

**JOPLIN SCHOOLS
JOPLIN, MISSOURI**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TOGETHER
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

**JOPLIN SCHOOLS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education
Joplin Schools

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Joplin Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Joplin Schools and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with modified cash basis of accounting described in Note A; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note A.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the management's discussion and analysis, on pages 4 through 11, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 25, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. 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 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.

Westbrook & Co., P.C.

Richmond Missouri
October 25, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

The discussion and analysis of Joplin Schools financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements, the notes to the basic financial statements and other supplementary information to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- The District's financial status, as reflected in total net position, decreased by \$12,884,044, due to completion of the construction project at Dover Hill Elementary and bond payments previously held in escrow.
- General revenues are reported at \$84,241,191. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating of grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions accounted for \$29,160,687.
- The District had \$126,285,922 in expenditures; \$29,160,687 of the expenditures were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions.
- Total assets of governmental activities were reported at \$79,704,168.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$57,721,583 in revenues and \$37,423,751 in expenditures. After transfers to other funds, the General Fund balance increased \$5,858,972 from 2022. The District transferred \$10,349,469 from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund and \$4,089,391 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances.

Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds.



Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the various funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities summarizes how the District as a whole performed financially during 2023. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting records revenues when collected and expenditures when paid, as explained in Note A to the financial statements.

These two statements report the District's net position and change in net position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or diminished. The cause of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, and some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Missouri, required educational programs, facility conditions and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the District reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where all of the District's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses four governmental funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. The District considers the following to be major funds: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

Governmental Funds

The District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future periods. These funds are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs.

Fiduciary Funds

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for healthcare funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

The District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position for 2023 and 2022:

TABLE 1

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 79,704,168	\$ 92,548,809
LIABILITIES		
Payroll liabilities	<u>1,563,405</u>	<u>1,524,002</u>
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Scholarships	910,099	897,169
Capital outlay	22,224,634	26,410,100
Debt service	6,170,269	20,727,819
Unrestricted	<u>48,835,761</u>	<u>42,989,719</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 78,140,763</u>	<u>\$ 91,024,807</u>

Unrestricted net position, the part of the net position that can be used to finance day-to-day activities without constraints established by grants or legal requirements, of the District is reported at \$48,835,761. The District has restricted net position of \$6,170,269 for debt service, \$22,224,634 for capital outlay, and \$910,099 for scholarships.

TABLE 2

The following table shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2023 and 2022.

REVENUES	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 4,347,537	\$ 3,766,914
Operating grants and contributions	23,859,886	25,025,048
Capital grants and contributions	<u>953,264</u>	<u>439,243</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>29,160,687</u>	<u>29,231,205</u>
General Revenues:		
Property taxes	41,512,088	38,454,445
Sales tax	10,578,052	9,985,835
Basic Formula	24,125,826	24,152,810
M & M surtax	2,162,367	2,094,219
State assessed utilities	1,724,876	1,752,724
Earnings on investments	3,673,457	3,553,312
Fines and escheats	258,904	190,671
In lieu of tax	32,255	35,680
Financial institution tax	30,829	264,506
Other revenue	<u>142,537</u>	<u>139,254</u>
Total General Revenue	84,241,191	80,623,456
Special item - bond proceeds	-	16,730,000
Total General Revenues and Special item	<u>84,241,191</u>	<u>97,353,456</u>
Total Revenues	<u>113,401,878</u>	<u>126,584,661</u>
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Instruction	43,788,882	42,209,526
Student activities	1,390,859	1,173,543
Student services	5,491,268	4,747,851
Instructional staff support	6,105,631	5,458,112
General administration and central services	6,259,813	5,772,461
Building administration	4,404,954	4,149,493
Operation of plant	9,154,481	8,141,528
Transportation	4,302,526	3,282,671
Food service	5,283,347	4,886,669
Community services	2,923,008	1,499,551
Facility acquisition and construction	12,167,767	20,411,783
Debt Service:		
Principal retirement	20,425,000	37,950,000
Interest and fees	<u>4,588,386</u>	<u>5,584,618</u>
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	<u>126,285,922</u>	<u>145,267,806</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(12,884,044)	(18,683,145)
Net Position Beginning of Year	<u>91,024,807</u>	<u>109,707,952</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 78,140,763</u>	<u>\$ 91,024,807</u>

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

General revenues accounted for \$84,241,191 in revenue. General revenues are composed primarily of receipts from taxes, \$41,512,088. Other sources of general revenues are federal, state, and local aid not restricted for specific purposes, interest and investment earnings and miscellaneous other sources.

The District had \$126,285,922 in expenditures, \$29,160,687 of these expenditures were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues were also expended to provide for these programs.

The Statement of Activities shows the costs of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. It identifies the costs of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

	2023		2022	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$ 43,788,882	\$ 28,985,868	\$ 42,209,526	\$ 21,748,115
Student activities	1,390,859	259,830	1,173,543	158,710
Student services	5,491,268	3,934,875	4,747,851	4,711,234
Instructional staff support	6,105,631	5,079,121	5,458,112	4,730,048
General administration and central services	6,259,813	6,015,605	5,772,461	5,772,461
Building administration	4,404,954	4,193,372	4,149,493	4,149,493
Operation of plant	9,154,481	8,049,105	8,141,528	8,081,968
Transportation	4,302,526	2,402,273	3,282,671	2,593,395
Food service	5,283,347	(4,507)	4,886,669	(346,311)
Community services	2,923,008	1,207,401	1,499,551	491,087
Facility acquisition and construction	12,167,767	11,979,892	20,411,783	20,411,783
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	20,425,000	20,425,000	37,950,000	37,950,000
Interest and fees	4,588,386	4,588,386	5,584,618	5,584,618
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 126,285,922</u>	<u>\$ 97,116,221</u>	<u>\$ 145,267,806</u>	<u>\$ 116,036,601</u>

Instruction includes activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and pupil.

