

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS  
AND REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

**CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. K-002,  
BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Education  
Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative School District No. K-002  
Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma

### ***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying combined fund type and account group financial statements-regulatory basis of the Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative School District No. 7-K002, Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting" section of our report, the combined financial statements referred to above 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 the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the revenues it received and expenditures it paid and encumbered for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Oklahoma State Department of Education as described in Note 1.

### ***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" section of our report, the financial 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 the District, as of June 30, 2024, or the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and qualified audit opinions.

### ***Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

As discussed in Note 1, 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 or permitted 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 described in Note 1 to the financial statements, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the financial statements are prepared by the District, on the basis of the financial reporting regulations prescribed or permitted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting regulations prescribed or permitted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as described in Note 1, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of Oklahoma; this includes determining that the regulatory 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.

### ***Auditor's 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 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*, 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 fund type and account group financial statements-regulatory basis that collectively comprise the District's 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 combined financial statements-regulatory basis. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the fund type and account group financial statements within the combined financial statements-regulatory basis 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, except for the financial statements being prepared in compliance with the regulatory basis as prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as discussed in Note 1, the combining financial statements-regulatory basis and other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the combined financial statements-regulatory basis as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 22, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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November 22, 2024



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

The Honorable Board of Education  
Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative School District No. K-002  
Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the fund type and account group financial statements – regulatory basis of the Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative School District No. K-002, Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma (the “District”), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2024, which was adverse with respect to the presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States because the presentation followed the regulatory basis of accounting for Oklahoma school districts as provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. However, our report was qualified because the omission of the general fixed asset account group results in an incomplete presentation with respect to the presentation of financial statements on the regulatory basis of accounting authorized by the Oklahoma State Board of Education.

**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 District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 District’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 may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance 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*; however, we did note one immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have included in a separate letter dated November 22, 2024.

## **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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Bledsoe, Hewett & Gullekson*

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November 22, 2024

CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. K-002, BRYAN COUNTY  
DISPOSITION OF PRIOR YEAR'S SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES AND MATERIAL  
INSTANCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE  
JUNE 30, 2024

There were no prior year significant deficiencies or material instances of noncompliance.

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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT RESULTS, FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
JUNE 30, 2024

**Section 1** – Summary of Auditor’s Results:

1. An adverse opinion was issued on the combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and a qualified opinion was issued for the omission of the general fixed asset account group on the combined financial statements in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
2. The audit did not identify any material weaknesses and did not report any significant deficiencies not considered to be material weaknesses in the internal controls over financial reporting.
3. The audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance which are material to the financial statements.

**Section 2** – Findings relating to the financial statements required to be reported in accordance with GAGAS:

NONE

**COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS**

CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. K-002, BRYAN COUNTY  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE -  
 ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS - REGULATORY BASIS  
 JUNE 30, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE (CO-OP) FUND
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<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 1,402,854
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<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	
Liabilities:	
Warrants/checks payable	\$ 582,844
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	820,010
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,402,854
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The notes to the combined financial statements are an integral part of this statement

CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. K-002, BRYAN COUNTY  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 IN CASH FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE (CO-OP) FUND
	<u>                    </u>
Revenues Collected:	
Local sources	\$      5,476,876
State sources	670,079
Interest earnings	1,066
Total revenues collected	<u>          6,148,021</u>
Expenditures:	
Instruction	3,930,517
Support services	2,039,110
Total expenditures	<u>          5,969,627</u>
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures	178,394
Cash fund balances, beginning of year	<u>          641,616</u>
Cash fund balances, end of year	<u><u>      \$      820,010</u></u>

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

CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. K-002, BRYAN COUNTY  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE (CO-OP) FUND		
	Original / Final Budget	Actual	Prior Year (Memorandum Only)
Revenues Collected:			
Local sources	\$ 5,455,235	5,476,876	4,896,519
State sources	435,117	670,079	567,135
Interest earnings		1,066	
Total revenues collected	<u>5,890,352</u>	<u>6,148,021</u>	<u>5,463,654</u>
Expenditures:			
Instruction	6,531,968	3,930,517	3,580,621
Support services		2,039,110	1,566,291
Total expenditures	<u>6,531,968</u>	<u>5,969,627</u>	<u>5,146,912</u>
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (uses)	(641,616)	178,394	316,742
Other financing sources (uses):			
Adjustments to prior year encumbrances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>107</u>
Excess of revenue collected over (under) expenditures	(641,616)	178,394	316,849
Cash fund balance, beginning of year	<u>641,616</u>	<u>641,616</u>	<u>324,767</u>
Cash fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>820,010</u>	<u>641,616</u>

