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, 2024

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 fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances of the Unified School District #493 Columbus, Kansas (the District), as of and for the fiscal year ended 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 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, 2024, or changes in financial position 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 District as of June 30, 2024, 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 Statement
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; 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.

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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial 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.

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, and the schedule of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash – district activity funds (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 basic financial statement, however are required to be presented under the provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are 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 March 10, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Prior Year Comparative Numbers

We also previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statement of the District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 (not presented herein), and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2024, 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 https://admin.ks.gov/offices/accounts-reports/local-government/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, 2024 (Schedule 2 as listed in the table of contents) is presented for 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.

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March 10, 2025
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, 2024

Funds	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
General Funds:						
General	$ -	$ 8,987,951	$ 8,987,951	$ -	$ -	$ (0)
Supplemental General	126,868	2,831,908	2,784,927	173,849	-	173,849
Special Purpose Funds:						
4 Yr Old At Risk	-	112,187	112,187	-	-	-
K-12 At Risk	-	1,904,547	1,904,547	-	-	-
Virtual Education	-	12,375	12,375	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	1,144,796	1,511,678	1,429,541	1,226,934	78,795	1,305,729
Driver Education	41,642	16,225	16,571	41,297	-	41,297
Food Service	181,635	688,896	750,974	119,558	-	119,558
Professional Development	45,556	66,161	45,756	65,961	-	65,961
Special Education	526,033	1,798,973	1,523,298	801,708	-	801,708
Career and Post Secondary Education	-	452,093	452,093	-	-	-
KPERS Special Retirement	-	945,000	945,000	-	-	-
Contingency Reserve	276,997	44,954	-	321,951	-	321,951
Textbook Rental	100,000	63,742	53,152	110,589	-	110,589
Title I	-	259,296	259,296	-	-	-
Title II -A Teacher Quality	-	42,052	42,052	-	-	-
ESSER	(82,989)	958,525	927,288	(51,752)	-	(51,752)
Early Childhood Jump Start	-	10,000	9,566	434	-	434
KDHE Testing Grant	(19,746)	186,477	178,557	(11,826)	-	(11,826)
Gifts and Grants	133	131,913	114,750	17,297	-	17,297
District Activity Funds	51,682	138,338	142,420	47,601	-	47,601
Bond and Interest Fund	828,607	956,631	794,638	990,600	-	990,600
Capital Projects Fund	6,655,485	184,791	6,666,423	173,853	-	173,853
Scholarships	58,604	1,030	1,000	58,634	-	58,634
Total Entity (Excluding Agency Funds)	$ 9,935,304	$ 22,305,743	$ 28,154,359	$ 4,086,688	$ 78,795	$ 4,165,483

Composition of Cash	
District Checking Accounts	$ 3,544,979
Activity Checking Accounts	262,440
Petty Cash	-
Certificates of Deposit	525,000
Scholarship Certificates of Deposit	47,903
Total Cash	4,380,321
Agency Funds per Schedule 3	(214,839)
Total Reporting Entity	$ 4,165,483

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, 2024

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

Kansas Statutes require that an annual operating budget be legally adopted for the general fund. 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.

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 and K-12 At Risk Funds were amended on May 13, 2024. 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, 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.

Qualifying Budget Credits

Expenditures in various funds include expenditures not subject to the budget laws of the State of Kansas, which include reimbursed expenses and grant expenditures.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Qualifying Budget Credits (Continued)
Reimbursed expenses are defined as repayments of amounts remitted on behalf of another party. All reimbursed expenses shown in the financial statements meet the following criteria: 1) the related disbursement was made in the current year on behalf of the payee, 2) the item paid for was directly identifiable as having been used by or provided to the payee, and 3) the amount of the reimbursed expense was directly tied to the amount of the original cash disbursement.

Expenditures in the General Fund include expenditures in connection with reimbursements and/or grants received by the District. These are reimbursement type grants whereby grant money is received to reimburse the District for actual grant expenditures paid. These expenditures are similar to reimbursed expenses as discussed in the preceding paragraph.

Deposits and Investments
Deposits and investments are comprised of interest-bearing checking accounts and certificates of deposit. Kansas statutes permit investment in savings accounts, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, and obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

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.

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.

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, 2024, the District contributed $14,000 to the plan.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Early Retirement (Continued)
During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 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:

Fiscal Year Ending	Payments
June 30, 2025	$ 13,000
June 30, 2026	1,000
	$ 14,000

Termination and Post Employment Benefits
No termination benefits are provided to District employees when employment with the District ends except for the accrued compensated absences as discussed above and early retirement benefits.

