



**STATE OF ILLINOIS
MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53**

**FINANCIAL AUDIT
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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

**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53**

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**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53**

OFFICIALS

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(current and during the audit period)

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(current and during the audit period)

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**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

The financial 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 REPORTS

The auditor’s reports do not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

<u>Number of</u>	<u>This Audit</u>	<u>Prior Audit</u>
Audit findings	1	1
Repeated audit findings	1	1
Prior recommendations implemented or not repeated	0	0

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

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Finding Type</u>
<i>Finding (Government Auditing Standards)</i>			
2024-001	11	Inadequate Controls over Bank Reconciliation Process	Significant Deficiency
<i>Prior Audit Finding not Repeated (Government Auditing Standards)</i>			
	13	None	

**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY**

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53 did not request a formal exit conference at this time. Response to the recommendation was provided by Jeff Ekena, Regional Superintendent, on January 14, 2025.

**MASON, TAZEVELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT SUMMARY**

The audit of the accompanying basic financial statements of Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53 was performed by Adelfia LLC.

Based on their audit, the auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's basic financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Frank J. Mautino
Auditor General
State of Illinois

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified 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 Regional Office of Education No. 53, 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.

Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for 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 auditors' 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 the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Regional Office of Education No. 53'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Regional Office of Education No. 53'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 Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's basic financial statements. The modified cash basis combining schedule of accounts, the budgetary comparison schedules, the combining fund financial statements and the Schedule of Disbursements to School District Treasurers and Other Entities 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 were derived from and relate 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 modified cash basis combining schedule of accounts, the budgetary comparison schedules, the combining fund financial statements and the Schedule of Disbursements to School District Treasurers and Other Entities are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the modified cash basis of accounting as 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 6, 2025, on our consideration of the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53'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 Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53'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 Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE

Chicago, Illinois
February 6, 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

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 modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53’s modified cash basis financial statements, and we have issued our report thereon dated February 6, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53’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 modified cash basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53’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, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Regional Office of Education No. 53's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's response was 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 Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53'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 Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Chicago, Illinois
February 6, 2025

**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Financial Statements in accordance with Modified Cash Basis

Type of auditor’s report issued: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes no

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

FINDING 2024-001 - Inadequate Controls Over Bank Reconciliation Process (Repeat from Finding 23-001, 22-001)

CRITERIA/SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT:

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.

CONDITION:

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 maintains 5 bank accounts. During our audit, we noted 4 of 60 monthly reconciliations (7%) were performed later than the end of the following month.

EFFECT:

Failure to prepare bank reconciliations on a timely basis may lead to loss or misuse of assets due to improper control and monitoring of bank accounts. Delay in the preparation of bank reconciliations renders this internal control procedure ineffective for immediately detecting irregularities and inaccuracies in the financial records.

CAUSE:

Regional Office of Education No. 53 Officials indicated bank reconciliations were performed later than the end of the following month due to competing priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 should prepare monthly bank reconciliations no later than the end of the following month.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE:

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

**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

FINDING 2024-001 - Inadequate Controls Over Bank Reconciliation Process (Repeat from Finding 23-001, 22-001)

CONDITION:

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 maintains 5 bank accounts. During our audit, we noted 4 of 60 monthly reconciliations (7%) were performed later than the end of the following month.

PLAN:

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 will prepare monthly bank reconciliations on a timely basis.

ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:

June 30, 2025

CONTACT PERSON:

Honorable Jeff Ekena, Regional Superintendent of Schools

**MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS NOT REPEATED
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

