COLUMBUS
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Regulatory Basis Financial Statement and
Independent Auditors' Report with
Regulatory Required
Supplemental Information
And Federal Compliance Section

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

COLUMBUS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education
Unified School District #493
Columbus, Kansas 66725

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions
We have audited the accompanying Summary Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Unencumbered Cash, Regulatory Basis, of the Unified School District #493 (District), Columbus, Kansas as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 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 and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023 or changes in financial positions and cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the aggregate cash and unencumbered cash balance of the Unified School District #493, Columbus, Kansas as of June 30, 2023, and the aggregate receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* 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 (GAAS) 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 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As discussed in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the *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.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* as described in Note 1 to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of Kansas. 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 the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 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 statement.
- 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.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the June 30, 2023 summary statement of receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances – regulatory basis (financial statement) as a whole. The summary of expenditures – actual and budget – regulatory basis, individual fund schedules of receipts and expenditures – actual and budget – regulatory basis, schedule of receipts and expenditures – agency funds – regulatory basis and the schedule of receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash – district activity funds – regulatory basis (Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4 as listed in the table of contents), are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement, however they are required to be presented under the provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also 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 financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 April 30, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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.

Prior Year Comparative Numbers

The 2022 actual column presented in the individual fund schedules of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures – actual and budget (Schedule 2 as listed in the table of contents), are also presented for comparative analysis and was not a required part of the 2022 financial statement upon which we rendered an unmodified opinion dated February 10, 2023. The 2022 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/chief-financial-officer/municipal-services. Such 2022 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 2022 basic financial statement. The 2022 comparative information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2022 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 2022 basic financial statement or to the 2022 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 2022 comparative information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2022 basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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April 30, 2024
Pittsburg, Kansas

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Summary Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Unencumbered Cash
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Funds	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Prior Year Cancelled Encumbrance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
General Funds:							
General	$ -	$ -	$ 8,371,243	$ 8,371,243	$ -	$ 6,434	$ 6,434
Supplemental General	114,192	-	2,523,469	2,510,793	126,868	-	126,868
Special Purpose Funds:							
4 Yr Old At Risk	-	-	99,998	99,998	-	-	-
K-12 At Risk	-	-	1,543,564	1,543,564	-	-	-
Virtual Education	-	-	14,700	14,700	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	991,927	-	1,195,838	1,042,969	1,144,796	44,663	1,189,460
Driver Education	43,680	-	14,680	16,717	41,642	-	41,642
Food Service	199,407	-	665,260	683,032	181,635	-	181,635
Professional Development	48,914	-	33,584	36,942	45,556	-	45,556
Special Education	325,451	-	1,709,696	1,509,114	526,033	-	526,033
Career and Post Secondary Education	-	-	413,273	413,273	-	-	-
KPERS Special Retirement	-	-	960,257	960,257	-	-	-
Contingency Reserve	276,997	-	-	-	276,997	-	276,997
Textbook Rental	59,759	-	100,000	59,759	100,000	-	100,000
Title I	-	-	239,182	239,182	-	-	-
Title II -A Teacher Quality	(15,010)	-	60,334	45,324	-	-	-
ESSER	(264,497)	-	799,804	618,296	(82,989)	-	(82,989)
Early Childhood Jump Start	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
KDHE Testing Grant	(15,980)	-	82,022	85,788	(19,746)	-	(19,746)
Gifts and Grants	20,244	-	54,004	74,115	133	32,300	32,433
District Activity Funds	34,967	-	152,483	135,767	51,682	-	51,682
Bond and Interest Fund	761,214	-	802,131	734,738	828,607	-	828,607
Capital Projects Fund	13,120,704	-	77,614	6,542,832	6,655,485	75,831	6,731,317
Scholarships	59,656	-	2,548	3,600	58,604	-	58,604
Total Entity (Excluding Agency Funds)	$ 15,761,623	$ -	$ 19,925,685	$ 25,752,004	$ 9,935,304	$ 159,229	$ 10,094,533

Composition of Cash	
District Checking Accounts	$ 3,469,978
Activity Checking Accounts	239,045
Petty Cash	-
Certificates of Deposit	6,525,000
Scholarship Certificates of Deposit	47,873
Total Cash	10,281,896
Agency Funds per Schedule 3	(187,363)
Total Reporting Entity	$ 10,094,533

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

COLUMBUS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statement of Unified School District #493, Columbus, Kansas (District), has been prepared in order to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is the principal standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies follow. Note 1 describes how the District's accounting policies differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Reporting Entity

The District is a municipal corporation governed by an elected seven-member board. This financial statement presents USD #493 (the primary government). The District has developed criteria to determine whether outside agencies, with activities which benefit the members of the District, should be included within its financial reporting entity. This criteria include but are not limited to, whether the District exercises financial accountability, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, scope of public service and special financing relationships. Based on the above criteria, the District has determined that no outside agency meets the criteria; therefore, no outside agency has been included as a related municipal entity in this financial statement.

Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

A fund is defined as an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

The following types of funds comprise the financial activities of the District:

REGULATORY BASIS FUND TYPES

General Fund – to account for all unrestricted resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Purpose Funds – to account for the proceeds of specific tax levies and other specific revenue sources (other than capital projects and tax levies for long-term debt) that are intended for specified purposes.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting - (continued)

REGULATORY BASIS FUNDS - (Continued)

Bond and Interest Fund -- to account for the accumulation of resources including tax levies, transfers from other funds and payment of general long-term debt.

Capital Project Funds – to account for debt proceeds and other financial resources to be used for acquisition or construction of major capital facilities or equipment.

Business Fund – funds financed in whole or in part by fees charged to users of the goods or services (i.e. enterprise and internal service fund, etc.).

Trust Fund – funds used to report assets held in trust for the benefit of the municipal financial reporting entity (ie. Pension funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds which benefit the municipal reporting entity, scholarship funds, etc.).

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.).

Regulatory Basis of Accounting and Departure from Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America

The 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 revenues 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 District 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 municipality to use the regulatory basis of accounting.

Budgetary Information

Kansas statutes require that an annual operating budget be legally adopted for the general fund, special revenue funds (unless specifically exempted by statute), and bond and interest funds. Although directory, rather than mandatory, the statutes provide for the following sequence and timetable in the adoption of the legal annual operating budget:

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Budgetary Information (Continued)

1. Preparation of the budget for the succeeding fiscal year on or before August 1.
2. Publication in the local newspaper of the proposed budget and a notice of public hearing on the budget on or before August 5.
3. Public hearing on or before August 15, but at least ten days after the publication of a notice of hearing.
4. Adoption of the final budget on or before August 25.

If the District is holding a revenue neutral rate hearing, the budget timeline for adoption of the final budget has been adjusted to on or before September 20th. The District did hold a revenue neutral rate hearing this year for the 2023 budget.

The statutes allow for the governing body to increase the originally adopted budget for previously unbudgeted increases in revenue other than ad valorem property taxes. To do this, a notice of public hearing to amend the budget must be published in the local newspaper. At least ten days after publication, the hearing may be held and the governing body may amend the budget at that time. Budgets for the General, K-12 At Risk, and Special Education Funds were amended on June 12, 2023. Also, the budgeted expenditures in the General Fund were reduced to comply with the legal budget maximum based upon enrollment.

The statutes permit transferring budgeted amounts between line items within an individual fund. However, such statutes prohibit expenditures in excess of the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures of individual funds. Budget comparison statements are presented as regulatory required supplemental information for each fund showing actual receipts and expenditures compared to legally budgeted receipts and expenditures.

All legal annual operating budgets are prepared using the cash basis of accounting, modified further by the recording of accounts payable and encumbrances. Revenues are recognized when cash is received. Expenditures include cash disbursements, accounts payable and encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments of the municipality for future payments and are supported by a document evidencing the commitment, such as a purchase order or contract. Any unused budgeted expenditure authority lapses at year end. Expenditures which are reimbursed by third parties result in budget credits which increase the spending authority by the amount of the reimbursement.

A legal operating budget is not required for the Contingency Reserve, Textbook Rental, Title I, Title II A – Teacher Quality, ESSER, Early Childhood Jump Start, KDHE Testing Grant, Gifts and Grants, District Activity, Capital Project, and Scholarship Funds.

Spending in funds which are not subject to the legal annual operating budget requirement is controlled by federal regulations, other statutes or by the use of internal spending limits established by the governing body.

Compensated Absences

Employees may accrue 10 days of sick leave each year. An employee may accumulate up to 90 days of sick leave. At retirement the District pays $100 per day of accumulated unused sick leave to employees that qualify under the early retirement program. No other payments are made for unused sick leave.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Compensated Absences (Continued)

Full time, twelve-month employees accrue 20 days of vacation each year on June 30, which is to be taken within twelve months after year end.

The District determines a liability for compensated absences when the following conditions are met:

1. The District's obligation relating to the employee's rights to receive compensation for future absences is attributable to employee's services already rendered.
2. The obligation relates to rights that vest or accumulate.
3. Payment of the compensation is probable.
4. The amount can be reasonably estimated and is material to the financial statements.

In accordance with the above criteria, the District has not accrued a liability for sick pay or vacation pay.

Property Taxes

In accordance with governing state statutes, property taxes levied during the current year are a revenue source to be used to finance the budget of the ensuing year. Taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and become a lien on the property on November 1 of each year. The County Treasurer is the tax collection agent for all taxing entities within the County. Property owners have the option of paying one-half or the full amount of the taxes levied on or before December 20 during the year levied with the balance to be paid on or before May 10 of the ensuing year. State statutes prohibit the County Treasurer from distributing taxes collected in the year levied prior to January 1 of the ensuing year. Consequently, for revenue recognition purposes, taxes levied during the current year are not due and receivable until the ensuing year. At December 31 such taxes are a lien on the property.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Compliance with Kansas Statutes

The financial statement has been prepared in order to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of Kansas. As shown in the financial statements and required supplementary schedules, the District was in apparent compliance with all cash basis and budget laws of Kansas. The negative unencumbered cash balance in the Title II-A Teacher Quality, ESSER, and KDHE Testing Grant Funds are allowed since they will be reimbursed by federal grants.

