

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF
AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
JUNE 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

The Honorable Board of Education
Avant Dependent School District No C-35
Osage County, Oklahoma
Avant, Oklahoma

OPINIONS

I have audited the accompanying combined fund type and account group financial statements—regulatory basis of Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

QUALIFIED OPINION ON REGULATORY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting" paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from regulatory basis transactions of each fund type and account group of Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2023, and the revenues collected and expenditures paid and encumbered for the year then ended on the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

ADVERSE OPINION ON U.S. GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

In my opinion, because the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the basic financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma as of June 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended.

BASIS FOR OPINIONS

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the comptroller General of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION ON REGULATORY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed asset account group, which is a departure from the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed asset account group is not known.

BASIS FOR ADVERSE OPINION ON U.S. GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by Avant School District No. C-35, on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Oklahoma State Department of Education, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to comply with the requirements of the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determined, are presumed to be material.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with financial reporting provisions of the Oklahoma State Department of Education to meet financial reporting requirements of the State of Oklahoma. 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.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY for the AUDIT of the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

My 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 my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing

standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, I:

- 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 Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma '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 my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma 's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The combining statements—regulatory basis, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is 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 my opinion, the combining statements—regulatory basis and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole arising from regulatory basis transactions.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated April 8, 2024 on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Ralph Osborn
Certified Public Accountant
Bristow, Oklahoma
April 8, 2024

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY
REGULATORY BASIS - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Fund Type				Fiduciary	Account	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Building	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Trust And Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 325,922	\$ 44,059	\$ 101,261	\$ 791	\$ 36,166	\$ -	\$ 508,199
Amount available in Debt Service fund	-	-	-	-	-	101,261	101,261
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	183,739	183,739
Total Assets	\$ 325,922	\$ 44,059	\$ 101,261	\$ 791	\$ 36,166	\$ 285,000	\$ 793,199
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
LIABILITIES							
Warrants payable	\$ 36,123	\$ 676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,799
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other groups	-	-	-	-	34,603	-	34,603
Long-term debt:							
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	285,000	285,000
Total Liabilities	36,123	676	-	-	34,603	285,000	356,402
FUND EQUITY							
Unreserved							
Designated for capital projects	-	-	-	791	-	-	791
Designated for debt service	-	-	101,261	-	-	-	101,261
Undesignated	289,799	43,383	-	-	1,563	-	334,745
Total fund equity	289,799	43,383	101,261	791	1,563	-	436,797
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 325,922	\$ 44,059	\$ 101,261	\$ 791	\$ 36,166	\$ 285,000	\$ 793,199

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

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
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 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES
 PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 REGULATORY BASIS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Debt</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>	<u>Insurance</u> <u>Fund</u>	
Revenues Collected						
Local Sources	\$ 473,781	\$ 76,686	\$ 93,573	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 644,040
Intermediate Sources	27,971	-	3,436	-	-	31,407
State Sources	191,597	1	1	-	-	191,599
Federal Sources	268,697	-	-	-	-	268,697
Non-Revenue Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues Collected	<u>962,046</u>	<u>76,687</u>	<u>97,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,135,743</u>
Expenditures Paid						
Instruction	458,987	-	-	-	-	458,987
Support Services	370,578	64,088	-	-	40,000	474,666
Non-Instruction Services	63,481	263	-	-	-	63,744
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	-	-	95,000	-	-	95,000
Interest and Fiscal Agent Charges	-	-	8,740	-	-	8,740
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>893,046</u>	<u>64,351</u>	<u>103,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>1,101,137</u>
Excess of Revenues Collected Over (Under) Expenditures Paid	69,000	12,336	(6,730)	-	(40,000)	34,606
Adjustments to Prior Year Lapsed Appropriations	15,966	-	-	-	-	15,966
Excess of Revenues Collected Over (Under) Expenditures Paid And Other Financing Sources (Uses)	84,966	12,336	(6,730)	-	(40,000)	50,572
Fund Balance, Beginning	204,833	31,047	107,991	791	41,563	386,225
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 289,799</u>	<u>\$ 43,383</u>	<u>\$ 101,261</u>	<u>\$ 791</u>	<u>\$ 1,563</u>	<u>\$ 436,797</u>

