# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Education Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District of Cass County, Missouri Creighton, Missouri

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District of Cass County, Missouri ("District"), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position thereof, for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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.

#### **Emphasis of Matter—Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. 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.

#### Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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.

#### Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combined schedule of revenues collected by source – modified cash basis and 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 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combined schedule of revenues collected by source – modified cash basis and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the budgetary comparison schedules but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic 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 basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic 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 December 20, 2023, 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.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with requirements of Missouri laws and regulations, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2023, on our consideration of certain management's assertions of the District. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of certain management assertions related to requirements of Missouri laws and regulations pertaining to public school districts and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on such assertions.

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 20, 2023

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS Cash Investments Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 1,934,345 2,831,725 9,641,150
Total assets	14,407,220
LIABILITIES Current liabilities:	
HELP loan principal due within one year	36,096
Finance leases due in less than one year	95,440
General obligation bonds due within one year	280,000
Noncurrent liabilities: HELP loan principal due in more than one year	251,544
Finance leases due in more than one year	764,369
General obligation bonds due in more than one year	4,245,000
Total liabilities	5,672,449
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	3,968,701
Restricted for:	
Professional development	6,350
Debt service	772,304
Scholarships	157,635
Unrestricted	3,829,781
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,734,771</u>

## SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

									Net	(Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position
					Prog	ram Revenues				
Functions		Expenses		harges for Services		rating Grants Contributions	•	al Grants entributions	T	otal Governmental Activities
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT										
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES										
Instructional services										
Regular	\$	3,660,258	\$	14,000	\$	39,470	\$	-	\$	(3,606,788)
Special		1,094,219		-		517,450		-		(576,769)
Vocational		286,967		-		11,494		-		(275,473)
Student activities		462,003		221,070		-		-		(240,933)
Payments to other districts		241,980		-		-		-		(241,980)
Supporting services										
Students		452,154		-		-		-		(452,154)
Instructional staff		153,400		-		22,238		-		(131,162)
Building administration		447,733		-		-		-		(447,733)
General administration		717,018		-		-		-		(717,018)
Operation and maintenance of facilities		821,148		-		-		-		(821,148)
Transportation		710,631		-		297,861		-		(412,770)
Food services		417,765		119,377		244,000		-		(54,388)
Community services		123,510		-		-		-		(123,510)
Interest		192,106		-		-		-		(192,106)
Other		299								(299)
Total school district	\$	9,781,191	\$	354,447	\$	1,132,513	\$			(8,294,231)
	Pro	ERAL REVENUE	d for:							
		General purposes	;							3,435,376
		Debt service								673,982
		Capital outlay								782,722
		deral and state a		stricted to specifi	ic purpo	ses				5,063,015
		ss on sale of asse								1,429
		rnings on investn	nents							58,907
	Mis	scellaneous								535,541
		Total general re	venues							10,550,972
		Change in net	position	l						2,256,741
	NET	POSITION - BEG	GINNING	3						6,478,030
	NET	POSITION - ENI	DING						\$	8,734,771

#### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

		F	Revenue	;	Debt Service Fund	F	rojects	Go	Total vernmental Funds
									_
\$	974,373	\$	1,102	\$	600,661	\$	358,209	\$	1,934,345
_	1,178,764		936,762		171,643		544,556		2,831,725
\$	2,153,137	\$	937,864	\$	772,304	\$	902,765	\$	4,766,070
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	- 157 635		-		112,304		-		157,635
	137,033		-		-		-		137,033
	_		937 864		_		_		937,864
	_		-		_		902.765		902,765
	52,376		_		-		-		52,376
	189,498		-		-		-		189,498
	1,747,278								1,747,278
	2,153,137		937,864		772,304		902,765		4,766,070
			937,864	\$	772,304	\$	902,765	\$	4,766,070
	(Ir \$	\$ 974,373 1,178,764 \$ 2,153,137 \$ 6,350 - 157,635 - 52,376 189,498 1,747,278	General (Incidental) Tund  \$ 974,373 \$ 1,178,764  \$ 2,153,137 \$ \$  \$ 6,350 \$ - 157,635  - 52,376 189,498 1,747,278	(Incidental) Fund       (Teachers') Fund         \$ 974,373 1,102 936,762       \$ 1,102 936,762         \$ 2,153,137       \$ 937,864         \$ 6,350	General (Incidental) Fund       Revenue (Teachers') Fund         \$ 974,373	General (Incidental) Fund         Revenue Fund         Debt Service Fund           \$ 974,373   \$ 1,102   \$ 600,661   1,178,764   936,762   171,643   171,643   172,304         \$ 2,153,137   \$ 937,864   \$ 772,304           \$ 6,350   \$ -	General (Incidental) Fund         Revenue (Teachers') Fund         Debt Service Fund         Revenue (Teachers') Service Fund           \$ 974,373         \$ 1,102         \$ 600,661         \$ 1,178,764         \$ 936,762         171,643           \$ 2,153,137         \$ 937,864         \$ 772,304         \$ 157,635         - \$ 772,304           - 937,864	General (Incidental) Fund         Revenue (Teachers') Fund         Debt Service Fund         Projects (Building) Fund           \$ 974,373	General (Incidental) Fund         Revenue (Teachers') Fund         Debt Service Fund         Projects (Building) Fund         Go           \$ 974,373         \$ 1,102         \$ 600,661         \$ 358,209         \$ 1,178,764         936,762         171,643         544,556         \$ 2,153,137         \$ 937,864         \$ 772,304         \$ 902,765         \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 4,766,070
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$19,177,979 and the accumulated depreciation is \$9,536,829.	9,641,150
Long-term liabilities, including bonds, loans and finance leases payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	 (5,672,449)
Total net position - governmental activities	\$ 8,734,771

