

STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #30 JACKSON AND PERRY COUNTIES

FINANCIAL AUDIT For the Year Ended: June 30, 2015 Release Date: July 14, 2016

| FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1 | | | | AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS | | | |
|------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Repeated | Category | Category | Category |
| | New | Repeat | <u>Total</u> | Since | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Category 1: | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| Category 2: | 0 | 0 | 0 | No Repeat Findings | | | |
| Category 3: | <u>0</u> | 0 | <u>0</u> | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| FINDING | GS LAST | Γ AUDIT: | 0 | | | | |

SYNOPSIS

• (15-1) The Regional Office of Education #30 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.}

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #30 JACKSON AND PERRY COUNTIES

| | FY 2015 | FY 2014 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$1,535,256 | \$1,322,664 | | | | | |
| Local Sources | \$351,688 | \$357,388 | | | | | |
| % of Total Revenues | 22.91% | 27.02% | | | | | |
| State Sources | \$890,599 | \$726,723 | | | | | |
| % of Total Revenues | 58.01% | 54.94% | | | | | |
| Federal Sources | \$292,969 | \$238,553 | | | | | |
| % of Total Revenues | 19.08% | 18.04% | | | | | |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$1,443,091 | \$1,388,143 | | | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | \$881,519 | \$911,507 | | | | | |
| % of Total Expenditures | 61.09% | 65.66% | | | | | |
| Purchased Services | \$342,553 | \$363,105 | | | | | |
| % of Total Expenditures | 23.74% | 26.16% | | | | | |
| All Other Expenditures | \$219,019 | \$113,531 | | | | | |
| % of Total Expenditures | 15.18% | 8.18% | | | | | |
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| TOTAL NET POSITION | $($307,014)^1$ | \$419,533 | | | | | |
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| INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS | \$52,302 | \$53,753 | | | | | |
| ¹ The FY 2015 beginning net position was restated by (\$818,712) due to a prior period | | | | | | | |
| adjustment for new reporting requirements for pensions. | | | | | | | |
| Percentages may not add due to rounding. | | | | | | | |

FINANCIAL AUDIT For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

During Audit Period: Honorable Donna Boros Currently: Honorable Donna Boros

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Regional Office of Education #30 did not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process.

CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

The Regional Office of Education #30 is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Regional Office of Education #30's 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 #30 did not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process in order to record and present the pension information in accordance with these standards. The Regional Office maintains its accounting records on the cash basis of accounting during the fiscal year and posts year-end accrual and other applicable entries for financial statement purposes. While the Regional Office of Education #30 maintains controls over the processing of most accounting transactions and prepares its financial statements, there were not sufficient controls over the preparation of the GAAP basis 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.

Through inquiries and discussions with the ROE's accounting personnel and Regional Superintendent, auditors noted the ROE did not have adequate controls to record and report the ROE's net accrued pension liabilities/assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and pension expenses in accordance with GAAP. (Finding 2015-001, pages 10-11)

According to the Regional Office management, the complex requirements of GASB Statements No. 68 and No. 71 were new for fiscal year 2015 and will require additional time and training before the ROE can fully implement the requirements on its own.

The auditors recommended that as part of its internal control over the preparation of financial statements, the Regional Office 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 possessing a thorough understanding of the applicable GAAP, GASB pronouncements, and knowledge of the ROE's activities and operations.

The Regional Office of Education #30 responded that it does not possess the necessary funds to obtain additional training or to hire an external individual to aid in the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GASB No. 68 and 71 reporting requirements.

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education #30's financial statements as of June 30, 2015 are fairly presented in all material respects.

SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE

FRANK J. MAUTINO Auditor General

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AUDITORS ASSIGNED: West & Company, LLC were our special assistant auditors.