High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611

Ulysses, Kansas

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WITH REGULATORY - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

and

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Director and Board of Directors
High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas 67880

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611 which comprise the statement of receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash as of June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611, as of June 30, 2024, or changes in net position, or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the aggregate cash and unencumbered cash balance of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611, as of June 30, 2024, and the aggregate receipts and expenditures for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* as described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611, 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611, on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement 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 statement that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 double shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 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 statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement.
- 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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances (basic financial statement) as a whole. The summary of regulatory basis expenditures - actual and budget, individual fund schedules of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures - actual and budget, schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures - agency funds (Schedules 1, 2, and 3, as listed in the table of contents) are presented for analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statement, however, are required to be presented under the provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide.* 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 statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement or to the basic financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

We also previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statement of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 (not presented herein), and have issued our reported thereon dated December 14, 2023, which contained an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statement. The 2023 basic financial statement and our accompanying report are not presented herein but are available in electronic form from the web site of the Kansas Department of Administration at the following link: http://admin.ks.gov/offices/oar/municipal-services. The 2023 actual column (2023 comparative information) presented in the individual fund schedules of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures – actual and budget for the year ended June 30, 2023 (Schedule 2 as listed in the table of contents) is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. Such 2023 comparative information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statement. The 2023 comparative information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statement or to the 2023 basic financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 2023 comparative information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2023, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statement that collectively comprise the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's basic financial statement. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. 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 statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement or to the basic financial statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 11, 2024, on our consideration of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Ulysses, Kansas

November 11, 2024

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Summary Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Unencumbered Cash
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Funds	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add: Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
General Fund:						
General Fund	$ 1,300,000	$ 9,494,149	$ 9,394,149	$ 1,400,000	$ -	$ 1,400,000
Special Purpose Funds:						
Staff Development	99,676	54,880	42,536	112,020	-	112,020
Audiology/Donations	6,022	-	1,708	4,314	-	4,314
Alternative Assessment Project	144,093	-	-	144,093	-	144,093
Early Intervention	219,968	-	-	219,968	-	219,968
Targeted Improvement Plan	-	75,777	75,777	-	-	-
Community Based Curriculum	267,542	-	299	267,243	-	267,243
Building & Equipment	1,155,445	40,000	-	1,195,445	-	1,195,445
Board Meal Catering	6,262	4,080	4,560	5,782	-	5,782
Federal Funds	-	2,223,874	2,223,874	-	-	-
ESSER II School District	-	118	118	-	-	-
Total Reporting Entity (Excluding Agency Funds)	$ 3,199,008	$ 11,892,878	$ 11,743,021	$ 3,348,865	$ -	$ 3,348,865

Composition Of Cash	
Checking Accounts	$ 3,784,773
CD's	1,000,000
Total Cash	4,784,773
Agency Funds - Per Schedule 3	(1,435,908)
Total Reporting Entity (Excluding Agency Funds)	$ 3,348,865

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Financial Reporting Entity

High Plains Educational Cooperative, Cooperative Number 611 (Cooperative), Ulysses, Kansas operates as a municipal corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas. The Cooperative is governed by an elected seventeen-member board, representing each participating district of the inter-local. This regulatory financial statement presents the Cooperative, a municipality.

b) Regulatory Basis Fund Types

General Fund – the chief operating fund. Used to account for all resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Purpose Fund – used to account for the proceeds of specific tax levies and other specific regulatory receipt sources (other than Capital Project and tax levies for long- term debt) that are intended for specified purposes.

Agency Fund – funds used to report assets held by the municipal reporting entity in a purely custodial capacity (payroll clearing fund, county treasurer tax collection accounts, etc.).

c) Basis of Accounting

Regulatory Basis of Accounting and Departure from Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America. The Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG) regulatory basis of accounting involves the recognition of cash, cash equivalents, marketable investments, and certain accounts payable and encumbrance obligations to arrive at a net unencumbered cash and investments balance on a regulatory basis for each fund, and the reporting of changes in unencumbered cash and investments of a fund resulting from the difference in regulatory basis receipts and regulatory basis expenditures for the fiscal year. All recognized assets and liabilities are measured and reported at cost, unless they have been permanently impaired and have no future cash value or represent no future obligation against cash. The KMAAG regulatory basis does not recognize capital assets, long-term debt, accrued receivables and payables, or any other assets, liabilities or deferred inflows or outflows, other than those mentioned above.