Student activities includes activities that add to a student's educational experience but are not related to educational activities.

Student services include guidance and counseling, health services, as well as the costs of student attendance reporting.

Instructional staff support includes the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to pupils.

General administration and central services includes the expenditures associated with administrative and financial supervision of the district. It also includes expenditures related to planning, research, development and evaluation of support services, as well as the reporting of this information internally and to the public.

Building administration includes the cost of salaries and benefits for building level principals and office support staff.

Operation of plant activities involves keeping the school grounds, buildings, and equipment in an effective working condition.

Transportation includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by state law.

Food service includes the preparation, delivery, and servicing of lunches, snacks, and other incidental meals to students and school staff in connection with school activities.

Community services includes expenditure related to student activities provided by the District which are designed to provide opportunities for pupils to participate in school events, public events, or a combination of these for the purposes of motivation, enjoyment and skill improvement.

Facility acquisition and construction includes expenditures for land or existing buildings; improvements of grounds; construction of buildings, remodeling of buildings; initial equipment; additional equipment; and replacement of equipment.

Debt service involves the transactions associated with the payment of principal, interest and other related charges for debt of the District.

The District's Funds

The District's major funds are accounted for using the modified cash basis of accounting. All major funds had total revenues of \$113,401,878 and expenditures of \$126,285,922. The District's total fund balances decreased by \$12,884,044.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Missouri law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During the course of the fiscal 2023 year, the District amended its General Fund budget. The amendments were due to changes in expenditure priorities in the buildings and revenues that exceeded conservatively budgeted amounts. Several grants were awarded during the year that created budget adjustments. The District uses a budgeting system that estimates expenditures at a maximum and revenues at conservative levels. Site budgets are tightly controlled but provide flexibility for site management.

The District's ending General Fund balance was \$4,460,172 above the final budgeted amount.

Table 4
Debt Administration

The District had the following debt outstanding at June 30:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
2013 General Obligation Building Bonds	\$ 11,775,000	\$ 27,000,000
2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds	25,280,000	30,480,000
2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds	24,465,000	24,465,000
2020 General Obligation Building Bonds	25,000,000	25,000,000
2021 General Obligation Refunding Bonds	<u>16,730,000</u>	<u>16,730,000</u>
	<u>\$ 103,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 123,675,000</u>

The Series 2013 bonds in the amount of \$27,000,000 financed the acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, furnishing and equipping school facilities, including a new Joplin High School/Franklin Technical Center, a new East Middle School, two new elementary schools, and repairs and improvements to existing schools to include areas that will serve as community safe rooms (tornado shelters).

The Series 2016 bonds in the amount of \$43,780,000 financed the refunding of the outstanding Series 2007 bonds.

The Series 2017 bonds in the amount of \$24,465,000 refunded a portion of the Series 2012 and Series 2013 bonds.

The Series 2020 bonds in the amount of \$25,000,000 financed the acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school facilities, including constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school to replace both the existing Columbia Elementary and West Central Elementary Schools and constructing additional necessary facility space at Kelsey Norman Elementary School.

The Series 2021 bonds in the amount of \$16,730,000 were issued to advance refund \$20,000,000 of Series 2012 bonds on March 1, 2022.

Current Financial Issues, Concerns, and Outlook

Although Joplin Schools experienced challenges at all levels during fiscal year 2022-2023, overall, it was a successful year. Joplin Schools continues to maintain a secure financial foundation for stability and continuity of operations. We ended the year with strong unrestricted operational reserves, due in part to the receipt of additional ESSER and HEERF funding.

Working collaboratively, the administration and Board of Education focused on both delivering daily education to students and meeting the long-range goals of the District. Ensuring the continuation of adequate revenues for Joplin Schools to meet its recurring needs, as well as implementing the District's continuous improvement goals, will require continued vigilant oversight, especially with the increased inflation the District, state, and nation now faces.

Thanks in part to the receipt of ESSER funds, the District's fund balances have grown over the past several years. The administration is cautiously considering the impact of these one-time funds and is carefully planning to spend down excess balances without putting the district in financial crisis when those funds run out next year.

Dover Hill Elementary School opened for students on January 4, 2023. The excitement of the staff and students was phenomenal. This new elementary school replaced the two oldest schools in the district. The design included space for both classrooms and additional collaboration space for teachers and students. A special education suite that doubles as a storm shelter was also a major feature of the new building. The building project came in under the initial budget due to careful oversight by the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and the Director of Facilities.

The collaborative efforts of District staff, students, patrons, and Board of Education members has successfully guided the District through past years of extreme challenges to this point. Continued collaboration and cooperation will be essential for Joplin Schools to continue its commitment to addressing student needs through long-range planning and, at the same time, ensuring optimum use of its resources to meet the current educational needs of all students. Joplin Schools will continue to focus on "Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow."

