State of Illinois South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4

FINANCIAL AUDIT

(In Accordance with the Uniform Guidance)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Performed as Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, State of Illinois



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(July 1, 2024 to current)

Executive Director Dr. Vanessa J. Kinder

(July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

Assistant Executive Director Dr. Jaime Herron

(July 1, 2024 to current)

Assistant Executive Director Dr. Anthony Marinello

(July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

Executive Assistant Ms. Beth Maloney

(Current and during the audit period)

Bookkeeper Ms. Shelia Ivy

(Current and during the audit period)

Office is located at:

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South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Compliance Report Summary

The compliance audit testing performed in this audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor's reports on compliance and internal controls do not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

Number of	This Audit	Prior Audit
Audit findings	2	_
Repeated audit findings	-	-
Prior recommendations implemented or not repeated	_	_

Details of audit findings are included in a separate report section.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Item No.	Page	Description	Finding Type
		Findings (Government Auditing Stand	ards)
2024-001	14	Controls over Grants Compliance	Noncompliance
2024-002	17	Uncollateralized and uninsured deposits	Significant Deficiency
	F	indings and Questioned Costs (Federal Co	mpliance)
2024-001	14	Controls over Grants Compliance	Noncompliance

Prior Audit Findings not Repeated (Government Auditing Standards)

None

Prior Audit Findings not Repeated (Federal Compliance)

None

EXIT CONFERENCE

The findings and recommendations appearing in this report were discussed with South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 personnel at an exit conference on December 19, 2024. Attending from South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 were Dr. Anthony Marinello, Executive Director, and Ms. Shelia Ivy, Bookkeeper, and from Roth & Co., LLP were Syndelle Manuel, Manager, and Derrick Separo, Senior. Responses to the recommendations were provided by Dr. Anthony Marinello, Executive Director, on December 16, 2024.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Financial Statement Report Summary

The audit of the accompanying basic financial statements of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 was performed by Roth & Company, LLP.

Based on their audit, the auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's basic financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Frank J. Mautino Auditor General State of Illinois

and

Board of Directors South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying cash basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, 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.

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Emphasis of Matter-Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which described the basis of accounting. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has presented its financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the 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.

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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's basic financial statements. The combining schedules of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash and cash equivalents, the budgetary comparison schedules, and the Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards, as required by the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) 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 combining schedules of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash and cash equivalents, equivalents, the budgetary comparison schedules, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 4, 2025 on our consideration of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Chicago, Illinois February 4, 2025





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Frank J. Mautino Auditor General State of Illinois

and

Board of Directors
South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, 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 cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's cash basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting (internal control).

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the cash basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control.

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,

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding 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 Questioned Costs as item 2024-002, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4'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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2024-001.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Responses to the Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's responses were 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4'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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Chicago, Illinois February 4, 2025





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Honorable Frank J. Mautino Auditor General State of Illinois

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Program

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited compliance by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's major federal programs are identified in the summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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540 W. Madison Street Suite 2450 Chicago, IL 60661 P (312) 876-1900 F (312) 876-1191 info@rothcocpa.com www.rothcocpa.com We are required to be independent of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's compliance based on our audit. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.



We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Instances of Noncompliance

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2024-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Corrective Action Plan

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is responsible for preparing a corrective action plan to address each audit finding included in our auditor's report. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's corrective action plan was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material



weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Financial Statements in Accordance with Cash Basis of Accounting

Type of auditor's report issued:	<u>Unmodified</u>
Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	Yes No Yes None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements	noted? Yes No
Federal Awards	
Internal control over major federal programs: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	Yes Vone reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	<u>Unmodified</u>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.5	16(a)?YesNo
Identification of major federal programs:	
Assistance Listing Number(s) 16.710 84.196A	Name of Federal Program or Cluster Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee	Ves √ No

FINDING 2024-001 - Controls over Grants Compliance

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Justice; U.S. Department of Education

Assistance Listing Numbers: 16.710; 84.196A **Pass-through Entity** N/A; None

Identifying Numbers:

Program Names and Award Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants;

Numbers: McKinney-Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Program Expenditures: \$292,331; \$277,029

CRITERIA/SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT:

The grant award agreement between the U.S. Department of Justice and South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 requires the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 to complete and submit federal financial reports quarterly and progress reports semi-annually. The quarterly financial reports are due 30 calendar days after the end of the reporting quarter while the semi-annual progress reports are due 30 calendar days after the reporting semi-annual period.

Additionally, the grant award agreement between the Regional Office of Education No. 56 and South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 requires the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 to submit quarterly expenditure and GATA reports. These reports will be submitted no later than the 10 days after the end of each quarter. Also, one of the core services and required state activities is to create a Community Advisory Group.

Finally, the Code of Federal Regulations (Code) (2 CFR. §200.303 (a)) requires the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 to establish and maintain effective internal control over the federal award to provide reasonable assurance the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. Effective internal controls should include procedures to ensure compliance with grant requirements.

CONDITION:

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 had inadequate controls over grant compliance to ensure all grant reports during the fiscal year were timely reported and grant requirements were met. During testing of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's compliance with the grant requirements, we noted the following:

For Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants -

- One of 2 (50%) quarterly federal financial reports were submitted 36 days late.
- One of 1 (100%) semi-annual performance report was submitted 47 days late.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Section II - Financial Statement Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FINDING 2024-001 - Controls over Grants Compliance (Continued)

For McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth -

- Four of 4 (100%) quarterly expenditure reports and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) reports were submitted but the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 was unable to provide proof of submission; therefore, we were unable to determine if the required reports were submitted timely or at all.
- South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 did not formally establish a Community Advisory Group.

QUESTIONED COSTS:

None.

CONTEXT:

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 did not comply with grant requirements, as several reports were submitted late or lacked proof of submission, and a required Community Advisory Group was not established.

EFFECT:

Failure to meet grant reporting requirements is noncompliance with the related grant agreement and could result in loss of grant funding in future years. Additionally, failure to formally establish the Community Advisory Group could hinder the program's effectiveness, affect its alignment with the goals stipulated in the grant agreement, and limit the necessary support for program success and community involvement.

CAUSE:

Management indicated that the issues were due to a combination of website technical difficulties, changes in administrative access to the grant reporting system, and management oversight.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 implement procedures to ensure adherence to the grant reporting requirements. In addition, we recommend that South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 establish the advisory group as stipulated in the grant agreement.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Section II - Financial Statement Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FINDING 2024-001 - Controls over Grants Compliance (Continued)

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE:

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 agrees with the finding. Management is in the process of developing more formal and comprehensive grant monitoring procedures that will include a checklist for all the necessary reporting and compliance requirements. Specifically for the Mc-Kinney Vento grant, formal documentation of the Community Advisory Group will be obtained in consultation with the grantor.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Section II - Financial Statement Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FINDING 2024-002 - Uncollateralized and uninsured deposits

CRITERIA/SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT:

The Public Funds Deposit Act (30 ILCS 225/1) gives the authorization for deposits in excess of the federally insured limit to be covered by pledged collateral held by the financial institutions' trust departments in the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's name. In addition, prudent business practice requires that all cash and investments held by financial institutions for the Intermediate Service Center #4 be adequately covered by depository insurance or collateral.

CONDITION:

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 did not obtain sufficient collateralization for cash deposits held at one of the financial institutions utilized by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4. As of June 30, 2024, the Intermediate Service Center #4 deposits exceeded the \$250,000 insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) by \$154,411.

EFFECT:

Failure to secure full collateral on cash balances may result in monetary losses to the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 in the event the financial institution failed.