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Local	\$ 2,767,046	\$ 1,077,099	\$ 678,567	\$ 783,019	\$ 5,305,731
County	259,745	26,832	43,339	202,308	532,224
State	478,227	3,561,079	-	293,077	4,332,383
Federal	513,302	1,322,043		27,800	1,863,145
Total revenues	4,018,320	5,987,053	721,906	1,306,204	12,033,483
Expenditures					
Instructional services					
Regular	175,104	2,929,163	-	-	3,104,267
Special	497,374	596,845	-	-	1,094,219
Vocational	17,544	269,423	-	-	286,967
Student activities	339,185	108,146	-	14,672	462,003
Payments to other districts	-	241,980	-	-	241,980
Supporting services					
Students	252,541	199,613	-	-	452,154
Instructional staff	67,508	85,892	-	-	153,400
Building administration	160,866	286,867	-	-	447,733
General administration	469,639	247,379	-	-	717,018
Operation and maintenance of facilities	816,394	-	-	42,560	858,954
Transportation	586,216	14,362	-	36,595	637,173
Food service	406,859	-	-	5,651	412,510
Other services					
Community services	53,991	69,519	_	_	123,510
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	_	1,377,315	1,377,315
-	-	-	075 000		
Principal	-	-	275,000	91,728	366,728
Interest	-	-	158,950	33,156	192,106
Other	<u> </u>		299	<u> </u>	299
Total expenditures	3,843,221	5,049,189	434,249	1,601,677	10,928,336
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	175,099	937,864	287,657	(295,473)	1,105,147
Other financing sources (uses)					
Sale of buses	_	_	_	1,500	1,500
Sale of other property	1,720	_	_	2,535	4,255
Transfers in (out)	(349,337)	_	_	349,337	-
	(347,617)			353,372	5,755
Total other financing sources (uses)	(047,017)			000,072	<u> </u>
Net change in fund balances	(172,518)	937,864	287,657	57,899	1,110,902
Fund balances - beginning	2,325,655		484,647	844,866	3,655,168
Fund balances - ending	\$ 2,153,137	\$ 937,864	\$ 772,304	\$ 902,765	\$ 4,766,070

#### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES **MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities	are different because:
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,110,902
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	
Capital outlays  Loss on disposal of capital assets  Proceeds from sales of capital assets  Depreciation expense  \$ 1,415,121  1,429  (2,735)  (671,299)	742,516
Capital assets acquired by loans and finance leases are shown as an expenditure and revenue in the governmental funds. The revenue must be removed from the statement of activities; principal payments are applied to the liability; interest expense is recognized as it is paid.	
Principal payments - finance leases 92,407	
Principal payments - loans payable35,916	128,323
The governmental funds report bond proceeds as an other financing source, while repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure. However, bond proceeds and repayment of bond principal are not included in the statement of activities because they are reported as changes in the balance of debt in the statement of net assets. The net effect of this difference in the treatment of general obligation bonds and related items is as follows:	
Repayment of bond principal275,000	275,000
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,256,741

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- A. Reporting Entity: The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity; GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units; and GASB Statement No. 61, The Reporting Entity: Omnibus to define the reporting entity. The financial statements include all operations over which the District is financially accountable. The District is not a participant in any joint venture and has not identified any entities which would be component units of the District. The District is not aware of any entity that would be required to include the District as a component unit.
- B. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>: The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.
  - Government-wide financial statements: The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements present governmental activities generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and other non-exchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenditures and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenditures are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

- 2. <u>Fund financial statements</u>: The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances present the activities of the District segregated into funds in order to aid financial management and demonstrate legal compliance. Each fund is presented in a separate column.
- C. <u>Fund Accounting</u>: The District's accounts are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity with a set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. District resources are allocated to the individual funds based on the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following funds are used by the District:
  - 1. <u>General (Incidental) Fund</u> Accounts for general activities of the District, including student activities and food service, which are not required to be accounted for in a separate fund.
  - 2. <u>Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund</u> Accounts for expenditures for certified employees involved in administration and instruction. It includes revenues restricted by the State for payment of teachers' salaries and employee benefits.
  - 3. <u>Debt Service Fund</u> Accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.
  - 4. <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> Accounts for the proceeds of long-term debt, taxes and other revenues designated for construction of major capital assets and all other capital outlay.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

D. <u>Basis of Accounting</u>: The District's government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and the fund financial statements have been presented using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis generally recognizes assets, long-term liabilities, net position/fund balance, revenues and expenditures when they result from cash transactions, with the exception of certain payroll expenditures described below in Note 1 (I), with a provision for depreciation in the government-wide financial statements and with a modification relating to the presentation of investments, capital assets and debt in the government-wide financial statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### E. Measurement Focus:

- Government-wide financial statements: The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are prepared using the total economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined above. Accordingly, the District's capital assets and long-term debt are included in the Statement of Net Position.
- 2. <u>Fund financial statements</u>: The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined above. Accordingly, only current assets are shown in the Balance Sheet.
- F. <u>Budgetary Accounting</u>: The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:
  - 1. In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the District adopts a budget for each fund.
  - 2. Prior to July, the superintendent, who serves as the budget officer, submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures for all District funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year.
  - 3. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
  - 4. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Board of Education.
  - 5. Subsequent to its final approval of the budget, the Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget information included in the financial statements.
  - 6. Budgets for District funds are prepared and adopted using the cash basis of accounting (budget basis). The budgetary comparison schedules' actual columns are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting described in item (D) above which is substantially the same as the cash basis of accounting.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

- G. <u>Pooled Cash</u>: The District maintains a cash pool that is available for use by all funds except the Debt Service Fund. State law requires that all deposits in the Debt Service Fund be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District. Interest income received is allocated to the various funds according to each fund's share of the pool.
- H. <u>Capital Assets</u>: In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as assets in the Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used to report capital assets, which are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements 10 - 40 years Equipment 5 - 20 years Vehicles 8 - 10 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as capital outlays upon acquisition.

- I. Payroll Related Expenditures: The salary payment schedule of the District allows for the payment of salaries over a twelve-month period. Consequently, the July and August, 2023 payroll checks, written and dated in June, 2023, are included in the financial statements as an expenditure paid in the year ended June 30, 2023. This practice has been consistently followed in the previous years.
- J. <u>Net Position</u>: Net position in the government-wide financial statements represents the difference between assets and liabilities, and are reported in three categories:
  - Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances
    of any related debt obligations attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of
    those assets.
  - 2. Restricted net position consists of net position with use constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or bond covenants. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities related to the restricted assets.
  - 3. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

The District first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

- K. <u>Fund Balances</u>: The fund financial statements present fund balances by classification based on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which the funds may be spent. The following classifications are used to describe the relative strength of these constraints:
  - 1. Nonspendable amounts that are either not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
  - Restricted amounts constrained to specific uses by external groups such as creditors, grantors, or contributors; or by laws and regulations of other governments.
  - 3. Committed amounts constrained to specific uses by the District itself, using its highest level of decision making authority, the District's Board of Education. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions passed by the District's Board of Education.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

- K. <u>Fund Balances (continued)</u>:
  - 4. Assigned amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that the District intends to use for a specific purpose. For all funds other than the General Fund, this includes any remaining funds not otherwise classified, as they are assigned to the purposes for which the fund was established. For the General Fund, the assignment can result from intent expressed by the District's Board of Education or by District administrators to which the Board of Education delegates the authority.
  - Unassigned amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported in only the General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances are reported for all other governmental funds where the nonspendable, restricted, and committed fund balances exceed the total fund balance.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District applies restricted funds first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, and/or unassigned fund balances are available, the District first applies committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed.