3. CASH IN BANK AND DEPOSITORY SECURITY

K.S.A. 9-1401 establishes the depositories which may be used by the District. The statute requires banks eligible to hold the District’s funds have a main or branch bank in the county in which the District is located 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 District has no other policies that would further limit interest rate risk.

3. CASH IN BANK AND DEPOSITORY SECURITY (Continued)

K.S.A. 12-1675 limits the District'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 District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of credit risk. State statutes place no limit on the amount the District 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 District's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require the District'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%. All deposits were legally secured at June 30, 2023.

At June 30, 2023 the District's carrying amount of deposits was $10,281,896 and the bank balance was $12,569,192. The bank balance was held by three banks resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $699,270 was covered by federal depository insurance, and $11,869,922 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' agents in the District's name with a market value of $16,790,877. All deposits were adequately secured as detailed in the table below:

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RISK CATEGORIES	COMMERCE BANK	AMERICAN BANK	LABETTE BANK	TOTALS
(1) FDIC Insurance	$ 250,000	$ 250,000	$ 199,270	$ 699,270
(1) Collateralized with pledged securities held in the District's account	7,515,162	4,354,760	-	11,869,922
(2) Collateralized with pledged securities in Bank's account	-	-	-	-
(3) Uncollateralized	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BANK BALANCES	$ 7,765,162	$ 4,604,760	$ 199,270	$ 12,569,192
Total Market Value of Pledged Securities	$ 12,339,648	$ 4,451,223	$ -	$ 16,790,871

4. PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. The District 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 after 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 contributions 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 14.83 % and 13.33% respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate was 13.88% and 13.11% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Senate Substitute for House Bill 2052 authorized the delay of $64.1 million in fiscal year 2017 contributions. These contributions were set up as a long-term receivable. Payment is scheduled to be made in a series of twenty annual payments of $6.4 million dollars per year beginning in fiscal year 2018. Senate Substitute for House Bill 2002 authorized the delay of $194.0 million in fiscal year 2019 contributions. Payment is scheduled to be made in a series of twenty annual payments of $19.4 million starting in fiscal year 2020.

House Substitute for Senate Bill 109 from the 2018 Legislative session provided for additional funding for the KPERS School Group. A payment of $56 million was paid in fiscal year 2018. This bill also authorized a payment of $82 million in fiscal year 2019. The 2019 legislative session authorized an additional fiscal year payment for the KPERS School Group. 2019 Senate Bill 9 authorized a payment of $115 million for the KPERS School Group. House Substitute for Senate Bill 25 from the 2019 Legislative session authorized additional funding for the KPERS School Group in fiscal year 2020 of $51 million.

The 2021 Legislature passed House Bill 2405, which authorizes the State of Kansas to issue bonds with net proceeds of $500 million to fund a portion of the School unfunded actuarial liability. Senate Bill 159 recertified the State/School contribution rates for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. Fiscal Year 2022 was recertified from 14.09% to 13.33% and Fiscal Year 2023 from 13.86% to 13.11%. The bond proceeds were received by KPERS on August 26, 2021. The 2022 Legislature passed Senate Bill 421, which authorized the State of Kansas to

4. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

transfer $1.125billion from the State General Fund directly to KPERS in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. The first $253.9 million pays off the outstanding accounts receivable for KPERS-School employer contributions withheld in Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2019, discussed previously, while the remaining $871.1 million is applied to the KPERS-School unfunded actuarial liability. In Fiscal Year 2022, $600 million was transferred to KPERS. In Fiscal Year 2023, Senate Bill 421 authorizes two additional transfers which total $271 million.

The State of Kansas is required to contribute the statutory required employer's share except for retired District employees. The District is responsible for the employer's portion of the cost for retired District employees. The District received and remitted amounts equal to the statutory contribution rate, which totaled $960,257 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported by KPERS was $9,265,811. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the District's contributions 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, 2022. Since the KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting does not recognize long-term debt, this liability is not reported in these financial statements.

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.

5. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Early Retirement

A professional certified employee is eligible for early retirement if such person: (a) is currently a professional certified employee of the District; (b) will be at least 55 years of age and not more than 65 years of age on or before June 30 of the retiring year; (c) has 15 years or more of service with the District. Early retirement is entirely voluntary and at the discretion of an eligible employee. Retirement benefits are $100 per day of accumulated unused sick leave. The District funds these benefits on a pay as you go basis. The early retirement benefits are paid by making contributions to a section 403(b) Plan. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District contributed $48,000 to the plan.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District offered a one-time incentive to certified staff eligible to retire. Eligible staff could elect a lump sum or series of monthly payments. The required payments under the retirement incentive are listed below:

5. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Fiscal Year Ending	Payments
June 30, 2024	$ 48,000
June 30, 2025	13,000
June 30, 2026	1,000
June 30, 2027	-
June 30, 2028	-
	$ 62,000

Participation in Group Health Insurance Plan

As provided by K.S. A. 12-5040, retired employees are eligible to participate in the District's group health insurance plan until they have reached the age of 65. While each retiree pays the full amount of the applicable premium, conceptually, the District 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 these financial statements.

