# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS AND REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

TAHLEQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

JUNE 30, 2024

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### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35 CHEROKEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS JUNE 30, 2024

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Board of Education Tahlequah School District No. I-035 Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465-0517

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

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying combined fund type and account group financial statements-regulatory basis of Tahlequah School District No. I-035, Tahlequah, Oklahoma (the "School 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 described in the following 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 the District as of June 30, 2024, and the revenues collected and expenditures paid and encumbered, of each fund type, 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 our opinion, because the significance of the matter discussed in the previous 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 the Tahlequah School District No. I-035, Cherokee County, Oklahoma as of June 30, 2024, or the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and, where applicable, its cash flows 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 Tahlequah School District No. I-035, Tahlequah, Oklahoma and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

The financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets 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 the Tahlequah School District No. I-035, 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 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 financial reporting provisions of 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 School 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 School 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 School 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.

#### **Other Matters**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The combining fund statements, regulatory basis, listed in the accompanying table of contents are presented for purpose 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 as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining statements-regulatory basis and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our 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 on the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated November 12, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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.

Jenkons & Kunper, LPAS P.C.

Jenkins & Kemper Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

November 12, 2024

**COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS** 

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES -REGULATORY BASIS - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2024

			GOVERNMENT	AL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE	ACCOUNT GROUP GENERAL	
			SPECIAL	DEBT	CAPITAL	TRUST AND	LONG-TERM	TOTALS
ASSETS	-	GENERAL	REVENUE	SERVICE	PROJECTS	AGENCY FUND	DEBT	(MEMO ONLY)
Cash Amounts available in debt service Amounts to be provided for retirement of	\$	9,866,669	4,804,757	155,797	7,890,500	1,002,405	143,297	23,720,128 143,297
general long-term debt							26,761,609	26,761,609
Total Assets		9,866,669	4,804,757	155,797	7,890,500	1,002,405	26,904,906	50,625,034
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities Warrants payable Funds held for school organizations Unmatured obligations Long-term debt:	1	3,744,821	28,752	12,500	57,250	1,002,405		3,830,823 1,002,405 12,500
Bonds payable							10,390,000	10,390,000
Capital leases	_						16,514,906	16,514,906
Total liabilities	_	3,744,821	28,752	12,500	57,250	1,002,405	26,904,906	31,750,634
Fund balances Restricted for:								
Capital projects					7,833,250			7,833,250
Debt service				143,297				143,297
Co-op			(132)					(132)
Building			4,776,137					4,776,137
Unassigned		6,121,848						6,121,848
Total fund balances	-	6,121,848	4,776,005	143,297	7,833,250			18,874,400
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	9,866,669	4,804,757	155,797	7,890,500	1,002,405	26,904,906	50,625,034

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES REGULATORY BASIS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES JUNE 30, 2024

		GOVERNMENTA SPECIAL	DEBT	CAPITAL	TOTALS
Revenues	GENERAL	REVENUE	SERVICE	PROJECTS	(MEMO ONLY)
Local sources	\$ 6,161,634	724,487	2,874,711		9,760,832
Intermediate sources	624,512	124,401	2,074,711		624,512
State sources	26,715,695	1,348,474	16		28,064,185
Federal sources	10,275,029	631,462	10		10,906,491
Non-revenue receipts	52,531	72,314	35,617		160,462
Total revenues	43,829,401	2,776,737	2,910,344		49,516,482
Expenditures					
Instruction	22,676,278	145,603			22,821,881
Support services	17,141,355	384,121		74,524	17,600,000
Operation of non-instructional services	2,265,146	001,121		1,021	2,265,146
Facilities, acquisition and const. services	45,770	150,043			195,813
Other outlays	81,874	100000 B. 2010 B. 20			81,874
Other uses	10,159	83			10,242
Debt service	10/ 14-4		2,835,750		2,835,750
Total expenditures	42,220,582	679,850	2,835,750	74,524	45,810,706
Revenues over (under) expenditures	1,608,819	2,096,887	74,594	(74,524)	3,705,776
Other financing sources (uses)					
Lapsed appropriations				4,485	4,485
Estopped warrants	4,706	12		19 C P S - C	4,718
Bond proceeds				7,890,000	7,890,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	4,706	12		7,894,485	7,899,203
Revenue and other sources over (under)					
expenditures and other uses	1,613,525	2,096,899	74,594	7,819,961	11,604,979
Cash fund balance, beginning of year	4,508,323	2,679,106	68,703	13,289	7,269,421
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$ 6,121,848	4,776,005	143,297	7,833,250	18,874,400

### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -REGULATORY BASIS - BUDGETED GENERAL FUND JUNE 30, 2024

	GENERAL FUND				
		ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET		ACTUAL
Revenues					
Local sources	\$	4,337,941	4,337,	941	6,161,634
Intermediate sources		614,591	614,	591	624,512
State sources		25,700,037	25,700,	037	26,715,695
Federal sources		10,108,526	10,108,	526	10,275,029
Non-revenue receipts					52,531
Total revenues		40,761,095	40,761,	095	43,829,401
Expenditures					
Instruction					22,676,278
Support services					17,141,355
Operation of non-instructional services					2,265,146
Facilities, acquisition and const. services					45,770
Other outlays					81,874
Other uses					10,159
Non-categorical		45,269,418	45,269,	418	
Total expenditures		45,269,418	45,269,		42,220,582
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(4,508,323)	(4,508,	323)	1,608,819
Other financing sources (uses) Estopped warrants					4,706
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses		(4,508,323)	(4,508,3	323)	1,613,525
Cash fund balance, beginning of year		4,508,323	4,508,	323	4,508,323
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$	-			6,121,848

### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -REGULATORY BASIS - ALL BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
	ORIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	
Revenues					
Local sources	\$	575,457	647,915	724,487	
State sources			73,360	1,348,474	
Federal sources				631,462	
Non-revenue receipts				72,314	
Total revenues		575,457	721,275	2,776,737	
Expenditures					
Instruction				145,603	
Support services				384,121	
Facilities, acquisition and const. services				150,043	
Other uses				83	
Non-categorical		3,254,563	3,400,381		
Total expenditures		3,254,563	3,400,381	679,850	
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(2,679,106)	(2,679,106)	2,096,887	
Other financing sources (uses) Estopped warrants				12	
Revenue and other sources over (under)					
expenditures and other uses		(2,679,106)	(2,679,106)	2,096,899	
Cash fund balance, beginning of year		2,679,106	2,679,106	2,679,106	
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$	: <b>=</b> )		4,776,005	

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -REGULATORY BASIS - DEBT SERVICE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	DEBT SERVICE FUND					
	ORIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues						
Local sources	\$	2,767,047	2,767,047	2,874,711		
State sources				16		
Non-revenue receipts			·	35,617		
Total revenues		2,767,047	2,767,047	2,910,344		
Expenditures Other outlays Debt service		2,835,750	2,835,750	2,835,750		
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(68,703)	(68,703)	74,594		
Cash fund balance, beginning of year		68,703	68,703	68,703		
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$			143,297		

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -REGULATORY BASIS

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of the Tahlequah Public Schools Independent District No. I-35 (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with another comprehensive basis of accounting as prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

#### 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 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 Association (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.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

### B. Fund Accounting

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).

<u>General Fund</u> - The general fund is used to account for all financial 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 Incentive Aid Program. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the schools except for 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.

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> - The special revenue funds are the District's building, co-op and child nutrition funds.

<u>Building Fund</u> - The building fund consists of monies derived property taxes levied for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, repairing, or maintaining school buildings and for purchasing furniture, equipment and computer software to be used on or for the school district property, for paying energy and utility costs, for purchasing telecommunications services, for paying fire and casualty insurance premiums for school facilities, for purchasing security systems, and for paying salaries of security personnel.

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

#### B. Fund Accounting - contd.

<u>Co-op Fund</u> - The co-op fund is established when the boards of education of two or more school districts enter into cooperative agreements and maintain joint programs. The revenues necessary to operate a cooperative program can come from federal, state, or local sources, including the individual contributions of participating school districts. The expenditures for this fund would consist of those necessary to operate and maintain the joint programs.

<u>Child Nutrition Fund</u> - The child nutrition fund consists of monies derived from federal and state financial assistance and food sales. This fund is used to account for the various nutrition programs provided to students. The District did not maintain this fund during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - 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 (including judgments) debt principal, interest, and related costs. The primary revenue sources are local property taxes levied specifically for debt service and interest earnings from temporary investments.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - 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.

#### **Proprietary Fund Types**

Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities can be provided either to outside parties (enterprise funds) or to other departments or agencies primarily within the District (internal service funds). The District has no proprietary fund types.

#### Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the District. When these assets are held under a trust agreement, either a nonexpendable trust fund or an expendable trust fund is used depending on whether there is an obligation to maintain trust principal. Agency

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

### B. Fund Accounting - contd.

funds 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.

<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u> - Expendable trust funds include the gifts fund, medical insurance fund, worker's compensation fund and the insurance recovery fund. The District did not maintain any expendable trust funds during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

<u>Gifts Fund</u> - The gifts fund receives its assets by way of philanthropic foundations, individuals, or private organizations for which no repayment or special service to the contributor is expected. This fund is used to promote the general welfare of the District.

<u>Medical Insurance Fund</u> - The medical insurance fund accounts for revenues and expenditures for all types of self-funded medical insurance coverage.

<u>Workers Compensation Fund</u> - The worker's compensation fund accounts for revenues and expenditures for workers compensation claims.

<u>Insurance Recovery Fund</u> - The insurance recovery fund accounts for all types of insurance recoveries, major reimbursements and reserves for property repairs and replacements.

<u>Agency Fund</u> - The agency fund is the school activities fund which is used to account for monies collected principally through fundraising efforts of the student and District-sponsored groups. The administration is responsible, under the authority of the Board, in collecting, disbursing and accounting for these activity funds.

### Account Group

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 fixed assets.

<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u> - 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 other liabilities (judgments and lease purchases), which are to be paid from funds provided in future years.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

### B. Fund Accounting - contd.

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> - This account group is used by governments to account for the property, plant, and equipment of the school district. The District does not have the information necessary to include this group in its financial statements.

### 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, results of operations or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Inter-fund 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*. 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 and are recorded as expenditures when approved.
- Investments and inventories are recorded as assets when purchased.
- 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 requires revenues to be recognized when they become

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

### C. Basis of Accounting and Presentation – contd.

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 first Tuesday in February to approve the levy. If the preliminary budget does not require an additional levy, it becomes the 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 a majority of the electors of the District voting on the question make the ad valorem levy for emergency levy and local support levy 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 for expenditures and final budgeted appropriations as adjusted for supplemental appropriations and approved transfers between budget categories.

### E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances

<u>Cash</u> - Cash consists of cash on hand, demand deposit accounts, and interest-bearing checking accounts.

