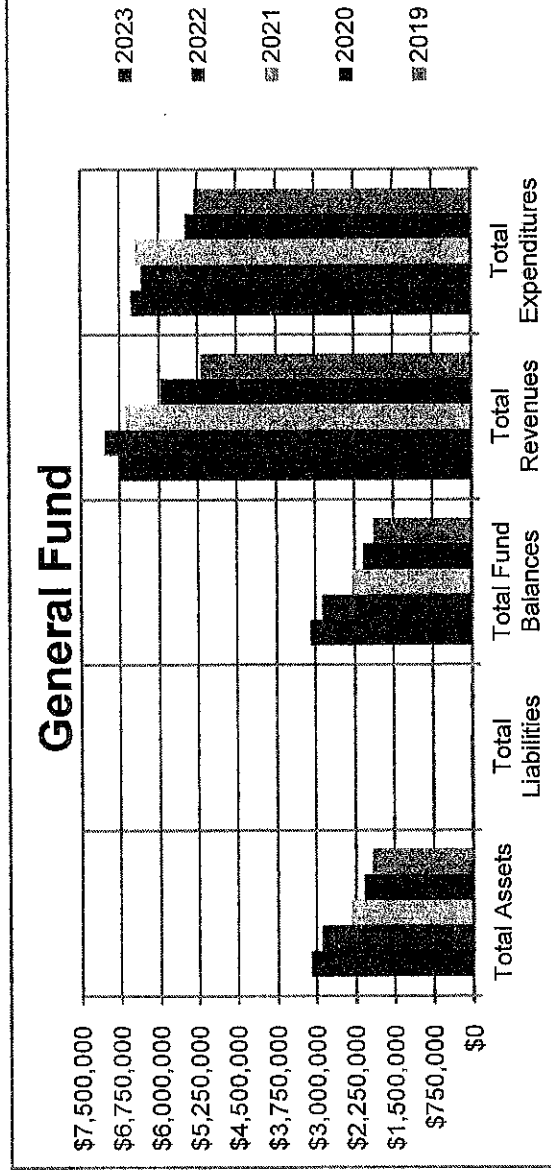
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

Serving the public schools of Benton, Madison & Washington Counties
Bentonville, Decatur, Elkins, Farmington, Fayetteville, Gentry, Gravette, Greenland, Huntsville, Lincoln,
Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Rogers, Siloam Springs, Springdale, West Fork
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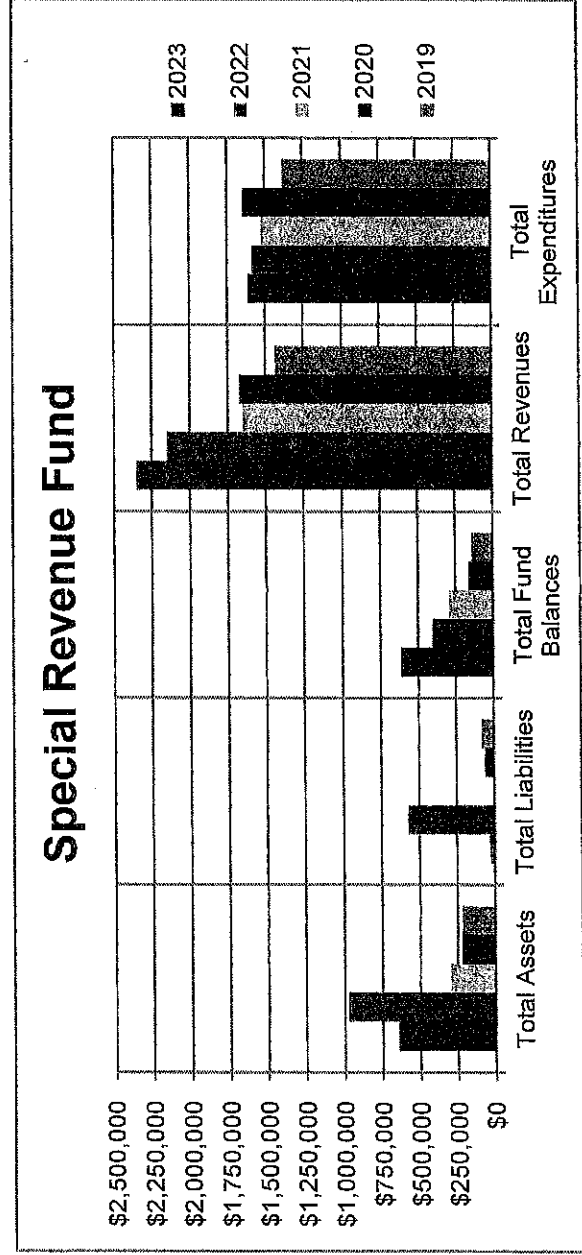
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
General Fund					
Total Assets	\$ 3,101,216	\$ 2,888,923	\$ 2,333,027	\$ 2,085,954	\$ 1,928,128
Total Liabilities	11,528	27,849	43,868	4,400	40,887
Total Fund Balances	3,089,688	2,861,074	2,289,159	2,081,554	1,887,241
Total Revenues	6,770,939	7,049,228	6,641,445	5,973,680	5,182,523
Total Expenditures	6,529,788	6,327,313	6,452,471	5,479,367	5,316,279
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(12,537)	(150,000)	(300,000)		



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Special Revenue Fund					
Total Assets	\$ 643,035	\$ 977,729	\$ 296,679	\$ 223,896	\$ 216,373
Total Liabilities	28,851	573,448	6,634	59,446	78,027
Total Fund Balances	614,184	404,281	290,045	164,450	138,346
Total Revenues	2,349,346	2,150,182	1,650,973	1,672,408	1,432,400
Total Expenditures	1,611,595	1,580,911	1,525,378	1,646,304	1,378,446
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(527,848)	(455,035)			



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
 (Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Other Aggregate Funds					
Total Assets	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Total Liabilities					
Total Fund Balances	450,000	450,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Revenues					
Total Expenditures					
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		150,000			300,000