CAUSE:

Collateralization of deposits exceeding FDIC insurance limits was overlooked by management. Historically, the account balance had remained significantly below the FDIC insurance threshold. However, due to additional funding, the account balance now exceeds the insured limit.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 implement procedures to monitor collateral held for its bank accounts and establish controls for confirming amounts pledged by the bank on a regular basis, especially when cash balances exceed the amount covered by the FDIC.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE:

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 agrees with the finding. Management will develop monitoring procedures of the bank balances to ensure amounts maintained are within the FDIC limits or obtain additional collateral if necessary.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Section III - Federal Award Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

INSTANCE OF NONCOMPLIANCE:

Finding No. 2024-001 Controls over Grants Compliance (Finding details on pages 14 - 16)

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY:

None

MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

None

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Audit Finding For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FINDING 2024-001 - Controls over Grants Compliance

CONDITION:

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 had inadequate controls over grant compliance to ensure all grant reports during the fiscal year were timely reported and grant requirements were met. During testing of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's compliance with the grant requirements, we noted the following:

For Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants -

- One of 2 (50%) quarterly federal financial reports were submitted 36 days late.
- One of 1 (100%) semi-annual performance report was submitted 47 days late.

For McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth -

- Four of 4 (100%) quarterly expenditure reports and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) reports were submitted but the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 was unable to provide proof of submission; therefore, we were unable to determine if the required reports were submitted timely or at all.
- South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 did not formally establish a Community Advisory Group.

PLAN:

Management will develop more formal and comprehensive grant monitoring procedures that will include a checklist for all the necessary reporting and compliance requirements. Specifically for the Mc-Kinney Vento grant, formal documentation for the established Community Advisory Group will be obtained in consultation with the grantor.

ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

June 30, 2025

CONTACT PERSON:

Dr. Anthony Marinello, Executive Director

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Audit Finding For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FINDING 2024-002 - Uncollateralized and uninsured deposits

CONDITION:

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 did not obtain sufficient collateralization for cash deposits held at one of the financial institutions utilized by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4. As of June 30, 2024, the Intermediate Service Center #4 deposits exceeded the \$250,000 insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) by \$154,411.

PLAN:

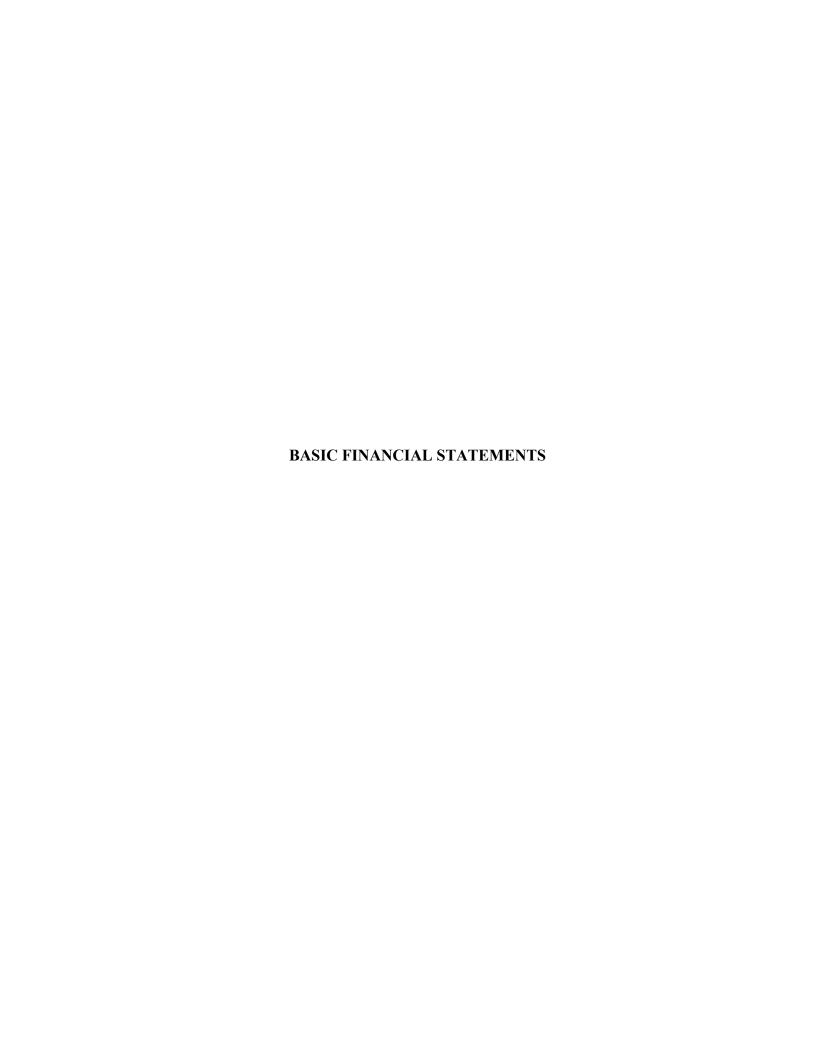
Management will develop monitoring procedures of the bank balances to ensure amounts maintained are within the FDIC limits or obtain additional collateral if necessary.

ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

November 14, 2024. On November 14, 2024, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 reduced the combined balance of these accounts, and the balance was at \$20,001. At the end of the month, November 29, 2024, the balance of these accounts was \$25,028 collectively.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dr. Anthony Marinello, Executive Director



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			Charges for		rating Grants	Go	vernmental		siness-type		
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Dis	bursements	Services & Contribution		_				Activities	Tota	ıl
Primary government								-			
Governmental activities:											
Instructional services:											
Salaries	\$	3,517,088	\$ 1,590,961	\$	1,739,181	\$	(186,946)	\$	-	\$ (186	,946)
Employee benefits		681,156	349,332		285,228		(46,596)		-	(46	,596)
OPEB expense		13,895	5,797		7,069		(1,029)		-	(1	,029)
Pension expense		173,252	72,580		93,663		(7,009)		-	(7	,009)
Purchased services		1,373,567	336,612		1,020,742		(16,213)		-	(16	,213)
Supplies and materials		353,301	159,498		166,847		(26,956)		-	(26	,956)
Other objects		13,938	11,161		-		(2,777)		-	(2	,777)
Capital outlay		585,552	-		-		(585,552)		-	(585)	,552)
Intergovernmental:											
Payments to other governments		35,857	-		-		(35,857)		-	(35	,857)
Administrative:											
On-behalf payments		912,924					(912,924)				,924)
Total governmental activities		7,660,530	2,525,941		3,312,730		(1,821,859)			(1,821	,859)
D											
Business-type activities:		451.000	(92.20(221 116	221	116
Instructional		451,090 451,090	682,206 682,206						231,116		,116
Total business-type activities		451,090	082,200						231,116	231	,116
Total primary government	\$	8,111,620	\$ 3,208,147	\$	3,312,730		(1,821,859)		231,116	(1,590	,743)
	~										
		l receipts:					52.525			50	507
		al sources					53,527		-		,527
		e sources behalf payments					1,777,284 912,924		-	1,777	,284
	Inte						117,569		85,102		,671
		eneral receipts					2,861,304		85,102	2,946	
	1 Otal g	eneral receipts					2,001,304		05,102	2,740	, 400
	CHAN	GE IN CASH BA	ASIS NET POS	TION	Ī		1,039,445		316,218	1,355	,663
	CASH	BASIS NET POS	SITION								
	BEGI	NNING OF YEA	AR				4,545,064		1,060,260	5,605	,324
	CASH	BASIS NET POS	SITION								
		OF YEAR				\$	5,584,509	\$	1,376,478	\$ 6,960	,987
	CASH F	BASIS NET POS	ITION								
	Restricte					\$	1,500,905	\$	_	\$ 1,500	.905
	Unrestric					~	4,083,604	~	1,376,478	5,460	_
	TOTAL	CASH BASIS N	ET POSITION	Ī		\$	5,584,509	\$	1,376,478	\$ 6,960	