<u>Investments</u> - Investments consist of direct obligations of the United States Government and agencies; certificates of deposit of savings and loan associations, bank, and trust companies; savings accounts or savings certificates of savings and loan associations, and trust companies; and warrants, bonds or judgments of the district. All investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market value.

<u>Inventories</u> - The value of consumable inventories at June 30, 2024 is not material to the combined financial statements-regulatory basis.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

*E.* Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances – contd.

Fixed Assets and Property, Plant, and Equipment - The General Fixed Asset Account Group is not presented.

<u>Warrants Payable</u> - Warrants 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 that have yet to be redeemed by the District's treasurer.

<u>Encumbrances</u> - 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.

<u>Unmatured Obligations</u> - The unmatured obligations represent the total of all annual accruals for both principal and interest, based on the lengths of the bonds and/or judgments, less all principal and interest payments through the balance sheet date in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.

<u>Funds Held for School Organizations</u> - Funds held for school organizations represent the funds received or collected from students or other co-curricular and extracurricular activities conducted in the district, control over which is exercised by the board of education. These funds are credited to the account maintained for the benefit of each particular activity within the school activity fund.

<u>Long-Term Debt</u> - 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. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

#### E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances - contd.

<u>Fund Balance</u> – Cash fund balance represents the funds not encumbered by purchase order, legal contracts, outstanding warrants and unmatured obligations.

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 special purposes versus availability of appropriations. 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) 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, 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 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. The School Board is the highest level of decision-making authority of the School District.
- 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 includes 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 purpose 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.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

#### F. Revenue and Expenditures

<u>Local Revenues</u> - Revenue from local sources is the money generated from within the boundaries of the District and available to the District for its use. The District is authorized by state law to levy property taxes, which consist of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property within the District. These property taxes are distributed to the District's general, building and sinking funds based on the levies approved for each fund. 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 owned. If at the end of two years the owner has not done so, the purchaser is issued a deed to the property.

Other local sources of revenues include interest earnings, tuition, fees, rentals, disposals, commissions and reimbursements.

<u>Intermediate Revenues</u> - 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 were collected within such systems.

<u>State Revenues</u> - 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.

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

#### F. Revenue and Expenditures- contd.

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. The State Department of Education requires categorical educational program revenues be accounted for in the general fund.

The aforementioned state revenues are apportioned to the District's general fund.

<u>Federal Revenues</u> - 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 pass-through from another government, such as the state.

An entitlement is the amount of payment to which the District is entitled pursuant to an allocation formula contained in applicable statutes.

The majority of the federal revenues received by the District are apportioned to the general fund. The District maintains a building fund and the non-special education portion of PL874 Impact Aid are apportioned there.

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

<u>Instruction Expenditures</u> - 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 co-curricular 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.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies- contd.

### F. Revenue and Expenditures - contd.

<u>Support Services Expenditures</u> - 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.

<u>Operation of Non-Instructional Services Expenditures</u> - Activities concerned with providing non-instructional services to students, staff, or the community.

<u>Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services Expenditures</u> - 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 improvement to sites.

<u>Other Outlays/Uses Expenditures</u> - 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) when applicable. Other uses include scholarships provided by private gifts and endowments; student aid and staff awards supported by outside revenue sources (i.e., foundations). Also, expenditure for self-funded employee benefit programs administered either by the District or a third-party administrator.

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

<u>Inter-fund Transactions</u> - 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 inter-fund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other inter-fund transfers are reported as operating transfers. There were no inter-fund transfers during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

### 2. Deposits and Investments

#### Custodial Credit Risk

At June 30, 2024, the District held deposits of approximately \$23,720,128 at financial institutions. The District's cash deposits, including interest-bearing certificates of deposit, are entirely covered by Federal Depository Insurance (FDIC) or direct obligation of the U.S. government insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in the District's name.

#### Investment Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

#### Investment Credit Risk

The District has no policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- a. Direct obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies, and instrumentalities 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.
- b. Certificates of deposits or savings accounts that are either insured or secured with acceptable collateral with in-state financial institutions, and fully insured certificates of deposits or savings accounts in out-of-state financial institutions.
- c. With certain limitation, negotiable certificates of deposit, prime bankers' acceptances, prime commercial paper and repurchase agreements with certain limitations.
- d. County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgments, or bond or revenue anticipations notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is a county, municipality, or school district.
- e. 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.
- f. Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous paragraphs (a.-d.).

### 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 can be 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 of the date of issue.

General long-term debt of the District consists of bonds payable and four (4) capital leases. Debt service requirements for bonds are payable solely from the fund balance and the 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, 2024:

	Bonds	Capital	
	Payable	Leases	Totals
Balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 4,975,000	15,791,163	20,766,163
Additions	7,890,000	827,440	8,717,440
Retirements	2,475,000	103,697	2,578,697
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$ 10,390,000	16,514,906	26,904,906

A brief description of the outstanding long-term debt at June 30, 2024 is set forth below:

	Amount outstanding
Comb. Purpose Bonds	
Building Bonds, Series 2022, original issue \$4,975,000,	
interest rate of 3.50%, due in annual payments of \$2,475,000	
beginning 7-1-24, final payment due 7-1-25;	\$ 2,500,000
Building Bonds, Series 2024, original issue \$7,890,000,	
interest rate of 4.75-5.25%, due in an initial payment of	
\$15,000, due 3-1-26, then annual payments of \$2,625,000	
beginning 3-1-27, final payment due 3-1-29;	7,890,000