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the funds received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer, Joplin Schools, P.O. Box 128, Joplin, MO 64802, phone (417) 625-5200.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>79,704,168</u>
LIABILITIES	
Payroll liabilities	<u>1,563,405</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Scholarships	910,099
Capital outlay	22,224,634
Debt service	6,170,269
Unrestricted	<u>48,835,761</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 78,140,763</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Expenditures	PROGRAM REVENUES			Net (Expenditure)
		Charges For Services	Operating Grants And Contributions	Capital Grants And Contributions	Revenue And Change in Net Position Governmental
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Instruction	\$ 43,788,882	\$ 2,010,734	\$ 12,513,197	\$ 279,083	\$ (28,985,868)
Student activities	1,390,859	1,131,029	-	-	(259,830)
Student services	5,491,268	-	1,070,087	486,306	(3,934,875)
Instruction staff support	6,105,631	-	1,026,510	-	(5,079,121)
General administration & central services	6,259,813	-	244,208	-	(6,015,605)
Building administration	4,404,954	-	211,582	-	(4,193,372)
Operation of plant	9,154,481	52,981	1,052,395	-	(8,049,105)
Transportation	4,302,526	-	1,900,253	-	(2,402,273)
Food service	5,283,347	567,597	4,711,243	-	(4,507)
Community services	2,923,008	585,196	1,130,411	-	(1,207,401)
Facility acquisition and construction	12,167,767	-	-	187,875	(11,979,892)
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	20,425,000	-	-	-	(20,425,000)
Interest and fees	4,588,386	-	-	-	(4,588,386)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 126,285,922</u>	<u>\$ 4,347,537</u>	<u>\$ 23,859,886</u>	<u>\$ 953,264</u>	<u>(97,125,235)</u>
			General Revenues:		
			Basic formula		24,125,826
			Property taxes		41,512,088
			Sales tax		10,578,052
			Earnings on investments		3,673,457
			State assessed utilities		1,724,876
			M&M surtax		2,162,367
			In lieu of tax		32,255
			Other revenue		142,537
			Fines and escheats		258,904
			Financial institution tax		30,829
			Total General Revenues		<u>84,241,191</u>
			Change in net position		(12,884,044)
			Net Position Beginning of year		<u>91,024,807</u>
			Net Position End of year		<u>\$ 78,140,763</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 49,900,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,369</u>	<u>\$ 6,170,269</u>	<u>\$ 22,224,634</u>	<u>\$ 79,704,168</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Payroll liabilities	<u>\$ 155,036</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,369</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,563,405</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	910,099	-	6,170,269	-	7,080,368
Committed	-	-	-	1,679,532	1,679,532
Assigned	2,660,013	-	-	20,545,102	23,205,115
Unassigned	<u>46,175,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,175,748</u>
Total fund balances	<u>49,745,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,170,269</u>	<u>22,224,634</u>	<u>78,140,763</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 49,900,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,369</u>	<u>\$ 6,170,269</u>	<u>\$ 22,224,634</u>	<u>\$ 79,704,168</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES:					
Local	\$ 41,206,689	\$ 6,919,834	\$ 10,078,519	\$ 3,115,638	\$ 61,320,680
County	1,347,559	258,904	377,317	-	1,983,780
State	3,536,023	23,570,438	-	2,913,819	30,020,280
Federal	10,672,376	7,533,713	-	611,895	18,817,984
Other	958,936	295,044	-	5,174	1,259,154
Total Revenues	<u>57,721,583</u>	<u>38,577,933</u>	<u>10,455,836</u>	<u>6,646,526</u>	<u>113,401,878</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	6,522,248	37,000,648	-	265,986	43,788,882
Student activities	1,357,398	-	-	33,461	1,390,859
Student services	2,601,904	2,876,365	-	12,999	5,491,268
Instruction staff support	2,224,346	2,760,710	-	1,120,575	6,105,631
General administration & central services	4,599,414	1,655,163	-	5,236	6,259,813
Building administration	1,218,063	3,186,891	-	-	4,404,954
Operation of plant	8,827,372	-	-	327,109	9,154,481
Transportation	3,427,418	-	-	875,108	4,302,526
Food service	5,168,441	8,449	-	106,457	5,283,347
Community services	1,477,147	1,439,176	-	6,685	2,923,008
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	12,167,767	12,167,767
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	-	-	20,425,000	-	20,425,000
Interest and fees	-	-	4,588,386	-	4,588,386
Total Expenditures	<u>37,423,751</u>	<u>48,927,402</u>	<u>25,013,386</u>	<u>14,921,383</u>	<u>126,285,922</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	20,297,832	(10,349,469)	(14,557,550)	(8,274,857)	(12,884,044)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers	(14,438,860)	10,349,469	-	4,089,391	-
Net change in fund balance	5,858,972	-	(14,557,550)	(4,185,466)	(12,884,044)
Fund balance, beginning	43,886,888	-	20,727,819	26,410,100	91,024,807
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 49,745,860</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,170,269</u>	<u>\$ 22,224,634</u>	<u>\$ 78,140,763</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>SELF INSURANCE FUND</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>4,001,431</u>
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	\$ <u>4,001,431</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	SELF INSURANCE FUND
	<u> </u>
Additions	
Contributions - Employees	\$ 2,235,794
Contributions - District	4,331,138
Interest income	<u>113,675</u>
Total additions	<u>6,680,607</u>
Deductions	
Administrative fees	966,880
Benefit claims	<u>6,314,589</u>
Total deductions	<u>7,281,469</u>
Change in Net Position	(600,862)
Net Position, beginning	<u>4,602,293</u>
Net Position, ending	<u><u>\$ 4,001,431</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles Used to Determine Scope of Entity: The District's reporting entity includes the District's governing board and all related organizations.

The combined financial statements of the District include all organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of the District. The District has implemented GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 34*. GASB Statement No. 61 amended GASB Statement No. 14. GASB Statement 61 modifies certain requirements for inclusion of component units in the financial reporting entity.

The District has determined that no other outside agency meets the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 61 and, therefore, no other agency has been included as a component unit in the District's financial statements.

Basis of Presentation: The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the District, except for fiduciary funds.

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

Fund-Financial Statements - During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

Fund Accounting: The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. District resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following funds are used by the District:

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Major Governmental Funds:

General Fund: Accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund: Accounts for and reports the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Debt Service Fund: Accounts for and reports the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

Capital Projects Fund: Accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlay, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Fiduciary Funds:

Self Insurance Fund: Accounts for transactions of the District's self-funded medical plan for the purpose of providing benefits to eligible employees.

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the total economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting as defined below.