		General Fund		Education Fund	Institute Fund				Go	Total vernmental Funds
RECEIPTS:	•			221 110		270040		• • • • • • •		
Local sources	\$	2,308,528	\$	221,410	\$	270,940	\$	2,800,878		
State sources		1,777,284		2,308,062		-		4,085,346		
Federal sources		-		783,258		-		783,258		
Interest		-		-		117,569		117,569		
On-behalf payments		329,621						329,621		
Total receipts		4,415,433		3,312,730		388,509		8,116,672		
DISBURSEMENTS:										
Instructional services:										
Salaries		1,740,538		1,637,689		138,861		3,517,088		
Employee benefits		382,125		268,583		30,448		681,156		
Pension expense		77,783		88,197		7,272		173,252		
OPEB expense		7,239		6,656		7,272		13,895		
Purchased services		402,105		961,175		10,287		1,373,567		
Supplies and materials		192,421		157,110		3,770		353,301		
Other objects		13,938		137,110		3,770		13,938		
On-behalf payments		329,621		_		_		329,621		
Intergovernmental:		327,021						327,021		
Payments to other governments		35,857		_		_		35,857		
Capital outlay		14,560		300,331		270,661		585,552		
Total disbursements		3,196,187		3,419,741		461,299		7,077,227		
Total disoursements		3,170,107		3,417,741		401,277		1,011,221		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		1,219,246		(107,011)		(72,790)		1,039,445		
	-		-	(==,,===)	-	(,=,,,,,)		-,000,110		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers in		2,700,000		-		-		2,700,000		
Transfers out		(2,700,000)						(2,700,000)		
Total other financing sources		<u>-</u>								
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,219,246		(107,011)		(72,790)		1,039,445		
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS										
BEGINNING OF YEAR		3,052,347		177,283		1,315,434		4,545,064		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	¢.	4 271 502	Ф	70.272	¢.	1 242 644	¢.	5 504 500		
END OF YEAR	\$	4,271,593	\$	70,272	\$	1,242,644	\$	5,584,509		
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES										
Restricted	\$	_	\$	258,261	\$	1,242,644	\$	1,500,905		
Assigned	Ψ	1,763,979	Ψ	230,201	Ψ	- 12,077	Ψ	1,763,979		
Unassigned		2,507,614		(187,989)		_		2,319,625		
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$	4,271,593	\$	70,272	\$	1,242,644	\$	5,584,509		
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Proprietary Funds Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024 Exhibit C

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds					
			Enter	onmajor prise Fund		
	V	Vorkshop Fund	_	erprinting Fund		Total
OPERATING RECEIPTS:						
Charges for services	\$	651,925	\$	30,281	\$	682,206
OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:						
Salaries		178,013		14,036		192,049
Employee benefits		22,371		1,218		23,589
Pension expense		8,046		736		8,782
Purchased services		209,641		13,167		222,808
Supplies		3,862				3,862
Total operating disbursements		421,933		29,157		451,090
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS						
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		229,992		1,124		231,116
NONOPERATING RECEIPTS						
Interest		85,102				85,102
NET CHANGE IN CASH						
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		315,094		1,124		316,218
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS						
BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,021,247		39,013		1,060,260
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS						
END OF YEAR	\$	1,336,341	\$	40,137	\$	1,376,478
CASH BASIS NET POSITION						
Unrestricted	\$	1,336,341	\$	40,137	\$	1,376,478

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting section of this note, these financial statements are presented in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America (GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These cash basis financial statements generally meet the presentation and disclosure requirements applicable to GAAP, in substance, but are limited to the elements presented in the financial statements and the constraints of the measurement and recognition criteria of the cash basis of accounting.

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 (ISC #4 or Center) was formed under the provisions of the State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

A. DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 4, 2025, the date when the financial statements were available to be issued.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The portion of Cook County, Illinois, outside of the City of Chicago, constitutes a Regional Office of Education established pursuant to Section 3A-4 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/3A-4) and has an oversight board responsible for the duties and programs specified in Section 3A-17 of the Illinois School Code administered through three (3) Intermediate Service Centers (North Cook, West Cook, and South Cook).

The purpose of South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is to provide services designed to be responsive to the needs of the schools in South Cook County, Illinois. This area includes the following school districts and the associated special education cooperatives:

Summit School Dist. #104 Central Stickney School Dist. #110 North Palos School Dist. #117 Oak Lawn-Hometown School Dist. #123 Alsip/Hazelgreen/Oak Lawn School Dist. #126 Palos Heights School Dist. #128 Patton School Dist. #133 Forest Ridge School Dist. #142 Prairie-Hills School Dist #144 Evergreen Park School Dist. #124 Worth School Dist. #127 Blue Island School Dist. #130 Orland Park School Dist. #135 Midlothian School Dist. #143 Arbor Park School Dist. #145 Dolton West School Dist. #148 South Holland School Dist. #151 Homewood School Dist. #153

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Harvey/Dixmoor School Dist. #147 South Holland School Dist. #150 Hazel Crest School Dist. #152 1/2 Burnham School Dist. #154 1/2 Hoover/Schrum School Dist. #157 Country Club Hills School Dist. #160 Park Forest-Chicago Heights School Dist. #163 Ford Heights School Dist. #169 Sandridge School Dist. #172 Bicom Twp. H.S. Dist. #206 Argo Community H.S. Dist. #217 Rich Twp. H.S. Dist. #227 Consolidated H.S. Dist. #230 Willow Springs School Dist. #108 Burbank School Dist. #111 Palos Com. Cons. School Dist. #118 Kirby School Dist. #140 Posen-Robbins School Dist. #143 1/2 Tinley Park School Dist. #146 Dolton School Dist. #149 Harvey School Dist. #152 Thornton School Dist. #154 Lincoln School Dist. #156

Elementary District School Dist. #159

Calumet City School Dist. #155 Lansing School Dist. #158 Flossmoor School Dist. #161 Brookwood School Dist. #167 Chicago Heights School Dist. #170 Steger School Dist. #194 Lemont Twp. H.S. Dist. #210 Community H.S. Dist. #218 Bremen Community H.S. Dist. #228 Evergreen Park H.S. Dist. #231 Indian Springs School Dist. #109 Lemont-Bromberek School Dist. #113A Ridgeland School Dist. #122 Atwood Heights School Dist. #125 Chicago Ridge School Dist. #127 1/2 Calumet Park School Dist. #132 Matteson School Dist. #162 Community Consolidated School Dist. #168 Sunnybrook School Dist. #171 Thornton Twp. H.S. Dist. #205 T-F Township H.S. Dist. #215 Reavis H.S. Dist. #220 Oak Lawn Community H.S. Dist. #229 H-F Community H.S. Dist. #233

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is governed by a board. The administrative agent designated for this Center is Chicago Heights, School District 170. In accordance with the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 2/3.62), the services to be made available shall include the planning, implementation and evaluation of the following:

- Education for Gifted Children;
- Computer Technology Education;
- Mathematics, Science and Reading Resources for teachers, including continuing education, in-service training, and staff development; and,
- Teacher Certification.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 may also provide training, technical assistance, coordination and planning in other program areas. ISBE shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to operate South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. SCOPE OF REPORTING ENTITY

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's reporting entity includes all related organizations for which they exercise oversight responsibility.

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has developed criteria to determine whether outside agencies with activities which benefit the citizens of the region, including districts or joint agreements which serve pupils from numerous regions, should be included in its financial reporting entity. The criteria include, but are not limited to, whether the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 exercises oversight responsibility (which includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters), scope of public service, and special financing relationships.

The districts and joint agreements have been determined not to be a part of the reporting entity after applying the manifesting of oversight, scope of public service, and special financing relationships criteria and are therefore excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 does not control the assets, operations, or management of the districts or joint agreements. In addition, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is not aware of any entity, which would exercise such oversight as to result in the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 being considered a component unit of the entity.

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position) reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities include programs supported primarily by State and federal grants and other intergovernmental revenues. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 also has business-type activities that rely on fees and charges for support.

The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general receipts.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and proprietary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and reported in a single column.

E. GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Governmental Fund Financial Statements include a Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents for all major governmental funds and nonmajor funds aggregated.

F. PROPRIETARY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Proprietary fund financial statements include a Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents for each major proprietary fund and nonmajor funds aggregated.

Operating receipts in the proprietary funds are those receipts that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other receipts, if any, are reported as non-operating receipts. Operating disbursements are those disbursements for expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other receipts and disbursements, if any, are reported as non-operating items.

G. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not arise from a cash transaction

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

or event are not reported. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Under the terms of grant agreements, South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general receipts. Thus, when program disbursements are paid, there are both restricted and unrestricted cash basis net position available to finance the program. It is South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's policy to first apply restricted funds, then unrestricted. For unrestricted funds, committed funds are used first, then assigned funds, then unassigned if any.

H. FUND ACCOUNTING

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitutes its assets, net position or fund balance, receipts and disbursements. The resources allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are summarized by type in the basic financial statements. The following summarizes the fund types used:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are reported. The acquisition, use and balances of the expendable financial resources are accounted for through governmental funds.

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 and is used to account for financial resources within the territorial boundaries of the Center except those required to be accounted for and reported in another fund. General Funds include the following:

RISE and General State Aid - Regional Institute for Scholastic Excellence (RISE) is an alternative school program serving students from

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

grades 6-12 who are eligible for suspension or expulsion, or who have been suspended or may be expelled, due to gross misconduct. The RISE program is offered to students by the local public school districts serviced by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 as an optional educational opportunity for students who may be expelled, are suspended, or at risk of failure or dropout. General State Aid Funds received from ISBE resulting from students attending the RISE school are also accounted for in this fund.

<u>Local</u> - This program is used for the general operation of the Center, located at 253 West Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

<u>Spelling Bee</u> - This program is used to account for local monies received for, and payment of, expenditures by the Spelling Bee program which administers the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee and provides for the champion and a parent to attend the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

<u>Student Advocacy Alternative Learning Opportunities</u> - This program provides funding to partner with school districts to provide educational support and other support services to students that are not currently provided by their regular school programs and utilizing a Student Advocacy Model.

<u>Major Special Revenue Fund</u> - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than fiduciary and major capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Major special revenue funds include the following:

<u>Education Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted by grant agreements or contracts to expenditures for specified purposes supporting education enhancement programs as follows:

McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth - This program uses federal funds to provide training and technical assistance to school districts to assist school officials in understanding and complying with the McKinney-Vento Act.

<u>Elevating Special Educators</u> - This program accounts for the proceeds of a grant used to design and implement professional

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

learning activities, including trainings, technical assistance, mentoring and coaching, that will improve the knowledge and skills of special and regular education teachers, principals, related service personnel, and paraprofessionals concerning effective instructional practices designed to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and students in need of interventions.

<u>Regional Safe Schools</u> - This program provides funding for an alternative school program for disruptive youth in grades 6-12 whom have been removed from the regular school setting due to continuous disruptions in the classroom.

<u>ROE/ISC Operations</u> - This program is used to account for grant monies received, and payment of, expenditures for ISC administrative operations. Program funding is used to assist schools in all areas of school improvement.

<u>South Cook Mathematics Initiative</u> - This program is used to account for grant monies received, and payment of, expenditures to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics for grades 6-9.

<u>Community Oriented Policing Services</u> - The program provides funding for safety and security enhancements in three program areas: cloud-based security cameras, law enforcement notifying pull stations and panic buttons, and a concealed weapons detection system to improve school safety to protect the welfare of South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 students, staff and visitors while continuing to promote a positive school environment.

<u>Truants Alternative/Optional Education Program</u> - Initiative focusing on truancy prevention, intervention, and remediation services. The program also provides access to vital resources in order to link students with unmet needs to the community services designed to meet those needs.

American Rescue Plan - This program is used to account for federal grant monies received and disbursements paid to address gaps in opportunity and the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic's impact on interrupted learning.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response</u> - This reimbursement grant is to fund for expenses to ensure that districts, in partnership with social emotional learning (SEL) and trauma coaches, will identify, develop, and implement programs and activities to address the safety and well-being needs of students and staff.

American Rescue Plan - Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council (CCSJJC) - This program is for services performed for the CCSJJC on their ARPA grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

<u>Justice Advisory Council</u> - This program is for services performed related to community safety and reducing reliance on incarceration.

<u>Violence Prevention Reduction</u> - This program is for services performed for the Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council to establish or enhance a program that reduces juvenile delinquency, chronic absenteeism, truancy, school infractions, and programs to prevent the school-to-prison pipeline.

Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education - This program is for services performed to provide mental health professional learning to increase the mental health literacy of individuals who interact with school-aged youth to understand and detect signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance use/misuse, and co-occurring disorders.

<u>Chicago Public Schools Program</u> - This program is for services performed to provide on-site support and consultation to Intensive Support Improvement and Comprehensive Support Improvement schools within Chicago Public Schools assigned by the ISBE.

<u>Institute Fund</u> - This program accounts for teacher certificate registration, issuance and evaluation fees for processing certificates, and expenses for meetings of a professional nature. All funds generated remain restricted until expended only on the aforementioned activities.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds are those which account for resources from fees charged directly to those entities or individuals that use its services. Proprietary funds are as follows:

<u>Major Proprietary Fund</u> - The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 reports the following proprietary fund as a major fund:

<u>Workshop Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the various fees charged for local workshops that provide professional development to area educators.

Nonmajor Proprietary Fund - The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 reports the following nonmajor proprietary fund:

<u>Fingerprinting Fund</u> - The Fingerprinting Fund is used to account for the administration of the Fingerprinting Program.

I. GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

In the governmental fund financial statements, cash basis fund balances classified as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance - The portion of a governmental fund's net position that is not available to be spent, either short term or long term, in either form or through legal restrictions. There are no accounts presenting nonspendable fund.

Restricted fund balance - The portion of a governmental fund's net position that is subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The following fund balances are restricted by grant agreements or contracts: Regional Safe Schools, ROE/ISC Operations, Truants Alternative/Optional Education, American Rescue Plan, and Violence Prevention Reduction. The Institute Fund is restricted by Illinois Statute.

Committed fund balance - The portion of a governmental fund's net position with self-imposed constraints or limitations that have been placed at the highest level of decision making. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has no committed fund balances.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assigned fund balance - The portion of a governmental fund's net position for which an intended use of resources has been denoted. The accounts presented with assigned fund balances are specified for a particular purpose by the Executive Director. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has an assigned fund balance in the General Fund's RISE and General State Aid and Student Advocacy Alternative Learning Opportunities.

Unassigned fund balance - The portion of a governmental fund's net position that are expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The following General Fund presents an unassigned balance: Local and Spelling Bee. The following Education fund accounts have an unassigned fund deficit: Elevating Special Educators, Community Oriented Policing Services, Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response, American Rescue Plan - CCSJJC, Justice Advisory Council, Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education, and Chicago Public Schools Program.

J. CASH BASIS NET POSITION

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

Restricted net position - results when constraints placed on the use of cash balances are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - consists of cash balances not meeting the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

K. BUDGET INFORMATION

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 acts as the administrative agent for certain grant programs that are accounted for in the General and Education Fund. Certain programs have separate budgets and are required to report to ISBE; however, none of the annual budgets have been legally adopted nor are they required to do so. Comparisons of budgeted and actual results are presented as supplemental information.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided in supplementary schedules for the following funds: McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Elevating Special Educators, Regional Safe Schools, ROE/ISC Operations, Community Oriented Policing Services, Truants Alternative/Optional Education, and American Rescue Plan.

L. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 considers all liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

M. INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Interfund activity is reported as either services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as receipts and disbursements. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

N. INDIRECT COSTS

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 may charge funds for centralized expenses, which may include an administrative overhead component. These interfund administrative overhead charges are not eliminated and are included in the direct expenses of the fund they are charged to and in revenue of the fund they are charged from.

O. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2024, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 implemented applicable sections of GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022* and GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. The implementation of these GASB Statements did not have a significant effect on South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's financial statements.

NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 does not have a formal investment policy. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is allowed to invest in securities as authorized by 30 ILCS 235/2 and 6 and 105 ILCS 5/8-7.

BANK DEPOSITS

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's government-wide deposits were \$6,960,987, including \$4,177,290 held on deposit with Bloom Township School Treasurer, an imprest account totaling \$10,000, \$200 cash on hand, \$2,368,086 investment in Illinois Funds, and separate deposit accounts totaling \$405,411. The bank balances for the imprest account and separate deposit accounts were \$3,407 and \$405,411, respectively. After considering the coverage provided by federal depository insurance, deposits were under-collateralized by \$154,411. Risk category was not determinable for the amount pooled and held on deposit with a separate legal governmental agency (Bloom Township School Treasurer).