# 3. General Long-term Debt - contd.

	<u>0</u> 1	Amount utstanding
<u>Capital Leases</u> Lease agreement for equipment totaling \$1,000,000, dated 11-1-15 interest rate of 1.50%, annual payments of \$108,434 beginning 11-5-16, final payment due 11-5-25;	\$	212,085
Lease-revenue bonds for construction of facilities, dated 8-30-22, annual acquisition payments of various amounts beginning 9-1-24, final payment due 9-1-27;		15,475,381
Lease agreement for property totaling \$191,000, dated 9-1-20 interest rate of 2.00%, annual payments of \$40,530 beginning 9-30-21, final payment due 9-30-25		78,684
Lease agreement for real estate totaling \$780,142, dated 11-14-23, Interest rate of 4.49%, bi-annual payments of \$48,852 beginning 5-9-24, final payment due 11-9-33		<u>748,756</u>
Totals	\$	<u>26,904,906</u>

The annual debt service requirements for the retirement of bond principal, and payment of interest are as follows:

Year ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	381,413	381,413
2026	2,515,000	468,913	2,983,913
2027	2,625,000	380,625	3,005,625
2028	2,625,000	249,375	2,874,375
2029	2,625,000	124,687	2,749,687
Totals	\$10,390,000	1,605,013	11,995,013

There was \$348,250 interest paid on long-term debt incurred during the current year.

### 3. General Long-term Debt - contd.

The annual debt service requirements for capital lease principal, and interest are as follows:

Year ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 7,279,671	37,669	7,317,340
2026	594,302	32,366	626,668
2027	450,813	26,891	477,704
2028	7,718,674	23,739	7,742,413
2029	77,386	20,318	97,704
2030-2034	394,060	45,608	439,668
Total	\$16,514,906	186,591	16,701,497

### 4. Employee Retirement System

#### Plan Description

The District participates in the state-administered Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement Plan, 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 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 53524, 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 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

### 4. Employee Retirement System - contd.

valuations performed on individual school districts. The System has an under-funded pension benefit obligation as determined as part of the latest actuarial valuation. GASB Statement 68 became effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, and significantly changes pension accounting and financial reporting for governmental employees 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 liability amount is not required to be presented on the financial statements.

### **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. Beginning, July 1, 2010, the District and State were required to contribute 14.5% of applicable compensation. Contributions received by the System are from a percentage of its revenues from sales taxes, use taxes, corporate income taxes and individual income taxes. The District contributed 9.5% beginning January 1, 2010 and the State of Oklahoma contributed the remaining 5.0% during the year. The District is allowed by the Oklahoma Teacher's Retirement System to make the required contributions on behalf of the participating members. In addition, the District is required to match the retirement paid on salaries that are funded with federal funds.

#### Annual Pension Cost

The District's portion of the total contributions for 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$2,675,442, \$2,470,907, and \$2,421,344 respectively.

### 5. Contingencies

Amounts received or receivable from grantor 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 amount, if any, 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.

### 6. 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; and natural disasters. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for these risks, including general and auto liability, property damage, and public officials' liability. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

### 7. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the audit report, which is 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.

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – REGULATORY BASIS - COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(A.)

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS	CO-OP FUND	BUILDING FUND	TOTALS (MEMO ONLY)
Cash Total assets	\$ 15,237 15,237	4,789,520 4,789,520	4,804,757 4,804,757
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities Warrants payable	15,369	13,383	28,752
Fund balances Restricted	(132)	4,776,137	4,776,005
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 15,237	4,789,520	4,804,757

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	CO-OP FUND		BUILDING FUND	TOTALS (MEMO ONLY)	
Revenues					
Local sources	\$	÷	724,487	724,487	
State sources		73,360	1,275,114	1,348,474	
Federal sources			631,462	631,462	
Non-revenue receipts		72,314		72,314	
Total revenues		145,674	2,631,063	2,776,737	
Expenditures					
Instruction		145,603		145,603	
Support services		132	383,989	384,121	
Facilities, acquisition and const. services			150,043	150,043	
Other uses		83		83	
Total expenditures		145,818	534,032	679,850	
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(144)	2,097,031	2,096,887	
Other financing sources (uses) Estopped warrants		12		12	
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses		(132)	2,097,031	2,096,899	
Cash fund balance, beginning of year			2,679,106	2,679,106	
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$	(132)	4,776,137	4,776,005	

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -- REGULATORY BASIS - ALL BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

		CO-OP FUND			BUILDING FUND		
		GINAL DGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
Revenues							
Local sources	\$	-	72,458		575,457	575,457	724,487
State sources			73,360	73,360			1,275,114
Federal sources							631,462
Non-revenue receipts	-			72,314			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total revenues		-0	145,818	145,674	575,457	575,457	2,631,063
Expenditures							
Instruction				145,603			
Support services				132			383,989
Facilities acquisitions and construction							150,043
Other uses				83			
Non-categorical			145,818		3,254,563	3,254,563	
Total expenditures			145,818	145,818	3,254,563	3,254,563	534,032
Revenues over (under) expenditures		≂.	⊼ :	(144)	(2,679,106)	(2,679,106)	2,097,031
Other financing sources (uses)							
Estopped warrants				12			
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses		÷	÷	(132)	(2,679,106)	(2,679,106)	2,097,031
Cash fund balance, beginning of year		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2,679,106	2,679,106	2,679,106
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$	<u> </u>	<u>.</u>	(132)	<u> </u>		4,776,137

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS - ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS	BOND (31) FUND		BOND (32) FUND	TOTALS (MEMO. ONLY)	
Cash Total assets	\$	500 500	7,890,000 7,890,000	7,890,500 7,890,500	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities Warrants payable	:		57,250	57,250	
Fund balances Restricted		500	7,832,750	7,833,250	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	500	7,890,000	7,890,500	