As provided by K.S.A. 12-5040, the District allows retirees to participate in the group health insurance plan. While each retiree pays the full amount of the applicable premium, conceptually, the local government is subsidizing the retirees because each participant is charged a level of 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 government 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.

Reimbursements
The District records reimbursable expenditures in the fund that makes the disbursement and records reimbursements as a receipt to the fund that receives the reimbursement. For purposes of budgetary comparison, the expenditures are properly offset by the reimbursements under the KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting.

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 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.

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, but has limited the investments to time deposits at local banks.

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, 2024.

At June 30, 2024, the District's carrying amount of deposits was $4,380,321.48 and the bank balance was $5,697,506.86. The bank balance was held by three banks resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, $1,001,950.58 was covered by federal depository insurance, $1,000,000 was covered by a letter of credit, and $3,695,556.28 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' agents in the District's name with a market value of $4,887,937.37.

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.

4. **PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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 13.88% and 13.11% respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate was 13.11% and 12.57% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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 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.

4. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

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 $945,000.00 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 $7,977,042. The total net pension liability was $10,290,856,809. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024. 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, 2024. Since the KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting does not recognize long-term debt, this liability is not reported in these 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.

5. 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.

6. CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of operations, the District participates in various federal or state grant programs from year to year. The grant programs are often subject to additional audits by agents of the granting agency, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with the specific conditions of the grant. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as a result of these audits cannot be reasonably determined at this time, although it is believed the amount, if any, would not be material.

7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Operating transfers are routinely made from the General and Supplemental General Funds to other funds as allowed by Kansas Statutes. Operating transfers were as follows:

7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS (Continued)

FROM	TO	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	AMOUNT
General	Virtual Education	K.S.A. 72-3715	$ 12,374.96
General	Special Education	K.S.A. 72-3422	998,973.00
General	Career & Post Sec Ed	K.S.A. 72-5162	126,774.12
General	4 Year Old At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5154	54,886.62
General	K-12 At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5153	1,519,391.85
General	Food Service	K.S.A. 72-5164	2,014.80
General	Capital Outlay	K.S.A. 72-6428	270,000.00
General	Contingency Reserve	K.S.A. 72-6428	44,954.40
Supplemental General	Career & Post Sec Ed	K.S.A. 72-5162	320,000.00
Supplemental General	K-12 At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5153	385,155.00
Supplemental General	4 Year Old At Risk	K.S.A. 72-5154	57,300.00
Supplemental General	Special Education	K.S.A. 72-3422	800,000.00
Supplemental General	Professional Development	K.S.A. 72-2552	60,000.00
Supplemental General	Textbook Rental	K.S.A. 72-3355	63,741.50

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 $15,489,171.

9. AMENDED BUDGETS

On May 13, 2024, the District amended their budgets of allowed expenditures in the General and K-12 At Risk 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	$ 8,685,885	$ 239,645	$ 8,925,530
K-12 At Risk Fund	1,666,984	270,279	1,937,263

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to June 30, 2024 through March 10, 2025, 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 statement.

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	$14,410,000	$ -	$ 415,000	$13,995,000	$379,638
Finance Leases									
HVAC Lease	3.72%	4/10/2018	$ 1,470,686	6/12/2025	462,796	-	227,105	235,691	17,493
Apple Lease	89.00%	6/19/2021	130,625	6/19/2023	104,744	-	52,137	52,606	-
Laptop and Bus Lease	6.90%	5/22/2024	597,467	5/30/2029	-	597,467	-	597,467	-
					$14,977,540	$ 597,467	$ 694,243	$14,880,764	$397,131

Schedule of Maturities in Long-Term Debt

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 2034	2035 2039	2040 2044	2045 2049	Totals
PRINCIPAL										
General Obligation Bonds										
Series 2021	$ 435,000	$ 450,000	$ 470,000	$ 490,000	$ 505,000	$2,820,000	$ 3,120,000	$3,450,000	$2,255,000	$ 13,995,000
Finance Leases										
HVAC	235,691	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,691
Apple	52,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,606
Laptop and Bus	108,015	113,521	119,208	125,181	131,452	-	-	-	-	597,377
	831,312	563,521	589,208	615,181	636,452	2,820,000	3,120,000	3,450,000	2,255,000	14,880,674
INTEREST										
General Obligation Bonds										
Series 2021	$ 362,638	$ 344,938	$ 326,538	$ 307,338	$ 287,438	$1,167,488	$ 842,188	$ 493,169	$ 85,438	$ 4,217,169
Finance Leases										
HVAC	8,909	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,909
Apple	473	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	473
Laptop and Bus	29,933	24,517	18,829.64	12,857.31	6,585.76	-	-	-	-	92,723
	401,953	369,455	345,367	320,195	294,023	1,167,488	842,188	493,169	85,438	4,319,274
Total Principal and Interest	$1,233,265	$ 932,975	$ 934,575	$ 935,375	$ 930,475	$3,987,488	$ 3,962,188	$3,943,169	$2,340,438	$ 19,199,948