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the District 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. There is no cost to the District under this program.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees health and life; and natural disasters. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

7. TRANSFERS

FROM	TO	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	AMOUNT
General	Virtual Education	K.S.A. 72-3715	$ 14,700
General	Special Education	K.S.A. 72-3422	1,085,237
General	Career & Post Sec Ed	K.S.A. 72-5162	130,000
General	4 Year Old At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5154	40,000
General	K-12 At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5153	1,219,738
General	Food Service	K.S.A. 72-5164	6,035
Supplemental General	Career & Post Sec Ed	K.S.A. 72-5162	279,920
Supplemental General	K-12 At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5153	323,826
Supplemental General	4 Year Old At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5154	59,998
Supplemental General	Special Education	K.S.A. 72-3422	600,586
Supplemental General	Professional Development	K.S.A. 72-2552	30,000
Supplemental General	Textbook Rental	K.S.A. 72-3355	100,000

8. CAPITAL PROJECTS

The District issued Series 2021 bonds with a face value of $14,750,000 for improvements to the Central Campus, High School, and other necessary improvements. Total proceeds from the bonds were $15,169,950. Expenditures on the project to date are $8,822,748.

9. AMENDED BUDGETS

On June 12, 2023, the District amended their budgets of allowed expenditures in the General, K-12 At Risk, and Special Education Funds. The total expenditures allowed on the original and amended budgets are shown below:

Fund	Original Adopted Budgeted Expenditures	Increase	Amdended Budgeted Expenditures
General Fund	$ 8,044,416	$ 230,670	$ 8,275,086
K-12 At Risk Fund	1,247,156	306,440	1,553,596
Special Education Fund	1,566,370	3,103	1,569,473

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to June 30, 2023 through April 30, 2024, the date the financial statement was available for issue. During this period, there were no subsequent events requiring recognition in the financial statement or disclosure in the notes to the financial statements..

11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Attached are schedules detailing the long-term debt and its maturity.

Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt

Issue	Interest Rates	Date of Issue	Amount of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Balances Beginning of Year	Additions / New Debt	Reductions / PrincipalPaid	Balances End of Year	Interest Paid
General Obligation Bonds									
Series 2021	2.5 - 4.0%	10/28/2021	$ 14,750,000	9/1/2046	$ 14,750,000	$ -	$ 340,000	$ 14,410,000	$ 394,738
Capital Lease									
HVAC Lease	3.72%	4/10/2018	$ 1,470,686	6/12/2025	681,629	-	218,833	462,796	25,765
Apple Lease	1.93%	6/8/2019	157,684	7/15/2021	25,631	-	25,631	-	728
Apple Lease	1.49%	8/15/2020	78,045	8/15/2022	43,932	-	43,932	-	391
Apple Lease	0.89%	6/19/2021	130,625	6/19/2023	157,824	-	53,080	104,744	-
					$ 15,659,016	$ -	$ 681,477	$ 14,977,539	$ 421,621

Schedule of Maturities in Long-Term Debt

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 2033	2034 2038	2039 2043	2044 2048	Totals
PRINCIPAL										
General Obligation Bonds										
Series 2021	$ 415,000	$ 435,000	$ 450,000	$ 470,000	$ 490,000	$ 2,735,000	$ 3,060,000	$ 3,380,000	$ 2,975,000	$ 14,410,000
Capital Lease										
HVAC	227,105	235,690	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	462,795
Apple	52,137	52,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,744
	694,243	723,296	450,000	470,000	490,000	2,735,000	3,060,000	3,380,000	2,975,000	14,977,539
INTEREST										
General Obligation Bonds										
Series 2021	$ 379,638	$ 362,638	$ 344,938	$ 326,538	$ 307,338	$ 1,249,888	$ 903,988	$ 571,031	$ 150,813	$ 4,596,806
Capital Lease										
HVAC	25,765	17,493	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,258
Apple	943	476	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,419
	406,345	380,607	344,938	326,538	307,338	1,249,888	903,988	571,031	150,813	4,641,484
Total Principal and Interest	$1,100,588	$1,103,904	$ 794,938	$ 796,538	$ 797,338	$3,984,888	$ 3,963,988	$3,951,031	$3,125,813	$ 19,619,023

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

REGULATORY REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Summary of Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Funds	Certified Budget	Adjustment to Comply with Legal Maximum	Adjustment for Qualifying Budget Credits	Total Budget for Comparison	Expenditures Charged to Current Year Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
General Funds:						
General	$ 8,275,086	$ (72,270)	$ 168,427	$ 8,371,243	$ 8,371,243	$ -
Supplemental General	2,510,793	-	-	2,510,793	2,510,793	-
Local Sources						
4 Year Old At Risk	100,000	-	-	100,000	99,998	(2)
K-12 At Risk	1,553,596	-	-	1,553,596	1,543,564	(10,032)
Virtual Education	30,000	-	-	30,000	14,700	(15,300)
Capital Outlay	1,244,400	-	-	1,244,400	1,042,969	(201,431)
Driver Education	25,700	-	-	25,700	16,717	(8,983)
Food Service	737,000	-	-	737,000	683,032	(53,968)
Professional Development	45,120	-	-	45,120	36,942	(8,178)
Special Education	1,569,473	-	-	1,569,473	1,509,114	(60,359)
Vocational Education	430,000	-	-	430,000	413,273	(16,727)
KPERS Special Retirement	1,037,245	-	-	1,037,245	960,257	(76,988)
Bond and Interest Fund	734,738	-	-	734,738	734,738	(1)
	18,293,151					