- L. <u>Use of Estimates</u>: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The most significant estimate on the modified cash basis reporting is depreciation expense in the government-wide financial statements.
- M. <u>Non-exchange Transactions</u>: Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations.
- N. <u>Compensated Absences</u>: Vacation, personal business days and sick leave are considered as expenditures in the year paid. Employees are allowed to accumulate up to 90 days and the accumulation in excess of 90 days is payable at a rate based on the number of years of service at the end of each fiscal year. All accumulations in excess of 90 days are paid prior to the end of each fiscal year. Therefore, unpaid compensated absences for the years ending June 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$0 and \$0, respectively, and are not recognized in the modified cash basis financial statements. The rates at which days in excess of 90 days are paid to employees leaving the district in good standing are as follows:

\$15 per day for 2-5 years of service \$20 per day for 6-10 years of service \$25 per day for 11-15 years of service \$30 per day for 16-20 years of service \$35 per day for 21-25 years of service \$40 per day for over 25 years of service

O. <u>Program Revenues</u>: Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to students or others for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. All other governmental receipts are reported as general receipts. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

P. Change in Accounting Principles: For fiscal year 2022, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, Leases. GASB Statement No. 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. At June 30, 2022 and 2023, there were no material finance leases for right-to-use assets.

For fiscal year 2023, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA). GASB Statement No. 96 defined a SBITA as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Under this Statement, a government generally should recognize a right to use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability. At June 30, 2023, there were no material SBITAs.

#### 2. RETIREMENT PLAN:

#### A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The District participates in the Public School Retirement System and the Public Education Employee Retirement System (PSRS and PEERS, also referred to as the System). The financial statements of the District were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Therefore, member and employer contributions are recognized when paid and the District's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are not recorded in these financial statements.

#### B. Plan Description:

PSRS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all full-time certificated employees and certain part-time certificated employees of all public school districts in Missouri (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City) and all public community colleges. PSRS also includes certificated employees of the Systems, Missouri State Teachers' Association, Missouri State High School Activities Association, and certain employees of the State of Missouri who elected to remain covered by PSRS under legislation enacted in 1986, 1987 and 1989. The majority of PSRS members are exempt from Social Security contributions. In some instances, positions may be determined not to be exempt from Social Security contributions. Any PSRS member who is required to contribute to Social Security comes under the requirements of Section 169.070 (9) RSMO, known as the "2/3's statute." PSRS members required to contribute to Social Security are required to contribute two-thirds of the approved PSRS contribution rate and their employer is required to match the contribution. The members' benefits are further calculated at two-thirds the normal benefit amount.

PEERS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all non-certificated public school district employees (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City), employees of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, and community college employees (except the Community College of St. Louis). Employees of covered districts who work 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis and who are not contributing members of PSRS must contribute to PEERS. Employees of the Systems who do not hold Missouri educator certificates also contribute to PEERS. PEERS was established as a trust fund by an Act of the Missouri General Assembly effective October 13, 1965. Statutes governing the System are found in Sections 169.600 - 169.715 and Sections 169.560-169.595 RSMo. The statutes place responsibility for the operation of PEERS on the Board of Trustees of PSRS.

#### 2. RETIREMENT PLAN (continued):

#### C. Benefits Provided:

PSRS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death/survivor benefits. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of 5 years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 2.5% benefit factor. Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55.

Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

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#### D. Cost-of-Living Adjustments ("COLA"):

The Board of Trustees has established a policy of providing COLAs to both PSRS and PEERS members as follows; if the June to June change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is less than 2% for one or more consecutive one-year periods, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted when the cumulative increase is equal to or greater than 2%, at which point the cumulative increase in the CPI-U will be reset to zero. For the following year, the starting CPI-U will be based on the June value immediately preceding the January 1 at which the 2% cost-of-living increase is granted. If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 2%, but less than 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted. If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 5% will be granted. If the CPI decreases, no COLA is provided.

For any PSRS member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, such adjustments commence on the second January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. For PEERS members, such adjustments commence on the fourth January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. The total of such increases may not exceed 80% of the original benefit for any member.

#### 2. RETIREMENT PLAN (continued):

#### E. Contributions:

PSRS members were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay.

The District's contributions to PSRS were \$565,913; \$581,004; and \$572,059, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

PEERS members were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 0.5% of pay.

The District's contributions to PEERS were \$100,303; \$111,348; and \$119,991, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

#### 3. CASH:

State statutes require the District's deposits be insured or collateralized in the name of the District by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of June 30, 2023, all bank balances on deposit are entirely insured or collateralized with securities. The District has no foreign currency risk.

Cash held in the General Fund in the amount of \$157,635 is restricted for student scholarships and \$6,350 is restricted for professional development. Cash and investments held in the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$772,304 is restricted for debt service payments as described in Note 7 below.

#### 4. INVESTMENTS:

The District's investments at June 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

Investment Type	Maturity	Balance		
Pro-rata shares of investment contracts			_	
with BOK Financial	N/A	\$	171,643	
Missouri Securities Investment Program -				
Cash Management Fund	N/A		2,511,661	
Certificates of Deposit	9/8/23 - 8/23/27		148,421	
		\$	2,831,725	

A. <u>Interest Rate Risk</u>: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the District's investment policy mandates structuring the investment portfolio so that investments mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations thereby avoiding the need to sell investments on the open market prior to maturity.

#### 4. INVESTMENTS (continued):

- B. <u>Investment Contracts with BOK Financial</u>: The District has funds on deposit with BOK Financial, which are invested in investment contracts with credit providers whose unsecured long-term debt is rated at the time of such agreement in either of the two highest rating categories by a nationally recognized rating service, in accordance with Section 165.051 and 360 of the Missouri Revised Statutes through the Missouri School District Direct Deposit Program. Each District investing in the program owns a pro-rata share of each investment, which is held in the name of the fund. Fair market value approximates cost as the District has a pro-rata share of the fund.
- C. <u>Missouri Securities Investment Program</u>: The District has Cash Management Funds with the Missouri Securities Investment Program in which the District has a pro-rata share. These investments are invested in accordance with Section 165.051 and Section 360 of the Missouri revised Statutes. The Cash Management Fund investments have a current rating of AAAm. Fair market value approximates cost.
- D. <u>Certificates of Deposit</u>: Certificates of deposit with maturities in excess of three months are classified as investments but are considered deposits for custodial risk determination. State statutes require the District's deposits be collateralized in the name of the District by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of June 30, 2023, all certificates of deposit are entirely insured or collateralized with securities.