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, 2024

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	$ 8,925,530	$ (87,145)	$ 149,566	$ 8,987,951	$ 8,987,951	$ -
Supplemental General	2,784,927	-	-	2,784,927	2,784,927	-
Local Sources						
4 Year Old At Risk	145,000	-	-	145,000	112,187	(32,813)
K-12 At Risk	1,937,263	-	-	1,937,263	1,904,547	(32,716)
Virtual Education	18,000	-	-	18,000	12,375	(5,625)
Capital Outlay	1,529,000	-	-	1,529,000	1,429,541	(99,459)
Driver Education	28,350	-	-	28,350	16,571	(11,779)
Food Service	818,311	-	-	818,311	750,974	(67,337)
Professional Development	48,210	-	-	48,210	45,756	(2,454)
Special Education	1,658,130	-	-	1,658,130	1,523,298	(134,832)
Vocational Education	470,000	-	-	470,000	452,093	(17,907)
KPERS Special Retirement	1,056,283	-	-	1,056,283	945,000	(111,283)
Bond and Interest Fund	794,638	-	-	794,638	794,638	(1)
	20,213,642					

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Current Year Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Reimbursement	$ 168,427	$ 148,138	$ -	$ 148,138
State Sources				
General Aid	7,237,109	7,893,505	7,926,557	(33,052)
Special Education Aid	965,707	944,880	998,973	(54,093)
Mentor Teacher Grant	-	1,428	-	1,428
Total Cash Receipts	8,371,243	8,987,951	$ 8,925,530	$ 60,993
Expenditures				
Instruction	3,126,895	3,000,161	$ 3,176,424	$ (176,263)
Support Services				
Student Support	265,063	288,858	290,390	(1,532)
Instructional Support	161,564	170,651	184,000	(13,349)
General Administration	198,225	292,145	235,000	57,145
School Administration	761,464	727,471	796,500	(69,029)
Central Services	411,104	380,329	425,450	(45,121)
Operations and Maintenance	412,484	518,593	422,900	95,693
Transportation	538,734	556,471	593,000	(36,529)
Other Support Services	-	23,902	15,000	8,902
Operating transfers to Other Funds				
4 Yr Old At Risk	40,000	54,887	60,000	(5,113)
K-12 At Risk	1,219,738	1,519,392	1,554,893	(35,501)
Virtual Education	14,700	12,375	18,000	(5,625)
Food Service	6,035	2,015	-	2,015
Capital Outlay	-	270,000	-	270,000
Contingency Reserve	-	44,954	-	44,954
Special Education	1,085,237	998,973	998,973	-
Career and Post Secondary Education	130,000	126,774	150,000	(23,226)
Driver Education	-	-	5,000	(5,000)
Adjustments to Budget				
Adjustment for Reimbursed Expenses	-	-	149,566	(149,566)
Adjustment for Legal Maximum	-	-	(87,145)	87,145
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	8,371,243	8,987,951	$ 8,987,951	$ -
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Advalorem tax	$ 1,279,773	$ 1,448,028	$ 1,304,772	$ 143,256
Delinquent tax	21,651	47,524	41,858	5,666
Motor vehicle tax	173,789	176,419	151,507	24,912
Reimbursements	-	15	-	15
State Sources				
Supplemental aid	1,048,256	1,159,922	1,159,922	-
Total Cash Receipts	2,523,469	2,831,908	$ 2,658,059	$ 173,849
Expenditures				
Instruction	91,102	71,402	$ 619,235	$ (547,833)
Support Services				
General Administration	197,880	158,206	263,056	(104,850)
Operations and Maintenance	827,480	869,122	945,900	(76,778)
Operating transfers to Other Funds				
Professional Development	30,000	60,000	-	60,000
Special Education	600,586	800,000	200,000	600,000
4 Yr Old At Risk	59,998	57,300	85,000	(27,700)
K-12 At Risk	323,826	385,155	351,736	33,419
Career and Post Secondary Education	279,920	320,000	320,000	-
Textbook Rental	100,000	63,742	-	63,742
Adjustments to Budget				
Adjustment for Legal Maximum	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	2,510,793	2,784,927	$ 2,784,927	$ -
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	12,676	46,981		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	114,192	126,868		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 126,868	$ 173,849		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	$ 40,000	$ 54,887	$ 60,000	$ (5,113)
Supplemental General	59,998	57,300	85,000	(27,700)
Total Cash Receipts	99,998	112,187	$ 145,000	$ (32,813)
Expenditures				