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
GENERAL FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Grant	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Delinquent tax	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement	141,520	168,427	-	168,427
Interest	-	-	-	-
State Sources	-			
General Aid	6,843,740	7,237,109	7,251,064	(13,955)
Supplemental General Aid	-	-	-	-
KPERS Aid	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay Aid	-	-	-	-
Special Education Aid	994,874	965,707	1,024,022	(58,315)
Total Cash Receipts	7,980,134	8,371,243	$ 8,275,086	$ 96,157
Expenditures				
Instruction	3,019,870	3,126,895	$ 3,031,548	$ 95,347
Support Services				
Student Support	248,981	265,063	241,571	23,492
Instructional Support	154,408	161,564	150,200	11,364
General Administration	225,598	198,225	215,665	(17,440)
School Administration	754,382	761,464	787,100	(25,636)
Operations and Maintenance	418,991	412,484	437,070 #	(24,586)
Transportation	483,744	538,734	505,180	33,554
Central Services	421,517	411,104	443,500	(32,396)
Operating transfers to Other Funds				
4 Yr Old At Risk	30,110	40,000	40,000	-
K-12 At Risk	894,994	1,219,738	1,235,730	(15,992)
Virtual Education	22,224	14,700	30,000	(15,300)
Food Service	3,532	6,035	3,500	2,535
Capital Outlay	46,371	-	-	-
Contingency Reserve	-	-	-	-
Special Education	1,125,228	1,085,237	1,024,022	61,215
Career and Post Secondary Education	130,182	130,000	130,000	-
Adjustments to Budget				
Adjustment for Reimbursed Expenses		-	168,427	(168,427)
Adjustment for Legal Maximum		-	(72,270)	72,270
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	7,980,134	8,371,243	$ 8,371,243	$ -
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Advalorem tax	$ 1,214,747	$ 1,279,773	$ 15,466	$ 1,264,307
Delinquent tax	25,153	21,651	31,632	(9,981)
Motor vehicle tax	158,932	173,789	205,429	(31,640)
Other	-	-	6,925	(6,925)
State Sources	-			
Supplemental aid	1,016,983	1,048,256	1,048,256	-
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	2,415,815	2,523,469	$ 1,307,708	$ 1,215,761
Expenditures				
Instruction	643,495	91,102	$ 617,927	$ (526,825)
Support Services				
Student Support	-	-	-	-
Instructional Support	-	-	-	-
General Administration	172,657	197,880	186,000	11,880
School Administration	-	-	-	-
Operations and Maintenance	812,663	827,480	829,000	(1,520)
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Other Supplemental Services	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers to Other Funds				
Professional Development	-	30,000	-	30,000
Food Service	-	-		-
Special Education	199,390	600,586	200,000	400,586
4 Yr Old At Risk	61,873	59,998	60,000	(2)
K-12 At Risk	263,363	323,826	317,866	5,960
Career and Post Secondary Education	283,029	279,920	300,000	(20,080)
Textbook Rental	-	100,000	-	100,000
Adjustments to Budget				
Adjustment for Legal Maximum		-		-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	2,436,470	2,510,793	$ 2,510,793	$ -
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(20,655)	12,676		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	134,847	114,192		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 114,192	$ 126,868		

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COLUMBUS, KANSAS
4 YR OLD AT RISK FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Grant	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
Supplemental General	61,873	59,998	60,000	(2)
General Fund	30,110	40,000	40,000	-
Total Cash Receipts	91,984	99,998	$ 100,000	$ (2)
Expenditures				
Instruction	83,962	86,424	$ 91,200	$ (4,776)
Transportation	8,021	13,574	8,800	4,774
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	91,984	99,998	$ 100,000	$ (2)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

