

REPORT OF
NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
MENDON, MISSOURI
JUNE 30, 2024

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Northwestern R-I School District, Mendon, Missouri (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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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Emphasis of Matter – Prior Period Adjustment

As discussed in Note 17, the District recorded a prior period adjustment in the General Fund to reflect an adjustment to balances on the ASBR after the audit report was completed. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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 financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying debt service budgetary schedule, capital projects budgetary schedule, schedule of revenues collected by source arising from modified cash transactions, and schedule of expenditures paid by object arising from modified cash transactions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the debt service budgetary schedule, capital projects budgetary schedule, schedule of revenues collected by source arising from modified cash transactions, and schedule of expenditures paid by object arising from modified cash transactions, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the schedule of selected statistics and schedule of transportation costs eligible for state aid but does not include the basic financial and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 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.



December 5, 2024

Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, P.C.
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NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION ARISING FROM MODIFIED
CASH TRANSACTIONS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash and investments	\$	1,361,003
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Capital Assets

Buildings and improvements and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		4,054,575
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Total Assets		5,415,578
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LIABILITIES:

Bonds payable due within one year		100,000
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Bonds payable due after one year		1,640,000
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Total Liabilities		1,740,000
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NET POSITION:

Net Investment in capital assets		2,314,575
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Restricted for debt service		200,710
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Unrestricted		1,160,293
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Total Net Position	\$	3,675,578
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NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Expenditures	Program Receipts		Net Expenses and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions
Regular instruction	\$ 1,232,779	\$ 4,000	\$ 361,747	\$ -	\$ (867,032)
Special instruction	245,175	-	76,476	-	(168,699)
Vocational instruction	198,838	-	-	-	(198,838)
Student activities	150,994	119,030	-	-	(31,964)
Tuition paid to other districts	25,940	-	-	-	(25,940)
Student support services	178,018	-	12,038	-	(165,980)
Instructional support services	115,015	-	2,375	-	(112,640)
Board of Education services	30,170	-	-	-	(30,170)
Executive administration	173,485	-	-	-	(173,485)
Building level administration	138,110	-	-	-	(138,110)
Business/central services	74,003	-	-	-	(74,003)
Operation of plant	240,489	-	-	-	(240,489)
Pupil transportation	212,124	5,000	110,454	-	(96,670)
Food services	126,455	26,145	51,989	-	(48,321)
Adult education and community services	81,218	4,166	10,625	-	(66,427)
Interest and fees	51,218	-	-	-	(51,218)
Total	\$ 3,274,031	\$ 158,341	\$ 625,704	\$ -	\$ (2,489,986)

General Revenues

Taxes

Property taxes levied for general purposes	806,806
Property taxes levied for debt services	76,104
Proposition C sales tax	215,445
Financial institution tax/in lieu of tax/M&M surtax	28,047
State assessed railroad and utility	937,301

Non-Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues

County-fines	5,585
State-basic formula	472,576
Interest and investment earnings	78,079
Miscellaneous	28,798
Subtotal General Revenues	2,648,741

Increase (Decrease) in Net Position 158,755

Net Position, June 30, 2023 3,523,123

Prior Period Adjustment (Note 17) (6,300)

Net Position, June 30, 2023, Restated 3,516,823

Net Position, June 30, 2024 \$ 3,675,578

See Notes to Financial Statements

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Fund Types				Total Governmental Funds
	General (Incidental) Fund	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	
ASSETS:					
Cash and investments	\$ 710,955	\$ 16,240	\$ 200,710	\$ 433,098	\$ 1,361,003
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 710,955</u>	<u>\$ 16,240</u>	<u>\$ 200,710</u>	<u>\$ 433,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,361,003</u>
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted for debt service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,710	\$ -	\$ 200,710
Assigned for special revenue	-	16,240	-	-	16,240
Assigned for capital projects	-	-	-	433,098	433,098
Assigned for student activities	80,296	-	-	-	80,296
Unassigned	630,659	-	-	-	630,659
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 710,955</u>	<u>\$ 16,240</u>	<u>\$ 200,710</u>	<u>\$ 433,098</u>	1,361,003