Instruction	86,424	98,927	$ 129,000	$ (30,073)
Support Services				
Transportation	13,574	13,260	16,000	(2,740)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	99,998	112,187	$ 145,000	$ (32,813)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
K-12 AT RISK FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual and Budget
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	$ 1,219,738	$ 1,519,392	$ 1,554,893	$ (35,501)
Supplemental General Fund	323,826	385,155	382,649	2,506
Total Cash Receipts	1,543,564	1,904,547	$ 1,937,542	$ (32,995)
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,541,172	1,902,047	$ 1,867,709	$ 34,338
Support Services				
Student Support	2,393	2,500	69,554	(67,054)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	1,543,564	1,904,547	$ 1,937,263	$ (32,716)
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	$ 14,700	$ 12,375	$ 18,000	$ (5,625)
Total Cash Receipts	14,700	12,375	$ 18,000	$ (5,625)
Expenditures				
Instruction	14,700	12,375	$ 18,000	$ (5,625)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	14,700	12,375	$ 18,000	$ (5,625)
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Current Year Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Advalorem tax	$ 620,863	$ 710,362	$ 751,415	$ (41,053)
Delinquent tax	10,177	20,787	30,470	(9,683)
Motor vehicle tax	85,191	84,793	109,198	(24,405)
Interest on idle funds	3,440	3,990	-	3,990
Reimbursements	260,614	165,611	-	165,611
State Sources				
State Aid	215,554	256,135	260,031	(3,896)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	270,000	-	270,000
Total Cash Receipts	1,195,838	1,511,678	$ 1,151,114	$ 360,564
Expenditures				
Instruction	358,890	543,085	$ 580,000	$ (36,915)
Support Services				
General Administration	455	12,110	5,000	7,110
School Administration	33,777	82,240	45,000	37,240
Central Services	19,606	22,156	32,000	(9,844)
Operations & Maintenance	330,896	338,300	210,000	128,300
Transportation	5,287	166,895	106,000	60,895
Other Support	-	-	6,000	(6,000)
Facility Acquisition and Construction	294,058	264,755	545,000	(280,245)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	1,042,969	1,429,541	$ 1,529,000	$ (99,459)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	152,869	82,137		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	991,927	1,144,796		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 1,144,796	$ 1,226,934		

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Reimbursement	$ 6,700	$ 6,800	$ -	$ 6,800
State Sources				
State aid	7,980	9,425	10,800	(1,375)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	-	-	5,000	(5,000)
Total Cash Receipts	14,680	16,225	$ 15,800	$ 425
Expenditures				
Instruction	16,717	16,571	$ 28,350	$ (11,779)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	16,717	16,571	$ 28,350	$ (11,779)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,037)	(346)		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	43,680	41,642		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 41,642	$ 41,297		

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Students	$ 119,019	$ 134,319	$ 120,326	$ 13,993
Adults	2,161	3,939	40,879	(36,940)
Other	4,103	5,202	-	5,202
State Sources				
State Aid	5,381	5,728	4,149	1,579
Federal Sources				
Child nutrition aid	528,560	505,092	471,321	33,771
Other	-	32,603	-	32,603
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	6,035	2,015	-	2,015
Total Cash Receipts	665,260	688,896	$ 636,675	$ 52,221
Expenditures				
Support Services				
Operations and Maintenance	-	8,492	$ 10,000	$ (1,508)
Food Service Operations	683,032	742,482	808,311	(65,829)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	683,032	750,974	$ 818,311	$ (67,337)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(17,772)	(62,077)		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	199,407	181,635		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 181,635	$ 119,558		