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COLUMBUS, KANSAS
K-12 AT RISK FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Grant	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
Supplemental General Fund	263,363	323,826	317,866	5,960
General Fund	894,994	1,219,738	1,235,730	(15,992)
Total Cash Receipts	1,158,357	1,543,564	$ 1,553,596	$ (10,032)
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,098,014	1,541,172	$ 1,490,996	$ 50,176
Student Support Services	60,343	2,393	62,600	(60,207)
Instructional Support	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	1,158,357	1,543,564	$ 1,553,596	$ (10,032)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
VIRTUAL EDUCATION FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Grant	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
Supplemental General Fund	-	-	-	-
General Fund	22,224	14,700	30,000	(15,300)
Total Cash Receipts	22,224	14,700	$ 30,000	$ (15,300)
Expenditures				
Instruction	22,224	14,700	$ 30,000	$ (15,300)
Student Support Services	-	-	-	-
Instructional Support	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	22,224	14,700	$ 30,000	$ (15,300)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Advalorem tax	$ 584,723	$ 620,863	$ 559,417	$ 61,446
Delinquent tax	11,485	10,177	15,118	(4,941)
Motor vehicle tax	80,373	85,191	102,557	(17,366)
Interest on idle funds	3,333	3,440	-	3,440
Miscellaneous	143,557	260,614	3,457	257,157
State Sources				
State Aid	171,628	215,554	217,986	(2,432)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	46,371	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	1,041,471	1,195,838	$ 898,535	$ 297,303
Expenditures				
Instruction	340,379	358,890	$ 570,000	$ (211,110)
Student Support	-	-	-	-
Instructional Support	-	-	-	-
General Administration	3,891	455	3,900	(3,445)
School Administration	34,019	33,777	95,000	(61,223)
Operations & Maintenance	62,953	330,896	110,000	220,896
Transportation	83,933	5,287	85,000	(79,713)
Central Services	35,286	19,606	35,500	(15,894)
Facility Acquisition and Construction	451,616	294,058	345,000	(50,942)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	1,012,077	1,042,969	$ 1,244,400	$ (201,431)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	29,394	152,869		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	962,534	991,927		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 991,927	$ 1,144,796		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
DRIVER EDUCATION FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Miscellaneous	$ 6,000	$ 6,700	$ -	$ 6,700
State Sources				
State aid	7,076	7,980	9,450	(1,470)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	13,076	14,680	$ 9,450	$ 5,230
Expenditures				
Instruction	14,534	16,717	$ 25,700	$ (8,983)
Support Services				
Operations and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	14,534	16,717	$ 25,700	$ (8,983)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,458)	(2,037)		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	45,138	43,680		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 43,680	$ 41,642		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
FOOD SERVICE FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Students	$ -	$ 119,019	$ 217,505	$ (98,486)
Adults	4,405	2,161	21,969	(19,808)
Other	3,541	4,103		4,103
State Sources				
State Aid	4,990	5,381	4,351	1,030
Federal Sources				
Child nutrition aid	674,791	528,560	314,589	213,971
Other	614	-		-
Operating Transfer from Other Funds	-			
General Fund	3,532	6,035	3,500	2,535
Supplemental General Fund	-	-		-
Total Cash Receipts	691,873	665,260	$ 561,914	$ 103,346
Expenditures				
Support Services				
Operations and Maintenance	630,955	683,032	$ 737,000	$ (53,968)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	630,955	683,032	$ 737,000	$ (53,968)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	60,918	(17,772)		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	138,489	199,407		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 199,407	$ 181,635		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Miscellaneous	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
State Sources				
State Aid	-	3,584	7,500	(3,916)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds	-			
Supplemental General Fund	-	30,000		30,000
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	-	33,584	$ 7,500	$ 26,084
Expenditures				
Support Services				
Instructional Support Staff	11,337	22,645	$ 15,120	$ 7,525
Other Support Services	-	14,297	30,000	(15,703)
Adjustments to Budget				
Adjustment for Reimbursed Expenses			-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	11,337	36,942	$ 45,120	$ (8,178)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(11,337)	(3,358)		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	60,250	48,914		
Prior Year Cancelled Encumbrance	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 48,914	$ 45,556		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Federal Sources				
Federal Aid	$ 23,873	$ 23,873	$ -	$ 23,873
Local Sources				
Interest	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	20,000	(20,000)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds	-			
Supplemental General Fund	199,390	600,586	200,000	400,586
General Fund	1,125,228	1,085,237	1,024,022	61,215
Total Cash Receipts	1,348,491	1,709,696	$ 1,244,022	$ 465,674
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,414,090	1,425,297	$ 1,460,623	$ (35,326)
Support Services				
Operations and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Transportation	99,640	83,817	108,850	(25,033)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	1,513,731	1,509,114	$ 1,569,473	$ (60,359)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(165,240)	200,582		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	490,691	325,451		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 325,451	$ 526,033		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
CAREER AND POST SECONDARY EDUCATION FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Miscellaneous	$ 6,052	$ -		$ -
State Sources				
State aid	-	-	-	-
Federal Sources				
Federal aid	-	3,353	-	3,353
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
Supplemental General Fund	283,029	279,920	300,000	(20,080)
General Fund	130,182	130,000	130,000	-
Total Cash Receipts	419,263	413,273	$ 430,000	$ (16,727)
Expenditures				
Instruction	407,393	399,648	$ 418,000	$ (18,352)
Student Support Services	11,870	13,625	12,000	1,625
Instructional Support	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	419,263	413,273	$ 430,000	$ (16,727)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
KPERS SPECIAL RETIREMENT FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
State Sources				
KPERS aid	$ 960,412	$ 960,257	$ 1,037,245	$ (76,988)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	960,412	960,257	$ 1,037,245	$ -
Expenditures				
Instruction	644,412	640,351	$ 700,000	$ (59,649)
Student Support	42,599	32,096	45,000	(12,904)
Instructional Support	11,911	16,328	13,000	3,328
General Administration	16,685	17,449	18,000	(551)
School Administration	80,666	86,644	90,000	(3,356)
Central Services (Other Personnel)	28,847	33,627	30,000	3,627
Operations and Maintenance	61,582	62,286	65,000	(2,715)
Trasnportation	47,371	46,792	50,000	(3,208)
Food Service	26,340	24,684	26,245	(1,561)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	960,412	960,257	$ 1,037,245	$ (76,988)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Miscellaneous	$ -	$ -
Operating transfer from:		
General Fund	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	-	-
Expenditures		
Instruction	-	-
Support Services		
Operations and Maintenance	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	244,688	276,997
Prior Year Cancelled Encumbrance	32,308	-
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 276,997	$ 276,997