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	4,054,575
Liabilities are not reported in the funds	
Bonds payable	<u>(1,740,000)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,675,578</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Fund Types				Total Governmental Funds
	General (Incidental) Fund	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	
REVENUES COLLECTED:					
Local	\$ 1,102,481	\$ 215,492	\$ 80,247	\$ 88,074	\$ 1,486,294
County	826,943	5,585	110,358	-	942,886
State	204,205	534,391	-	55,536	794,132
Federal	112,135	92,289	-	-	204,424
Received from other districts	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Other	-	-	-	50	50
Total Revenues Collected	<u>2,250,764</u>	<u>847,757</u>	<u>190,605</u>	<u>143,660</u>	<u>3,432,786</u>
EXPENDITURES PAID:					
Regular instruction	48,774	1,013,841	-	-	1,062,615
Special instruction	15,488	229,687	-	-	245,175
Vocational instruction	19,233	179,605	-	-	198,838
Student activities	150,516	478	-	-	150,994
Tuition paid to other districts	-	25,940	-	-	25,940
Student support services	34,847	143,171	-	-	178,018
Instructional support services	55,417	59,598	-	-	115,015
Board of Education services	30,170	-	-	-	30,170
Executive administration	48,575	124,910	-	-	173,485
Building level administration	58,038	80,072	-	-	138,110
Business/central services	74,003	-	-	-	74,003
Operation of plant	226,324	-	-	14,165	240,489
Pupil transportation	206,443	-	-	33,074	239,517
Food services	126,455	-	-	-	126,455
Adult education and community services	20,340	60,878	-	-	81,218
Principal retirement	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
Interest and fees	-	-	51,218	-	51,218
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>1,114,623</u>	<u>1,918,180</u>	<u>151,218</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>3,231,260</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID	<u>1,136,141</u>	<u>(1,070,423)</u>	<u>39,387</u>	<u>96,421</u>	<u>201,526</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):					
Transfers	<u>(1,086,663)</u>	<u>1,086,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(1,086,663)</u>	<u>1,086,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES PAID AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>49,478</u>	<u>16,240</u>	<u>39,387</u>	<u>96,421</u>	<u>\$ 201,526</u>
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	667,777	-	161,323	336,677	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (NOTE 17)	<u>(6,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	<u>661,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,323</u>	<u>336,677</u>	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 710,955</u>	<u>\$ 16,240</u>	<u>\$ 200,710</u>	<u>\$ 433,098</u>	

See Notes to Financial Statements

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED,
EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM
MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 201,526
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	33,074
Depreciation expense	(175,845)

Change in accrued compensated absences is an expenditure for governmental activities	100,000
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 158,755
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NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL (INCIDENTAL) FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES COLLECTED:				
Local	\$ 802,386	\$ 802,386	\$ 1,102,481	\$ 300,095
County	702,626	702,626	826,943	124,317
State	114,643	114,643	204,205	89,562
Federal	114,661	114,661	112,135	(2,526)
Received from other districts	-	-	5,000	5,000
Total Revenues Collected	<u>1,734,316</u>	<u>1,734,316</u>	<u>2,250,764</u>	<u>516,448</u>
EXPENDITURES PAID:				
Regular instruction	60,590	48,774	48,774	-
Special instruction	10,532	15,488	15,488	-
Vocational instruction	10,040	19,233	19,233	-
Student activities	109,589	150,516	150,516	-
Student support services	30,601	34,847	34,847	-
Instructional support services	38,321	55,417	55,417	-
Board of Education services	24,427	30,170	30,170	-
Executive administration	49,222	48,575	48,575	-
Building level administration	60,612	58,038	58,038	-
Business/central services	70,520	74,003	74,003	-
Operation of plant	236,867	226,324	226,324	-
Pupil transportation	310,791	206,443	206,443	-
Food services	135,574	126,455	126,455	-
Adult education and community services	24,517	20,340	20,340	-
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>1,172,203</u>	<u>1,114,623</u>	<u>1,114,623</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID	562,113	619,693	1,136,141	516,448
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):				
Transfers	<u>(973,080)</u>	<u>(1,235,723)</u>	<u>(1,086,663)</u>	<u>(149,060)</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(410,967)</u>	<u>(616,030)</u>	<u>49,478</u>	<u>\$ 665,508</u>
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	667,777	667,777	667,777	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (NOTE 17)	<u>(6,300)</u>	<u>(6,300)</u>	<u>(6,300)</u>	
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	<u>661,477</u>	<u>661,477</u>	<u>661,477</u>	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 250,510</u>	<u>\$ 45,447</u>	<u>\$ 710,955</u>	