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits with financial institutions is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Center's deposits may not be returned to it. To guard against custodial credit risk for deposits with financial institutions, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's investment policy requires that deposits with financial institutions in excess of FDIC limits be secured by some form of collateral, by a written agreement, and held at an independent, third-party institution in the name of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4.

INVESTMENTS

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's, only investments are internally pooled in the Illinois Funds. As of June 30, 2024, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 had investments with carrying and fair value of \$2,368,086 invested in Illinois Funds.

Credit Risk - At June 30, 2024, the Illinois Funds Money Market Fund had a Fitch's AAAmmf rating. The pool is audited annually by an outside independent auditor and copies of the report are distributed to participants. Although not subject to direct regulatory oversight, the fund is administered by the Illinois State Treasurer in accordance with the provision of the Illinois Public Funds Investment Act, 30 ILCS 235. All investments are fully collateralized.

NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk - The Illinois Funds Money Market Fund, created by the Illinois General Assembly, enables custodians of public funds an investment option with a competitive rate of return on fully collateralized investments and immediate access to the funds. The investment policy of the Illinois Funds Money Market Funds states that, unless authorized specifically by the Treasurer, a minimum of 75% of its investments shall have less than one-year maturity and no investment shall exceed two years maturity.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Unless specifically authorized by the Treasurer, the Illinois Funds Money Market Fund's investment policy limits investment categories to not exceed 25% of the portfolio with the exception of cash equivalents and U.S. Treasury securities. Further certificates of deposit cannot exceed 10% of any single financial institution's total deposits.

NOTE 3 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

IMRF Plan Description

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's defined benefit pension plan for regular employees provides retirement and disability benefits, post-retirement increases, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's plan is managed by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the administrator of an agent multi-employer public pension fund. A summary of IMRF's pension benefits is provided in the "Benefits Provided" section of this note. Details of all benefits are available from IMRF. Benefit provisions are established by statute and may only be changed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. IMRF issues a publicly available Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements, detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position, and required supplementary information. The report is available for download at www.imrf.org.

Benefits Provided

IMRF has three benefit plans. The vast majority of IMRF members participate in the Regular Plan (RP). The Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) plan is for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and selected police chiefs. Counties could adopt the Elected County Official (ECO) plan for officials elected prior to August 8, 2011 (the ECO plan was closed to new participants after that date).

All three IMRF benefit plans have two tiers. Employees hired *before* January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 1 benefits. Tier 1 employees are vested for pension benefits when they have at least eight years of qualifying service credit. Tier 1 employees who retire at age 55 (at reduced benefits) or after age 60 (at full benefits) with eight years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any consecutive 48 months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 48. Under Tier 1, the pension is increased by 3% of the original amount on January 1 every year after retirement.

Employees hired *on or after* January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 2 benefits. For Tier 2 employees, pension benefits vest after ten years of service. Participating employees who retire at age 62 (at reduced benefits) or after age 67 (at full benefits) with ten years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any 96 consecutive months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 96. Under Tier 2, the pension is increased on January 1 every year after retirement, upon reaching age 67, by the lesser of:

- 3% of the original pension amount, or
- 1/2 of the increase in the Consumer Price Index of the original pension amount.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

As of December 31, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	ПИКГ
Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	19
Inactive Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	56
Active Plan Members	37
Total	112

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Contributions

As set by statute, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's Regular Plan Members are required to contribute 4.5% of their annual covered salary. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees.

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's annual contribution rate for calendar year 2023 was 5.31% and for the calendar year 2024 the rate is 5.31%. For the fiscal year ended 2024, South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 contributed \$93,763 to the plan. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 also contributes for disability benefits, death benefits, and supplemental retirement benefits, all of which are pooled at the IMRF level. Contribution rates for disability and death benefits are set by IMRF's Board of Trustees, while the supplemental retirement benefits rate is set by statute.

Because of the use of the cash basis of accounting framework in the presentation of these financial statements, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's net pension liability is not reported in the financial statements as a liability. In accordance with the cash basis of accounting, pension expenditures are only reported when contributions are paid by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 to the plan.

Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois

Plan Description

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS). TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. TRS members include all active non-annuitants who are employed by a TRS-covered employer to provide services for which teacher licensure is required. The Illinois Pension Code outlines the benefit provisions of TRS, and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the System's administration.

TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at http://www.trsil.org/financial/acfrs/fy2023; by writing to TRS at 2815 W. Washington, PO Box 19253, Springfield, IL 62794; or by calling (888) 678-3675, option 2.

Benefits Provided

TRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Tier 1 members have TRS or reciprocal system service prior to January 1, 2011. Tier 1 members qualify for retirement benefits at age 62 with five years of service, at age 60 with 10 years, or age 55 with 20 years. The benefit is determined by the average of the four highest consecutive years of creditable earnings within the last 10 years of creditable service and the percentage of average salary to which the member is entitled. Most members retire under a formula that provides 2.2 percent of final average salary up to a maximum of 75 percent with 34 years of service.

Tier 2 members qualify for retirement benefits at age 67 with 10 years of service, or a discounted annuity can be paid at age 62 with 10 years of service. Creditable earnings for retirement purposes are capped and the final average salary is based on the highest consecutive eight years of creditable service rather than the highest four. Disability provisions for Tier 2 are identical to those of Tier 1. Death benefits are payable under a formula that is different from Tier 1.

Essentially all Tier 1 retirees receive an annual 3 percent increase in the current retirement benefit beginning January 1 following the attainment of age 61 or on January 1 following the member's first anniversary in retirement, whichever is later. Tier 2 annual increases will be the lesser of three percent of the original benefit or one-half percent of the rate of inflation beginning January 1 following attainment of age 67 or on January 1 following the member's first anniversary in retirement, whichever is later.

Public Act 100-0023, enacted in 2017, creates an optional Tier 3 hybrid retirement plan, but it has not yet gone into effect. Public Act 100-0587, enacted in 2018, requires TRS to offer two temporary benefit buyout programs that expire on June 30, 2026. One program allows retiring Tier 1 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in exchange for accepting a lower, delayed annual increase. The other allows inactive vested Tier 1 and Tier 2 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in lieu of a retirement annuity. Both programs began in 2019 and are funded by bonds issued by the State of Illinois.

Contributions

The State of Illinois maintains the primary responsibility for funding TRS. The Illinois Pension Code, as amended by Public Act 88-0593 and subsequent acts, provides that for years 2010 through 2045, the minimum contribution to the System for each fiscal year shall be an amount determined to be sufficient to bring the total assets of the System up to 90 percent of the total actuarial liabilities of the System by the end of fiscal year 2045.

Contributions from active members and TRS contributing employers are also required by the Illinois Pension Code. The contribution rates are specified in the pension code. The active member contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 9.0 percent of creditable earnings. The member contribution, which may be paid on behalf of employees by the employer, is submitted to TRS by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4.

On-behalf Contributions to TRS. The State of Illinois makes employer pension contributions on behalf of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4. For the year ended June 30, 2024, State of Illinois contributions recognized by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 were based on the State's proportionate share of the pension expense associated with the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, and the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 recognized receipts and disbursements of \$775,081 in pension contributions from the State of Illinois.

2.2 formula contributions. Employers contribute 0.58 percent of total creditable earnings for the 2.2 formula change. The contribution rate is specified by statute. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$12,028.

Federal and special trust fund contributions. When TRS members are paid from federal and special trust funds administered by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, there is a statutory requirement for the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 to pay an employer pension contribution from those funds. Under Public Act 100-0340, the federal and special trust fund contribution rate is the total employer normal cost beginning with the year ended June 30, 2018.

Previously, employer contributions for employees paid from federal and special trust funds were at the same rate as the State contribution rate to TRS and were much higher.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the employer pension contribution was 10.60 percent of salaries paid from federal and special trust funds. For the year ended June 30, 2024, salaries totaling \$719,275 were paid from federal and special trust funds that required employer contributions of \$76,243.