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AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
REGULATORY BASIS - BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund			Building Funds			Debt Service Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
Revenues Collected									
Local Sources	\$ 472,949	\$ 472,949	\$ 473,781	\$ 90,068	\$ 90,068	\$ 76,686	\$ 94,038	\$ 94,038	\$ 93,573
Intermediate Sources	27,537	27,537	27,971	-	-	-	-	-	3,436
State Sources	172,205	172,205	191,597	-	-	1	-	-	1
Federal Sources	824,344	824,344	268,697	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of Assets	(8,357)	(8,357)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues Collected	1,488,678	1,488,678	962,046	90,068	90,068	76,687	94,038	94,038	97,010
Expenditures Paid									
Instruction	1,701,973	1,701,973	458,987	121,115	121,115	-	-	-	-
Support Services	-	-	370,578	-	-	64,088	-	-	-
Non-Instruction Services	-	-	63,481	-	-	263	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Outlays	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service									
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	95,000	95,000	95,000
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,740	8,740	8,740
Total Expenditures Paid	1,701,973	1,701,973	893,046	121,115	121,115	64,351	103,740	103,740	103,740
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenses paid	(213,295)	(213,295)	69,000	(31,047)	(31,047)	12,336	(9,702)	(9,702)	(6,730)
Adjustments to Prior Year									
Lapsed Appropriations	8,462	8,462	15,966	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected Over (Under) Expenditures Paid And Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(204,833)	(204,833)	84,966	(31,047)	(31,047)	12,336	(9,702)	(9,702)	(6,730)
Fund Balance, Start of Year	204,833	204,833	204,833	31,047	31,047	31,047	107,991	107,991	107,991
Fund Balance, Ending of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 289,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,383	\$ 98,289	\$ 98,289	\$ 101,261

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of Avant Public Schools District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma (the District) have been prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting as prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The more significant of the District's policies are described below.

A. Reporting entity

The District is a corporate body for public purposes created under Title 70 of Oklahoma Statutes and accordingly is a separate entity for operating and financial reporting purposes.

The District is part of the public school system of Oklahoma under the general direction and control of the State Board of Education and is financially dependent on State of Oklahoma support. The general operating authority for the public school system is the Oklahoma School Code contained in Title 70, Oklahoma Statutes.

The governing body of the District is the Board of Education composed of elected members. The appointed superintendent is the executive officer of the District.

In evaluating how to define the District, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the District and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the District and is generally available to its patrons. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the District is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, there are no potential component units included in the District's reporting entity. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTA) is not included in the reporting entity. The District does not appoint any of the board members or exercise any oversight authority over the PTA.

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B. Fund Accounting and Description of Funds

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain district functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types."

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of governments' general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital projects fund), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service fund).

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all transactions, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include state and local property taxes and state funding under the Foundation and Salary Incentive Aid Program. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operation of the schools except the programs funded for building repairs and maintenance, school construction and debt service on bonds and other long-term debt. The general fund includes federal and state restricted monies that must be expended for specific programs.

Building Fund - The special revenue fund includes the District's Building Fund. The Building Fund consists of monies derived from property taxes levied for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, or repairing buildings and for purchasing furniture and equipment.

Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund is the District's sinking fund and is used to account for the accumulation of financial resources for the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related cost. The primary revenue source is local property taxes levied specifically for debt service.

Capital Projects Fund - The capital projects fund is the District's Bond Fund and is used to account for the proceeds of bond sales to be used exclusively for acquiring school sites, constructing and equipping new school facilities, renovating existing facilities, and acquiring transportation equipment.

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Proprietary Fund Types

Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of the net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods and services from such activities can be provided either outside parties (enterprise funds) or to other departments or agencies primarily within the District (internal service funds). The District does not have Proprietary Funds at this time.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside partners, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the District. When these assets are held under the terms of a trust agreement, trust funds are used for their accounting and reporting. Agency funds generally are used to account for assets that the District holds on behalf of others as their agent and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Account Groups

Account groups are not funds and consist of a self-balancing set of accounts used only to establish accounting control over long-term debt and general fixed assets not accounted for in proprietary funds.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group was established to account for all long-term debt of the District, which is offset by the amount available in the debt service fund and the amount to be provided in future years to complete retirement of the debt principal. It is also used to account for liabilities for compensated absences and early retirement incentives, which are to be paid from funds provided in future years.