The Cooperative has approved a resolution that is in compliance with K.S.A. 75-1120a(c), waiving the requirement for application of generally accepted accounting principles and allowing the Cooperative to use the regulatory basis of accounting.

d) Budgetary Information

The Cooperative prepares an annual budget of receipts and expenditures that is required to be submitted to the Kansas State Department of Education on or before August 25th. The interlocal does not levy a tax and thus is not subject to the Kansas Budget Law. The budget is prepared for internal use and to satisfy the requirement of the Kansas State Department of Education.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

K.S.A. 9-1401 establishes the depositories which may be used by the Cooperative. The statute requires banks eligible to hold the Cooperative's funds have a main or branch bank in the county in which the Cooperative is located, or in an adjoining county if such institution has been designated as an official depository, and the banks provide an acceptable rate of return on funds. In addition, K.S.A. 9-1402 requires the banks to pledge securities for deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. The Cooperative has no other policies that would further limit interest rate risk.

K.S.A. 12-1675 limits the Cooperative's investment of idle funds to time deposits, open accounts, and certificates of deposit with allowable financial institutions; U.S. government securities; temporary notes; no-fund warrants; repurchase agreements; and the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. The Cooperative has no investment policy that would further limit

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk. State statutes place no limit on the amount the Cooperative may invest in any one issuer as long as the investments are adequately secured under K.S.A. 9-1402 and 9-1405.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Cooperative's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require the Cooperative's deposits in financial institutions to be entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held under a joint custody receipt issued by a bank within the State of Kansas, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City or the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka except during designated "peak periods" when required coverage is 50%. The Cooperative does not use designated "peak periods".

At June 30, 2024 the carrying amount of the Cooperative's deposits, including certificates of deposit, was $3,348,865 and the bank balance was $5,755,726. The bank balance was held by one bank resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' agents in the Cooperative's name.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the issuer or counterparty, the Cooperative will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require investments to be adequately secured. The Cooperative had no investments of this type at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 3 – RETIREMENT PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The Cooperative participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS), a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as provided by K.S.A. 74-4901, et. Seq. Kansas law establishes and amends benefit provisions. KPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. KPERS' financial statements are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the KPERS website at www.kpers.org or by writing to KPERS (611 South Kansas, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66603) or by calling 1-888-275-5737.

Contributions. K.S.A. 74-4919 and K.S.A. 74-49,210 establish the KPERS member-employee contribution rates. KPERS has multiple benefit structures and contribution rates depending on whether the employee is a KPERS 1, KPERS 2 or KPERS 3 member. KPERS 1 members are active and contributing members hired before July 1, 2009. KPERS 2 members were first employed in a covered position on or before July 1, 2009, and KPERS 3 members were first employed in a covered position on or after January 1, 2015. Effective January 1, 2015, Kansas law established the KPERS member-employee contribution rate at 6% of covered salary for KPERS 1, KPERS 2 and KPERS 3 members. Member contribution are withheld by their employer and paid to KPERS according to the provisions of Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

State law provides that the employer contribution rates for KPERS 1, KPERS 2 and KPERS 3 be determined based on the results of each annual actuarial valuation. Kansas law sets a limitation on annual increases in the employer contribution rates. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate and the statutory contribution rate (not including the 1% contribution rate for the Death and Disability Program) was 13.88% and 13.11%, respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate and the statutory contribution rate was 13.38% and 12.57% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The 2015 Legislature passed and the Governor approved Senate Bill 228 authorizing the issuance of $1.0 billion in pension obligation bonds to fund a portion of the School-Group's unfunded actuarial liability. The bonds were successfully issued in August 2015 and the proceeds transferred to the System.

The 2021 Legislature passed House Bill 2405, which authorizes the State of Kansas to issue pension obligation bonds, series 2021K, net proceeds of $500 million to fund a portion of the School-Group's unfunded actuarial liability. The bond proceeds were received by KPERS on August 26, 2021.

NOTE 3 – RETIREMENT PLAN, CONTINUED

The 2022 Legislature passed Senate Bill 421, which authorized the State of Kansas to transfer $1.125 billion from the State General Fund directly to KPERS in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. The first $253.9 million paid off outstanding accounts receivable for KEPRS-School employer contributions withheld in Fiscal year 2017 and Fiscal year 2019 while the remaining $871.1 million was applied to the KPERS-School unfunded actuarial liability. In Fiscal year, $600 million was transferred in May/June 2022.