Fund Financial Statements: All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement of focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach does not differ from the manner in which the governmental activities of the District-wide financial statements are prepared.

Basis of Accounting: In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and the fund financial statements, governmental activities are presented using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues and expenditures when they result from cash transactions. Also, salaries for teachers are recorded as expenditures paid in the fiscal year in which the obligation under the salary contracts are fulfilled by the teachers, even though a portion of such salaries are not paid until July and August of the following fiscal year. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pooled Cash and Temporary Investments: Cash resources of the individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and temporary investments which is managed by the District's Treasurer. Investments of the pooled accounts consist primarily of U.S. Government securities and certificates of deposit, carried at cost. Interest income received is allocated to contributing funds based on cash and temporary investment balances. The investment pool is available for use by all funds except the Debt Service Fund (State law requires that all deposits of the Debt Service Fund be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District).

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Vacation and Sick Leave: Vacation time and sick leave are considered as expenditures in the year paid. Sick leave may be accumulated and carried over, while vacation leave must be used or lost at the end of the fiscal year. Accumulated vacation pay will be granted upon termination at varying rates depending on the employee's rate of pay. Employees are not entitled to reimbursement of accumulated sick leave upon termination of employment.

Teachers' Salaries: In accordance with teacher contracts, payroll and benefits for July and August, 2023 related to 2022-2023 contracts in the amount of \$4,881,436 are included in the financial statements as an expenditure paid in the month of June. This practice has been consistently followed in previous years.

OPEB Liabilities: As the District uses the modified cash basis of accounting, other post-employment benefits liabilities are not reported in these financial statements. The District has not provided for an estimate of this liability to be performed.

NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial credit risk: For deposits, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. At June 30, 2023, the bank balances of the District's deposits totaled \$19,399,759. Of this amount, \$250,000 was covered by FDIC insurance and \$19,149,759 was supported by collateral, held by banks in the District's name that do not hold the collateralized deposits.

Interest rate risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District has a formal investment policy that minimizes the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and investing operating funds primarily in shorter term securities.

Credit risk: Credit risk is defined as the risk that an issuer or other counterparties to an investment in debt securities will not fulfill its obligation.

The District is participating in the program created by Senate Bill 301 administered by the Missouri Health and Educational Authority (MOHEFA). The program intercepts a portion of state aid and places those funds in escrow to pay the debt service requirement of the District's outstanding bonds. The District's investments in MOHEFA are not rated by any of the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The District had \$3,635,414 invested with MOHEFA at June 30, 2023.

The Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP) is professionally managed by PFM Asset Management LLC, a registered investment adviser, who is one of the nation's largest administrators of local government investment programs. All investments in the MOSIP pool are rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's and meet the permitted investment statutes for Missouri Schools. The District has \$39,246,501 invested with MOSIP at June 30, 2023.

MOCAAT is professionally managed by PMA Financial Network, a registered investment adviser, who is one of the nations' largest administrators of local government investment programs. All investments in the MOCAAT pool are rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's and meet the permitted investments statutes for Missouri Schools. The District had \$29,608,820 invested with MOCAAT at June 30, 2023.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (continued)

Concentration of credit risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single user. The District's investment policy states that the portfolio not have a concentration of assets in specific maturity, specific issuer, or specific class of securities.

NOTE C - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss from tort; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; natural disasters; employee injuries and illnesses; and employee health, dental and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters other than employee health and dental benefits.

The District participates in a self-funded medical plan covering substantially all employees. The plan operates on a fiscal year ended September 30. The administration of the plan is provided through a third party claims administrator. Plan contributions for employee and dependent coverage are made by the District and employees. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District made contributions of \$4,331,138 and employees/retirees contributed \$2,235,794 to the plan.

NOTE D - TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. Jasper County and Newton County collect the property tax and remit it to the District. The District also receives sales tax collected by the state and remitted based on weighted average daily attendance. The District is required to reduce its property tax levy by one-half the amount of sales tax estimated to be received in the subsequent calendar year. The District's voters have approved a waiver of the rollback and, therefore, the District was not required to reduce its levy for the calendar year 2022.

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

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$ 467,589,900
Agricultural	6,237,060
Commercial	336,187,030
Personal property	<u>309,369,946</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,119,383,936</u></u>

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE D - TAXES (continued)

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

	<u>Unadjusted</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
General Fund	\$ 2.9100	\$ 2.9100
Special Revenue Fund	-	-
Debt Service Fund	0.7500	0.7500
Capital Projects Fund	-	-
	<u>\$ 3.6600</u>	<u>\$ 3.6600</u>

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, aggregated approximately 101 percent of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above.

NOTE E - RETIREMENT PLAN

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

PSRS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death/survivor benefits. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of 5 years of service, (b) have 30 years of service or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 2.5% benefit factor. Beginning July 1, 2001, and ending July 1, 2014, a 2.55% benefit factor is used to calculate benefits for members who have 31 or more years of service. Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount. A Summary Plan Description detailing the provisions of the plan can be found on PSRS' website at www.psr-peers.org. Since the prior valuation date the benefit provisions were amended to make permanent an early retirement benefit allowing members to retire at any age after 25 years of service.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE E - RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

PSRS members were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary during fiscal year 2023. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay. Contributions for employees of the State of Missouri were made by the state in accordance with the actuarially determined contribution rate needed to fund current costs and prior service costs of state employees as authorized in Section 104.342.8 RSMo.

The District's contributions to PSRS for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$5,646,100 equal to the required contributions. The District's contributions to S-PSRS, the "2/3's statute", for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$30,455 equal to the required contributions.

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

PEERS is a defined benefit plan providing service retirement and disability benefits to its members. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of five years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 1.61% benefit factor. Members qualifying for "Rule of 80" or "30-and-out" are entitled to an additional temporary .8% benefit multiplier until reaching minimum Social Security age (currently age 62). Actuarially age-reduced retirement benefits are available with five years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount. A Summary Plan Description detailing the provisions of the plan can be found on PSRS' website at www.psr-peers.org.

