



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

William G. Holland, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #27
HENDERSON, MERCER AND WARREN COUNTIES

FINANCIAL AUDIT (In accordance with the Single
 Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133)
 For the Year Ended: June 30, 2014

Release Date: March 26, 2015

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS						
	New	Repeat	Total	Repeated Since 2007	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	0	1	1	2007	14-1		
Category 2:	0	0	0				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
TOTAL	0	1	1				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 2							

SYNOPSIS

- **(14-1)** The Regional Office of Education #27 did not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process.

Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).
Category 2: Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and/or **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.
Category 3: Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with federal and/or State laws and regulations.

{Revenues and expenditures are summarized on the reverse page.}

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	FY 2014	FY 2013
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,492,143	\$2,390,648
Local Sources	\$314,648	\$370,869
% of Total Revenues	12.63%	15.51%
State Sources	\$1,632,855	\$1,498,641
% of Total Revenues	65.52%	62.69%
Federal Sources	\$544,640	\$521,138
% of Total Revenues	21.85%	21.80%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,361,189	\$2,283,850
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,498,493	\$1,295,531
% of Total Expenditures	63.46%	56.73%
Purchased Services	\$269,820	\$274,938
% of Total Expenditures	11.43%	12.04%
All Other Expenditures	\$592,876	\$713,381
% of Total Expenditures	25.11%	31.24%
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$1,202,832	\$1,071,878
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$5,541	\$6,807
Percentages may not add due to rounding.		

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT
During Audit Period: Honorable Jodi Scott
Currently: Honorable Jodi Scott

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

The Regional Office of Education #27 did not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process.

The Regional Office of Education #27 is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The ROE internal controls over GAAP financial reporting should include adequately trained personnel with the knowledge, skills, and experience to prepare GAAP based financial statements and include all disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Regional Office of Education #27 did not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process. The Regional Office maintains its accounting records on the cash basis of accounting during the fiscal year. While the Regional Office maintains controls over the processing of most accounting transactions, there are not sufficient controls over the preparation of GAAP based financial statements for management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions to prevent or detect financial statement misstatements and disclosure omissions in a timely manner.

During review of the Regional Office of Education #27's financial information prepared by the Regional Office of Education #27, auditors noted there were not adequate controls over the maintenance of complete records of accounts receivable, accounts payable, or unearned revenue. While the Regional Office did maintain records to indicate the balances of accounts receivable, accounts payable, and unearned revenue, not all entries were provided to reconcile the Regional Office of Education #27's grant activity, such as posting grant receivables and unearned revenue.

According to the Regional Office of Education #27 management, they did not have adequate funding to hire and/or train their accounting personnel in order to maintain a system of internal control over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. (Finding 2014-001, pages 13-14) **This finding was first reported in 2007.**

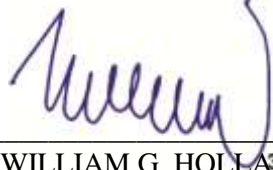
The auditors recommended that, as part of internal control over the preparation of financial statements, the Regional Office of Education #27 should implement comprehensive preparation procedures to ensure that the financial statements are complete and accurate. These procedures should be

performed by a properly trained individual(s) possessing a thorough understanding of applicable GAAP, GASB pronouncements, and knowledge of the Regional Office of Education #27's activities and operations.

The Regional Office of Education #27 responded that it understands the nature of this finding and realizes that this circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. The Regional Office management is currently confident with the accounting staff and the preparation of financial information. The Regional Office stated that when fiscally possible, additional training will be pursued. (For previous Regional Office response, see Digest Footnote #1.)

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education #27's financial statements as of June 30, 2014 are fairly presented in all material respects.



WILLIAM G. HOLLAND
Auditor General

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AUDITORS ASSIGNED: Sulaski & Webb, CPAs were our special assistant auditors.

DIGEST FOOTNOTE

#1: Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation - Previous Regional Office Response

In its prior response in 2013, the Regional Office of Education #27 responded that it understands the nature of this finding and realizes that this circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. The Regional Office management is currently confident with the accounting staff and the preparation of financial information. The Regional Office stated that additional training will be pursued when it is considered cost beneficial and not detrimental to the funding for services the Regional Office provides.