Employer retirement cost contributions. Under GASB Statement No. 68, contributions that an employer is required to pay because of a TRS member retiring are categorized as specific liability payments. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is required to make a one-time contribution to TRS for members granted salary increases over 6 percent if those salaries are used to calculate a retiree's final average salary.

A one-time contribution is also required for members granted sick leave days in excess of the normal annual allotment if those days are used as TRS service credit. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 did not make any employer contributions to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent or for sick leave days granted in excess of the normal annual allotment.

NOTE 4 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund

THIS Plan Description

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 participates in the Teachers' Health Insurance Security (THIS) fund. The THIS fund is a non-appropriated trust fund held outside the State Treasury, with the State Treasurer as custodian. Additions deposited into the Trust are for the sole purpose of providing the health benefits to retirees, as established under the plan, and associated administrative costs. The THIS fund is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan that covers retired employees of participating employers throughout the State of Illinois, excluding the Chicago Public School System. THIS health coverage includes provisions for medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits, but does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits. Annuitants may participate in the State administered Preferred Provider Organization plan or choose from several managed care options. As a result of the Governor's Executive Order 12-01, the responsibilities in relation to THIS were transferred to the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) as of July 1, 2013. CMS administers the plan with the cooperation of the TRS.

NOTE 4 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Benefits Provided

The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375) outlines the benefit provisions of the THIS Fund and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The plan is administered by CMS with the cooperation of TRS. Section 6.6 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 required all active contributors to TRS who are not employees of the State to make a contribution to the THIS Fund.

A percentage of employer required contributions in the future will not exceed 105 percent of the percentage of salary actually required to be paid in the previous fiscal year.

On-behalf contributions to the THIS Fund

The State of Illinois makes employer retiree health insurance contributions on behalf of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4. For the year ended June 30, 2024, State of Illinois contributions recognized by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 were based on the State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, and recognized receipts and disbursements of (\$191,778) in OPEB contributions from the State of Illinois.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Contributions to the THIS Fund

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 also makes contributions to the THIS Fund. The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 THIS Fund contribution was 0.67 percent during the year ended June 30, 2024, and 0.67 percent for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and 0.92 percent for the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 paid \$13,895 to the THIS Fund, which was 100 percent of the required contribution. For the years ended June 30, 2023, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 paid \$8,854, \$11,675, \$11,027, and \$11,689 to the THIS Fund, respectively, which was 100 percent of the required contribution.

Further Information on the THIS Fund

The publicly available financial report of the THIS Fund may be found on the website of the Illinois Auditor General: http://www.auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/ABC-List.asp. The current reports are listed under "Central Management Services." Prior reports are available under "Healthcare and Family Services."

NOTE 4 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Teacher Retirement System - Health Insurance Plan

Plan Description

In addition to providing the pension benefits described in Note 3, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 provides postemployment health care benefits (OPEB) for retired TRS employees through a single-employer defined benefit plan. The benefits, benefit levels, employee contributions and employer contributions are governed by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 and can be amended by board approval. The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund, as an irrevocable trust has not been established to account for the plan. The plan does not issue a separate report.

Eligibility Provisions

Select employees eligible to retire under TRS are eligible for the postemployment health care benefits.

Benefits Provided

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 provides continued health insurance coverage at the blended employer rate to all eligible retirees in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes, which creates an implicit subsidy of retiree health insurance. To be eligible for benefits, an employee must qualify for retirement under the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 retirement plan. Upon a retiree reaching 65 years of age, Medicare becomes the primary insurer and the retiree is no longer eligible to participate in the plan, but can purchase a Medicare supplement plan from South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's insurance provider.

Membership

At June 30, 2023, membership consisted of:	
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	_
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	_
Active employees fully eligible to receive plan benefits	22
Total	22
Number of Participating Employers	1

NOTE 4 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Funding Policy and Contributions

There is no funding policy that exists for the postretirement plan at this time, as the total OPEB liabilities are currently an unfunded obligation.

IMRF - Health Insurance Plan

Plan Description

In addition to providing the pension benefits described in Note 3, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 provides postemployment health care benefits (OPEB) for retired IMRF employees through a single-employer defined benefit plan. The benefits, benefit levels, employee contributions and employer contributions are governed by the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 and can be amended by board approval. The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund, as an irrevocable trust has not been established to account for the plan. The plan does not issue a separate report.

Eligibility Provisions

Employees eligible to retire under IMRF are eligible for the postemployment health care benefits.

Benefits Provided

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 provides continued health insurance coverage at the blended employer rate to all eligible retirees in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes, which creates an implicit subsidy of retiree health insurance. To be eligible for benefits, an employee must qualify for retirement under the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 retirement plan. Retirees pay the full cost of the coverage. Upon a retiree reaching 65 years of age, Medicare becomes the primary insurer and the retiree is no longer eligible to participate in the plan, but can purchase a Medicare supplement plan from South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's insurance provider.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

NOTE 4 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Membership

At June 30, 2023, membership consisted of:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	_
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	_
Active employees	13
Total	13
Number of Participating Employers	1

Funding Policy and Contributions

There is no funding policy that exists for the postretirement plan at this time, as the total OPEB liabilities are currently an unfunded obligation.

The employer contributions and benefit payments are related to the increase in active premiums due to the presence of retirees in the determination of blended retiree/active premiums.

NOTE 5 COMMITMENTS

Lease Commitments

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 leases additional copiers for \$1,734 per month which includes services, parts and supplies of approximately \$172 per month and \$1,562 rent. The lease runs from June 23, 2023 to June 23, 2028.

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 leased a portion of the Worthridge School building for classroom, office and activity rooms for an annual rent of \$146,315 payable monthly at \$12,193 per month. The lease runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The lease agreement shall automatically renew for an additional one-year term unless either party send a written notice to the other party of their intent not to renew before July 1st of the last year of the then current lease term. All terms of the lease agreement shall apply to the renewed lease agreement unless the parties otherwise mutually agree. The lease agreement for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 is for an annual rent of \$150,704 payable monthly at \$12,559 per month.

NOTE 5 COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Total rental payment for the year ended June 30, 2024 related to these leases, was \$165,057. Future minimum lease payments under these leases for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending		
in June 30:	<i>A</i>	Amount
2025	\$	169,446
2026		18,742
2027		18,742
2028		18,742
2029		_
Thereafter		
Total	\$	225,672

Construction Contract

On February 26, 2024, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 executed a contract for the renovation of its building for \$1,073,000 total construction costs and \$107,300 architect and engineering (A&E) fees. As of June 30, 2024, total construction costs of \$618,260 and A&E fees of \$37,555 have been incurred. South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has paid a total of \$264,681 for the construction costs and A&E fees through June 30, 2024.

NOTE 6 RISK MANAGEMENT

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has purchased commercial insurance to cover these risks. No losses have been incurred in excess of the amounts covered by insurance over the past three years.

NOTE 7 ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The State of Illinois paid the following salaries of the executive director and assistant executive director on-behalf of the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4:

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2024

NOTE 7 ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS (Continued)

State of Illinois	
Executive Director Salary	\$ 131,616
Executive Director Fringe Benefits	41,303
Assistant Executive Director Salary	118,452
Assistant Executive Director Fringe Benefits	 38,252
Total	\$ 329,621

Salary and benefit data for the Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director were calculated based on data provided by ISBE. These amounts have been recorded in the accompanying governmental fund financial statements as State receipts and disbursements.

The South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 also recorded \$583,303 in receipts and disbursements as on-behalf payments from ISBE for the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4's share of the State's Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) pension expense and Teacher's Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS) OPEB benefit in the Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position.

In addition, the South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has not included any on-behalf payments related to the State's TRS pension expense and THIS OPEB expense for the Regional Superintendent or Assistant Regional Superintendent.

State of Illinois on-behalf payments	\$ 329,621
ROE's share of TRS pension expense	775,081
THIS fund OPEB benefit	 (191,778)
Total	\$ 912,924

NOTE 8 INTERFUND ACTIVITIES

Interfund transfers in/out to other fund balances at June 30, 2024 consist of the following individual transfers in/out to other funds in the governmental fund Combining Schedule of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents. These transfers were made in order to meet operating cost needs in the receiving fund.