#### 5. <u>TAXES</u>:

The counties in which the District is located collect property tax and remit it to the District. The District also receives sales tax collected by the state which is remitted based on eligible pupils.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Property taxes are levied on November 1, and are payable by December 31. All unpaid taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year.

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2022 for purposes of local taxation was as follows:

			Johnson	
	Cass County	Henry County	County	Total
Real Estate				
Residential	\$ 28,083,120	\$ 14,313,770	\$ 526,041	\$ 42,922,931
Agricultural	2,832,150	2,664,670	254,256	5,751,076
Commercial	4,781,054	2,685,270	50,135	7,516,459
Personal Property	11,069,861	7,810,540	321,198	19,201,599
	\$ 46,766,185	\$ 27,474,250	\$1,151,630	\$ 75,392,065

The tax levy per \$100 of assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2022 for purposes of local taxation was as follows:

Fund	Un	adjusted	A	djusted
General	\$	3.0037	\$	3.0037
Debt service		0.8550		0.8550
Capital projects		1.0000		1.0000
	\$	4.8587	\$	4.8587

#### 5. TAXES (continued):

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, aggregated approximately 100% of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above for the calendar year 2022.

#### 6. CAPITAL ASSETS:

The capital assets activity of the governmental funds at June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2023
Capital assets not depreciated				
Construction in				
progress	\$ -	\$ 1,095,008	\$ -	\$ 1,095,008
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	15,642,700	296,453	-	15,939,153
Equipment	705,359	23,660	(78,377)	650,642
Vehicles	1,500,276		(7,100)	1,493,176
	17,848,335	1,415,121	(85,477)	19,177,979
Less: accumulated				
depreciation	8,949,701	671,299	(84,171)	9,536,829
Net capital assets	\$ 8,898,634	\$ 743,822	<u>\$ (1,306)</u>	\$ 9,641,150

Included in the amount above are assets of \$1,507,276, net of \$441,627 accumulated depreciation, which were purchased under finance leases.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the governmental funds as follows:

Instructional services	\$ 555,991
Supporting services:	
Transportation services	110,053
Food services	 5,255
Total depreciation expense	\$ 671,299

#### 7. BONDS PAYABLE:

General Obligation Bonds were approved by the voters in 2016 and 2020 with the proceeds to be used for constructing, renovating, improving, repairing, furnishing, and equipping the school facilities, purchasing buses including replacing school bus security cameras, installing athletic field lighting, upgrading school building HVAC systems, repairing roofs, acquiring classroom equipment, and improving school building safety and security as well as to refund outstanding bonds. Bonds payable at June 30, 2023 and changes in the balances for the year then ended are as follows:

	Balance ne 30, 2022	Addi	tions	Re	etirements	Ju	Balance ne 30, 2023
Description	 						_
Series 2016	\$ 3,210,000	\$	_	\$	160,000	\$	3,050,000
Series 2020	 1,590,000				115,000		1,475,000
	\$ 4,800,000	\$		\$	275,000	\$	4,525,000

These balances consisted of the following:

- A. <u>SERIES 2016</u> The District issued the \$4,885,000 Series 2016 General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds on June 20, 2016. The bonds are held at interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 4.00%, issued for the purpose of construction and refunding the Series 2010 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds. The Bonds are due in annual installments varying from \$140,000 to \$420,000 from March 1, 2017 through March 1, 2036. Interest is payable semi-annually beginning September 1, 2016.
- B. <u>SERIES 2020</u>— The District issued the \$1,670,000 Series 2020 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds on December 9, 2020. The bonds are held at an interest rate of 3.00%, issued for the purpose of refunding the Series 2013 General Obligation School Building Bonds. The Bonds are due in annual installments varying from \$80,000 to \$185,000 from March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2033. Interest is payable semi-annually beginning September 1, 2021.

Debt service requirements are as follows:

Year Ended				
June 30	 Principal	 Interest		Total
2024	\$ 280,000	\$ 149,100	\$	429,100
2025	290,000	139,050		429,050
2026	300,000	130,350		430,350
2027	340,000	121,350		461,350
2028	350,000	111,150		461,150
2029-2033	2,065,000	386,550		2,451,550
2034-2036	 900,000	 73,200		973,200
	\$ 4,525,000	\$ 1,110,750	\$	5,635,750

#### 7. BONDS PAYABLE (continued):

Article VI, Section 26 (b), Constitution of Missouri, limits the outstanding amount of authorized general obligation bonds of a District to 15% of the assessed valuation of the District. The legal debt margin of the District at June 30, 2023 was:

Constitutional debt limit	\$ 11,308,810
Amount in Debt Service Fund available	
for payment of principal	772,304
General obligation bonds payable	 (4,525,000)
Legal debt margin	\$ 7,556,114

The District has elected to participate in the program created by Senate Bill 301 administered by the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority (MOHEFA), which allows the District an enhanced bond rating as well as having certain costs of issuance reimbursed. As a result of participating in this program, the District has executed a direct deposit agreement whereby a portion of the state aid payments are made to the direct deposit trustee who then makes the principal and interest payments on the bonds. At June 30, 2023, the District had the following amounts in the trust accounts:

Series 2016	\$ 107,943
Series 2020	 63,700
	\$ 171,643

The above amounts are included as investments and restricted fund balance in the Debt Service Fund.

#### 8. LOANS PAYABLE:

Promissory notes were approved by the District with the proceeds to be used for improvements to the District's sports facilities. Loans payable at June 30, 2023, and changes in the balances for the year then ended, are as follows:

	-	Balance e 30, 2022	Add	itions	Re	tirements	Balance June 30, 2023	
Loan Payable Dated:				_				
April 30, 2021	\$	323,556	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	(35,916)	\$	287,640
	<u>\$</u>	323,556	\$		\$	(35,916)	\$	287,640

On April 30, 2021, the District entered into a \$365,232 Missouri School District HELP Loan with the Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri. The loan is due in monthly installments of \$3,121, bearing interest at 0.5% per annum until maturity in May 2031. This loan was issued in order to update and replace the athletic field lighting and potentially purchasing new scoreboards for the baseball and softball fields.