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS - ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

		OND (31) FUND	BOND (32) FUND	TOTALS (MEMO. ONLY)
Expenditures				
Support services	\$	17,274	57,250	74,524
Total expenditures		17,274	57,250	74,524
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(17,274)	(57,250)	(74,524)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Bond proceeds			7,890,000	7,890,000
Lapsed appropriations		4,485		4,485
Total other financing sources (uses)		4,485	7,890,000	7,894,485
Revenue and other sources over (under)				
expenditures and other uses		(12,789)	7,832,750	7,819,961
Cash fund balance, beginning of year	-	13,289	<u> </u>	13,289
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$	500	7,832,750	7,833,250

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES REGULATORY BASIS - ALL AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Assets	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Net <u>Transfers</u>	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Cash	\$ 965,024	1,588,933		1,551,552	1,002,405
Total Assets	965,024	1,588,933		1,551,552	1,002,405
Total Assets	303,024	1,000,000		1,001,002	1,002,400
Liabilities					
Funds held for student organizations	04 770	54.000		64 050	00.040
Football	34,778	54,886	-	61,052	28,612
Boys Basketball	6,624	13,827	-	12,799	7,652
Girls Basketball	25,873	13,827		12,139	27,561
Boys Baseball	4,952	34,655	-	29,515	10,092
Girls Softball	720	10,412		10,631	501
Boys Wrestling	1,039	7,945	-	4,270	4,714
Girls Tennis	1,663	2,573	-	2,715	1,521
Boys Track	19,254	30,544	-	20,718	29,080
Girls Track	1,259	-		-	1,259
Golf	10,495	9,080	×.	5,735	13,840
Cross Country Track	3,361	6,768	-	8,476	1,653
Soccer	2,314	13,904	-	10,117	6,101
Volleyball Student Council	11,920	8,928	-	8,777	12,071
Student Council	6,885	9,601	-	9,148	7,338
Library	23,572	36,809	-	37,391	22,990
PTA/PTO/Tiger Card Sales	83,417	109,186	-	132,084	60,519
Pictures Courtesy Account	14,531 319	3,995	942	7,199	12,269
Miscellaneous Account	98,577	-	(1 000)	-	319
Gifted & Talented Activity		140,092	(1,000)	118,700	118,969
General Fund Refunds	7,616 120	10,781	-	11,576	6,821
Projects/SR Parents/Child Nurtition	60,213	11,060	-	11,180	40.040
After School Fees	00,213	72,201		92,396	40,018
SADD/Club U21	153	8,000	-	8,000	-
Tiger Roar	24,559	4 001	-	55	98
FCA	24,559	4,001 884		5,887	22,673
Pom Squad Account	19,707		5. <del>5.</del> 27.5	626	1,030
Yearbook	38,471	25,018	14. 	36,674	8,051
Athletic Hall of Fame	11,921	24,352 33,348	9 <b>-</b>	27,334	35,489
National Honor Society	5,415	4,000	-	30,946	14,323
FCCLA	2,179	2,547		4,355	5,060
Cheerleader Account	12,019	76,214		2,206	2,520
Vocal Music Account	13,884	65,360	(042)	64,337 74,052	23,896
THS Band	53,942	89,505	(942)	100,992	4,250 42,455
Indian Heritage	1,854	100		637	1,317
Basketball Tournament	7,224	26,830	( <b>5</b> .	22,680	11,374
THS Junior Class	11,158	11,594	-	11,570	11,182
Business Professionals	2,001	12,743	-	7,129	7,615
Test Fees	1,864	3,512	-	3,426	1,950
Jim Wilson - All About The Kids	1,004	21,202		11,485	9,717
Future Farmers (FFA)	11,919	61,692		63,870	9,741
Science Club	9,884	372	-	2,852	7,404
Spanish Club	3,668	8,826		2,852	4,733
Ath Dept Fundraiser	957	4,816		4,801	4,733
THS/TJHS Tech Ed		4,816		4,801	1,940
THS/TJHS TEELED	\$ 2,067	404	-	011	1,940