See Notes to Financial Statements

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE (TEACHERS') FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES COLLECTED:				
Local	\$ 180,439	\$ 180,439	\$ 215,492	\$ 35,053
County	6,661	6,661	5,585	(1,076)
State	479,012	479,012	534,391	55,379
Federal	16,345	16,345	92,289	75,944
Total Revenues Collected	<u>682,457</u>	<u>682,457</u>	<u>847,757</u>	<u>165,300</u>
EXPENDITURES PAID:				
Regular instruction	864,746	1,013,841	1,013,841	-
Special instruction	214,234	229,687	229,687	-
Vocational instruction	164,838	179,605	179,605	-
Student activities	1,132	478	478	-
Tuition paid to other districts	34,082	25,940	25,940	-
Student support services	107,967	143,171	143,171	-
Instructional support services	55,681	59,598	59,598	-
Executive administration	119,777	124,910	124,910	-
Building level administration	23,208	80,072	80,072	-
Adult education and community services	69,872	60,878	60,878	-
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>1,655,537</u>	<u>1,918,180</u>	<u>1,918,180</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID				
	(973,080)	(1,235,723)	(1,070,423)	165,300
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):				
Transfers	973,080	1,235,723	1,086,663	149,060
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES PAID				
	-	-	16,240	<u>\$ 16,240</u>
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR				
	-	-	-	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR				
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,240</u>	

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Northwestern R-I School District (the “District”) have been prepared in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. As such these financial statements reflect the cash and investment position of the District and the receipts and disbursements arising from cash activities. Additionally, these financial statements include the capital assets and long-term debt of the District as modifications to the cash basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies of the District are described below:

A. Reporting Entity

The District is governed by an elected seven-member board. The Northwestern R-I School District Board (the “Board”) is the basic level of government that has financial accountability and control over all activities related to public school education in the District. The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (a) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (b) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The District has no component units.

B. District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

District-Wide Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients for goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. The District does not allocate indirect costs.

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Financial Statements:

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

C. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund - The Teachers' Fund is required to be established by state law and may be used for the payment of salaries and insurance benefits for certificated personnel. The fund's revenues include property taxes, investment income, and county, state, and federal aid. The fund is also used to account for certain tuition payments made between school districts.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund accounts for the revenue collected from local taxation and allocated state aid for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund accounts for expenditures from the proceeds of bond issues, investment income earned on the proceeds and other revenues designated for acquisition or construction of major capital assets. The expenditures include major capital outlay projects and equipment purchases for instructional and support programs.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Accounting, Measurement Focus and Financial Statement Presentation

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses 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.

The district-wide financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when received and expenses are recorded when paid. However, the district-wide financial statements have been modified to include the capital assets of the District, including depreciation. Additionally, the long-term debt of the District is also included in the district-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when paid. Investments are recorded as assets.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues and certain liabilities and their related expenses are not recorded in these financial statements. If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the financial statements would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

This modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenses or expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid and other accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not arise from a cash transactions or event are not reported, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does not involve adjustment to fair value.

If the District utilized accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financial statements would be presented in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

- 1) In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the District adopts a budget for each fund.
- 2) Prior to July, the superintendent, who serves as the budget officer, submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and expenditures for all District funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year.
- 3) A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
- 4) Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Board of Education.
- 5) Subsequent to formal approval of the budget, the Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget information included in the financial statements. The budget was amended at the June 19, 2024 board meeting.
- 6) Budgets for District funds are prepared and adopted on the cash basis of accounting (budget basis), which recognizes revenues when collected and expenditures when paid.

F. Pooled Cash and Temporary Investments

Cash resources of the individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and temporary investments which is managed by the District Treasurer. Investments of the pooled accounts consist primarily of certificates of deposit and money market checking accounts. Interest income earned is allocated to contributing funds based on cash and temporary investment balances. All funds except the Debt Service Fund participate in the pooled cash and investments. State law requires the Debt Service Fund's cash to be maintained separately.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture and equipment are reported in the district-wide financial statements. The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The District does not own any infrastructure. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Capital assets being constructed and in progress as of the date of the financial statements are reported as Construction in Progress. All reported capital assets except land and construction in progress are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

H. Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Amounts due employees under employee benefit plans are accounted for as liabilities of the District in both the district-wide and fund financial statements. Long-term obligations are reported only in the district-wide financial statements.

I. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

J. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

L. Debt Service

Proceeds from sales of bonded indebtedness are recorded as revenue when the payment is received. Repayments are recognized as expenditures when the disbursements are made. Interest on bonded indebtedness is recorded when it is disbursed.