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

**NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS**

CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. K-002, BRYAN COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements of the Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative School District No. K-002 (the “District”), have been prepared in conformity with another comprehensive basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as authorized by Oklahoma Statutes. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District’s accounting policies are described in the following notes that are an integral part of the District’s financial statements.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The District is a corporate body for public purposes created under Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and accordingly is a separate entity for operating and financial reporting purposes. The District is comprised of school districts who have entered into an interlocal cooperative agreement for the purpose of performing services, duties, function, activities, obligations of responsibilities as determined by the boards of education for the benefit of the students. The primary purpose is to provide certified teachers to the Choctaw Nation Head Start program. The District is part of the public school system of Oklahoma under the general direction and control of the State Board of Education. 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 five members. The appointed Executive Director is the executive officer of the District. The Board, constituting an on-going entity, is the level of government, which has governance responsibilities over all activities, related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the local independent school district. The District receives funding from local and state government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental “reporting entity” as defined in Section 2100, Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, since Board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the power to designate management, the responsibility to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

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

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont'd**

**A. Reporting Entity – cont'd**

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.

**B. Measurement Focus**

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 a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital projects funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds).

Co-op Fund – The Oklahoma State Department of Education requires the District to account for its transactions within a co-op fund. The co-op fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include Choctaw Nation, member payments, and state grants. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the District.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont’d**

**B. Measurement Focus – cont’d**

**Memorandum Only - Total Column**

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

**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 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* with certain modifications. This format differs significantly from that required by GASB 34.

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

- Encumbrances represented by purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as expenditures when approved.
- Investments are recorded as assets when purchased.
- Inventories of supplies are recorded as expenditures and not as inventory assets.
- Warrants/checks payable are recorded as liabilities when issued.
- Long-term debt is recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and not in the basic financial statements.
- Compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid and not recorded as a liability.
- Fixed assets are recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group and not in the basic financial statements. Fixed assets are not depreciated.

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.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont'd**

**C. Basis of Accounting and Presentation – cont'd**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. All governmental type funds are accounted for using the regulatory basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are received rather than earned and expenditures are generally recognized when encumbered/reserved rather than at the time the related fund liability is incurred. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

**D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The Board of Education requests an initial temporary appropriations budget that is approved by the Bryan County Excise Board prior to June 30. The District uses the temporary appropriation amounts as their legal expenditure limit until the annual Estimate of Needs is completed.

A budget is legally adopted by the Board of Education for all funds (with the exception of the trust and agency funds) that includes revenues and expenditures. No later than October 1, the Board of Education shall prepare a financial statement and Estimate of Needs to be filed with the Bryan County Clerk and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

The 2023-24 Estimate of Needs was not amended by any supplemental appropriations. Any amendments must be approved by the Bryan County Clerk's Office.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting – under which purchase orders and other commitments of resources are recorded as expenditures of the applicable fund – is utilized in all governmental funds of the District. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

**E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity**

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The District considers all cash on hand, demand deposit accounts, and highly liquid investments, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash and cash equivalents.

Investments – The District considers investments of direct obligations of the United States government and agencies, certificates of deposits, savings accounts or savings certificates with maturities of greater than three months. All investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market value.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont'd**

**E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity – cont'd**

Inventories – The value of consumable inventories at June 30, 2024, is not material to the combined financial statements.

Fixed Assets and Property, Plant and Equipment – The District has not maintained a record of general fixed assets, and, accordingly, a General Fixed Assets Account Group required by the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education is not included in the financial statements. General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the various funds at the time of purchase.

Warrants/Checks Payable – Warrants/checks are issued to meet the obligations for goods and services provided to the District. The District recognizes a liability for the amount of outstanding warrants/checks that have yet to be cashed by the District's bank.