General Fixed Asset Account Group - This account group is used to account for property, plant and equipment of the school district. The District does not have information necessary to include this group in its combined financial statements.

Memorandum Only - Total Column

The total column on the financial statements is captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flow in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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C. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The District prepares its financial statements in a presentation format that is prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. This format is essentially the generally accepted form of presentation used by the state and local governments prior to the effective date of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments*. This format significantly differs from that required by GASB 34.

The basic financial statements are essentially prepared on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements modified as required by the regulations of the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) as follows:

- Encumbrances represented by purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as expenditures when approved.
- Investments and inventories are recorded as assets when purchased.
- Capital assets in proprietary funds are recorded when acquired and depreciated over their useful lives.
- Warrants payable are recorded as liabilities when issued.
- Long-term debt is recorded when incurred.
- Accrued compensated absences are recorded as an expenditure and liability when the obligation is incurred.

This regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require revenues to be recognized when they become available and measurable, or when they are earned, and expenditures or expenses to be recognized when the related liabilities are incurred for governmental fund types; and, when revenues are earned and liabilities are incurred for proprietary fund types and trust funds.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. A preliminary budget must be submitted to the Board of Education by December 31 for the fiscal year beginning the following July 1. If the preliminary budget requires an additional levy, the District must hold an election on the second Tuesday in February to approve the levy. If the preliminary budget does not require an additional levy, it becomes a legal budget. If an election is held and the taxes are approved, then the preliminary budget becomes the legal budget. If voters reject the additional taxes, the District must adopt a budget within the approved tax rate.

The District may upon approval by the majority of the electors of the District voting on the question make the ad valorem levy for emergency levy and local support levy permanent. The District electors have made the levies permanent.

Under current Oklahoma Statutes, a formal budget is required for all funds except for trust and agency funds. Budgets are presented for all funds that include the originally approved budgeted appropriations and final budgeted appropriations as adjusted for supplemental appropriations and approved transfers between budget categories.

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E. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all cash on hand, demand deposits, and highly liquid investments, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash and cash equivalents.

Investments - Investments consist of certificates of deposit or direct obligations of the United States Government and Agencies with maturities greater than three months when purchased. All investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market value.

Property Tax Revenues - The District is authorized by state law to levy property taxes, which consists of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property within the District. The County Assessor, upon receipt of the certification of tax levies from the county excise board, extends the tax levies on the tax roll for submission to the County Treasurer prior to October 1. The County Treasurer must commence tax collection within fifteen days of receipt of the tax rolls. The first half of taxes are due prior to January 1. The second half is due prior to April 1.

If the first payment is not made timely, the entire tax becomes due and payable on January 2. Second half taxes become delinquent on April 1 of the year following the year of assessment. If not paid by the following October 1, the property is offered for sale for the amount of taxes due. The owner has two years to redeem the property by paying the taxes and penalty owed. If at the end of two years the owner has not done so, the purchaser is issued a deed to the property.

Inventories - The value of consumable inventories at June 30, 2023 is not known but is not believed to be material to the basic financial statements.

Capital Assets - The General Fixed Assets Account Group is not presented. The amount which would be included in it is not known.

Compensated Absences - Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. There are no amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Employees are allowed varying amounts of sick leave during the year in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes. Sick leave used during the year is recorded as an expense in the governmental fund. Vested accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits may be used in subsequent years, transferred to another District, or added to years of service upon retirement. Based on the District's experience it is not probable that District will pay for vested accumulated rights to receive sick leave. Therefore, a liability for vested accumulated sick leave has not been recorded.

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Long-Term Debt - Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group.

Fund Balance - Fund balance represents the cash and investments not encumbered by purchase order, legal contracts, and outstanding warrants.

F. Revenue, Expenses, and Expenditures

State Revenues - Revenues from state sources for current operations are primarily governed by the state aid formula under the provisions of Article XVIII, Title 70, Oklahoma Statutes. The State Board of Education administers the allocation of state aid funds to school districts based on information accumulated from the districts.

After review and verification of reports and supporting documentation, the State Department of Education may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of money for prior year errors disclosed by review. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenue of the year when the adjustment is made.

The District receives revenue from the state to administer certain categorical education programs. State Board of Education rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be expected only for the program for which the money is provided. These rules also require that the money not expended as of the close of the fiscal year be carried forward into the following year to be expended for the same categorical programs. The State Department of Education requires the categorical educational program revenues be accounted for in the general fund.