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES REGULATORY BASIS - ALL AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Balance		Net		Balance
	July 1, 2023	Additions	Transfers	Deletions	June 30, 2024
THS Science Lab Fees	\$ 2,429	2,006	-	1,565	2,870
Boys Tip-In Club	4,733	3,796	-	4,368	4,161
Special Olympics	30,914	9,041	-	16,502	23,453
Competitive Cheerleading	2	-	-	-	2
THS Drama Club	4,915	11,901	(E)	10,491	6,325
THS Leadership	Ŧ	2,563		1,952	611
Elementary Special Services	7,862		-	460	7,402
Hepatitis 'B' Shot Deposits	-	990	1,000	1,514	476
Transportation Dept	116	1,373	.=.	1,271	218
JROTC	6,506	5,424	÷	4,313	7,617
Central Academy	4,508	395	-	784	4,119
OPAT	71	-	-	-	71
Maintenance	1,530	1,373	<b>.</b>	1,047	1,856
Drug Testing/Parking Decals	45,960	18,225	-	5,925	58,260
Accufax	823	-	/ <b>=</b> :	- 	823
Doyle Green Scholarship	609	-	-	-	609
Tiger Cage Camp	420	-	-	<b>=</b> 2	420
Lady Tiger Cage Camp	88	-		<b>=</b> 4	88
Girls Tip-In Club	6,024	3,346	-	5,579	3,791
Tahlequah Kickoff Club	2,444	88,137	-	78,975	11,606
Athletic Misc	42,896	95,233	:=:	76,144	61,985
Softball Booster Club	2,114	14,735		12,702	4,147
Band Boosters	9,595	23,021	-	15,483	17,133
Insurance Loss Recoveries	335	Ē	-		335
Tiger Takedown Club	14,531	24,348	-	21,210	17,669
HOSA	322	2,785	-	623	2,484
Back Pack Food Program	25,240	28,604	3 <b>7</b> 3	30,538	23,306
Boys Soccer Booster Club	7,713	11,639		11,766	7,586
THS Cheerleader Parents	1,244	25,634	-	20,068	6,810
Professional Development	-	4,992	-	780	4,212
Athletic Boosters	31	-	-	-	31
Academic Team	2,059	3,053		1,798	3,314
GED Testing Program	1,305	-	-		1,305
Girls Soccer Booster Club	1,277	11,439	-	6,736	5,980
Cherokee Language Acct	10		-	-	10
The Volleyball Camp	4,501	10.019		24 500	4,501
Band Travel	25,182	19,018		34,506	9,694
Para Pro Testing	620 1,002	1,265 2,447		1,265 2,986	620 463
Art Class Lab Fees Grants and Awards	22,990	62,104	-	59,468	25,626
Indian Education Activity	13,877	02,104	-	826	
AP Stat Account	1,303	88		243	13,051 1,148
	1,303	00	-	243	
English Club Music Production	10,249	23,484	-	20,760	107
Mu Alpha Theta	157	23,404	-	20,700	12,973 157
Archery	1,290		-	-	1,290
ruenery.	1,230	·			1,200
Total Liabilities	\$ 965,024	1,588,933	_	1,551,552	1,002,405
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#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Award Listing Number	Pass-through Grantor's Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Beginning Balance 7/1/2023	Revenue Collected	Total Expenditures	Ending Balance 6/30/2024
U.S. Department of Education		<u>r annoon</u>			concerta	Expenditures	
Direct Programs:							
Title VII Impact Aid	84.041	591	\$ 141,564	168,239	141,564		309,803
Title VII Impact Aid - BF	84.041	591	631,462	1,221,295	631,462		1,852,757
Title VII Impact Aid	84.041	592	29,456	75,086	29,456	29,456	75,086
Title VI-Part A, Indian Education	84.060	561	465,927	10,000	348,529	461,576	(113,047)
Title VI-Part A, Indian Education 2022-23	84.060	799	100,021	(114,754)	114,754	401,070	(110,011)
Subtotal - Direct Programs	04.000	100	1,268,409	1,349,866	1,265,765	491,032	2,124,599
			1,200,100		1,200,700		
Passed Through State Department of Education:							
* Title I Cluster:							
Title I-Part A, Improving Basic Programs	84.010	511	1,179,486		1,049,860	1,160,491	(110,631)
Title I-Part A, Improving Basic Programs 2022-23	84.010	799	1.	(162,555)	162,555		(
Subtotal - Title I Programs (Cluster)			1,179,486	(162,555)	1,212,415	1,160,491	(110,631)
Title II-Part A, Teacher & Principal Training	84.367	541	162,737		162,737	162,737	
Title II-Part A, Teacher & Principal Training 2022-23	84.367	799		(84,606)	84,606		
Title III-Part A, English Lang. Acq. 2022-23	84.365	572	33,345		33,345	33,345	
Title IV-21st Century Cluster:							
Title IV-Part A, SSAE Grant	84.424A	552	84,721		26,404	84,721	(58,317)
Title IV-Part A, SSAE Grant 2022-23	84.424A	799		(66,391)	66,391		
Title IV-Part B, 21st Century	84.287	553	307,915		233,078	263,818	(30,740)
Title IV-Part B, 21st Century 2022-23	84.287	799		(86,041)	86,041		
Title IV-Part B, 21st Century Special Projects 2022-23	84.287	799		(50,198)	50,198		
Title IV-Part B, 21st Century Special Projects	84.287	557	245,018	(100 100)	157,725	232,682	(74,957)
Title IV-Part B, 21st Century Special Projects 2022-23 Subtotal - Title IV-21st Century Grants (Cluster)	84.287	799	007.054	(109,498)	109,498	581,221	(164.014)
Title V-Part B, RLIS	84.358B	587	<u>637,654</u> 79,787	(312,128)	729,335	79,787	(78,879)
Title IX-Part A Homeless	84.196	596	69,127		30,454	40,026	(9,572)
Title IX-Part A Homeless 2022-23	84.196	799	09,127	(6,359)	6,359	40,020	(3,572)
Adult Basic Education - Adult Ed and Lit.	84.002	731	78,799	(0,000)	51,668	78,480	(26,812)
Adult Basic Education - Adult Ed and Lit. 2022-23	84.002	799	10,135	(40,661)	40,661	70,400	(20,012)
Covid19 Prevention (Covid19) 2022-23	93.323	799		(18,003)	18,003		
* Education Stabilization Funding (Covid19) Cluster:	33.525	155		(10,003)	10,005		
ARP/ESSER III (Covid19)	84.425U	795	2,289,003		1,582,767	2,038,701	(455,934)
ARP/ESSER III (Covid19) 2022-23	84.425U	799	2,200,000	(349,656)	349,656	2,000,707	(100,001)
ARP/ESSER Homeless II (Covid19)	84.425U	797	34,022	(010,000)	30,904	32,585	(1,681)
ARP/ESSER Homeless II (Covid19) 2022-23	84.425U	799		(5,645)	5,645		
ARP/ESSER III Student Teacher Stipend	84.425U	725	5,247	13,153	5,247		18,400
ARP/ESSER III Science Stipend	84.425U	726	5,168		5,168	2,584	2,584
Counselor Grant (Covid19)	84.425U	722	178,000		93,369	158,589	(65,220)
Counselor Grant (Covid19) 2022-23	84.425U	799		(18,685)	18,685		
Subtotal - Education Stabilization Fund (Covid19) Cluster			\$ 2,511,440	(360,833)	2,091,441	2,232,459	(501,851)