Encumbrances – Encumbrances represent commitments related to purchase orders, contracts, other commitments for expenditures or resources, and goods or services received by the District for which a warrant has not been issued. An expenditure is recorded and a liability is recognized for outstanding encumbrances at year end in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Compensated Absences – The District provides vacation and sick leave benefits in accordance with Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Article 6-104, which provides for annual sick leave and personal business days. District policy allows certified employees to accumulate such days to a maximum number of days. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources had not been reported as an expenditure of the governmental fund that will pay it since the financial statements have been prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting. This practice differs from generally accepted accounting principles.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont'd**

**E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity – cont'd**

**Fund Balance** – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the hierarchy of fund balances. The hierarchy is based primarily on the degree of spending constraints placed upon use of resources for specific purposes versus availability of appropriation. An important distinction that is made in reporting fund balance is between amounts that are considered *nonspendable* (i.e., fund balance associated with assets that are not in spendable form, such as inventories or prepaid items, long-term portions of loans and notes receivable, or items that are legally required to be maintained intact (such as the corpus of a permanent fund)) and those that are *spendable* (such as fund balance associated with cash, investments or receivables).

Amounts in the spendable fund balance category are further classified as *restricted*, *committed*, *assigned* or *unassigned*, as appropriate.

***Restricted*** fund balance represents amounts that are constrained either externally by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or by law, through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

***Committed*** fund balance represents amounts that are useable only for specific purposes by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Such amounts are not subject to legal enforceability (like restricted amounts), but cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the limitation by taking action similar to that which imposed the commitment.

***Assigned*** fund balance represents amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the governing body itself, or a subordinated high-level body or official who the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining spendable amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds other than the general fund, that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the general fund that are intended to be used for specific purposes in accordance with the provisions of the standard.

***Unassigned*** fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It represents the amounts that have not been assigned to other funds, and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont'd**

**F. Revenue and Expenditures**

Local Revenues – Revenue from local sources consists of revenue collected from other school districts participating in the co-op. Other local sources of revenue include interest, fees, district contracts with the Choctaw Nation and reimbursements.

Intermediate Revenues – Revenue from intermediate sources is the amount of money from funds collected by an intermediate administrative unit, or a political subdivision between the District and the state, and distributed to Districts in amounts that differ in proportion to those which are collected within such systems. The District receives no revenues from this source.

State Revenues – Revenues from state sources for current operations are primarily state grants and flexible benefits.

The District receives revenue from the state to administer certain categorical educational programs. State Board of Education rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be expended only for the program for which the money is provided and 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.

Federal Revenues – Federal revenues consist of revenues from the federal government in the form of operating grants or entitlements. An operating grant is a contribution to be used for a specific purpose, activity or facility. A grant may be received either directly from the federal government or indirectly as a passthrough from another government, such as the state. Entitlement is the amount of payment to which the District is entitled pursuant to an allocation formula contained in applicable statutes. All federal revenues received by the District are apportioned to the co-op fund. The District did not receive any federal revenue during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Interest Earnings – Represent compensation for the use of financial sources over a period of time.

Non-Revenue Receipts – Non-revenue receipts represent receipts deposited into a fund that are not new revenues to the District, but the return of assets.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont’d**

**F. Revenue and Expenditures – cont’d**

Instruction Expenditures – Instruction expenditures include the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Teaching may be provided for students in a school classroom, in another location, such as a home or hospital, and in other learning situations, such as those involving cocurricular activities. It may also be provided through some other approved medium, such as television, radio, telephone and correspondence. Included here are the activities of teacher assistants of any type (clerks, graders, teaching machines, etc.) which assist in the instructional process. The activities of tutors, translators and interpreters would be recorded here. Department chairpersons who teach for any portion of time are included here. Tuition/transfer fees paid to other LEAs would be included here.

Support Services Expenditures – Support services expenditures provide administrative, technical (such as guidance and health) and logistical support to facilitate and enhance instruction. These services exist as adjuncts for fulfilling the objectives of instruction, community services and enterprise programs, rather than as entities within themselves.