M. Vacation and Sick Leave

Vacation time, personal business days, and sick leave are considered as expenditures in the year paid. Amounts that are unused and which are vested in the employee are payable upon termination.

N. Teacher Salaries

The salary payment schedule of the District requires the payment of salaries for a twelve-month period. Consequently, the July and August 2024 payroll checks, written and dated in June 2024 are included in the financial statements as an expenditure in the 2023-24 year. This practice is consistent with prior years.

O. Compensated Absences

The District allows employees to accumulate unused sick leave to a maximum of 50 days. Upon termination, up to 50 days of accumulated sick leave will be paid to the employee at the rate of one-half of the substitute teacher pay rate.

P. Post Employment Benefits

COBRA Benefits - Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the District provides health care benefits to eligible former employees and eligible dependents. Certain requirements are outlined by the federal government for this coverage. The premium is paid in full by the insured on or before the month for the actual month covered. This program is offered for a duration of 18 months after the termination date. There is no associated cost to the District under this program.

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Q. Fund Equity – Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Beginning with FY 2011, the District implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

- **Nonspendable:** This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Management has determined there are no amounts that should be considered nonspendable.
- **Restricted:** This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources because they are either:
 - Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
 - Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Management has determined \$200,710 is restricted for debt service at June 30, 2024.

- **Committed:** This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the District's board of directors, which is the District's highest level of decision-making authority. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board of directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The District did not have any committed resources as of year-end.

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- Assigned: This classification includes spendable amounts 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 a specific purpose in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 54. The intent of an assigned fund balance should be expressed by either the District's board of directors, or a subordinate high-level body, such as a finance committee, or an official, such as the executive director, that has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The District's management assigned \$433,098 for capital projects, \$16,240 for special revenue purposes, and \$80,296 for student activities at June 30, 2024.
- Unassigned: This classification is the residual fund balance for the General Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications, the District would use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed. However, it reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer to the use of the other classified funds.

NOTE 2: Deposits and Investments

The District complies with various restrictions on deposits and investments which are imposed by state statutes as follows:

Deposits - Missouri statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits.

Investments - The District may purchase any investments allowed by the State Treasurer. These include (1) obligations of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof maturing and becoming payable not more than three years from the date of purchase, or (2) repurchase agreements maturing and becoming payable within ninety days secured by U. S. Treasury obligations or obligations of U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities of any maturity, as provided by law.

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NOTE 2: Deposits and Investments (continued)

The District held no investments at June 30, 2024. The deposits held at June 30, 2024, are shown below:

	Carrying Value
Deposits:	
Demand deposits	\$ 1,300,963
	1,300,963
Investments:	
External Investment Pool:	
Missouri Health & Education Facilities Authority	
Direct Deposit Program	60,040
	60,040
Total deposits and investments	\$ 1,361,003

Custodial credit risk. Deposits in financial institutions, reported as components of cash and investments had a bank balance of \$1,603,654 at June 30, 2024, which was fully insured by depository insurance or secured with collateral.

Investment interest rate risk. The District has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District held U.S. Treasury Securities at June 30, 2024.

Investment credit risk. The Board has given the Superintendent the authority to invest idle funds of the District in low-risk investments such as United States government securities or collateralized certificates of deposit.

Concentration of investment credit risk. The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. At June 30, 2024, the District had no concentration of credit risk.

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NOTE 3: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance at June 30, 2023	Additions	Disposals	Balance at June 30, 2024
Governmental Activities:				
Building and improvements	\$ 5,398,006	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,398,006
Equipment	830,318	11,999	-	842,317
School buses	444,407	21,075	-	465,482
Totals at historical cost	<u>6,672,731</u>	<u>33,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,705,805</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building and improvements	\$ (1,272,326)	\$ (151,606)	\$ -	\$ (1,423,932)
Equipment	(772,389)	(18,558)	-	(790,947)
School buses	(430,670)	(5,681)	-	(436,351)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,475,385)</u>	<u>(175,845)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,651,230)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,197,346</u>	<u>\$ (142,771)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,054,575</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to programs as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Regular instruction	\$ 170,164
Pupil transportation	5,681
	<u>\$ 175,845</u>

NOTE 4: Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. The county collects the property tax and remits it to the District.

The District also receives sales tax collected by the state and remitted based on eligible pupils. The District is required to reduce its property tax levy by one-half the amount of sales tax estimated to be received in the subsequent calendar year unless the voters have approved a rollback waiver. On April 5, 1994, voters of the District approved this roll back waiver.

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2023 for purposes of local taxation was \$20,929,770.