Fund		ansfers In	Tra	Transfers Out			
General Fund:							
RISE and General State Aid	\$	_	\$	2,700,000			
Local		2,700,000					
Total	\$	2,700,000	\$	2,700,000			

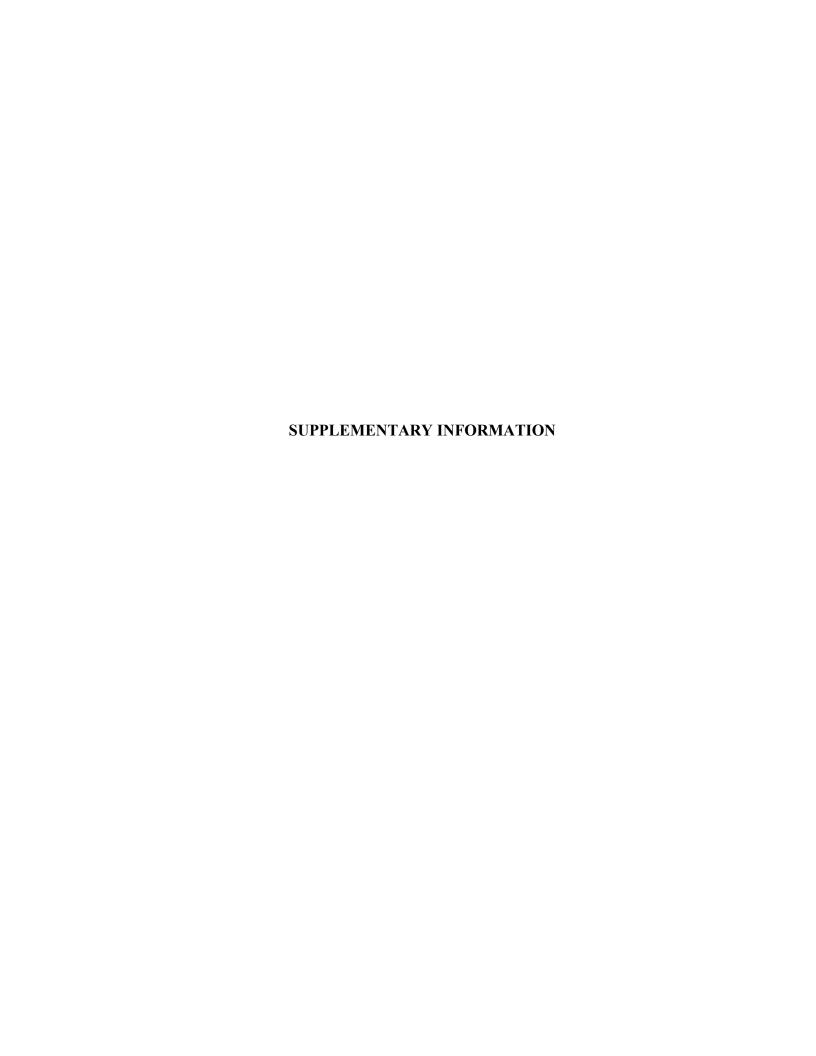
NOTE 9 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The following funds had deficit fund balances at June 30, 2024:

Special Revenue Fund - Education Fund:

Elevating Special Educators	\$ 54,736
Community Oriented Policing Services	46,805
Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response	31,609
American Rescue Plan - CCSJJC	27,000
Justice Advisory Council	1,500
Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education	24,629
Chicago Public Schools Program	1,710

The deficit fund balances for these funds will generally be eliminated during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 by reducing expenditures or transferring unrestricted funds.



	RISE nd General State Aid	 Local	Spe	lling Bee	A Al L	Student dvocacy ternative earning portunities	Totals
RECEIPTS:							
Local sources	\$ 1,610,618	\$ 53,527	\$	12,808	\$	631,575	\$ 2,308,528
State sources	1,315,739	-		-		461,545	1,777,284
On-behalf payments	 <u> </u>	 329,621					 329,621
Total receipts	 2,926,357	 383,148		12,808		1,093,120	 4,415,433
DISBURSEMENTS:							
Instructional services:							
Salaries	904,464	147,658		-		688,416	1,740,538
Employee benefits	176,216	96,022		-		109,887	382,125
Pension expense	34,740	11,475		-		31,568	77,783
OPEB expense	7,239	_		-		_	7,239
Purchased services	193,187	178,851		8,300		21,767	402,105
Supplies and materials	63,212	45,910		1,180		82,119	192,421
Other objects		13,938		_		_	13,938
Administrative:		- ,					- 9
On-behalf payments	_	329,621		_		_	329,621
Intergovernmental:							
Payments to other governments	18,702	17,155		_		_	35,857
Capital outlay	10,303	4,257		_		_	14,560
Total disbursements	1,408,063	844,887		9,480		933,757	3,196,187
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	 1,518,294	 (461,739)		3,328		159,363	 1,219,246
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	_	2,700,000		-		_	2,700,000
Transfers out	(2,700,000)	· · · -		-		_	(2,700,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,700,000)	2,700,000		-			
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,181,706)	2,238,261		3,328		159,363	1,219,246
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF YEAR	 2,786,322	 266,025					 3,052,347
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR	\$ 1,604,616	\$ 2,504,286	\$	3,328	\$	159,363	\$ 4,271,593
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES							
Assigned	\$ 1,604,616	\$ -	\$	-	\$	159,363	\$ 1,763,979
Unassigned	 	2,504,286		3,328			 2,507,614
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,604,616	\$ 2,504,286	\$	3,328	\$	159,363	\$ 4,271,593

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4
Education Fund Accounts
Combining Schedule of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024
Schedule 2

	McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth	Elevating Special Educators	Regional Safe Schools	ROE/ISC Operations	South Cook Mathematics Initiative	Community Oriented Policing Services	Truants Alternative/ Optional Education
RECEIPTS:							
Local sources	\$ -	\$ -	•	\$ -	\$ 9,140	\$ -	\$ -
State sources	-	-	1,356,527	907,466	-	-	44,069
Federal sources	293,982					245,526	<u> </u>
Total receipts	293,982		1,356,527	907,466	9,140	245,526	44,069
DISBURSEMENTS:							
Instructional services:							
Salaries	9,000	8,538	842,522	638,275	3,360	-	43,926
Employee benefits	1,923	266	141,824	110,736	456	-	3,552
Pension expense	472	253	42,672	37,807	324	-	2,306
OPEB expense	-	-	-	6,656	-	-	-
Purchased services	226,268	29,251	208,186	161,113	-	-	11,751
Supplies and materials	39,366	16,428	25,170	62,002	-	-	2,278
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	292,331	8,000
Total disbursements	277,029	54,736	1,260,374	1,016,589	4,140	292,331	71,813
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	16,953	(54,736)	96,153	(109,123)	5,000	(46,805)	(27,744)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF YEAR	(16,953)		(21,465)	111,532	(5,000)	- _	106,482
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ (54,736)	\$ 74,688	\$ 2,409	\$ -	\$ (46,805)	\$ 78,738
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,688	\$ 2,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,738
Unassigned		(54,736)	-			(46,805)	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ -	\$ (54,736)	\$ 74,688	\$ 2,409	\$ -	\$ (46,805)	\$ 78,738

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4
Education Fund Accounts
Combining Schedule of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024
Schedule 2 (Continued)