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

The District's contributions to PEERS for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$1,350,408, equal to the required contributions.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE F - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year, the District transferred \$10,349,469 from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund to avoid deficit spending in the Special Revenue Fund.

The District also made \$4,089,391 total transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund which consisted of; \$88,957 food services capital outlay expenditures; \$55,770 area career center capital expenditures; \$416,352 transportation capital outlay expenditures; \$15,476 student activities; and \$3,512,836 necessary capital outlay expenditures. This revenue transfer is capped by an amount calculated annually by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

NOTE G - TAX ABATEMENTS

The District's 2022 property tax revenues were reduced by \$548,494 under agreements entered into by Jasper County, \$50,649 under agreements entered into by the City of Joplin, and \$9,018 in agreements entered into by Newton County. The District also received \$32,255 from Jasper County associated with these agreements.

NOTE H - LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in long-term debt during the fiscal year were as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2023	Amount due in one year
Bonds Payable	\$ 123,675,000	\$ -	\$ 20,425,000	\$ 103,250,000	\$ 5,700,000

NOTE I - BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable at June 30, 2023, consist of:

Series 2013 general obligation building bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2033; interest at 3.0 to 5.0%	\$ 11,775,000
Series 2016 general obligation refunding bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2027; interest at 2.0 to 4.0%	25,280,000
Series 2017 general obligation refunding bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2033; interest at 3.25 to 5.0%	24,465,000
Series 2020 general obligation building bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2040; interest at 2.0 to 3.0%	25,000,000
Series 2021 general obligation refunding bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2032; interest at 2.0 to 5.0%	<u>16,730,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 103,250,000</u>

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE I - BONDS PAYABLE (continued)

Debt service requirements to maturity are:

June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 5,700,000	\$ 3,472,488	\$ 9,172,488
2025	6,150,000	3,244,488	9,394,488
2026	6,580,000	2,998,488	9,578,488
2027	6,850,000	2,866,888	9,716,888
2028	7,370,000	2,661,388	10,031,388
2029	8,150,000	2,340,887	10,490,887
2030	9,285,000	1,962,387	11,247,387
2031	6,325,000	1,529,637	7,854,637
2032	10,265,000	1,276,637	11,541,637
2033	11,575,000	996,237	12,571,237
2034	-	620,050	620,050
2035	3,885,000	620,050	4,505,050
2036	4,000,000	503,500	4,503,500
2037	4,120,000	383,500	4,503,500
2038	4,245,000	259,900	4,504,900
2039	4,330,000	175,000	4,505,000
2040	4,420,000	88,400	4,508,400
	<u>\$ 103,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,999,925</u>	<u>\$ 129,249,925</u>

NOTE J - COMMITMENTS

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District entered into various contracts for improvements throughout the District and for the purchase of school buses. As of June 30, 2023, there were \$554,507 of costs remaining on these contracts.

NOTE K - LITIGATION

As of June 30, 2023, the District had several unsettled claims at various stages of litigation. At this time, outcomes cannot be predicted, however the District is vigorously defending against each claim.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE L - FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement No. 54 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 54) establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for all governments that report governmental funds. GASB 54 establishes criteria for classifying fund balances and clarifies definitions for governmental fund types.

GASB 54 establishes five (5) fund balance categories: Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned and Unassigned:

Nonspendable fund balance - Funds that cannot be spent due to their form (e.g., inventories and prepaid) or funds that legally or contractually must be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance - Funds that are mandated for a specific purpose by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - Funds that are set aside for a specific purpose by the District's highest level of decision-making authority. Formal action must be taken prior to the end of the fiscal year. The same formal action must be taken to remove or change the limitations placed on the funds.

Assigned fund balance - Funds that are set aside with the intent to be used for a specific purpose by the District's highest level of decision-making authority to a body or official who has been given the authority to assign funds. Assigned funds are residual amounts in governmental funds other than the General Fund. Assigned funds cannot cause a deficit in unassigned fund balance.

Unassigned fund balance - Excess funds that have not been classified in the previous four (4) categories. All funds in this category are considered spendable resources. This category also provides the resources necessary to meet unexpected expenditures and revenue shortfalls. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative fund balance.

The District's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance. First, nonspendable fund balances are determined. Then, restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE L - FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued)

As of June 30, 2023, fund balances are composed of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>
Restricted:				
Debt Service Scholarships	\$ - 910,099	\$ - -	\$ 6,170,269 -	\$ - -
Total restricted	<u>910,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,170,269</u>	<u>-</u>
Committed:				
Capital outlay	-	-	-	1,243,507
Technology	-	-	-	436,025
Total committed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,679,532</u>
Assigned:				
Capital projects	-	-	-	20,545,102
Food service	1,690,391	-	-	-
Student activities	969,622	-	-	-
Total assigned	<u>2,660,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,545,102</u>
Unassigned	<u>46,175,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 49,745,860</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,170,269</u>	<u>\$ 22,224,634</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES:				
Local	\$ 34,690,301	\$ 40,828,336	\$ 41,206,689	\$ 378,353
County	1,320,000	1,347,558	1,347,559	1
State	3,154,577	3,394,452	3,536,023	141,571
Federal	9,616,325	11,002,165	10,672,376	(329,789)
Other	<u>674,000</u>	<u>682,473</u>	<u>958,936</u>	<u>276,463</u>
Total Revenues	<u>49,455,203</u>	<u>57,254,984</u>	<u>57,721,583</u>	<u>466,599</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	6,178,485	8,004,932	6,522,248	1,482,684
Student activities	1,075,027	1,075,027	1,357,398	(282,371)
Student services	2,798,850	2,862,363	2,601,904	260,459
Instruction staff support	2,210,219	2,479,809	2,224,346	255,463
General administration & central services	5,188,095	5,173,924	4,599,414	574,510
Building administration	1,256,529	1,312,020	1,218,063	93,957
Operation of plant	9,429,247	9,723,934	8,827,372	896,562
Transportation	3,603,033	3,657,268	3,427,418	229,850
Food service	4,688,700	5,216,529	5,168,441	48,088
Community services	1,821,753	1,911,518	1,477,147	434,371
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>38,249,938</u>	<u>41,417,324</u>	<u>37,423,751</u>	<u>3,993,573</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	11,205,265	15,837,660	20,297,832	4,460,172
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers	<u>(14,487,995)</u>	<u>(15,706,562)</u>	<u>(14,438,860)</u>	<u>1,267,702</u>
Net change in fund balance	(3,282,730)	131,098	5,858,972	5,727,874
Fund balance, beginning	<u>43,886,888</u>	<u>43,886,888</u>	<u>43,886,888</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 40,604,158</u>	<u>\$ 44,017,986</u>	<u>\$ 49,745,860</u>	<u>\$ 5,727,874</u>