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
State Sources				
State Aid	$ 3,584	$ 6,161	$ 9,000	$ (2,839)
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
Supplemental General Fund	30,000	60,000	-	60,000
Total Cash Receipts	33,584	66,161	$ 9,000	$ 57,161
Expenditures				
Support Services				
Instructional Support	22,645	28,635	$ 48,210	$ (19,575)
Other Support	14,297	17,121	-	17,121
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	36,942	45,756	$ 48,210	$ (2,454)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,358)	20,405		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	48,914	45,556		
Prior Year Cancelled Encumbrance	-	-		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 45,556	$ 65,961		

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Federal Sources				
Federal Aid	$ 23,873	$ -	$ -	$ -
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	1,085,237	998,973	998,973	-
Supplemental General Fund	600,586	800,000	200,000	600,000
Total Cash Receipts	1,709,696	1,798,973	$ 1,198,973	$ 600,000
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,425,297	1,444,430	$ 1,553,230	$ (108,800)
Support Services				
Transportation	83,817	78,868	104,900	(26,032)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	1,509,114	1,523,298	$ 1,658,130	$ (134,832)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	200,582	275,675		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	325,451	526,033		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 526,033	$ 801,708		

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Carl Perkins grant	$ 3,353	$ 5,319	$ -	$ 5,319
Operating Transfer from Other Funds				
General Fund	130,000	126,774	150,000	(23,226)
Supplemental General Fund	279,920	320,000	320,000	-
Total Cash Receipts	413,273	452,093	$ 470,000	$ (17,907)
Expenditures				
Instruction	399,648	439,016	$ 455,000	$ (15,984)
Support Services				
Student Support	13,625	12,477	15,000	(2,523)
Instructional Support	-	601	-	601
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	413,273	452,093	$ 470,000	$ (17,906)
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Current Year Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
State Sources				
KPERS aid	$ 960,257	$ 945,000	$ 1,056,283	$ (111,283)
Total Cash Receipts	960,257	945,000	$ 1,056,283	$ (111,283)
Expenditures				
Instruction	640,351	613,508	$ 703,283	$ (89,775)
Support Services				
Student Support	32,096	37,198	50,000	(12,802)
Instructional Support	16,328	19,650	17,000	2,650
General Administration	17,449	19,974	18,000	1,974
School Administration	86,644	85,005	90,000	(4,995)
Central Services	33,627	28,638	35,000	(6,362)
Operations and Maintenance	62,286	67,515	63,000	4,515
Transportation	46,792	46,577	50,000	(3,423)
Other Support	-	-	30,000	(30,000)
Food Service	24,684	26,935	-	26,935
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	960,257	945,000	$ 1,056,283	$ (111,283)
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Operating transfer from:		
General Fund	$ -	$ 44,954
Total Cash Receipts	-	44,954
Expenditures		
Instruction	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	44,954
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	276,997	276,997
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 276,997	$ 321,951

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Operating Transfer From Supplemental General Fund	$ 100,000	$ 63,742
Total Cash Receipts	100,000	63,742
Expenditures		
Instruction	59,759	53,152
Total Expenditures	59,759	53,152
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	40,241	10,589
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	59,759	100,000
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 100,000	$ 110,589

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
TITLE I FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Grant	$ 239,182	$ 259,296
Total Cash Receipts	239,182	259,296
Expenditures		
Instruction	239,182	259,296
Total Expenditures	239,182	259,296
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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Grant	$ 60,334	$ 42,052
Total Cash Receipts	60,334	42,052
Expenditures		
Instruction	45,324	42,052
Total Expenditures	45,324	42,052
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	15,010	-
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	(15,010)	-
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ -

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
ESSER FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Grant	$ 799,804	$ 958,525
Total Cash Receipts	799,804	958,525
Expenditures		
Instruction	457,138	768,941
Support Services		
Student Support	96,321	40,776
Instructional Support	1,295	29,048
General Administration	6,474	1,078
School Administration	6,839	12,392
Central Services	-	6,456
Operations and Maintenance	21,150	24,915
Transportation	16,338	30,019
Food Service	12,741	13,664
Total Expenditures	618,296	927,288
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	181,508	31,237
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	(264,497)	(82,989)
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ (82,989)	$ (51,752)

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	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	6,849
Support Services		
Student Transportation Services	-	2,457
Food Service	-	260
Total Expenditurs	10,000	9,566
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	-	434
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	-	-
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ -	$ 434

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
KDHE TESTING GRANT
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Federal Sources		
Federal Aid	$ 82,022	$ 186,477
Total Cash Receipts	82,022	186,477
Expenditures		
Support Services		
Student Support	85,788	178,557
Total Expenditures	85,788	178,557
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,766)	7,920
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	(15,980)	(19,746)
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ (19,746)	$ (11,826)