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Fees/Reimbursements	$ -	$ -
Operating Transfer From		
Supplemental General Fund	-	100,000
Total Cash Receipts	-	100,000
Expenditures		
Instruction	27,531	59,759
Total Expenditures	27,531	59,759
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(27,531)	40,241
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	87,290	59,759
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 59,759	$ 100,000

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
TITLE I FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Grant	$ 241,033	$ 239,182
Total Cash Receipts	241,033	239,182
Expenditures		
Instruction	241,033	239,182
Total Expenditures	241,033	239,182
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
TITLE II - A TEACHER QUALITY
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Grant	$ 27,020	$ 60,334
Total Cash Receipts	27,020	60,334
Expenditures		
Instruction	42,030	45,324
Total Expenditures	42,030	45,324
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(15,010)	15,010
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	(15,010)
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ (15,010)	$ -

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
ESSER FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Grant	$ 620,453	$ 799,804
Total Cash Receipts	620,453	799,804
Expenditures		
Instruction	682,000	457,138
Support Services		
Student Support	68,677	96,321
Instructional Support	23,604	1,295
General Administration	4,302	6,474
School Administration	5,918	6,839
Operations and Maintenance	7,001	21,150
Transportation	22,689	16,338
Food Service	10,400	12,741
Total Expenditures	824,589	618,296
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(204,136)	181,508
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	(60,361)	(264,497)
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ (264,497)	$ (82,989)

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
EARLY CHILDHOOD JUMP START FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Grant	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Total Cash Receipts	10,000	10,000
Expenditures		
Instruction	10,000	10,000
Total Expenditurs	10,000	10,000
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
KDHE TESTING GRANT
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Federal Aid	$ 31,713	$ 82,022
Total Cash Receipts	31,713	82,022
Expenditures		
Program Expenditures	47,693	85,788
Total Expenditures	47,693	85,788
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(15,980)	(3,766)
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	(15,980)
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ (15,980)	$ (19,746)

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
GIFTS AND GRANTS FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Grant	$ 57,447	$ 54,004
Total Cash Receipts	57,447	54,004
Expenditures		
Instruction	51,282	74,115
Total Expenditures	51,282	74,115
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	6,165	(20,111)
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	14,079	20,244
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 20,244	$ 133

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
BOND AND INTEREST FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Ad Valorem Tax	$ 671,742	$ 738,029	$ 663,683	$ 74,346
Delinquent tax	-	6,560	18,031	(11,471)
Motor vehicle tax	-	57,541	32,194	25,347
Interest on idle funds	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
State Sources				
State aid	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	671,742	802,131	$ 713,908	$ 88,223
Expenditures				
Debt Service				
Principal	-	340,000	$ 340,000	$ -
Interest	137,192	394,738	394,738	(1)
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	137,192	734,738	734,738	(1)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	534,550	67,393		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	226,663	761,214		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 761,214	$ 828,607		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Bond Proceeds	$ 15,169,950	$ -
Interest Income	-	77,614
Total Cash Receipts	15,169,950	77,614
Expenditures		
Construction Costs	2,049,246	6,542,832
Total Expenditurs	2,049,246	6,542,832
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	13,120,704	(6,465,218)
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	13,120,704
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 13,120,704	$ 6,655,485

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
SCHOLARSHIPS FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Grant	$ 1,937	$ 2,469
Interest	89	79
Total Cash Receipts	2,026	2,548
Expenditures		
Scholarships	2,000	3,600
Total Expenditures	2,000	3,600
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	26	(1,052)
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	59,630	59,656
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 59,656	$ 58,604

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
AGENCY FUNDS
Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Beginning Cash Balances	Cash Receipts	Cash Disbursements	Ending Cash Balances
Agency Funds				
Columbus High School	$ 123,289	$ 264,612	$ 251,144	$ 136,756
Columbus Central School	27,479	14,840	15,286	27,033
Highland Elementary	25,300	6,960	19,236	13,023
Park Elementary	17,216	6,069	12,735	10,551
Totals	$ 193,284	$ 292,481	$ 298,402	$ 187,363