See accompanying notes to the budgetary comparison schedule.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES:				
Local	\$ 6,694,000	\$ 6,891,413	\$ 6,919,834	\$ 28,421
County	190,000	259,107	258,904	(203)
State	23,323,904	23,424,500	23,570,438	145,938
Federal	7,514,208	8,540,449	7,533,713	(1,006,736)
Other	<u>272,000</u>	<u>294,957</u>	<u>295,044</u>	<u>87</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>37,994,112</u>	 <u>39,410,426</u>	 <u>38,577,933</u>	 <u>(832,493)</u>
 EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	38,599,720	38,605,361	37,000,648	1,604,713
Student activities	-	-	-	-
Student services	2,976,640	2,995,740	2,876,365	119,375
Instruction staff support	2,956,647	2,939,314	2,760,710	178,604
General administration & central services	1,578,605	1,702,340	1,655,163	47,177
Building administration	3,284,535	3,225,535	3,186,891	38,644
Operation of plant	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Food service	9,115	9,115	8,449	666
Community services	1,373,087	1,550,192	1,439,176	111,016
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>50,778,349</u>	 <u>51,027,597</u>	 <u>48,927,402</u>	 <u>2,100,195</u>
 Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	 (12,784,237)	 (11,617,171)	 (10,349,469)	 1,267,702
 Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers	<u>12,784,237</u>	<u>11,617,171</u>	<u>10,349,469</u>	<u>(1,267,702)</u>
 Net change in fund balance	 -	 -	 -	 -
 Fund balance, beginning	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
 Fund balance, ending	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes to the budgetary comparison schedule.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES:				
Local	\$ 9,708,620	\$ 10,071,365	\$ 10,078,519	\$ 7,154
County	425,000	377,317	377,317	-
State	-	-	-	-
Federal	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	10,133,620	10,448,682	10,455,836	7,154
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	-	-	-	-
Student activities	-	-	-	-
Student services	-	-	-	-
Instruction staff support	-	-	-	-
General administration & central services	-	-	-	-
Building administration	-	-	-	-
Operation of plant	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Food service	-	-	-	-
Community services	-	-	-	-
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	17,025,000	20,425,000	20,425,000	-
Interest and fees	4,575,167	4,589,000	4,588,386	614
Total Expenditures	21,600,167	25,014,000	25,013,386	614
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(11,466,547)	(14,565,318)	(14,557,550)	7,768
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from sale of bonds	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	(11,466,547)	(14,565,318)	(14,557,550)	7,768
Fund balance, beginning	20,727,819	20,727,819	20,727,819	-
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 9,261,272</u>	<u>\$ 6,162,501</u>	<u>\$ 6,170,269</u>	<u>\$ 7,768</u>

See accompanying notes to the budgetary comparison schedule.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES:				
Local	\$ 2,426,000	\$ 3,090,882	\$ 3,115,638	\$ 24,756
County	-	-	-	-
State	2,572,450	2,747,624	2,913,819	166,195
Federal	-	684,782	611,895	(72,887)
Other	-	-	5,174	5,174
Total Revenues	<u>4,998,450</u>	<u>6,523,288</u>	<u>6,646,526</u>	<u>123,238</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	33,584	305,524	265,986	39,538
Student activities	-	17,671	33,461	(15,790)
Student services	-	14,992	12,999	1,993
Instruction staff support	500,000	1,121,250	1,120,575	675
General administration & central services	-	5,235	5,236	(1)
Building administration	-	-	-	-
Operation of plant	452,100	364,200	327,109	37,091
Transportation	694,000	885,197	875,108	10,089
Food service	125,000	235,458	106,457	129,001
Community services	-	6,234	6,685	(451)
Facility acquisition and construction	13,058,865	13,141,078	12,167,767	973,311
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fees	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>14,863,549</u>	<u>16,096,839</u>	<u>14,921,383</u>	<u>1,175,456</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(9,865,099)	(9,573,551)	(8,274,857)	1,298,694
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers	<u>1,703,758</u>	<u>4,089,391</u>	<u>4,089,391</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(8,161,341)	(5,484,160)	(4,185,466)	1,298,694
Fund balance, beginning	<u>26,410,100</u>	<u>26,410,100</u>	<u>26,410,100</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 18,248,759</u>	<u>\$ 20,925,940</u>	<u>\$ 22,224,634</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,694</u>

See accompanying notes to the budgetary comparison schedule.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 2023

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the District adopts a budget for each fund.
2. Prior to June 30, the Chief Financial Officer, who serves as the budget officer, submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures for all District funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year.
3. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
4. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Board of Education.
5. Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget information included in the financial statements.
6. Budgets for the District governmental funds are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting.