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 4: Taxes (continued)

The tax levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2023 for purpose of local taxation was:

	Unadjusted	Adjusted
General (Incidental) Fund	\$ 3.9387	\$ 3.9387
Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	-	-
Debt Service Fund	0.3700	0.3700
Capital Projects Fund	-	-
Total	\$ 4.3087	\$ 4.3087

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, aggregated approximately 97.9% of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above.

NOTE 5: Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Bonds Payable
Balance, June 30, 2023	\$ 1,840,000
Bonds issued	-
Bonds retired	(100,000)
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$ 1,740,000
Current Portion	\$ 100,000

NOTE 6: Bonds Payable

The following is a summary of bond transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Bonds payable, June 30, 2023	\$ 1,840,000
Bonds issued	-
Bonds retired	(100,000)
Bonds payable, June 30, 2024	\$ 1,740,000

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 6: Bonds Payable (continued)

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024, consist of:

\$2,040,000 Series 2020 General Obligation Bonds, due in varying annual installments beginning August 5, 2020 through March 1, 2040; interest at 0.6% to 3.0%	<u>\$ 1,740,000</u>
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Cumulative debt service requirements are as follows:

Year Ended <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,100	\$ 150,100
2026	100,000	49,200	149,200
2027	100,000	46,200	146,200
2028	100,000	43,200	143,200
2029	100,000	40,200	140,200
2030-2034	510,000	156,000	666,000
2035-2039	600,000	72,150	672,150
2040	<u>130,000</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>133,900</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,740,000</u>	<u>\$ 460,950</u>	<u>\$ 2,200,950</u>

Article VI, Section 26(b), Constitution of Missouri, limits the outstanding amount of authorized general obligation bonds of a district to 15 percent of the assessed valuation of a district. The legal debt margin (excluding state-assessed railroad and utility) of the District at June 30, 2024, was:

Constitutional debt limit	\$ 3,139,465
General obligation bonds payable	(1,740,000)
Amount in Debt Service Fund available for payment of principal	<u>200,710</u>
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 1,600,175</u>

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 7: Fund Balance

Classifications of fund balances at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	200,710	-	200,710
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned for special revenue	-	16,240	-	-	16,240
Assigned for student activities	80,296	-	-	-	80,296
Assigned for capital projects	-	-	-	433,098	433,098
Unassigned	630,659	-	-	-	630,659
	<u>\$ 710,955</u>	<u>\$ 16,240</u>	<u>\$ 200,710</u>	<u>\$ 433,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,361,003</u>

The District has not adopted a policy that sets forth a minimum fund balance amount.

NOTE 8: Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers, the flow of assets from one fund to another where repayment is not expected, are reported as transfers in and out. The District is required to make a transfer from the General Fund to the Teachers' Fund to cover the excess of disbursements over receipts each year. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District made the following interfund transfers:

<u>Type of Transfers</u>	General (Incidental) Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Teachers Fund	\$ (1,086,663)	\$ 1,086,663
Total Net Transfers	<u>\$ (1,086,663)</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,663</u>

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 9: Retirement Plan

The Northwestern R-I School District contributes to the Public School Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PSRS provides retirement and disability benefits to full-time (and certain part-time) certificated employees and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Positions covered by the Public School Retirement System of Missouri are not covered by Social Security. PSRS benefit provisions are set forth in Chapter 169.010 - .141 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The statutes assign responsibility for the administration of the system to a seven-member Board of Trustees. PSRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to: The Public School Retirement System of Missouri, P.O. Box 268, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by calling 1-800-392-6848.

PSRS members are required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary and the Northwestern R-I School District is required to contribute a matching amount. The contribution requirements of members and the Northwestern R-I School District are established and may be amended by the PSRS Board of Trustees. The District's contributions to PSRS for the year ending June 30, 2024, were \$198,518, equal to the required contributions. The contributions for the last three years are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount of Employer Contribution	Percentage of Contribution
2024	\$ 198,518	14.50%
2023	206,700	14.50%
2022	185,210	14.50%

The Northwestern R-I School District also contributes to the Public Education Employees Retirement System of Missouri (PEERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PEERS provides retirement and disability benefits to employees of the District who work 20 or more hours per week and who do not contribute to the Public School Retirement System of Missouri. Positions covered by the Public Education Employees Retirement System of Missouri are also covered by Social Security. Benefit provisions are set forth in Chapter 169.600 - .715 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The statutes assign responsibility for the administration of the system to the Board of Trustees of the Public Education Employees Retirement System of Missouri. PEERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to: The Public Education Employees Retirement System of Missouri, P.O. Box 268, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or by calling 1-800-392-6848.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 9: Retirement Plan (continued)