Future debt service requirements on this loan are as follows:

Year ending June 30	F	Principal	lr	nterest		Total
2024	\$	36,096	\$	1,356	\$	37,452
2025		36,277		1,175		37,452
2026		36,459		993		37,452
2027		36,642		810		37,452
2028		36,826		626		37,452
2029 - 2031		105,340		770		106,110
	\$	287,640	\$	5,730	\$	293,370
	_				_	

#### 9. FINANCE LEASES:

The following is a summary of the finance leases for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance June 30, 2022		Additions		F	Retirements		Balance June 30, 2023	
Lease Purchase Dated:									
July 9, 2018	\$	331,692	\$	-	\$	(25,110)	\$	306,582	
February 27, 2020		487,583		-		(30,703)		456,880	
September 16, 2020		57,529		-		(18,622)		38,907	
August 9, 2021		75,412				(17,972)		57,440	
	\$	952,216	\$		\$	(92,407)	\$	859,809	

Finance leases payable at June 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

On July 9, 2018, the District entered into a \$427,580 finance lease agreement with Sherwood Community Bank for the purpose of acquiring and installing certain energy conservation equipment to be added to or used within the District. The interest rate on this finance lease is 3.60%. Commencing on October 1, 2018, interest payments are due April 1 and October 1 each year through April 1, 2033. Commencing on April 1, 2019, principal payments are due April 1 each year through April 1, 2033.

On February 27, 2020, the District entered into a \$547,300 finance lease agreement with Central Bank of the Midwest for the purpose of acquiring and installing three solar photovoltaic systems. The lease payments, commencing on August 1, 2022, are \$23,136 semiannually through February 1, 2035, including interest of 3.2% per annum effective from the commencement date to the five-year adjustment date which is February 27, 2025. The interest rate will adjust on the five-year adjustments date (February 27, 2025) and the ten-year adjustment date (February 27, 2030).

#### 9. FINANCE LEASES (continued):

On September 16, 2020, the District entered into a \$95,939 finance lease agreement with Santander Bank, N.A. for the purpose of purchasing a bus. The lease payments, commencing on December 1, 2020, are \$20,320 annually through December 1, 2024, including interest of 1.95% per annum.

On August 9, 2021, the District entered into a \$175,412 finance lease agreement with Santander Bank, N.A. for the purpose of purchasing two busses. The first lease payment of \$100,000 was due August 9, 2021. Future lease payments are \$20,385 annually through August 9, 2025 including interest of 3.20% per annum.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the finance leases (assuming non-cancellation):

Year ending								
June 30,	F	Principal	_	Interest		<u></u>		Total
2024	\$	95,440	;	\$	28,618		\$	124,058
2025		98,531			25,497			124,028
2026		81,487			22,221			103,708
2027		63,845			19,477			83,322
2028		66,028			17,313			83,341
2029-2033		365,563			51,055			416,618
2034-2035		88,916	_		3,629			92,545
	\$	859,810	9	\$	167,810		\$	1,027,620

The finance leases are liquidated through the capital projects fund. Total interest paid under these finance leases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was \$31,620.

#### 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursements of funds received under these programs generally require compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2023.

The District offers post-retirement healthcare benefits to all employees who retire from the District. Retirees and their dependents may obtain coverage by paying required premium rates. The District does not pay a portion of the required premium rates for retirees; however, the premiums paid by the District for active employees are based on combined active and retiree experience, so an implicit subsidy exists. Under the District's modified cash basis of accounting, no liability for this subsidy is included in the financial statements.

The District has entered into several professional services contracts with various individuals and organizations to provide occupational, physical and specialized educational services to the District.

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Several board members are related to employees and a vendor of the District. The District purchased services from the aforementioned vendor in the amount of \$240 during fiscal year 2023. It appears that the District was in compliance with the state statutes with regards to board members voting on related party transactions.

#### 12. INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

Interfund transfers, the flow of assets from one fund to another where repayment is not expected, are reported as transfers in and out. The District is required to make a transfer from the General Fund to the Teachers' Fund to cover the excess of disbursements over receipts each year. The District is also allowed to make transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to cover disbursements and build balances as allowed by state law. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District made the following interfund transfers:

	TRANSF	TRANSFERS TO					
	Special Revenue	Сар	ital Projects				
TRANSFERS FROM	(Teachers') Fund	(Teachers') Fund Fund					
General Fund	\$ -	\$	349,337				

#### **13. RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss due to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District is a member of the Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC). MUSIC is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program. The District does not pay premiums to purchase insurance policies but pays an assessment to be a member of the self-sustaining risk sharing group. Part of the assessment is used to purchase excess insurance for the group as a whole. The pooling agreement requires the pool to be self-sustaining. The District believes that it is not possible to estimate the range of contingent losses to be borne by the District. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the last three years. There were no significant reductions in coverage compared to the prior year.

#### 14. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:

The District is party to an intergovernmental agreement with the Cass County, Missouri, Sheriff's Department with regard to the District's school resource officer. The District pays the County \$196 per full-day (8-hour day) or \$98 per half-day (4-hour day) for a maximum of 183 full workdays, or combination thereof, whenever school is in session. Payments for reimbursement are made to the County. Payments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, totaled \$39,015.

#### 15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

On April 4, 2023, the voters of the District approved the issuance of \$4,000,000 general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, renovating, furnishing and equipping new and existing school facilities, including acquiring buildings, furnishings and equipment now leased to the District, upgrading school building HVAC systems, and acquiring school buses and other transportation equipment. As part of the aforementioned general obligation bond approval, the District issued Series 2023 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 on August 4, 2023.

#### 16. DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW:

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 20, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Board of Education Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District of Cass County, Missouri Creighton, Missouri

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 the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2023.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the 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 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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, 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*.

#### **District's Response to Finding**

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

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 20, 2023

#### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

# SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

2023-001 Segregation of Duties

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: The District is not able to segregate the duties of employees to all phases of an accounting transaction.

<u>Criteria</u>: Adequate segregation of non-compatible duties is important for a sound and efficient internal control system.

<u>Effect</u>: Errors and irregularities may result from this lack of segregation of employee duties and responsibilities.

<u>Cause</u>: Because of a limited number of available personnel, it is not always possible to adequately segregate certain incompatible duties so no employee has access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Effective segregation of duties in a small governmental environment is often difficult; however, we feel the governing body and District management should be aware of the risk associated with this lack of duty segregation and attempt to exercise as much oversight control in these areas as possible and feasible. Some additional recommendations would be:

#### A. WRITTEN RISK ASSESSMENTS AND INTERNAL CONTROL EVALUATIONS

While reviewing the internal control procedures of the District, we noted the district has documented various procedures, however, no documentation of risk assessment. We recommend, at least annually, the district continue to review these procedures and document risk assessments to help determine the established procedures are adequate to mitigate the risks that fraud or theft could occur.