Operation of Noninstructional Services Expenditures – Activities concerned with providing noninstructional services to students, staff or the community.

Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services Expenditures – Consists of activities involved with the acquisition of land and buildings, remodeling buildings, the construction of buildings and additions to buildings, initial installation or extension of service systems and other built-in equipment, and improvements to sites.

Other Outlays Expenditures – A number of outlays of governmental funds are not properly classified as expenditures, but still require budgetary or accounting control. These are classified as Other Outlays. These include debt service payments (principal and interest).

Other Uses Expenditures – This includes scholarships provided by private gifts and endowments; student aid and staff awards supported by outside revenue sources (i.e., foundations). Also, expenditures for self-funded employee benefit programs administered either by the District or a third-party administrator.

Repayment Expenditures – Repayment expenditures represent warrants/checks issued to outside agencies for refund or restricted revenue previously received for overpayment, non-qualified expenditures and other refunds to be repaid from District funds.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – cont'd**

**F. Revenue and Expenditures – cont'd**

Interfund Transactions – Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund or expenditures/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 interfund 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. There were no interfund transfers made during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

**2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to the District. The District's cash deposits and investments at June 30, 2024, were \$1,402,854 at financial institutions and were completely insured or collateralized by federal depository insurance, direct obligations of the U.S. Government, or securities held by the District or by its agent in the District's name.

Investment Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair market value of an investment. Due to the required liquidity for those investments, these funds have no defined maturity dates. The District does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates.

Investment Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District does not have a formal policy limiting its investment choices, other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- Direct obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrument to which the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government is pledged, or obligations to the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State is pledged.
- Certificates of deposit or savings accounts that are either insured or secured with acceptable collateral with in-state financial institutions, and fully insured certificates of deposit or savings accounts in out-of-state financial institutions.
- With certain limitation, negotiable certificates of deposit, prime bankers acceptances, prime commercial paper and repurchase agreements with certain limitations.

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**2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS – cont'd**

- County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgments, or bond or revenue anticipation notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is a county, municipality or school district.
- Notes or bonds secured by mortgage or trust deed insured by the Federal Housing Administrator and debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administrator, and in obligations of the National Mortgage Association.
- Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous bullet items.

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk – The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

**3. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES**

There were no interfund receivables or payables at June 30, 2024.

**4. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Description of Plan

The District participates in the state-administered Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, which is a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system (PERS), which is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (the "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 the Oklahoma Statutes establishes benefit provisions and may be amended only through legislative action. The Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, P.O. Box 53624, Oklahoma City, OK 73152, or by calling 405-521-2387.

Basis of Accounting

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

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**4. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – cont'd**

Basis of Accounting – cont'd

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.

Funding Policy

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 rates are not actuarially determined. The rates are applied to the employee's earnings plus employer-paid fringe benefits. The required contribution for the participating members is 7.0% of compensation. Contributions received by the System from the State of Oklahoma are used to offset required employer contributions by the local school district. For the 2023-24 fiscal year, the District contributed 9.5% and the State of Oklahoma contributed the remaining amount during the year. The District is allowed by Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System to make the required contributions on behalf of the participating members. In addition, if a member's salary is paid in part by federal or private funds, the contribution on that portion of the salary paid by those funds must be matched by the District at 8.40%.

Annual Pension Cost

The District's total contributions for 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$627,927, \$540,345 and \$548,187, respectively. 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. Please visit [www.ok.gov/TRS](http://www.ok.gov/TRS) for all plan information.

GASB Statement 68 became effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, and significantly changes pension accounting and financial reporting for governmental employers who participate in a pension plan, such as the System, and who prepare published financial statements on an accrual basis using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Since the District does not prepare and present their financial statements on an accrual basis, the net pension amount is not required to be presented on the audited financial statements.

