

STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

<u>REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #10</u> <u>CHRISTIAN AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES</u>

FINANCIAL AUDIT For the Year Ended: June 30, 2015 Release Date: September 22, 2016

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
				Repeated	Category	Category	Category
	New	Repeat	Total	Since	1	2	3
Category 1:	1	0	1				
Category 2:	0	0	0				
Category 3:	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	No Repeat Findings			
TOTAL	1	$\overline{0}$	1		-	0	
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 0							

SYNOPSIS

• (15-1) The Regional Office of Education #10 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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REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #10 CHRISTIAN AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

\$1,377,033 \$193,411 14.05% \$1,058,057	\$1,453,391 \$231,170 15.91%					
14.05%	15.91%					
\$1,058,057	\$1.0015					
	\$1,086,799					
76.84%	74.78%					
\$125,565	\$135,422					
9.12%	9.32%					
\$1,388,751	\$1,458,474					
\$862,554	\$951,152					
62.11%	65.22%					
\$452,122	\$435,059					
32.56%	29.83%					
\$74,075	\$72,263					
5.33%	4.95%					
\$5,530 ¹	\$78,632					
\$19,734	\$5,143					
	e to a prior period					
adjustment for the new reporting requirements for pensions. Percentages may not add due to rounding.						
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<u>FINANCIAL AUDIT</u> For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

During Audit Period: Honorable Marchelle Kassebaum* *Effective July 1, 2015, ROE #10 was consolidated into ROE #3.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Regional Office of Education No. 10 did not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process.

CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

The Regional Office of Education No. 10 is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Regional Office of Education No. 10'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 No. 10 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 ROE 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 ROE 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 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.

Through inquires and discussions with the ROE's accounting personnel and Regional Superintendent, auditors noted that 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.

According to the ROE's 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. (Finding 2015-001, pages 11a-11b) The auditors recommended that since Christian/Montgomery Counties Regional Office of Education No. 10 has been dissolved and its counties merged with Bond, Effingham, and Fayette Counties Regional Office of Education No. 3, the Regional Office of Education No. 3 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 No. 10 responded it was unable to complete the reports needed for the audit largely due to the timing of the receipt of needed documents from IMRF. The timing of the receipt of necessary information to implement the new GASB Statements No. 68 and No. 71 did not allow sufficient time for the Regional Office to address the needs for the new requirements.

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education No. 10's financial statements as of June 30, 2015 are fairly presented in all material respects.

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FRANK J. MAUTINO Auditor General

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AUDITORS ASSIGNED: Kemper CPA Group LLP, were our special assistant auditors.