#### **B. BANK RECONCILIATION**

Immaterial, unidentified and unreconciled cash differences between the ASBR and general ledger as well as between the manual bank reconciliation and the general ledger existed at June 30, 2023. We also noted the outstanding checks and deposits per the general ledger listing do not agree to the total of outstanding items used in the manual reconciliation. This can result in inaccurate/incomplete information being given to the board and Superintendent for their reviews. Per discussion with management, they are working on determining and reconciling the unidentified differences. We continue to note documentation of a board members signature of review/approval on the bank reconciliation and bank statements. However, to complete this review process, we further recommend the designated board member agree the cash balance per the bank reconciliation to the cash balance per the general ledger and bank statement. We believe this control could help ensure the accuracy and completeness of the District's financial records.

<u>District's Response</u>: The District is aware of the lack of segregation and much effort is put into providing as much oversight as possible.

#### **Compliance**

None

#### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

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June 30, 2023 Follow-up: This remains a finding.

#### Compliance

None

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Original	I Amounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	
Revenues					
Local	\$ 2,474,062	\$ 2,767,046	\$ 2,767,046	\$ -	
County	240,000	259,745	259,745	-	
State	308,000	478,227	478,227	-	
Federal	496,507	513,302	513,302		
Total revenues	3,518,569	4,018,320	4,018,320		
Expenditures Instructional services					
Regular	187,391	175,104	175,104	-	
Special	534,200	497,374	497,374	-	
Vocational	8,900	17,544	17,544	-	
Student activities	314,030	339,185	339,185	-	
Supporting services					
Students	193,085	252,541	252,541	-	
Instructional staff	60,186	67,508	67,508	-	
Building administration	164,046	160,866	160,866	-	
General administration	496,761	469,639	469,639	-	
Operation and maintenance of facilities	783,066	816,394	816,394	-	
Transportation	501,627	586,216	586,216	-	
Food service	375,000	406,859	406,859	-	
Other services					
Community services	68,997	53,991	53,991		
Total expenditures	3,687,289	3,843,221	3,843,221		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(168,720)	175,099	175,099	<del></del>	
Other financing sources (uses) Sale of other property		1,720	1,720	_	
Transfer in	- 268,271	1,720	1,720	_	
Transfer in	200,271	(349,337)	(349,337)	_	
	268,271		(347,617)		
Total other financing sources (uses)	200,271	(347,617)	(347,017)		
Net change in fund balances	99,551	(172,518)	(172,518)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	2,117,688	2,325,655	2,325,655		
Fund balances - ending	\$ 2,217,239	\$ 2,153,137	\$ 2,153,137	<u>\$</u> -	

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - TEACHERS' FUND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budge	ted Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)		
	Original	Final	Amounts			
Revenues						
Local	\$ 906,090	) \$ 1,077,099	\$ 1,077,099	\$ -		
County	20,000	26,832	26,832	-		
State	3,195,948	3,561,079	3,561,079	-		
Federal	1,210,362	1,322,043	1,322,043			
Total revenues	5,332,400	5,987,053	5,987,053	<u> </u>		
Expenditures						
Instructional services						
Regular	3,025,346	2,929,163	2,929,163	-		
Special	594,181	1 596,845	596,845	-		
Vocational	145,428	,	269,423	-		
Student activities	104,442	,	108,146	-		
Payments to other districts	318,399	9 241,980	241,980	-		
Supporting services						
Students	208,983		199,613	-		
Instructional staff	87,605		85,892	-		
Building administration	290,530		286,867	-		
General administration	215,007		247,379	-		
Transportation	14,366	14,362	14,362	-		
Other services	50.046	00.540	00.540			
Community services	59,842	_	69,519			
Total expenditures	5,064,129	5,049,189	5,049,189			
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures	268,27	937,864	937,864			
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfer out	(268,27	1)				
Total other financing sources (uses)	(268,27	1)				
Net change in fund balances	-	937,864	937,864	-		
Fund balances - beginning						
Fund balances - ending	\$ -	\$ 937,864	\$ 937,864	<u> </u>		

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)		
	Original	Final	Amounts			
Revenues						
Local	\$ 611,065	\$ 678,567	\$ 678,567	\$ -		
County	34,000	43,339	43,339			
Total revenues	645,065	721,906	721,906			
Expenditures Other services						
Principal	275,000	275,000	275,000	-		
Interest	158,950	158,950	158,950	-		
Other	600	299	299			
Total expenditures	434,550	434,249	434,249			
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures	210,515	287,657	287,657	<u> </u>		
Net change in fund balances	210,515	287,657	287,657	-		
Fund balances - beginning	484,363	484,647	484,647	<u> </u>		
Fund balances - ending	\$ 694,878	\$ 772,304	\$ 772,304	<u> </u>		

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts					Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive		
_	Original		Final			Amounts	(Negative)		
Revenues	•	744.000	•	700.040	•	700.040	•		
Local	\$	714,696	\$	783,019	\$	783,019	\$	-	
County		-		202,308		202,308		-	
State		295,841		293,077		293,077		-	
Federal		<u>-</u>		27,800		27,800			
Total revenues		1,010,537		1,306,204		1,306,204			
Expenditures									
Instructional services									
Regular		6,000		-		-		-	
Vocational		3,000		- 14 670		- 14 670		-	
Student activities		12,000		14,672		14,672		-	
Supporting services Instructional staff		25,000		_		_		_	
General administration		5,500		_		_		- -	
Operation and maintenance of facilities		45,000		42,560		42,560		_	
Transportation		21,000		36,595		36,595		_	
Food service				5,651		5,651		-	
Other services									
Facilities acquisition and construction		283,000		1,377,315		1,377,315		-	
Principal		122,329		91,728		91,728		-	
Interest		-		33,156		33,156		-	
Other		1,500						-	
Total expenditures		524,329		1,601,677		1,601,677			
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures		486,208		(295,473)		(295,473)			
Other financing sources (uses)									
Sale of buses		-		1,500		1,500		-	
Sale of other property		1,000		2,535		2,535		-	
Transfer in				349,337		349,337			
Total other financing sources (uses)		1,000		353,372		353,372			
Net change in fund balances		487,208		57,899		57,899		-	
Fund balances - beginning		865,157		844,866		844,866	-		
Fund balances - ending	\$	1,352,365	\$	902,765	\$	902,765	\$		

## SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI COMBINED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY SOURCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	(I	General ncidental) Fund	(	Special Revenue Teachers') Fund		Debt Service Fund	ı	Capital Projects Building) Fund	(Me	Total emorandum Only)
LOCAL	•	0.074.705	•		•	500.005	•	000 705	•	0.054.005
Current taxes	\$	2,071,795 279,354	\$	-	\$	589,835	\$	689,705 92,998	\$	3,351,335
Delinquent taxes School district trust fund (Prop C)		279,354		1,062,681		79,531		92,998		451,883 1,062,681
Financial institution tax		405		-		88		-		493
M & M surtax		18,451		-		3,954		19		22,424
In lieu of tax		2,690		-		574		-		3,264
Tuition from individuals (K-12)		-		14,000		-		-		14,000
Earnings from temporary deposits		53,904		418		4,585		-		58,907
Food service program - sales to pupils		93,382		-		-		-		93,382
Food service program - sales to adults Food service non-program		5,818 20,177		-		-		-		5,818 20,177
Student activities		221,070		_		_		_		221,070
Miscellaneous local revenue		-		_		_		297		297
	_	2,767,046	_	1,077,099	_	678,567		783,019	_	5,305,731
Total local	_	2,767,040	_	1,077,099	_	070,307		703,019	_	5,305,731
COUNTY										
Fines, escheats, etc.		-		26,832		-		-		26,832
State assessed utilities		259,745				43,339		202,308		505,392
Total county		259,745		26,832		43,339		202,308		532,224
STATE										
Basic formula - state monies		_		3,393,281						3,393,281
Transportation		297,861		5,595,201		_				297,861
Early childhood special education		127,861		120,370		_		_		248,231
Basic formula - classroom trust fund		30,574		-		_		293,077		323,651
Educational screening program/PAT		18,542		-		_		· -		18,542
Career education		1,417		10,077		-		-		11,494
Food service - State		1,402		-		-		-		1,402
Teacher baseline grant		-		32,603		-		-		32,603
High need fund		-		4,748		-		-		4,748
Other state	_	570	_							570
Total state		478,227	_	3,561,079		-		293,077		4,332,383
FEDERAL										
State administered										
Medicaid		20,372		-		-		-		20,372
ARP - ESSER III		31,309		936,583		-		-		967,892
CRRSA - ESSER II		-		278,690		-		-		278,690
IDEA grants ARP - IDEA 611 entitlement funds		39.098		87		-		-		87 39,098
IDEA entitlement funds, Part B IDEA		100,210		_		_				100,210
Early childhood special education		-		12,467		_		_		12,467
National school lunch program		200,141		-		_		-		200,141
School breakfast program		42,457		-		_		_		42,457
Title I, ESEA		37,119		94,216		-		-		131,335
Title IV.A, Student support & academic enrichment		8,884		-		-		-		8,884
Title II, ESEA - Teacher & principal		22,238		-		=		-		22,238
Dept of Health food service program		11,474		-		-				11,474
Other federal			_			-		27,800		27,800
Total federal	_	513,302	_	1,322,043				27,800		1,863,145
OTHER										
Sale of school buses		-		-		-		1,500		1,500
Sale of other property		1,720		_		=		2,535		4,255
Total other		1,720		_		_		4,035		5,755
Total revenue	\$	4,020,040	\$	5,987,053	\$	721,906	\$	1,310,239	\$	12,039,238



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS

To the Board of Education Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District of Cass County, Missouri Creighton, Missouri

We have examined management's assertions that the District complied with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures; accurate disclosure of the District's attendance records of average daily attendance, standard day length, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September; pupil transportation records of the average daily transportation of pupils eligible and ineligible for state aid, the number of miles eligible and ineligible for state aid; and other statutory requirements as listed in the schedule of selected statistics during the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's management is responsible for its assertions. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertions based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertions are fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertions. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertions, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management's assertions referred to above are fairly stated, in all material respects, for the year ended June 30, 2023, except as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as findings 2023-002 and 2023-003.

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, District management, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 20, 2023

#### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

## SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

#### **Budget**

None

#### Attendance

None

#### **Transportation**

None

#### **Other Compliance**

#### 2023-002 - Publishing Quarterly Financial Information

<u>Statement of Condition:</u> It appears the District did not publish all of the required financial information as required per RSMo 160.066.

<u>Criteria:</u> RSMo 160.066 outlines the minimum requirements for publishing District financial information at least quarterly.

Effect: It appears the District is out of compliance with RSMo. 160.066.

Cause: The District did not publish all of the financial information as required.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend the District ensure quarterly publication of the required financial information to conform to RSMo 160.066.

<u>District's Response:</u> The District is aware of the requirement and will publish required financial information with all the required elements in the future.

#### 2023-003 - Salary Reporting in Core Data

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: As part of our testing, we traced a sample of educator salaries to Core Data where said information is reported to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We noted one instance in which an educators' extra duty salary was not properly reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Criteria</u>: DESE requires all educators' salaries to be correctly reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

Effect: Incorrect data was reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Cause</u>: The District did not ensure all educators' salaries were reported accurately in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the District consider a secondary review of salary entry into Core Data to ensure all educators' salaries are reported accurately.

<u>District's Response</u>: In the future, we will review the reported salaries closer to ensure that all educators' salaries are reported accurately.

### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

**Budget** 

None

**Attendance** 

None

**Transportation** 

None

**Other Compliance** 

None

# 1. Calendar (Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033 RSMo)

Report each unique calendar the district/charter school has as defined by Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo.

School Code	Begin Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
4020	K	6		6.8670	154	1,054.9000
1050	7	12		6.8670	154	1,054.9000

Notes:	

#### 2. Attendance Hours

Report the total attendance hours of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School Hours	Total Hours
4020	PK	5,217.1999	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	5,217.1999
4020	K	49,578.8498	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,829.6833	51,408.5331
4020	1	45,273.8665	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,564.3833	46,838.2498
4020	2	58,467.2847	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,538.1333	60,005.4180
4020	3	56,652.3332	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,061.4666	57,713.7998
4020	4	59,937.1556	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,681.7500	61,618.9056
4020	5	70,031.3878	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,264.0667	71,295.4545
4020	6	50,699.3175	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,246.0000	51,945.3175
1050	7	56,120.4562	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,783.0668	57,903.5230
1050	8	51,682.5497	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	901.7667	52,584.3164
1050	9	69,030.4151	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	5,644.2667	74,674.6818
1050	10	58,001.7290	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	4,507.3000	62,509.0290
1050	11	62,475.4200	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	3,063.0001	65,538.4201
1050	12	53,043.6274	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1,931.1500	54,974.7774
Grand Total		746,211.5924	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	28,016.0335	774,227.6259