Interfund Transactions - Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund or expenditure/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

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2. Cash and Investments

The District's investment policies are governed by state statute. Permissible investments include direct obligations of the United States Government and Agencies; certificates of deposit of savings and loan associations, and bank and trust companies; and savings accounts or savings certificates of saving and loan associations, and trust companies. Collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit for all amounts not covered by federal deposit insurance.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of failure of counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investments. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are uninsured and uncollateralized. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the District, and are held by counterparty or the counterparty's trust department but not in the name of the District. The District's policy requires that all deposits and investments in excess of amounts covered by federal deposit insurance be fully collateralized by the entity holding the deposits or investments. As of June 30, 2023, all of the Districts deposits and investments were either covered by federal deposit insurance or were fully collateralized.

Deposits

The District had deposits at financial institutions with a carrying amount of approximately \$508,199 at June 30, 2023. The bank balance of the deposits at June 30, 2023 was approximately \$508,660.

Credit Risk

Fixed-income securities are subject to credit risk. However, the District did not have fixed income securities at June 30, 2023.

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's Treasurer and Board of Education monitor the District's investment performance on an ongoing basis to limit the District's interest rate risk. As of June 30, 2023, all of the District's deposits consisted of demand deposits.

3. General Long-Term Debt

State statutes prohibit the District from becoming indebted in an amount exceeding the revenue to be received for any fiscal year without approval by the District's voters. Bond issues have been approved by the voters and issued by the District for various capital improvements. These bonds are required to be fully paid serially within 25 years from the date of issue.

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General long-term debt of the District consists of bonds payable. Debt service requirements for bonds are payable solely from fund balance and future revenues of the debt service fund.

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions of the District for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Bonds	
	Payable	Total
Balance, July 1, 2022	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000
Additions	-	-
Retirements	(95,000)	(95,000)
Balance, June 30, 2023	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000

A brief description of the outstanding general obligation bond issues at June 30, 2023 is set forth below:

<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elementary School District No. C-35 Building Bonds, series 2018, original issue \$550,000, interest rate of 2.70% to 3.25%, due in annual installments of \$75,000 first payment then \$95,000, final payment of \$95,000 due August 1, 2025.	\$ 285,000
	\$ 285,000

The annual debt service requirements of bond principal and payment of interest are as follows:

Year ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 95,000	\$ 6,317	\$ 101,317
2025	95,000	3,824	98,824
2026	95,000	1,282	96,282
Total	\$ 285,000	\$ 11,423	\$ 296,423

The District paid \$8,740 interest on outstanding bonds during the fiscal year.

4. Employee Retirement System

The District participants in the state-administered Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (the "System"), which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System administered by the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System. The System provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Title 70 Section 17 of Oklahoma Statutes establishes benefit provisions and may be amended only through legislative action.

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The System's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting, except for accruals of interest income. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are made. Benefits and refunds are recognized when paid. The pension benefit obligation is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits. This pension valuation method reflects the present value of estimated pension benefits that will be paid in future years as a result of employee services performed to date and is adjusted for the effect of projected salary increases. There are no actuarial valuations performed on individual school districts. The System has an under funded pension benefit obligation as determined as part of the latest actuarial valuation.

The District, the State of Oklahoma, and the participating employee make contributions. The contribution rates for the District and its employees are established by and may be amended by Oklahoma Statutes. The contribution rates for the Districts, which are not actuarially determined, and its employees are established by statute and applied to the employee's earnings, plus employer-paid fringe benefits. The required contribution for participating members is 7% of compensation. Additionally, OTRS receives federal matching contributions for positions whose funding comes from federal sources or certain grants. The District and State are required to contribute 14% of applicable compensation. Contributions received by the System from the State of Oklahoma are from 3.54% of its revenue from sales tax, use tax, corporate income tax, and individual income tax. The District is required by statute to contribute 9.5% of compensation. The District is allowed by the Oklahoma Teacher's Retirement System to make the required contributions on behalf of the participating members.

Ten-year historical trend information is presented in the Teacher's Retirement System of Oklahoma Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2023. This information is useful in assessing the pension plan's accumulation of sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they become due. The annual report may be obtained by writing to Oklahoma Teacher's Retirement System, PO Box 53524, Oklahoma City, OK, 73152 or by calling 405-521-2387.