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY SOURCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
LOCAL:					
Property tax	\$ 32,956,333	\$ -	\$ 8,555,755	\$ -	\$ 41,512,088
Sales tax	4,578,052	6,000,000	-	-	10,578,052
M & M surtax	-	-	-	2,162,367	2,162,367
Financial institution tax	-	-	-	30,829	30,829
In lieu of tax	-	-	-	32,255	32,255
Earnings on investments	1,349,012	168,593	1,522,764	633,088	3,673,457
Tuition	-	745,741	-	-	745,741
Community services	259,800	-	-	202,820	462,620
Food service	567,597	-	-	-	567,597
Student activities	1,088,672	-	-	5,000	1,093,672
Other local revenue	407,223	5,500	-	49,279	462,002
Total Local	<u>41,206,689</u>	<u>6,919,834</u>	<u>10,078,519</u>	<u>3,115,638</u>	<u>61,320,680</u>
COUNTY:					
Fines and escheats	-	258,904	-	-	258,904
State assessed utilities	1,347,559	-	377,317	-	1,724,876
Total County	<u>1,347,559</u>	<u>258,904</u>	<u>377,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,983,780</u>
STATE:					
Basic formula	-	21,233,575	-	-	21,233,575
Transportation	1,660,319	-	-	-	1,660,319
Basic formula - classroom trust fund	532,137	-	-	2,572,450	3,104,587
Early Childhood Special Ed.	200,000	1,720,056	-	-	1,920,056
Career Education	7,456	594,820	-	153,494	755,770
Food service	16,617	-	-	-	16,617
High Need Fund - special education	585,984	-	-	-	585,984
Residential Placement	59,891	-	-	-	59,891
Adult Education & Literacy	35,524	21,987	-	-	57,511
Educational Screening Prog/PAT	396,724	-	-	-	396,724
Other state revenue	41,371	-	-	187,875	229,246
Total State	<u>3,536,023</u>	<u>23,570,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,913,819</u>	<u>30,020,280</u>
FEDERAL:					
Title I	710,186	2,232,897	-	-	2,943,083
Title II.A	162,118	174,509	-	-	336,627
Title III	30,308	-	-	-	30,308
Title IV	92,950	-	-	-	92,950
Adult Education & Literacy	-	131,534	-	-	131,534
Perkins Basic Grant	172,203	138,744	-	-	310,947
Medicaid	802,193	-	-	-	802,193
Individuals with Disabilities	1,362,858	-	-	-	1,362,858
Child Nutrition	4,273,205	-	-	-	4,273,205
Education for Homeless children & youth	75,301	84,951	-	-	160,252
Dept of Health food service program	421,421	-	-	-	421,421
Early Childhood Special Ed.	7,450	46,531	-	-	53,981
CARES - ESSER Fund	-	114,738	-	-	114,738
Reserve Officer Training Corps	-	51,850	-	-	51,850
IDEA grants	10,790	-	-	-	10,790
CRRSA - ESSER II	11,022	-	-	-	11,022
CRRSA - GEER II	7,985	-	-	125,589	133,574
ARP - ESSER III	2,102,066	4,366,444	-	-	6,468,510
ARP - Homeless Children and Youth	10,509	43,271	-	-	53,780
ARP - IDEA 611 Entitlement Funds	334,535	-	-	-	334,535
IDEA Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) 619	20,848	-	-	-	20,848
Other federal revenue	64,428	148,244	-	486,306	698,978
Total Federal	<u>10,672,376</u>	<u>7,533,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>611,895</u>	<u>18,817,984</u>
OTHER:					
Sale of property	-	-	-	5,174	5,174
Payments from other districts	958,936	295,044	-	-	1,253,980
Total Other	<u>958,936</u>	<u>295,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,174</u>	<u>1,259,154</u>
Total Revenues Collected	<u>\$ 57,721,583</u>	<u>\$ 38,577,933</u>	<u>\$ 10,455,836</u>	<u>\$ 6,646,526</u>	<u>\$ 113,401,878</u>

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING	PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR NUMBER	PASSED THROUGH TO SUBRECIPIENTS	EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Passed-through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	049-148	\$ -	\$ 1,065,874
National School Lunch Program	10.555	049-148	-	3,207,331
Non-Cash: Food Distribution Program	10.555	049-148	-	364,248
			-	4,637,453
Passed-through Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:				
Summer Food Service Program	10.559	ERS0461931S	-	238,003
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	4,875,456
Passed-through Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:				
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	ERS4618-1931	-	183,418
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	5,058,874
U.S. Department of Defense				
Direct:				
Reserve Officer Training Corps	12.000		-	52,399
Federal Communications Commission				
Direct:				
Emergency Connectivity Fund	32.009		-	495,853
U.S. Department of Education				
Passed-through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):				
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	049-148	-	1,579,398
COVID-19 - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027X	049-148	-	408,808
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	049-148	-	53,465
COVID-19 - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173X	049-148	-	26,048
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			-	2,067,719
Adult Basic Education Grant	84.002	049-148	-	136,103
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	049-148	-	3,167,375
Career and Technical Education Grants	84.048	049-148	109,531	292,100
Passed-through Crowder College:				
Career and Technical Education Grants	84.048		-	25,981
Total Career and Technical Education Grants			109,531	318,081
Homeless Education	84.196	049-148	-	201,611
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	049-148	-	43,627
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	049-148	-	153,539
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	049-148	-	135,982
Education Stabilization Fund:				
Passed-through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
COVID - 19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (GEER) Fund	84.425C	049-148	-	15,905
COVID - 19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund	84.425D	049-148	-	1,082
COVID - 19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund	84.425U	049-148	-	6,630,116
COVID - 19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP HOMELESS) Fund	84.425W	049-148	-	61,546
Direct:				
COVID - 19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Student Aid Portion	84.425E		-	139,731
COVID - 19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Institution Aid Portion	84.425F		-	205,233
Total Education Stabilization Fund			-	7,053,613
Direct:				
Student Financial Aid Cluster:				
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063		-	200,303
Federal Direct Student Loan Program	84.268		-	325,453
Total Student Financial Aid Cluster			-	525,756
Total U.S. Department of Education			109,531	13,803,406