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Pass-through					
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Federal Grantor/Pass Through	Award Listing	Project	or Award	Balance	Revenue	Total	Balance
Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Amount	7/1/2023	Collected	Expenditures	6/30/2024
* Special Education Cluster:							
IDEA-B Prof. Dev State	84.027	613	\$ 4,130		2,455	2,455	
IDEA-B Prof. Dev State 2022-23	84.027	799		(380)	380		
IDEA-B Prof. DevDistrict	84.027	615	5,237		1,054	2,350	(1,296)
IDEA-B Prof. DevDistrict 2022-23	84.027	799		(150)	150		
IDEA-B Transition Development	84.027	618	6,604			2,535	(2,535)
IDEA-B Flowthrough	84.027	621	839,840		683,793	819,670	(135,877)
IDEA-B Flowthrough 2022-23	84.027	799		(225,166)	225,166		
IDEA-B Private Schools 2022-23	84.027	799		(2,144)	2,144		
ARP/IDEA-B Flowthrough 2022-23	84.027X	799		(116,326)	116,326		
IDEA-B Preschool	84.173	641	13,035	1.2.121.220	10,439	12,527	(2,088)
IDEA-B Preschool 2022-23	84.173	799		(3,616)	3,616		
ARP/IDEA-B Preschool 2022-23	84.027X	799		(10,710)	10,710		
Subtotal - Special Education Program (Cluster)			868,846	(358,492)	1,056,233	839,537	(141,796)
Subtotal - Passed Through State Dept of Education			5,621,221	(1,343,637)	5,518,165	5,208,083	(1,033,555)
Passed Through State Department of Career							
and Technology Education:							
Carl Perkins Grant	84.048	421	48,312		23,546	48,311	(24,765)
Carl Perkins Supplemental Grant 2022-23	84.048	799		(23,407)	13,374		· · · · 2
Subtotal - Passed Through Dept of Career and Tech Ed			\$ 48,312	(23,407)	36,920	48,311	(24,765)
U.S. Department of Agriculture:							
Passed Through State Department of Education:							
Child & Adult Care Food Program	10.558	769		87,218	374,049	392.046	69,221
					374,049	392,040	
Emergency Operational Cost Reimb. CACFP	10.558	761		14,537	55.050	05 404	14,537
Action For Healthy Kids	10.579	778		0.000	55,958	65,184	(9,226)
EBT Program	10.649 10.185	760 778		3,063	17,393		3,063
Farm to School Child Nutrition Cluster:	10.165	110		(17,393)	17,393		
Cash Assistance:							
Commodity Credit Corp	10.555	759		33,162	88,784	96,664	25,282
Emergency Operational Cost Reimb.	10.555	762		117,932	00,704	115,514	2,418
Federal Lunch Program	10.555	763		18,038	1,126,760	1,114,264	30,534
Federal Breakfast Program	10.553	764		429,151	314,598	319,087	424,662
Summer Food Program	10.559	766		90,500	47,215	47,215	90,500
Cash Assistance Subtotal	10.000	100		688,783	1,577,357	1,692,744	573,396
Passed Through State Department of Human Services:							
Non-cash Assistance (Commodities)	10.555	N/A			122,154	122,154	
Subtotal - Child Nutrition Program (Cluster)				688,783	1,699,511	1,814,898	573,396
Subtotal - U.S. Department of Agriculture				776,208	2,146,911	2,272,128	650,991

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Pass-through					
	Federal	Grantor's	Program	Beginning			Ending
Federal Grantor/Pass Through	Award Listing	Project	or Award	Balance	Revenue	Total	Balance
Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Amount	7/1/2023	Collected	Expenditures	6/30/2024
Other Federal Assistance:							
Johnson O'Malley	15.130	563	\$ 77,520		25,700	77,520	(51,820)
Johnson O'Malley 2022-23	15.130	799		(48,520)	48,520		
Rehab Services	84.126	456	5,470	(600)	3,881	5,470	(2,189)
Flood Control	12.112	770	19,895	39,980	19,895	<u> </u>	59,875
JROTC	12.401	771	40,089		36,632	40,089	(3,457)
JROTC 2022-23	12.401	799		(3,268)	3,268		
Innovative Literacy Grant	84.215G	772	739,526		630,414	705,908	(75,494)
Innovative Literacy Grant 2022-23	84.215G	799		(121,924)	121,924		
STOP School Violence Grant-DOJ	16.839	773	1,000,000		100,527	178,902	(78,375)
COPS Grant-DOJ 2022-23	16.710	799		(14,167)	14,167		
Tahlequah ROAR Project	84.184M	774	753,477			8,637	(8,637)
Partnerships For Success-HHS	93.243	775	300,000		182,262	257,900	(75,638)
Partnerships For Success-HHS 2022-23	93.243	799		(102,851)	102,851		
GEAR UP	84.334S	776	121,204	43,203	78,000	109,632	11,571
ROAR Transformation Grant	84.184G	777	745,798		551,971	700,337	(148,366)
ROAR Transformation Grant 2022-23	84.184G	799		(71,345)	71,345		
Mental Health Supports in Schools	93.243	779	125,000	2,437	67,277	99,932	(30,218)
Mental Health Supports in Schools 2022-23	93.243	799		(2,250)	2,250		
Subtotal - Other Federal Assistance			3,927,979	(279,305)	2,060,884	2,184,327	(402,748)
Total Federal Assistance			\$ 10,865,921	479,725	11,028,645	10,203,881	1,314,522

\* Major federal programs

Note 1 - Commodities received by the District in the amount of \$122,154 were of a non-monetary nature and therefore the total revenue does not agree with the financial statements by this amount. These commodities are reported at fair market value.