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
DISTRICT ACTIVITY FUNDS
Schedule of Receipts, Expenditures, and Unencumbered Cash
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Funds	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balances	Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balances	Plus Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Cash Balances June, 30 2023
Gate Receipts						
High School Athletics	$ 34,967	$ 152,483	$ 135,767	$ 51,682	$ -	$ 51,682
Middle School Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Gate Receipts	34,967	152,483	135,767	51,682	-	51,682
Food Service						
High School	-	36,466	36,466	-	-	-
Middle School	-	16,669	16,669	-	-	-
Subtotal Food Service						
Total District Activity Funds	$ 34,967	$ 152,483	$ 135,767	$ 51,682	$ -	$ 51,682

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE SECTION

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	AMOUNT RECEIVED	AMOUNT EXPENDED
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed Through State of Kansas			
Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	$ 116,191	$ 116,191
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	380,816	380,816
COVID-19 Summer Food Service Program	10.559	31,553	31,553
		528,560	528,560
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed Through the State of Kansas			
Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	218,231	218,231
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	60,334	45,324
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	20,951	20,951
COVID-19 Education Stabiliztion Fund (See Notes)	84.425D	391,392	251,697
COVID-19 Education Stabiliztion Fund (See Notes)	84.425U	432,285	390,472
		1,123,193	926,675
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed Through the State of Kansas			
Department of Education:			
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infections Diseases	93.323	82,022	85,788
TOTALS		$ 1,733,775	$ 1,541,023

Notes:

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting as set forth in the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide. Under the regulatory basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when cash is received. Expenditures include disbursments, accounts payable and encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments of the District for future payments and are supported by a document evidencing the commitment, such as a purchase order or contract.

The District did not elect to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under Uniform Guidance.

Total expenditures under the Education Stabiliztion Fund were $642,169 including $23,873 which was passed through to a subrecipient.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Finding 2021-001 and 2022-001 Drafting Financial Statements

Condition: The District's auditors provide significant assistance with preparing their financial statement in the regulatory basis format as well as determining which disclosures are required.

Recommendation: None

Current Status: The District continues to rely on their auditors to assist in preparing the financial statement and disclosures. The District periodically reviews the situation. The District continues to believe this is the most cost-effective way to produce their financial statement. This remains a current year audit finding.

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

Board of Education
Columbus Unified School District #493
Columbus, Kansas 66725

We have audited, 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, the financial statement and related notes to the financial statement of Columbus Unified School District #493 as of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstance for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. 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. 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 did identify certain deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item (2023-001) that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statement is free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain other matters that we reported to Management of the District in a separate letter dated April 30, 2024.

District's Response to Findings
The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the Corrective Action Plan. We did not audit the District's response and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPAs PA

DIEHL, BANWART, BOLTON, CPAs PA

April 30, 2024
Pittsburg, Kansas

Diehl
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Bolton
Certified Public Accountants PA

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

Board of Education
Columbus Unified School District #493
Columbus, Kansas 66725

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
We have audited the Unified School District #493's (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Unified District #493's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 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.

Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPAs PA

DIEHL, BANWART, BOLTON, CPAs PA

April 30, 2024
Pittsburg, Kansas

COLUMBUS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Type of auditors' report issued:

- Adverse for departures from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America due to preparation of financial statements in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.
- Unqualified opinion on the regulatory basis financial statements.

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _ *YES* _X_ *NO*
- Significant Deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? NONE _X_ *YES* _ *REPORTED*

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _ *YES* _X_ *NO*

FEDERAL AWARDS:

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _ *YES* _X_ *NO*
- Significant deficiency (ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? NONE _ *YES* _X_ *REPORTED*

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: UNQUALIFIED

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a) _ *YES* _X_ *NO*

IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS:

CFDA #	NAME OF PROGRAM
84.425	Covid19 Education Stabilization Fund

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _ *YES* _X_ *NO*

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs was $750,000.

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Significant Deficiency
2023-001 Drafting Financial Statements

Condition: As auditors, we provide significant assistance with adjusting entries, as well as determining which disclosures are required under the regulatory basis of accounting. This is a repeat finding from June 30, 2022, and was identified in that report as 2022-001.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place that provide a reasonable assurance that the financial statements are appropriate in form and contain the required disclosures.

Cause: Relying upon the independent auditors is a significant deficiency in internal controls as they can not be considered part of the District's internal control.

Effect: Since the District relies on independent auditors to determine the financial statements are in the correct form and include the proper disclosures, the District does not have controls in place for this.

Recommendation: None

Response: The District agrees with the finding. The District's response is in the attached Corrective Action Plan.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.

COLUMBUS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493 (USD #493)

June 30, 2023 Financial Statements

Corrective Action Plan

Audit Finding 2023-001

USD #493 has always relied upon its auditors to provide significant assistance with adjusting entries and with determining which disclosures were required under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the regulatory basis of accounting. While USD #493 understands that this is a significant deficiency in our internal controls, we believe it is the most cost-effective manner for us to produce our financial statements. Our accounting staff concentrate on providing the reports needed for management purposes and preparing the required reports for the Kansas Department of Education. We believe it would be inefficient and cost prohibitive for our staff to attempt to stay current on all the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the regulatory basis of accounting. We do not plan on making any changes at this time. However, we will monitor this situation and periodically determine if it is cost effective for us to perform these functions.