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#### 3. September Membership

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in September who are enrolled on the count day **and** in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should only include PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
4020	PK	8.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
4020	К	52.00	0.00	0.00	52.00
4020	1	46.00	0.00	0.00	46.00
4020	2	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
4020	3	58.00	0.00	0.00	58.00
4020	4	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
4020	5	70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
4020	6	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
1050	7	58.00	0.00	0.00	58.00
1050	8	51.00	0.00	0.00	51.00
1050	9	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
1050	10	59.00	0.00	0.00	59.00
1050	11	63.00	0.00	0.00	63.00
1050	12	57.00	0.00	0.00	57.00
Grand Total		767.00	0.00	0.00	767.00

Notes:			

#### 4. Free and Reduced Priced Lunch FTE Count (Section 163.011(6), RSMo)

Report the FTE count taken the last Wednesday in January of resident students enrolled in grades K-12 and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days whose eligibility for free or reduced lunch is documented through the application process using federal eligibility guidelines or through the direct certification process. Desegregation students are considered residents of the district in which the students are educated.

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
4020	116.00	33.00	N/A	N/A	149.00
3000	48.00	14.00	N/A	N/A	62.00
1050	77.00	17.00	N/A	N/A	94.00
Grand Total	241.00	64.00	N/A	N/A	305.00

Notes:					

#### 5. Finance

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	True
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	True
	Academic Programs Off-Campus	N/A
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	True
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	True
	Dual enrollment	True
	Homebound instruction	True
	Missouri Options	N/A
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	True
	Remediation	N/A
	Sheltered Workshop participation	N/A
	Students participating in the school flex program	True
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	True
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	True
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	True
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's school treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that proves coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$50,000

# 5. Finance (continued)

Section	Question	Answer
5.6	The district's/charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual.	True
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	False
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approved a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	N/A
5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	True
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$29,766
5.13	The district/charter school has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	False
Notes:		
All above '	'False" answers <u>must</u> be supported by a finding or management letter comme	ent.
Finding:	5.8 – 2023-003 and 5.13 – 2023-002	
Managen	nent Letter Comment:	

### **6. Transportation** (Section 163.161, RSMo)

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answe	r
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	True	
6.2	The district's/charter school's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	True	
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:		
	Eligible ADT		513.00
	Ineligible ADT		0.00
6.4	The district's/charter school's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	True	
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total district/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:		180,687
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:		
	Eligible Miles		136,464
	Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)		44,223
6.7	Number of days the district/charter school operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:		154
Notes:			
All above '	False" answers <u>must</u> be supported by a finding or management letter comme	nt.	
Finding:			
Managen	nent Letter Comment:		

#### SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Program	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity's Identifying Number	Passed-through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
CASH FEDERAL AWARDS				
U.S. Department of Education				
Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Special Education: Special Education Grants to States Part B Entitlement Special Education Early Childhood Special Education High Need Fund COVID 19-ARP IDEA Total Special Education Grants to States	84.027A 84.027A 84.027A 84.027X	H027A210040 H027A210040 H027X210040	\$ - - - -	\$ 172,999 6,726 87 39,098 218,910
Special Education Preschool				
Special Education Preschool COVID 19-ARP IDEA ESCS	84.173 84.173X	H173A220103 H173X220103	<u> </u>	5,741 2,740
Total Special Education Preschool				8,481
Total Special Education Cluster				227,391
Title I	84.010A	S010A210025	<del>-</del>	170,004
Title II Part A ESEA	84.367	S367A210024		3,858
Title IV.A	84.424	S424210026		16,165
Education Stablization Fund COVID 19 - CRRSA Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II COVID 19 - Teacher Retention Grant ESSER II COVID 19 - Grow Your Own ESSER II COVID 19 - ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III COVID 19 - Postsecondary Advisory Grant ESSER II Total Education Stablization Fund Total U. S. Department of Education	84.425D 84.425D 84.425D 84.425U 84.425U	S425D200021 S425D210021 S425D200021 S425U210021 S425U210021	- - - - - - -	272,339 3,577 1,015 936,583 45,000 1,258,514 1,675,932
U. S. Department of Justice				
Direct Public Safety Partership and Community Policing Grant Total U. S. Department of Homeland Security	16.710	13649871	<u> </u>	27,800 27,800
U. S. Department of Agriculture  Passed through Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: Child Nutrition Cluster				
Summer Food Program	10.559	E046S210116		11,474
Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	20232N119943	<u>-</u>	37,263
National School Lunch Program Food & Nutrition Services Lunch Supply Chain	10.555 10.555	20221N19943 20221N890343	-	162,205 1,637
NON-CASH FEDERAL AWARDS				
Food Distribution (Commodition)	10 555	006 101		40.205
Food Distribution (Commodities)	10.555	006-101		40,295
Total National School Lunch Program			<u>-</u>	204,137
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				252,874
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>-</u>	252,874
Total Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 1,956,606

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- A. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>: The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (schedule) includes activity of the District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 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, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the District.
- B. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>: Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified cash 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.
- C. <u>Indirect Cost Rate</u>: The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### 2. NONMONETARY ASSISTANCE:

The District receives commodities under the Food Distribution Program. The amount of expenditures presented on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards represent donated commodities used, which totaled \$40,295 valued at the cost assigned to those commodities by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Education Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District of Cass County, Missouri Creighton, Missouri

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its 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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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.

#### Auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Auditors' 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.

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 20, 2023

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

### **SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?

Financial Statements			
Type of auditors' report issued:		Unmodified	
Internal control over financial re	eporting:		
Material weakness identified?		Yes No _X_	
Significant Deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?		Yes X None	reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		Yes No	<u>X</u>
Federal Awards			
Internal control over programs:			
Material weaknesses identified?		Yes No	<u>X</u>
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?		Yes None	reported X
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:		Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance Section 2 CFR 200.516(a)?		Yes No	<u>X_</u>
Identification of major programs:  Assistance Listing Number Education Stabilization Fund 84.425D COVID 19- CRRSA Elementary and Secondary Emergency II COVID 19- Teacher Retention Grant-ESSER II COVID 19- Grow Your Own ESSER II COVID 19- ARP Elementary and Secondary Emergency Reli 84.425U COVID 19- Postsecondary Advising Grant-ESSER II		gency Relief III	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:		\$ 750,000	

Yes \_\_\_ No <u>X</u>

# SHERWOOD CASS R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

### FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.