Note 2 - There were no amounts passed to subrecipients.

Note 3 - Grantor provides adequate insurance coverage against loss on assets purchased with Federal Awards.

Note 4 - The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Expenditures are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting consistent with the preparation of the combined financial statements. These expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance. The District has also elected to not use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

BONDING COMPANY	POSITION COVERED	BOND <u>NUMBER</u>	COVERAGE <u>AMOUNT</u>	EFFECTIVE DATES
Western Surety Company	Superintendent Treasurer Encumbrance Clerk Activity Fund Custodian Minutes Clerk Payroll Clerk	601032323 601032323 601032323 601032323 601032323 601032323	\$100,000 \$50,000 \$10,000 \$10,000	7/1/23-7/1/24 7/1/23-7/1/24 7/1/23-7/1/24 7/1/23-7/1/24 7/1/23-7/1/24 7/1/23-7/1/24



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# CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, P.C.

### 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 Tahlequah School District No. I-035 Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465-0517

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying fund type and account group financial statements-regulatory basis as listed in the Table of Contents, of Tahlequah School District No. 1-035, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 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 12, 2024. This report 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 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 asset account group with respect to the presentation of financial statements on the regulatory basis of accounting authorized by the Oklahoma State Board of Education.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over 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.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School 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, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one (1) instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 24-01.

#### **District's Response to Findings**

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the letter following the audit acknowledgement page. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

Jenkons & Kumper, CPAS P.C.

Jenkins & Kemper Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

November 12, 2024



JACK JENKINS, CPA MICHAEL KEMPER, CPA

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

The Honorable Board of Education Tahlequah School District No. I-035 Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465-0517

#### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Tahlequah School District No. I-035, Tahlequah, Oklahoma's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Tahlequah School District No. I-035, Tahlequah, Oklahoma complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (The Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Tahlequah School District No. I-035, Tahlequah, Oklahoma and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

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

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

- 42 -116 West Breckenridge Ave, Bixby, OK 74008 Phone: 918,366.4440 Fax: 918.366.4443 www.jenkinskemper.com made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

Jenkins & Kumper, CPAS P.C.

Jenkins & Kemper Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

November 12, 2024

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

### **Summary of Auditor's Results**

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an adverse opinion on the combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and a qualified opinion for the omission of the general fixed asset account group on the combined financial statements in conformity with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
- 2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the District were reported during the audit.
- 4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the "Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance"
- 5. An unqualified opinion report was issued on the compliance of major federal award programs.
- 6. The audit disclosed no audit findings and questioned costs, which are required to be reported under OMB Uniform Guidance.
- Identification of Major Programs: Education Stabilization Fund (84.425U) and Special Education (84.027,84.173) programs, which were each clustered in the determination, and the Title I (84.010) program.
- 8. The dollar threshold used to determine between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
- 8. The District did not qualify to be a low-risk auditee.

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

### Findings - Financial Statement Audit

### 24-01 - Federal Program Monitoring

<u>Condition:</u> Several of the federal programs the District participates in reported the incorrect amount expenditures as of the date of final audit work. These errors appeared to have been corrected on the District's final OCAS data submission to the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

<u>Criteria:</u> Expenditures and reimbursements for federal programs must be coded to the proper project codes to accurately report federal expenditures to the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Effect: The District could misreport total federal expenditures to the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

<u>Recommendation</u>: That the District implement procedures to reconcile federal expenditures to revenues at year end and investigate any discrepancies.

### Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

None

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY DISPOSITION OF PRIOR YEAR'S SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

### 23-01 - Federal Program Monitoring

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, several federal programs reported incorrect revenue and expenditure amounts as of the date of final audit work. These errors were later corrected in a revised OCAS data submission. This condition appeared to have improved but continued during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

### 23-02 - ROAR Grant Expenditures

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the District drew down excess federal funds for the ROAR grant (777) in the amount of \$48,260. During the 2023-24 fiscal year, the District reduced its reimbursement of expenditures for the program by this amount in order to correct the overpayment.

### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. I-35, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTANT'S PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

State of Oklahoma ) County of Tulsa )

The undersigned auditing firm representative of lawful age, 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 Tahlequah School District for the audit year 2023-24.

Jenkins & Kemper, CPAs, P.C. AUDITING FIRM BY 4 la AUTHORIZED AGENT

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of, November, 2024

NOTARY PUBLIC



	<b>OKLAHOMA</b> Education	Audit Acknowled Audit Year: 2023
District Name	Tahlequah Public School	District Number 1-35
County Name	Cherokee	County Code 11

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The audit was presented by	Jenkins & Kemper, CPAs P.C.	Jack Denking
	(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 acknowledgement 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:

Subscribed and sworn before me on

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Superintendent Board of Education President

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My Commission expires 4/8/25

BRITTANY A. BLOODWORTH Notary Public, State of Oklahoma Commission # 21004790 Commission Expires

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