None

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,383	\$ -	\$ 34,383
Pooled cash and investments	4,587,167	245,163	4,832,330
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,621,550</u>	<u>245,163</u>	<u>4,866,713</u>
NET POSITION			
Restricted - other	455,268	-	455,268
Unrestricted	4,166,282	245,163	4,411,445
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 4,621,550</u>	<u>\$ 245,163</u>	<u>\$ 4,866,713</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		Total
				Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
Instructional Services						
Salaries and benefits	\$ 887,482	\$ -	\$ 631,538	\$ (255,944)	\$ -	\$ (255,944)
Purchased services	293,832	-	155,828	(138,004)	-	(138,004)
Supplies and materials	43,612	-	42,927	(685)	-	(685)
Other objects	148,930	-	8,592	(140,338)	-	(140,338)
Capital outlay	25,954	-	-	(25,954)	-	(25,954)
Pension expense	18,995	-	6,909	(12,086)	-	(12,086)
OPEB expense	2,711	-	414	(2,297)	-	(2,297)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>1,421,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>846,208</u>	<u>(575,308)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(575,308)</u>
Business-Type Activities:						
Fingerprinting	3,907	34,356	-	-	30,449	30,449
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>3,907</u>	<u>34,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,449</u>	<u>30,449</u>
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	<u>\$ 1,425,423</u>	<u>\$ 34,356</u>	<u>\$ 846,208</u>	<u>(575,308)</u>	<u>30,449</u>	<u>(544,859)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES:						
Local sources				393,821	-	393,821
State sources				392,279	-	392,279
Investment earnings				70,764	3,558	74,322
Total General Revenues and Transfers				<u>856,864</u>	<u>3,558</u>	<u>860,422</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				281,556	34,007	315,563
NET POSITION - BEGINNING				<u>4,339,994</u>	<u>211,156</u>	<u>4,551,150</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING				<u>\$ 4,621,550</u>	<u>\$ 245,163</u>	<u>\$ 4,866,713</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Education Fund	Institute Fund	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Eliminations	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,383	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,383
Pooled cash and investments	4,166,282	5,528	260,591	154,766	-	4,587,167
Due from other funds	17,503	-	-	-	(17,503)	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,183,785</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ 294,974</u>	<u>\$ 154,766</u>	<u>\$ (17,503)</u>	<u>\$ 4,621,550</u>
LIABILITIES						
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 17,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (17,503)	\$ -
Total Liabilities	-	17,503	-	-	(17,503)	-
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)						
Restricted	-	5,528	294,974	154,766	-	455,268
Unassigned	4,183,785	(17,503)	-	-	-	4,166,282
Total Fund Balance (Deficit)	<u>4,183,785</u>	<u>(11,975)</u>	<u>294,974</u>	<u>154,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,621,550</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 4,183,785</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ 294,974</u>	<u>\$ 154,766</u>	<u>\$ (17,503)</u>	<u>\$ 4,621,550</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Education Fund	Institute Fund	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local sources	\$ 337,387	\$ -	\$ 47,980	\$ 8,454	\$ 393,821
State sources	379,561	708,098	-	1,575	1,089,234
Federal sources	-	149,253	-	-	149,253
Investment earnings	61,398	-	7,059	2,307	70,764
Total Revenues	778,346	857,351	55,039	12,336	1,703,072
EXPENDITURES					
Instructional Services:					
Salaries and benefits	249,680	629,963	2,197	5,642	887,482
Pension expense	12,086	6,909	-	-	18,995
OPEB expense	2,297	414	-	-	2,711
Purchased services	97,398	155,828	39,793	813	293,832
Supplies and materials	415	42,927	-	270	43,612
Other objects	113,863	8,592	25,495	980	148,930
Capital outlay	25,954	-	-	-	25,954
Total Expenditures	501,693	844,633	67,485	7,705	1,421,516
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	276,653	12,718	(12,446)	4,631	281,556
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	3,907,132	(24,693)	307,420	150,135	4,339,994
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	\$ 4,183,785	\$ (11,975)	\$ 294,974	\$ 154,766	\$ 4,621,550

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund	
	Fingerprinting Fund	Total
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Pooled cash and investments	\$ 245,163	\$ 245,163
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>245,163</u>	<u>245,163</u>
NET POSITION		
Unrestricted	245,163	245,163
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 245,163</u>	<u>\$ 245,163</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
 AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Fingerprinting Fund	Total
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	\$ 34,356	\$ 34,356
Total Operating Revenues	34,356	34,356
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchased services	25	25
Supplies and materials	1,095	1,095
Other objects	2,787	2,787
Total Operating Expenses	3,907	3,907
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	30,449	30,449
NONOPERATING REVENUE		
Interest income	3,558	3,558
Total Nonoperating Revenue	3,558	3,558
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	34,007	34,007
TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING	211,156	211,156
TOTAL NET POSITION - ENDING	\$ 245,163	\$ 245,163

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS-MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund</u>	
	<u>Fingerprinting Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 34,356	\$ 34,356
Payments to suppliers and providers of goods and services	(3,907)	(3,907)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>30,449</u>	<u>30,449</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Interest income	3,558	3,558
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>3,558</u>	<u>3,558</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	34,007	34,007
Pooled cash and investments - Beginning	<u>211,156</u>	<u>211,156</u>
Pooled cash and investments - Ending	<u>\$ 245,163</u>	<u>\$ 245,163</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating income	\$ 30,449	\$ 30,449
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
None		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 30,449</u>	<u>\$ 30,449</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT H