The Districts total contributions for 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$94,364, \$69,889 and \$56,252 respectively.

5. Contingencies

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustments by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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6. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees' health and life, and natural disasters. The District manages these various risks of loss through the purchase of commercial insurance. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

7. Subsequent Events

The District has considered subsequent events through April 8, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available for release. The District is not aware of any items which need to be disclosed during that period.

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
 OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY
 REGULATORY BASIS - ALL AGENCY FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2023

	Expendable Fund	Agency Fund	
	Insurance Recovery	Activity Funds	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,563	\$ 34,603	\$ 36,166
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,563</u>	<u>\$ 34,603</u>	<u>\$ 36,166</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Due to Others	\$ -	\$ 34,603	\$ 34,603
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>34,603</u>	<u>34,603</u>
Fund Equity:			
Unreserved/Undesignated	<u>1,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,563</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,563</u>	<u>\$ 34,603</u>	<u>\$ 36,166</u>

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

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
 OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 REGULATORY BASIS - ACTIVITY FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Non-categorical Funds	\$ 216	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216
8 th Grade	193	6,391	6,289	295
PTO	11,848	12,683	15,681	8,850
Cheerleaders	610	-	290	320
Miscellaneous	590	-	50	540
Michael's Journey Home	-	12,518	3,462	9,056
Athletics	435	2,500	2,865	70
Student Council	78	-	-	78
Donations	8,086	4,686	4,888	7,884
VVEC Adopt-A-School	330	-	-	330
Osage Nation/WOYC Grant	2,589	600	184	3,005
Maintenance	174	-	-	174
2 nd Grade Supply Fund	277	-	-	277
Earned Interest	110	34	-	144
Art Education	1,352	-	-	1,352
Coke Machine	1,207	190	-	1,397
Stem Grant	64	-	-	64
Library Book Fair	151	1,113	1,264	-
Student Activity	<u>551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>551</u>
Total Activities	<u>\$ 28,861</u>	<u>\$ 40,715</u>	<u>\$ 34,973</u>	<u>\$ 34,603</u>

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

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Grantor's CFDA#	Approved Number	Balance at July1,2022	Receipts	Expenditures*	Balance at June30,2023
U.S. Dept. of Educ.						
Direct Programs						
Title V, Subpart 1	84.358A		\$ -	\$ 5,317	\$ 5,317	\$ -
Total Direct			-	5,317	5,317	-
Passed Through State						
Department of Education						
Flow Through Part B	84.027		-	21,645	21,645	-
Preschool 3-5	84.173		-	424	424	-
Total IDEA Cluster			-	22,069	22,069	-
GEER/ESSER - INCENTIVE GRANT	84.425D		-	19,859	-	-
CRRSA ESSER II - FORMULA	84.425D		-	69,340	69,340	-
ARP ESSER III	84.425U		-	40,843	40,844	-
Total ESF Cluster			-	130,042	110,184	-
Title 1 Part A	84.010		-	40,540	57,355	-
Title II, Part A	84.367		-	6,815	-	-
Title IV, Student Support	84.424		-	10,000	-	-
Total Passed Through State Department of Education			-	209,466	189,608	-
Total U.S. Dept. of Educ.			-	214,783	194,925	-
Other						
Flood Control	12.112		-	76	-	-
Total Other			-	76	-	-
U.S. Dept. Of Agriculture						
Passed Through State						
Department of Education						
USDA Supply Chain Assistance	10.555		-	12,079	4,157	-
P-EBT Local Admin Funds	10.649		-	628	1,163	-
Emergency Oper Costs Reimb	10.553		-	-	713	-
School Breakfast Program	10.553		-	13,254	9,464*	-
School Lunch Program	10.555		-	27,877	33,162*	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	53,838	48,659	-
Passed Through State						
Department Of Human Services						
Child Nutrition Cluster						
Non-cash Asst. (Commodities)	10.555		-	4,470	4,470	-
Total U.S. Dept.Of Agriculture			-	58,308	53,129	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$273,167	\$ 248,054	\$ -

- Note 1 - * represents federal share of expenditures only.
- Note 2 - Commodities received in the amount of \$4,470 were of a nonmonetary nature and therefore the total revenue does not agree with the financial statements by this amount.
- Note 3 - This schedule is prepared using the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1C.
- Note 4 - The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