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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, or acts of God. The District purchases commercial insurance to cover these risks, including general and auto liability, property damage, and public officials' liability. Settled claims resulting from risks have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District participates in a risk pool for Workers' Compensation coverage in which there is a transfer or pooling of risks among the participants of that pool. In accordance with GASB No. 10, the District reports the required contribution to the pool, net of refunds, as insurance expense. The risk pool is the Oklahoma School Assurance Group (OSAG), an organization formed for the purpose of providing workers' compensation coverage to participating schools in the State of Oklahoma. In that capacity, OSAG is responsible for providing loss control services and certain fiscal activities, including obtaining contract arrangements for the underwriting, excess insurance agreements, claims processing, and legal defense for any and all claims submitted to it during the plan year. As a member of OSAG, the District is required to pay fees set by OSAG according to an established payment schedule. A portion of the fees paid by the District goes into a loss fund for the District. The fee for the loss fund is calculated by projecting losses based on the school's losses for the last five years. OSAG provides coverage in excess of the loss fund so the District's liability for claim loss is limited to the balance of the loss fund. If the District does not use its loss fund in three years, it is returned to the District with no interest.

The District is also a member of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA) Employment Services program, which helps to cover the cost of unemployment claims. Depending on which level of membership the District elects, the District makes a deposit into an account administered by OSSBA, or will make payments periodically as needed. The money contributed by each District earns interest and is fully insured. If the District has claims in excess of the amount in its account, it will be liable for the excess.

**6. LONG-TERM DEBT**

The District had no long-term debt at June 30, 2024.

**7. CONTINGENCIES**

Related Party

The Choctaw Nation provided approximately 86% of the funding for the District during the 2023-24 fiscal year. If there are excess funds at year end, the District will return a portion of the funds.

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**7. CONTINGENCIES – cont'd**

Federal Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The District did not receive any federal grant proceeds during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Litigation

School officials are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments against the District.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available to be issued and have determined that no additional information needs to be added to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF STATUTORY, FIDELITY AND HONESTY BONDS  
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<u>BONDING COMPANY</u>	<u>POSITION COVERED</u>	<u>BOND NUMBER</u>	<u>COVERAGE AMOUNT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATES</u>
RLI Insurance Company	Treasurer	LSM0745234	\$ 250,000	7/1/23 - 7/1/24
	Director	LSM0403291	100,000	6/30/23 - 6/30/24
	Deputy Encumbrance Clerk/	LSM0602932	5,000	2/9/23 - 8/27/24
	Munites Clerk			

CHOCTAW NATION INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTANT'S PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT  
JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

State of Oklahoma            )  
  ) ss  
County of Tulsa            )


The undersigned auditing firm of lawful ages, being first duly sworn on oath says that said 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 Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative School District for the audit year 2023-24.

Bledsoe, Hewett & Gullekson  
Certified Public Accountants, PLLLP  
Auditing Firm

By   
Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2024



  
Notary Public (or Clerk or Judge)  
My Commission Expires: 12/11/2028  
Commission No. 20014980



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November 22, 2024

Mr. Justin Fite, Director  
Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative  
P.O. Box 602  
Durant, Oklahoma 74701

Dear Mr. Fite:

Listed below are the audit exceptions and recommendations from the final audit work we performed for you. Please review them very carefully, along with the review copy of your audit report. If you have questions or desire additional information, please call us so that any discrepancies may be resolved.

**The following section contains the observations relayed to management that are immaterial instances of noncompliance, which we feel need to be communicated to you so appropriate action may be taken to correct these deficiencies. These items are not included, but are referred to, in your audit report, as they are not considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. They are immaterial deficiencies that could evolve into material findings if not addressed or corrected.**

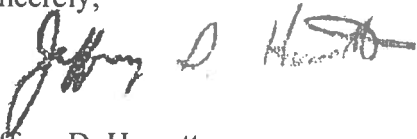
Quarterly 941 IRS Tax Payments

We observed during the audit that state and federal tax liability payments were not being paid in a timely manner. Additionally, we observed that the District was charged a \$35,091 penalty by the IRS and \$12,096 in penalties by the OTC during the 2023-24 fiscal year for failure to file returns in a timely manner and for failure to make a proper tax liability payment.

We recommend that all payroll forms be accurately completed and filed with the appropriate state or federal agency and that all payroll tax payments be made in a timely manner, as is required by state and federal regulations.

We take this opportunity to thank you and your professional staff for the outstanding cooperation and invaluable assistance you gave us during our recent onsite audit work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Hewett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeffrey D. Hewett

For

Bledsoe, Hewett & Gullekson  
Certified Public Accountants, PLLLP