PEERS members are required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary and the Northwestern R-I School District is required to contribute a matching amount. The contribution requirements of members and the Northwestern R-I School District are established and may be amended by the Board of Trustees. The School District’s contributions to PEERS for the year ending June 30, 2024, were \$32,976, equal to the required contributions. The contributions for the last three years are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount of Employer Contribution	Percentage of Contribution
2024	\$ 32,976	6.86%
2023	24,199	6.86%
2022	28,490	6.86%

NOTE 10: Participation in Public Entity Risk Pools

The District is a member of the Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC), a not-for-profit corporation consisting of school districts and junior colleges. MUSIC was incorporated in 1985 to acquire insurance for its members. MUSIC operates as a purchasing pool and is not a joint venture activity of the District. The District has no control over budgeting, financing, management selection, or the governing body. MUSIC provides both conventional and self-insurance coverage for its members including property, casualty, general liability, workers’ compensation, and fleet insurance. The District participates in all of the above coverages.

MUSIC manages the cash and investment pool, funded by insurance premiums, on behalf of its members. MUSIC’s investment pool consists of U.S. Treasury strips.

In the event that a deficit occurs with respect to any fiscal year of MUSIC for which the District was a participant at any time during such year; and in the event that MUSIC determines that an assessment is required in order to provide additional funds for the obligations of MUSIC for such year; and further, in the event that the District was covered by the types of benefits requiring the assessment during the time period in which the assessment arose, the District is obligated to pay its pro rata share of any such assessment, irrespective of whether or not the District is a member of MUSIC at the time of such assessment.

Management of the District is not aware of any deficit situation in MUSIC which would require any accrual of liability as of June 30, 2024.

MUSIC’s financial statements are presented in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 11: 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; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance.

NOTE 12: Contingent Liabilities

The District receives federal grants and state funding for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit. These reviews and audits could lead to request for reimbursement or to withholding of future funding for expenditures disallowed for noncompliance with the terms of the grants and state funding. The federal granting agency will determine whether or not any expenditures will be disallowed. The District is not aware of any noncompliance with federal or state provisions that might require the District to provide reimbursement.

NOTE 13: Other Post-Employment Benefits

The District provides health insurance benefits to its retirees on a reimbursable basis. The cost of the insurance premium is charged to the retirees at the same cost as active employees. This situation causes an implicit premium subsidy for the difference the retirees would have to pay for similar insurance coverage and the actual amount of their premiums. This implicit premium subsidy represents an unfunded obligation to the District. This obligation has not been valued or reported because the District reports its financial activity using the modified cash basis of accounting.

NOTE 14: Pledged Revenues

The District has pledged future revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay bonds that were issued for the purpose of improvements. The bonds are payable solely from debt service net revenues and are payable through 2040. Annual principal and interest payments in 2024 on the bonds required 79% of debt service net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$2,200,950. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total net revenues in the debt service fund for the current year were \$150,900 and \$190,605 respectively.

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NOTE 15: Fair Value Measurement

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurement as of June 30, 2024:

U.S. Treasury securities of \$60,040 are valued using quoted prices in an active market for identical assets (Level 1 inputs).

NOTE 16: Related Party Transactions

The District spent \$485 with a business owned by a board member’s spouse in fiscal year 2024.

NOTE 17: Prior Period Adjustment

The District recorded prior period adjustments in 2024 to account for adjustments made to the balances on the ASBR after the audit report was completed.

	General Fund
June 30, 2023 Fund Balance	\$ 667,777
Prior Period Adjustment	(6,300)
June 30, 2023 Fund Balance, Restated	\$ 661,477

NOTE 18: Consideration of Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 5, 2024, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued. No events requiring disclosure were identified as a result of this review.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(SCHEDULE 1)

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES COLLECTED:				
Local	\$ 69,754	\$ 69,754	\$ 80,247	\$ 10,493
County	94,140	94,140	110,358	16,218
Total Revenues Collected	<u>163,894</u>	<u>163,894</u>	<u>190,605</u>	<u>26,711</u>
EXPENDITURES PAID:				
Principal retirement	182,388	100,000	100,000	-
Interest and fees	318	51,218	51,218	-
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>182,706</u>	<u>151,218</u>	<u>151,218</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID	(18,812)	12,676	39,387	<u>\$ 26,711</u>
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>161,323</u>	<u>161,323</u>	<u>161,323</u>	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 142,511</u>	<u>\$ 173,999</u>	<u>\$ 200,710</u>	