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

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
 OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
 STATEMENT OF STATUTORY, FIDELITY, AND HONESTY BONDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Bond Type	Bonding Company	Bond Number	Amount	Effective Date
Surety/Supedrinten.	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 100,000	07/25/21 - 07/25/22
Surety/Supedrinten.	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 100,000	07/25/22 - 07/25/23
Surety/Treasurer	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 100,000	07/25/21 - 07/25/22
Surety/Treasurer	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 100,000	07/25/22 - 07/25/23
Surety/Enc. Clerk	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 10,000	07/25/21 - 07/25/22
Surety/Enc. Clerk	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 10,000	07/25/22 - 07/25/23
Surety/Minute Clerk	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 10,000	07/25/21 - 07/25/22
Surety/Minute Clerk	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 10,000	07/25/22 - 07/25/23
Surety/Custodian Clerk	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 2,000	07/25/21 - 07/25/22
Surety/Custodian Clerk	RLI Surety	LSM1277120	\$ 2,000	07/25/22 - 07/25/23

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

The Honorable Board of Education
Avant Dependent School District No C-35
Osage County, Oklahoma
Avant, Oklahoma

I 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 accompanying fund type and account group financial statements - regulatory basis within the combined financial statements of Avant School District No. C-35, Osage County, Oklahoma (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated April 8, 2024 which was adverse with respect to the presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America because the presentation followed the regulatory basis of accounting for Oklahoma school districts and did not conform to the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. However, our report was qualified for the omission of the General Fixed Assets Account Group with respect to the presentation of the financial statements on the regulatory basis of accounting authorized by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I 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 my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-01.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-01.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control 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.

Sincerely,



Ralph Osborn
Certified Public Accountant
Bristow, Oklahoma
April 8, 2024

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Qualified on regulatory basis of accounting	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2023-01 Failure to maintain support documentation

Condition: The District failed to maintain support documentation for expenses and revenue.

Criteria: The District is required to retain all documents supporting financial transactions. These documents include notice for revenue received and invoices for expenditures.

Cause/Effect: The District was unable to provide documentation supporting financial transactions.

Recommendation: The District should maintain support documents for all financial transactions.

Districts Response: The district has made staffing changes to address this issue.

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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Status: The District has made staffing changes to address this issue.

AVANT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-35
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTANT'S PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT
JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

State of Oklahoma)
County of Creek)

The undersigned auditing firm of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, says that firm had in full force and effect Accountant's Professional Liability Insurance in accordance with the "Oklahoma Public School Audit Law" at the time of audit contract and during the entire audit engagement with Avant School District No. C-35 for the audit year 2022-2023.

Ralph Osborn, CPA
Auditing Firm

Ralph Osborn

By _____
Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 8th day of April, 2024.

Candice Neesmith
Notary Public

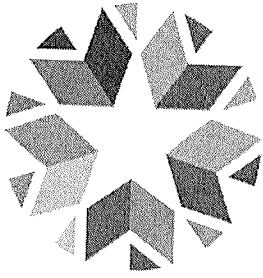
My commission expires on:

1st day of June, 2026

My commission number:

22007533





OKLAHOMA Education

AUDIT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Audit Year: 2022-2023

District Name Avant School District

District Number C-35

County Name Osage County

County Code 57

The annual independent audit was presented to the Board of Education in a meeting conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act 25 O.S. Section 301-314 on April 8, 2024.
(Date of Meeting)

The audit was presented by Ralph Osborn, CPA
(Independent Auditor)

(Independent Auditor's Signature)

The School Board acknowledges that as the governing body of the district, responsible for the district's financial and compliance operations, the audit findings and exceptions have been presented to them.

A copy of the audit, including this acknowledgment form, will be sent to the State Board of Education and the State Auditor and Inspector within 30 days from its presentation, as stated in 70 O.S. § 22-108:

“The district board of education shall forward a copy of the auditor's opinions and related financial statements to the State Board of Education and the State Auditor and Inspector within thirty (30) days after receipt of the audit.”

Signature of the Board of Education:

Superintendent

Board of Education President

Board of Education Vice President

Board of Education Member

Board of Education Member

Board of Education Member

Board of Education Member



Subscribed and sworn before me on 4/8/2024. My commission expires 6/1/2026.
(Sworn On)

(Notary Public)