In addition, Senate Bill 421 authorizes two additional transfers in Fiscal Year 2023, which totaled $271.1 million. The first transfer of $146.1 million was received on August 1, 2022. The second transfer of $125 million was received on December 1, 2022.

The State of Kansas is required to contribute the statutory required employer's share except for retired Cooperative employees. The Cooperative is responsible for the employer's portion of the cost of retired Cooperative employees, Accordingly, the Cooperative's contributions to the plan were $21,028 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Net Pension Liability
At June 30, 2024, the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported by KPERS was $96,624. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the District's contribution to KPERS, relative to the total employer and non-employer contributions of the State/School subgroup within KPERS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Since the KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting does not recognize long-term debt, this liability is not reported in the financial statement.

The complete actuarial valuation report including all actuarial assumptions and methods, and the report on the allocation of the KPERS collective net pension liability to all participating employers are publicly available on the website at www.kpers.org or can be obtained as described above.

NOTE 4 – OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS FROM OPERATIONS

a) Other Post-Employment Benefits. As provided by K.S.A. 12-5040, the Cooperative allows retirees to participate in the group health insurance plan. While each retiree pays the full amount of the applicable premium, conceptually, the Cooperative is subsidizing the retirees because each participant is charged a level premium regardless of age. However, the cost of this subsidy has not been quantified in this financial statement.

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the Cooperative makes health care benefits available to eligible former employees and eligible dependents. Certain requirements are outlined by the federal government for this coverage. The premium is paid in full by the insured.

b) *Emergency Leave.* The Cooperative's policies regarding emergency leave pay permits employees who regularly work more than thirty-five hours per week, who are considered full-time, may accumulate leave days at a maximum rate of between 80 and 90 days for certified personnel based on contract days. Part-time employees and full-time employees that begin halfway through the year receive the same emergency leave days but on a prorated basis according to number of work days remaining and number of hours worked a day. Emergency leave is granted to certified staff on his/her first day, while a para educator receives his/her emergency leave on the employee's 21st day of "on-the-job employment."

c) *Use of Emergency Leave*. Emergency leave may be used for sick and bereavement leave, both of which is to be used for immediate family only. Para educators may use up to 2 days for personal leave.

d) *Payment for Emergency Leave*. Certified staff who end the year more than 80 accumulated days of emergency leave and continue employment in the next school year will receive $18 per day reimbursement up to 20 days.

NOTE 4 – OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS FROM OPERATIONS, CONTINUED

e) *Discretionary Leave*. Certified staff is given five days of personal leave per year with no deduction in pay. Additional personal leave may be granted and approved at the discretion of the Director or his/her designee. Personal leave is not accrued each year. Instead, the remaining number of personal leave at the end of each contract year will be added to the certified staff's total accumulated emergency leave.

f) *Professional Leaves and Absences*. The Director may grant permission and authorize full or partial payment of expenses to certified teachers attending professional meetings. There will be no deduction from the teacher's salary for the time missed while attending such meetings.

g) *Termination Benefits.* Upon retirement, resignation or death of a certified staff member with 10 years of continuous service will be reimbursed at $30 per day for accumulated emergency leave over 50 days. Para educators have no termination benefits.

NOTE 5 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District provides tuition agreement for eligible employees. Employees must communicate with the District their intent to sign a tuition agreement and receive approval by the District. Paraeducators can receive a maximum of $3,500 during their employment. Certified staff can receive $280 per graduate hour for all graduate hours and $50 per undergraduate hours for all undergraduate hours, per calendar year. As of June 30, 2024 there are twenty-eight (28) certified staff with an active tuition agreement with the District. College credits enrolled by the employee requires receipt of tuition, expense report, and an official transcript to the central office for reimbursement upon the passing of the course(s). Repayment of either continued employment with the District with a board approved annual forgiveness amount or monetarily upon departure with the District. if the total tuition agreement is not forgiven at the time an employee quits, the employee is required to reimburse the District on a prorated basis for the school expenses.

NOTE 6 – CLAIMS, JUDGEMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative participates in federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Cooperative may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of the date of this report, grant expenditures have not been audited, but the Cooperative believes that any disallowed expenditures or overpayments, if any, will not have a material effect on the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the Cooperative.