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	FEDERAL ASSISTANCE LISTING	PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR NUMBER	PASSED THROUGH TO SUBRECIPIENTS	EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed-through Missouri Department of Social Services:				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		-	30,500
Passed-through Missouri Office of Refugee Administration:				
Afghan Refugee Children School Impact Grant	93.566		-	58,738
Passed-through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Cooperative Agreements to Promote Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance	93.079	049-148	-	250
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			-	89,488
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 109,531</u>	<u>\$ 19,500,020</u>

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Joplin Schools has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the

Note 2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Joplin Schools under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Joplin Schools, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, change in net position or cash flows of Joplin Schools.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S
ASSERTION ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED
REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

To the Board of Education
Joplin Schools

We have examined the administration's assertions, included in its representation letter dated October 25, 2023 that Joplin Schools complied with the requirements of Missouri Laws and Regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures; accurate disclosure by the District's attendance records of average daily attendance, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September 2022 and the number of students eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches on the last Wednesday of January 2023; and accurate disclosure by the District's pupil transportation records of the average students scheduled to be transported eligible and ineligible for state aid, the number of actual odometer miles eligible and ineligible for state aid and the allowable costs for pupil transportation during the year ended June 30, 2023. As discussed in that representation letter, the administration is responsible for the District's assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the administration's assertion about the District's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the administration's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the administration's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of administration's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the administration's assertion that the District complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2023, is fairly stated, in all material respects.

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

Westbrook & Co., P.C.

Richmond, Missouri
October 25, 2023

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS - UNAUDITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

County District Number 049-148

1. CALENADAR (SECTIONS 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, AND 171.033 RSMO)

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

School Code	Begin Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
7500	PK	PK		6.67	166	1,051.31
	K	05		6.83	170	1,150.33
	06	08		6.72	170	1,139.26
	09	12		6.83	170	1,130.97

2. ATTENDANCE HOURS

Report the total number of PK-12 student attendance hours allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance. Include only PK students allowed to be claimed for state aid in the calculation.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Remedial Hours	Other	Summer School	Total
7500	PK	51,626.16	722.00				52,348.16
	K-05	3,710,878.97	467.40	6,535.00	4,995.75	152,298.12	3,875,175.24
	06-08	1,749,939.49	468.93	5,377.95	1,013.04	29,174.69	1,785,974.10
	09-12	1,929,749.53	199,506.35	2,374.00	2,266.71	65,782.81	2,199,679.40
Grand Total		7,442,194.15	201,164.68	14,286.95	8,275.50	247,255.62	7,913,176.90

3. SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP

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

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
7500	PK	100.00			100.00
	K-05	3,478.00	1.62		3,479.62
	06-08	1,685.00	0.48		1,685.48
	09-12	2,035.00	158.25		2,193.25
Grand Total		7,298.00	160.35		7,458.35

**JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS - UNAUDITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

County District Number 049-148

4. FREE AND REDUCED PRICED LUNCH FTE COUNT (SECTION 163.011(6), RSMO)

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

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
1050	862.34	202.20			1,064.54
3000	282.12	59.00			341.12
3030	213.00	60.00			273.00
3050	324.00	86.00			410.00
4020	229.50	35.00			264.50
4030	265.00	59.00			324.00
4060	200.00	45.00			245.00
4100	139.04	31.00			170.04
4170	305.00	55.00			360.00
4180	129.00	17.00			146.00
4200	127.00	38.00			165.00
4260	202.00	40.00			242.00
4300	144.00	25.00			169.00
4320	167.00	33.00			200.00
Grand Total	3,589.00	785.20			4,374.20

5. FINANCE

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

Section	Question	Answer
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	True
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	True

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS - UNAUDITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

County District Number 049-148

	Academic Programs Off-Campus	True
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	True
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	N/A
	Dual enrollment	True
	Homebound instruction	True
	Missouri Options	True
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	True
	Remediation	True
	Sheltered Workshop participation	True
	Students participating in the school flex program	True
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	True
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	True
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	True
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's/charter school's treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that provides coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$250,000
5.6	The district's/charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual.	True
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools)	True
5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	True
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approved a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools)	N/A

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5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	True
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$263,773
5.13	The district/charter school has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	True

6. TRANSPORTATION (SECTION 163.161, RSMO)

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

Section	Question	Answer
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	True
6.2	The district's/charter school's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	True
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:	
	Eligible ADT	2,274.0
	Ineligible ADT	71.5
6.4	The district's/charter school's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	True
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total district/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:	648,918
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:	
	Eligible Miles	486,156
	Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)	162,762
6.7	Number of days the district/charter school operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:	168

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

To the Board of Education
Joplin Schools

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Joplin Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 25, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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

Westbrook & Co., P.C.

Richmond Missouri
October 25, 2023

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

To the Board of Education
Joplin Schools

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

In our opinion, Joplin Schools 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 (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Joplin Schools and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

Westbrook & Co., P.C.

Richmond Missouri
October 25, 2023

JOPLIN SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

• Material weakness(es) identified?

_____ Yes X No

• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

_____ Yes X None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

_____ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

• Material weakness(es) identified?

_____ Yes X No

• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

_____ Yes X None reported

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

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

_____ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies
 Special Education Cluster
 Education Stabilization Fund

AL No. 84.010
 AL No. 84.027 and 84.173
 AL No. 84.425

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

_____ Yes X No

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

None