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(SCHEDULE 2)

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES COLLECTED:				
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,074	\$ 88,074
State	55,536	55,536	55,536	-
Federal	64,999	64,999	-	(64,999)
Other	-	-	50	50
Total Revenues Collected	<u>120,535</u>	<u>120,535</u>	<u>143,660</u>	<u>23,125</u>
EXPENDITURES PAID:				
Operation of plant	6,779	14,165	14,165	-
Pupil transportation	-	33,074	33,074	-
Food services	3,494	-	-	-
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>10,273</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID	110,262	73,296	96,421	<u>\$ 23,125</u>
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>336,677</u>	<u>336,677</u>	<u>336,677</u>	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 446,939</u>	<u>\$ 409,973</u>	<u>\$ 433,098</u>	

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY SOURCE
ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(SCHEDULE 3)

	General (Incidental) Fund	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
LOCAL:					
Current taxes	\$ 783,444	\$ -	\$ 73,901	\$ -	\$ 857,345
Delinquent taxes	23,362	-	2,204	-	25,566
Proposition C	-	215,445	-	-	215,445
Financial institution tax	74	-	-	-	74
M & M surcharge tax	10,929	-	-	-	10,929
In lieu of tax	17,044	-	-	-	17,044
Regular day school tuition	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Earnings on investments	73,890	47	4,142	-	78,079
Food service program	25,730	-	-	-	25,730
Food service non-program	416	-	-	-	416
Student activities	119,030	-	-	-	119,030
Community services	4,166	-	-	-	4,166
Other local	40,396	-	-	88,074	128,470
Total Local	<u>1,102,481</u>	<u>215,492</u>	<u>80,247</u>	<u>88,074</u>	<u>1,486,294</u>
COUNTY:					
Fines, escheats, etc.	-	5,585	-	-	5,585
State assessed utility taxes	826,943	-	110,358	-	937,301
Total County	<u>826,943</u>	<u>5,585</u>	<u>110,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>942,886</u>
STATE:					
Basic formula	-	474,951	-	-	474,951
Transportation	110,454	-	-	-	110,454
Career ladder	-	43,200	-	-	43,200
Basic formula - classroom trust fund	10,522	-	-	55,536	66,058
Educational screening program	10,625	-	-	-	10,625
Small schools grant	61,751	-	-	-	61,751
Career education	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Food service	456	-	-	-	456
Teacher baseline grant	8,120	16,240	-	-	24,360
Other	484	-	-	-	484
Total State	<u>204,205</u>	<u>534,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,536</u>	<u>794,132</u>
FEDERAL:					
Medicaid	42,681	-	-	-	42,681
ARP - ESSER III	-	19,765	-	-	19,765
CRRSA - GEER II	182	-	-	-	182
IDEA entitlement funds, part B IDEA	-	36,352	-	-	36,352
National school lunch program	38,120	-	-	-	38,120
School breakfast program	11,264	-	-	-	11,264
After school snack program	2,148	-	-	-	2,148
Title I	-	34,422	-	-	34,422
Title IV.A	12,038	-	-	-	12,038
Title II A&B	5,702	-	-	-	5,702
Other	-	1,750	-	-	1,750
Total Federal	<u>112,135</u>	<u>92,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,424</u>
OTHER:					
Sale of school buses	-	-	-	50	50
Transportation from other LEAs, non-disabled	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Total Other	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>5,050</u>
TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED	<u>\$ 2,250,764</u>	<u>\$ 847,757</u>	<u>\$ 190,605</u>	<u>\$ 143,660</u>	<u>\$ 3,432,786</u>

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES PAID BY OBJECT
 ARISING FROM MODIFIED CASH TRANSACTIONS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (SCHEDULE 4)

	General (Incidental) Fund	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Salaries	\$ 331,483	\$ 1,465,598	\$ -	\$ 1,797,081
Employee benefits	141,881	425,642	-	567,523
Purchased services	188,691	26,940	-	215,631
Supplies	452,568	-	-	452,568
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,239</u>	<u>47,239</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$ 1,114,623</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,918,180</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 47,239</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,080,042</u></u>

**STATE COMPLIANCE SCHEDULES
(UNAUDITED)**

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

1. Calendar (Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033 RSMo)

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

School Code	Begin Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
	K	12		7.2000	162	1074.4830