During the ordinary course of its operation the Cooperative is a party to various claims, legal actions and complaints. It is the opinion of the Cooperative's management and legal counsel that these matters are not anticipated to have a material impact on the Cooperative.

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Cooperative has purchased commercial insurance for these potential risks. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from 2023 to 2024, and there were no settlements that exceeded insurance coverage in the past three years.

NOTE 7 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund operating transfers are as follows:

From	To	Statutory Authority	Amount
General Fund	Staff Development	K.S.A. 72–6428	$ 48,511
General Fund	Building & Equipment	K.S.A. 72–6428	40,000
General Fund	Board Meal Catering	K.S.A. 72–6428	4,080

NOTE 8 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

References made herein to the statutes are not intended as interpretations of law but are offered for consideration of the Director of Accounts and Reports, Kansas Department of Administration and Interpretation by legal repetition of the Municipality.

No statute violations were noted for the year ending June 30, 2024.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of this report. Management's evaluation concluded that there are no subsequent events that are required to be recognized or disclosed in this financial statement.

REGULATORY-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Schedule 1

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611

Ulysses, Kansas

Summary of Expenditures - Actual and Budget (Budgeted Funds Only)

Regulatory Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Fund	Certified Budget	Total Budget for Comparison	Expenditures Chargeable to Current Year	Variance Over (Under)
General Fund	$ 12,573,173	$ 12,573,173	$ 9,394,149	$ (3,179,024)

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
General Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Variance Over (Under)
Receipts				
District Revenue	$ 8,680,022	$ 8,966,424	$ 9,269,580	$ (303,156)
Interest	74,419	173,270	15,000	158,270
Transfer In	248,600	-	-	-
State Medicaid Reimbursement	198,436	240,751	235,000	5,751
Medicaid Replacement	83,619	95,864	-	95,864
Miscellaneous	22,486	17,840	-	17,840
Total Receipts	9,307,582	9,494,149	$ 9,519,580	$ (25,431)
Expenditures				
Instruction	7,660,329	8,068,962	11,127,300	$ (3,058,338)
Administration	978,105	1,044,153	1,157,000	(112,847)
Accounting	93,654	95,663	116,000	(20,337)
Plant Operations/Maintenance	48,435	47,219	79,873	(32,654)
Central Support Services	22,323	45,561	93,000	(47,439)
Transfers Out	404,736	92,591	-	92,591
Total Expenditures	9,207,582	9,394,149	$ 12,573,173	(3,179,024)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	100,000	100,000		$ 3,153,593
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	1,200,000	1,300,000		
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 1,300,000	$ 1,400,000		

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Staff Development Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
State Aid	$ 2,697	$ 6,369
Transfers In	54,736	48,511
Total Receipts	57,433	54,880
Expenditures		
Staff Development Materials	17,100	42,536
Total Expenditures	17,100	42,536
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	40,333	12,344
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	59,343	99,676
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 99,676	$ 112,020

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Audiology/Donations Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Donations	$ 1,160	$ -
Total Receipts	1,160	-
Expenditures		
Supplies	1,375	1,708
Total Expenditures	1,375	1,708
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(215)	(1,708)
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	6,237	6,022
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 6,022	$ 4,314

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Alternative Assessment Project Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Transfer In	$ -	$ -
Total Receipts	-	-
Expenditures		
Supplies	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	144,093	144,093
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 144,093	$ 144,093

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Early Intervention Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Miscellaneous	$ -	$ -
Total Receipts	-	-
Expenditures		
Supplies/Materials	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	219,968	219,968
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 219,968	$ 219,968

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Targeted Improvement Plan Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Federal Funds	$ 76,130	$ 75,777
Total Receipts	76,130	75,777
Expenditures		
Travel	2,346	2,322
Stipends/Substitutes	-	6,000
LOD	3,000	2,647
General Office/Administration	36,675	23,675
Supervisor/Coordinator	8,584	8,561
Equipment	25,525	32,572
Total Expenditures	76,130	75,777
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ -	$ -

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Community Based Curriculum Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Transfer In	$ -	$ -
Total Receipts	-	-
Expenditures		
Workstudy	-	-
Supplies	1,884	299
Total Expenditures	1,884	299
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,884)	(299)
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	269,426	267,542
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 267,542	$ 267,243

