

STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #1 ADAMS, BROWN, CASS, MORGAN, PIKE AND SCOTT, COUNTIES.

FINANCIAL AUDIT (In Accordance with the Release Date: April 30, 2025

Uniform Guidance)

For the Year Ended: June 30, 2024

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
				Repeated	Category	Category	Category
	New	Repeat	Total	Since	1	2	3
Category 1:	0	0	0	_	_		_
Category 2:	0	0	0				
Category 3:	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	No Repeat Findings			
TOTAL	1	0	1				
FINDING	GS LAS	T AUDIT:	: 0				

SYNOPSIS

• (24-1) The Regional Office of Education #1 did not provide completed financial statements in an auditable from by the August 31 deadline.

- 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.

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FINANCIAL AUDIT (In Accordance with the Uniform Guidance) For The Year Ended June 30, 2024

	FY 2024	FY 2023
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,922,867	\$4,810,347
Local Sources	\$1,221,096	\$1,197,528
% of Total Revenues	24.80%	24.89%
State Sources	\$2,577,836	\$2,429,252
% of Total Revenues	52.36%	50.50%
Federal Sources	\$1,123,935	\$1,183,567
% of Total Revenues	22.83%	24.60%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,770,555	\$4,657,801
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,258,391	\$2,286,803
% of Total Expenditures	47.34%	49.10%
Purchased Services	\$1,062,854	\$885,423
% of Total Expenditures	22.28%	19.01%
All Other Expenditures	\$1,449,310	\$1,485,575
% of Total Expenditures	30.38%	31.89%
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$2,532,145	\$2,379,833
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$0	\$0
Percentages may not add due to rounding.		

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

During Audit Period: Honorable Jill Reis

Currently: Honorable Jill Reis

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DELAY OF AUDIT

The Regional Office of Education #1 did not provide completed financial statements in an auditable form by the August 31 deadline.

The Regional Office of Education #1 (ROE) did not provide completed financial statements in an auditable form by August 31, 2024. The completed financial statements were provided on October 31, 2024.

The ROE is subject to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.17a which requires the Auditor General's office to cause an audit to be made, as of June 30th of each year, of the financial statements of all accounts, funds and other moneys in the care, custody or control of the regional superintendent of schools of each educational service region in the State and of each educational service center established in the School Code. The audit is to be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. The ROE may utilize a cash basis, modified cash basis, or generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis of accounting to prepare the financial statements for audit. The ROE has chosen the cash basis of accounting for financial reporting.

In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.17a, the Auditor General has promulgated administrative rules and regulations to govern this process. Those rules, 74 Ill. Adm. Code 420.320 (c) (2), state that for audit purposes, each regional office of education and educational service center shall make available to the Auditor General or his designee all books and records deemed necessary to make and complete the required audits. The records shall be in auditable form by August 15 of the succeeding fiscal year. Financial reports are to be available no later than August 31 in order for the annual audit to be completed by an independent auditor selected by the Auditor General.

In addition, prudent business practices and transparency require timely preparation and completion of financial statements.

Regional Office management indicated the delay was due to software program issues. (Finding 24-001, pages 15-16)

The auditors recommended the ROE should implement procedures to ensure compliance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.17a and 74 Ill. Adm. Code 420.320 (c) (2). These financial statements need to be presented to the Auditor General's independent auditors for audit by the August 31 deadline.

ROE Response: ROE #1 accepts the audit finding regarding the delay in providing the completed financial statements. The delay was due to unforeseen software issues. The financial statements were completed and submitted by October 31, 2024, as soon as the software issues were resolved. ROE #1 is committed to ensuring the timeliness of its financial reporting and will continue to take proactive measures to prevent similar issues in the future.

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education #1 financial statements as of June 30, 2024 are fairly presented in all material respects.

This financial audit was conducted by the firm of Adelfia, LLC.

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JOE BUTCHER Division Director

This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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FRANK J. MAUTINO Auditor General

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