Notes:	

2. Attendance Hours

Report the total attendance hours of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School Hours	Total Hours
	K-12	140,029.5167	-	-	-	-	140,029.5167
Grand Total	K-12	140,029.5167	-	-	-	-	140,029.5167

Notes:	

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

3. September Membership

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

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
	K-12	140.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
Grand Total	K-12	140.00	0.00	0.00	140.00

Notes:	

4. Free and Reduced Priced Lunch FTE Count (Section 163.011(6), RSMo)

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

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
1050	16.00	8.00	N/A	N/A	24.00
4020	13.00	12.00	N/A	N/A	25.00
Grand Total	29.00	20.00	N/A	N/A	49.00

Notes:	

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(UNAUDITED)

5. Finance

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

Section	Question	Answer
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	True
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories: Academic Programs - Off Campus Career Exploration Program - Off Campus Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program Dual enrollment Homebound instruction Missouri Options Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid Remediation Sheltered Workshop participation Students participating in the school flex program Traditional instruction (full and part-time students) Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option) Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	True
		True
		N/A
		N/A
		True
		True
		N/A
		N/A
		N/A
		N/A
		N/A
		N/A
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's school treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that proves coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$ 50,000
5.6	The district's/charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual.	True
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools)	True

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

5. Finance (continued)

Section	Question	Answer
5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	False
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approved a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools)	N/A
5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	False
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools)	True
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$ 4,749
5.13	The district/charter school has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	True

Notes:	

All above "False" answers **must** be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	
Management Letter Comment:	Payroll, Audit Report Publication

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

6. Transportation (Section 163.161, RSMo)

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

Section	Question	Answer
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	True
6.2	The district's/charter school's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	True
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was: Eligible ADT Ineligible ADT	87.00
		40.00
6.4	The district's/charter school's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	True
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total district/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:	73,056
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was: Eligible Miles Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)	38,264
		34,792
6.7	Number of days the district/charter school operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:	172

Notes:	

All above "False" answers **must** be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	
Management Letter Comment:	

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(UNAUDITED)

DISTRICT OWNED TRANSPORTATION:

Salaries	\$	96,381
Fringe benefits		33,147
Purchased services		30,780
Supplies		46,134
Capital outlay		<u>21,075</u>
Total District Owned Transportation		<u>227,517</u>
 Total Allowable Costs	 \$	 <u>227,517</u>

STATE COMPLIANCE



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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We have examined management's assertions that the Northwestern R-I School District, Mendon, Missouri, complied with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures; accurate disclosure by the District's attendance records of average daily attendance, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September and the number of students eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches on the last Wednesday of January; and accurate disclosure by pupil transportation records of the average daily transportation of pupils eligible and ineligible for state aid, the number of miles eligible and ineligible for state aid and the allowable costs for pupil transportation during the year ended June 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

PARTNERS

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Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertions are fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertions. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertions whether due to fraud or error. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PARTNERS EMERITI

Robert A. Gerding
Fred W. Korte, Jr.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, the Northwestern R-I School District, Mendon, Missouri, complied, in all material respects with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2024, except as noted on the subsequent page.

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

December 5, 2024

Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
Boonville, Missouri

NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Payroll

During our audit, we noted two certified employee contract amounts reported in Core Data did not match contracts (the employees were correctly paid according to their contract).

Audit Report Publication

During our audit, we noted the District did not publish a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL



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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
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To the Board of Education
Northwestern R-I School District
Mendon, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities – modified cash basis and each major fund of the Northwestern R-I School District, Mendon, Missouri (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 December 5, 2024.

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a significant deficiency (2024-001).

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

District's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.



December 5, 2024

Gerding, Korte & Chitwood, P.C.
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NORTHWESTERN R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2024-001 Accounting Personnel/Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Proper segregation of duties reduces the risk of errors and fraud and is an important internal control.

Condition: It is recognized that the small number of accounting and clerical personnel of the District precludes the application of internal accounting control procedures possible in a larger organization.

Context: During our audit we reviewed District policies and procedures and determined adequate segregation of duties did not exist.

Effect: A small number of employees perform several accounting duties.

Cause: The District does not have the financial resources to hire enough personnel to segregate duties.

Recommendation: The District should segregate duties wherever possible and implement other controls to compensate for the lack of segregation of duties.

View of
Responsible
Officials & Planned
Corrective Action: The District will segregate duties whenever possible and be sure to involve the Board of Education for thorough controls to further reduce the risk of errors and fraud.