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Building & Equipment Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Transfer In	$ 350,000	$ 40,000
Total Receipts	350,000	40,000
Expenditures		
Equipment	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	350,000	40,000
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	805,445	1,155,445
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 1,155,445	$ 1,195,445

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Board Meal Catering Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year	Current Year
Receipts		
Transfer In	$ 4,080	$ 4,080
Total Receipts	4,080	4,080
Expenditures		
Catered Food Services	4,428	4,560
Total Expenditures	4,428	4,560
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(348)	(480)
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	6,610	6,262
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ 6,262	$ 5,782

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Federal Funds
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	American Rescue Plan Act	Title VI B	Total
Receipts			
Federal Funds	$ 13,934	$ 2,209,940	$ 2,223,874
Total Receipts	13,934	2,209,940	2,223,874
Expenditures			
Instruction	-	2,116,728	2,116,728
Contractual Service	-	19,450	19,450
Materials/Supplies	13,934	15,834	29,768
Workshop Expenses	-	31,410	31,410
Equipment	-	22,863	22,863
Proportionate Private Share	-	3,655	3,655
Total Expenditures	13,934	2,209,940	2,223,874
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	-	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ -	$ -	$ -

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Federal Funds
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	USD 210	Totals
Receipts		
Miscellaneous	$ 118	$ 118
Total Receipts	118	118
Expenditures		
Instruction	-	-
Materials/Supplies	118	118
Total Expenditures	118	118
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, July 1	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, June 30	$ -	$ -

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Agency Funds
Summary of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Beginning Cash Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance
Health Insurance Reserve	$ 1,668,048	$ 2,995,801	$ 3,227,941	$ 1,435,908
	$ 1,668,048	$ 2,995,801	$ 3,227,941	$ 1,435,908

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611

Ulysses, Kansas

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Director and Board of Directors
High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas 67880

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 statement of the High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611 which comprise the statement of receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash as of June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's basic financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's financial statement is 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 statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

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

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November 11, 2024

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

Director and Board of Directors
High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas 67880

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611 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, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611 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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on [Name of Governmental Entity or Nonprofit Organization] '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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611'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 High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

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November 11, 2024

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Numbers	Pass Through Identifying Number	Federal Award Expenditures
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed Through State of Kansas Department of Education			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
Title VI-B	84.027A	DO611	$ 2,221,964
Preschool Grants	84.173A	DO611	63,753
COVID 19 - American Rescue Plan Act	84.027X	DO611	13,934
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			2,299,651
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,299,651
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 2,299,651

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal grant activity of High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611, Ulysses, Kanas (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule if 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 select portion of the operations of District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District. The Schedule is presented using regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Kanas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (as described in Note 1 to the financial statement), which is the same basis of accounting as the financial statement accompanying this schedule.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1) Expenditures reported in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) are reported using the accounting practices prescribed by the State of Kansas to demonstrate compliance with the cash and budget laws of the State of Kansas, the same as the financial statement accompanying this schedule.

2) High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611 did not use the standard indirect cost rate of 10%.

NOTE 3 – FUNDS EXPENDED

Funds where federal expenditures were receipted and expended:

Fund:		Amount:
Targeted Improvement Plan		$ 75,777
American Rescue Plan Act		13,934
Title VI B		2,209,940
	Total	$ 2,299,651

High Plains Educational Cooperative, District Number 611
Ulysses, Kansas
Schedule of Finding & Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The auditor's report expresses an **adverse opinion** on the financial statement of Unified School District Number 214 on the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) basis of accounting, but an **unmodified opinion** on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State of Kansas.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- Material weknesses identified? ____ Yes X No
- Significant defiency(ies) identified? ____ Yes X None Reported
- Noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*? ____ Yes X No

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? ____ Yes X No
- Significant defiency(ies) identified? ____ Yes X None Reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ____ Yes X No

Identification of Major Programs/Cluster:

Federal Asistance Listing Numbers	**Name of Federal Program or Cluster**
84.027; 84.173	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

Dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: $750,000

Auditee qualifies as a low-risk auditee? ____ Yes X No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no reportable findings.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

U.S. Department of Education
Passed Through Kansas State Department of Education
Program Name: Special Education Cluster (IDEA)
Federal Assistance Listing Numbers: 84.027; 84.173

There were no reportable findings.