	American Rescue Plan	Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response	American Rescue Plan - CCSJJC	Justice Advisory Council	Violence Prevention Reduction	Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education	Chicago Public Schools Program	Total
RECEIPTS:		-						
Local sources	\$ -	\$ 168,270	\$ -	\$ 16,500	\$ 27,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 221,410
State sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,308,062
Federal sources	243,750							783,258
Total receipts	243,750	168,270		16,500	27,500			3,312,730
DISBURSEMENTS:								
Instructional services:								
Salaries	_	42,759	15,838	14,560	18,911	-	-	1,637,689
Employee benefits	_	· -	3,731	1,717	4,378	-	-	268,583
Pension expense	_	-	1,365	1,351	1,647	-	-	88,197
OPEB expense	_	_	-	-	-	_	_	6,656
Purchased services	186,600	105,989	4,639	277	762	24,629	1,710	961,175
Supplies and materials	· -	8,872	1,427	95	1,472	· -	· -	157,110
Capital outlay	_	-	-	-	-	_	_	300,331
Total disbursements	186,600	157,620	27,000	18,000	27,170	24,629	1,710	3,419,741
CHANGE IN CASH AND								
CASH EQUIVALENTS	57,150	10,650	(27,000)	(1,500)	330	(24,629)	(1,710)	(107,011)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS								
BEGINNING OF YEAR	44,946	(42,259)	-					177,283
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS								
END OF YEAR	\$ 102,096	\$ (31,609)	\$ (27,000)	\$ (1,500)	\$ 330	\$ (24,629)	\$ (1,710)	\$ 70,272
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES								
Restricted	\$ 102,096	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,261
Unassigned	ψ 102,070 -	(31,609)			ψ 330 -	(24,629)	(1,710)	(187,989)
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 102,096				\$ 330			
TOTAL CASH DAGIS FUND DALANCES	Ψ 102,090	ψ (51,007)	ψ (27,000)	ψ (1,500)	ψ 330	ψ (24,029)	ψ (1,/10)	Ψ /0,2/2

	Mc	McKinney-Vento Education for Ho					Homeless Children and Youth				Elevating Special Educators						
			geted Amounts				Variance with Final Budget Favorable		Budgete		ed Amounts		Actual		Fina Fa	ance with al Budget vorable	
RECEIPTS:		Original		Final		Amounts	(U	nfavorable)		Original		Final	An	nounts	(Uni	avorable)	
State sources	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	_	\$		
Federal sources	φ	266,480	Φ	271,450	φ	293,982	φ	22,532	Ф	104,000	Ф	104,000	Φ	_	Φ	(104,000)	
Total receipts		266,480	_	271,450	_	293,982	_	22,532		104,000		104,000				(104,000)	
DISBURSEMENTS:																	
Instructional services:																	
Salaries		5,040		9,000		9,000		-		35,000		35,000		8,538		26,462	
Employee benefits, including pension and OPEB expense		1,678		2,411		2,395		16		9,098		9,098		519		8,579	
Purchased services		197,787		208,350		226,268		(17,918)		53,000		53,000		29,251		23,749	
Supplies and materials		61,975		51,689		39,366		12,323		6,902		6,902		16,428		(9,526)	
Capital outlay		-		-						-		-		-		-	
Total disbursements		266,480		271,450		277,029	_	(5,579)		104,000		104,000		54,736		49,264	
CHANGE IN CASH AND																	
CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$		\$	-		16,953	\$	16,953	\$		\$		•	(54,736)	\$	(54,736)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF YEAR						(16,953)								_			
2201						(10,755)											
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR					¢								¢	(54.72()			
END OF TEAK					Э								Þ	(54,736)			

	Regional Safe Schools								ROE/ISC Operations							
	Budgeted Amo					Variance with Final Budget Favorable				d Amounts		Actual		Fin Fa	iance with al Budget avorable	
		Original		Final		Amounts	(Uı	ıfavorable)		Original		Final	A	Amounts	(Un	favorable)
RECEIPTS:																
State sources	\$	391,396	\$	1,356,527	\$	1,356,527	\$	-	\$	907,466	\$	907,466	\$	907,466	\$	-
Federal sources		-		-		-				-		-				
Total receipts		391,396		1,356,527		1,356,527		-		907,466		907,466		907,466		-
DISBURSEMENTS:																
Instructional services:																
Salaries		296,790		857,755		842,522		15,233		588,540		569,040		638,275		(69,235)
Employee benefits, including pension and OPEB expense		90,270		185,664		184,496		1,168		154,121		145,932		155,199		(9,267)
Purchased services		=		238,108		208,186		29,922		129,805		157,494		161,113		(3,619)
Supplies and materials		4,336		25,000		25,170		(170)		35,000		35,000		62,002		(27,002)
Capital outlay		=		50,000		_		50,000		-		-		_		-
Total disbursements		391,396	_	1,356,527	_	1,260,374		96,153		907,466		907,466		1,016,589		(109,123)
CHANGE IN CASH AND																
CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$		\$	-		96,153	\$	96,153	\$	-	\$	-	:	(109,123)	\$	(109,123)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS																
BEGINNING OF YEAR					_	(21,465)								111,532		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR					\$	74,688							\$	2,409		

		Community Oriented Policing Services							Truants Alternative/Optional Education						
	Budgeted Amour			Actual		Variance with Final Budget Favorable				d Amounts		_ Actual		ance with al Budget worable	
D. C.		Original		Final	Amounts	_ (Unfavorable)		Original	_	Final	A	mounts	(Uni	favorable)
RECEIPTS:	Φ.		Ф		.		dr.	Ф	1.42.005	Ф	1.42.005	ф	44.060	Ф	(00.02.6)
State sources	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -		\$ -	\$	143,905	\$	143,905	\$	44,069	\$	(99,836)
Federal sources		660,801		660,801	245,526		(415,275)				-				-
Total receipts		660,801		660,801	245,526		(415,275)		143,905		143,905		44,069		(99,836)
DISBURSEMENTS:															
Instructional services:															
Salaries		-		-	-		-		93,876		93,876		43,926		49,950
Employee benefits, including pension and OPEB expense		-		-	-		_		20,874		20,874		5,858		15,016
Purchased services		-		-	-		_		15,155		15,155		11,751		3,404
Supplies and materials		7,021		7,021	-		7,021		7,000		7,000		2,278		4,722
Capital outlay		653,780		653,780	292,331		361,449		7,000		7,000		8,000		(1,000)
Total disbursements		660,801		660,801	292,331		368,470		143,905		143,905		71,813		72,092
CHANGE IN CASH AND															
CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	-	\$		(46,805)) _	\$ (46,805)	\$	-	\$	-		(27,744)	\$	(27,744)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS															
BEGINNING OF YEAR					-								106,482		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS						_									
END OF YEAR					\$ (46,805))						\$	78,738		

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4
Education Fund Accounts
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
Schedule 3 (Continued)

		American Rescue Plan									
		Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable							
DECEIDTO.	Original	Final	Amounts	(Unfavorable)							
RECEIPTS: State sources	¢.	\$ -	¢.	¢							
State sources Federal sources	\$ -	•	\$ -	\$ -							
	325,000	325,000	243,750	(81,250)							
Total receipts	325,000	325,000	243,750	(81,250)							
DISBURSEMENTS:											
Instructional services:											
Salaries	-	-	-	-							
Employee benefits, including pension and OPEB expense	-	-	-	-							
Purchased services	290,000	290,000	186,600	103,400							
Supplies and materials	35,000	35,000	-	35,000							
Capital outlay											
Total disbursements	325,000	325,000	186,600	138,400							
CHANGE IN CASH AND											
CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ -	\$ -	57,150	\$ 57,150							
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS											
BEGINNING OF YEAR			44,946								
CASH AND CASH FOUNTALENTS											
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR			\$ 102,096								
END OF IEAR			\$ 102,090								



South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title		Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass- Through/Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients		Total Federal Expenditures		
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE								
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	(M)	16.710	N/A	\$		\$	292,331	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed through Regional Office of Education #9: Special Education - State Personnel Development Elevating Special Educators Grant		84.323A	1000MY21533		-		54,736	
Passed through Regional Office of Education No. 56: Educational Stabilization Fund - COVID 19-American Rescu - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	e Plan	:						
- Homeless Children and Youth Education for Homeless Children and Youth McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless		84.425W	None		-		186,600	
Children and Youth	(M)	84.196A	None				277,029	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION							518,365	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS				\$		\$	810,696	

⁽M) Program was audited as a major program.

South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. South Cook Intermediate Service Center #4 has not elected to use the 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.