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Grants	$ 54,004	$ 83,644
Federal Sources		
Mental Health Intervention Grant	-	13,650
School Safety and Secuity Grant	-	34,583
State Sources		
USD Contribution Checkoff	-	36
Total Cash Receipts	54,004	131,913
Expenditures		
Instruction	74,115	12,257
Support Services		
Student Support	-	35,820
Central Services	-	3,573
Operations & Maintenance	-	63,100
Total Expenditures	74,115	114,750
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(20,111)	17,164
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	20,244	133
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 133	$ 17,297

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, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

		Current Year		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance - Over (Under)
Cash Receipts				
Local Sources				
Ad Valorem Tax	$ 738,029	$ 840,076	$ 852,390	$ (12,314)
Delinquent tax	6,560	15,193	35,845	(20,652)
Motor vehicle tax	57,541	101,362	129,617	(28,255)
Total Cash Receipts	802,131	956,631	$ 1,017,852	$ (61,221)
Expenditures				
Debt Service				
Principal	340,000	608,969	$ 415,000	$ 193,969
Interest	394,738	185,669	379,638	(193,969)
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	734,738	794,638	794,638	(1)
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	67,393	161,994		
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	761,214	828,607		
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 828,607	$ 990,600		

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Interest Income	$ 77,614	$ 184,791
Total Cash Receipts	77,614	184,791
Expenditures		
Construction Costs	6,542,832	6,270,352
Furnishings and Equipment	-	396,071
Total Expenditurs	6,542,832	6,666,423
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(6,465,218)	(6,481,632)
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	13,120,704	6,655,485
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 6,655,485	$ 173,853

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
SCHOLARSHIPS FUND
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures - Actual
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Totals for the Prior Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Actual
Cash Receipts		
Local Sources		
Grant	$ 2,469	$ 969
Interest	79	61
Total Cash Receipts	2,548	1,030
Expenditures		
Scholarships	3,600	1,000
Total Expenditures	3,600	1,000
Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,052)	30
Unencumbered Cash, Beginning	59,656	58,604
Unencumbered Cash, Ending	$ 58,604	$ 58,634

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS
AGENCY FUNDS
Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements
Regulatory Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Beginning Cash Balances	Cash Receipts	Cash Disbursements	Ending Cash Balances
Agency Funds				
Columbus High School	$ 136,756	$ 281,207	$ 249,072	$ 168,891
Columbus Central School	27,033	10,903	11,907	26,029
Highland Elementary	13,023	10,228	12,971	10,280
Park Elementary	10,551	10,222	11,133	9,639
Totals	$ 187,363	$ 312,559	$ 285,083	$ 214,839

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, 2024

Funds	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balances	Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balances	Plus Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Cash Balances June, 30 2024
Gate Receipts						
High School Athletics	$ 51,682	$ 96,714	$ 100,935	$ 47,461	$ -	$ 47,461
Subtotal Gate Receipts	51,682	96,714	100,935	47,461	-	47,461
Food Service						
Middle School	-	14,462	14,462	-	-	-
Highland Elementary	-	9,916	9,776	140	-	140
Park Elementary	-	17,246	17,246	-	-	-
Subtotal Food Service	-	41,624	41,484	140	-	140
Total District Activity Funds	$ 51,682	$ 138,338	$ 142,420	$ 47,601	$ -	$ 47,601

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE SECTION

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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:			
Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative	10.185	$ 6,351	$ 6,351
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	133,012	133,012
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	365,928	365,928
COVID-19 Summer Food Service Program	10.559	32,404	32,404
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		531,343	531,343
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		537,694	537,694
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed Through the State of Kansas			
Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	237,756	237,756
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367A	42,052	42,052
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	21,540	21,540
COVID-19 Education Stabiliztion Fund (See Notes)	84.425U	958,525	927,288
Total U.S. Department of Education		1,259,873	1,228,636
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	186,477	178,557
TOTALS		$ 1,984,044	$ 1,944,887

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.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Finding 2022-001 and 2023-001 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.

Diehl
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Certified Public Accountants PA

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, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2025.

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 (2024-001) that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on 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 March 10, 2025.

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

March 10, 2025
Fort Scott, Kansas

Diehl
Banwart
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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Unified School District #493's (the District's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

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March 10, 2025
Pittsburg, Kansas

COLUMBUS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #493
COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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
2024-001 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, 2023, and was identified in that report as 2023-001.

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, 2024 Financial Statements

Corrective Action Plan

Audit Finding 2024-001

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 statement. 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.