



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

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #53
MASON, TAZEVELL AND WOODFORD COUNTIES

FINANCIAL AUDIT
For the Year Ended: June 30, 2024

Release Date: March 5, 2025

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
				Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
	<u>New</u>	<u>Repeat</u>	<u>Total</u>	2022		24-1	
Category 1:	0	0	0				
Category 2:	0	1	1				
Category 3:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
TOTAL	0	1	1				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 1							

SYNOPSIS

- **(24-1)** The Regional Office of Education #53 lacked adequate controls over the bank reconciliation process.

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

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	FY 2024	FY 2023
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,740,986	\$1,514,623
Local Sources	\$469,082	\$451,793
% of Total Revenues	26.94%	29.83%
State Sources	\$1,122,651	\$893,220
% of Total Revenues	64.48%	58.97%
Federal Sources	\$149,253	\$169,610
% of Total Revenues	8.57%	11.20%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,425,423	\$1,260,522
Salaries and Benefits	\$909,188	\$712,769
% of Total Expenditures	63.78%	56.55%
Purchased Services	\$293,857	\$260,994
% of Total Expenditures	20.62%	20.71%
All Other Expenditures	\$222,378	\$286,759
% of Total Expenditures	15.60%	22.75%
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$4,866,713	\$4,551,150
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$0	\$0
Percentages may not add due to rounding.		

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT
During Audit Period: Honorable Jeff Ekena
Currently: Honorable Jeff Ekena

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**INADEQUATE CONTROLS OVER BANK
RECONCILIATION PROCESS**

The Regional Office of Education #53 lacked adequate controls over the bank reconciliation process.

The Regional Office of Education #53 (ROE) lacked adequate controls over the bank reconciliation process. The ROE maintained 5 bank accounts. During the audit, auditors noted 4 of 60 monthly reconciliations (7%) were performed later than the end of the following month.

Effective internal control policies require complete and accurate accounting records of all transactions of the entity. Sound internal controls require bank reconciliations to be performed accurately and promptly, no later than the end of the following month. Reconciling items should be investigated immediately, and adjustments made to the general ledger. Bank reconciliations should also be reviewed and approved by a person independent of the preparer in a timely manner.

Regional Office officials indicated bank reconciliations were performed later than the end of the following month due to competing priorities. (Finding 2024-001, page 11)

The auditors recommended the ROE should prepare monthly bank reconciliations no later than the end of the following month.

ROE Response: *The Regional Office of Education No. 53 will prepare monthly bank reconciliations no later than the end of the following month.*

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education #53's financial statements as of June 30, 2024 are fairly presented in all material respects.

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

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JOE BUTCHER
Division Director

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

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FRANK J. MAUTINO
Auditor General

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