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS		
Pooled cash and investments	\$ -	\$ 36,775
Investments	43,794	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 43,794</u>	<u>\$ 36,775</u>
NET POSITION		
Restricted-other	\$ -	\$ 36,775
Held in trust for other purposes	43,794	-
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 43,794</u>	<u>\$ 36,775</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT I

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ADDITIONS:		
County schools facility sales tax	\$ -	\$ 4,475,135
Intergovernmental receipts for others	-	969,389
Interest	342	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total additions	\$ 342	\$ 5,444,524
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
County schools facility sales tax	\$ -	\$ 4,475,135
Intergovernmental disbursements for others	-	932,757
Other	-	2,261
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total deductions	-	5,410,153
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCREASE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	342	34,371
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>43,452</u>	<u>2,404</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 43,794</u>	<u>\$ 36,775</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Regional Office of Education No. 53 is presented to assist in understanding the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s management who is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of the financial statements. As discussed further in the “Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting” section of this note, these financial statements are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Boards (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied in these financial statements to the extent that they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting.

A. DATE OF MANAGEMENT’S REVIEW

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 6, 2025, the date when the financial statements were available to be issued.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Mason, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Regional Office of Education No. 53 was formed under the provisions of the State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education. The Regional Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of the counties (region) served by the Regional Office of Education No. 53 and is elected to the position for a four-year term. The Regional Superintendent is responsible for the supervision and control of the school districts in the region.

The Regional Superintendent’s responsibilities for administering the school educational service region programs include, but are not limited to, providing directions to teachers and school officials on science, art and teaching methods; implementing the State Board of Education’s Policy Programs; encouraging camaraderie among teachers through the teachers’ institute; making public notice of unfilled teaching positions within the region; and ensuring the safety, health and welfare of the students in the region by periodically inspecting the school buildings and ensuring that the bus drivers have valid driving licenses and are properly trained to operate the school buses. The Regional Superintendent is also responsible for apportionment and payment of funds received from the State for the districts in the region, or seeing that no payments are made unless the treasurer has filed or renewed appropriate bond and that the district has certified publication of the annual financial report.

For the period ended June 30, 2024, the Regional Office of Education No. 53 applied for, received, and administered numerous State and federal programs and grants in assistance and support of the educational activities of the school districts in Regional Office of Education No. 53. Such activities are reported as a single special revenue fund (Education Fund).

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JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. SCOPE OF THE REPORTING ENTITY

The Regional Office of Education No. 53’s reporting entity includes all related organizations for which it exercises oversight responsibility.

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 Regional Office of Education No. 53 does not control the assets, operations, or management of the districts or joint agreements. In addition, the Regional Office of Education No. 53 is not aware of any entity that would exercise such oversight as to result in the Regional Office of Education No. 53 being considered a component unit of the entity.

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT- WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Modified Cash Basis Statement of Net Position and the Modified Cash Basis Statement of Activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s activities, with most of the interfund activities removed. Governmental activities include programs supported primarily by State and federal grants and other intergovernmental revenues. The Regional Office of Education has one business-type activity that relies on fees and charges for support.

The Regional Office of Education No. 53’s government-wide financial statements include a Modified Cash Basis Statement of Net Position and a Modified Cash Basis Statement of Activities. These statements present a summary of governmental and business-type activities for the Regional Office of Education No. 53 accompanied by a total column.. The Modified Cash Basis Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include (1) charges for services and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are reported. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources.

Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance.

Proprietary fund financial statements include a Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position – Modified Cash Basis, and a Statement of Cash Flows – Modified Cash Basis for each major proprietary fund and nonmajor funds aggregated.

Operating revenues in the proprietary fund are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as nonoperating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as nonoperating expenses.

Governmental and proprietary fund reporting focuses on the major funds. There is a two-step process for determining if a fund must be reported as a major fund: (1) total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses (excluding extraordinary items) of an individual fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for the fund type, and (2) total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses (excluding extraordinary items) of an individual fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for the total of all governmental and proprietary funds combined. Additionally, funds may be reported as major funds to provide consistency or to enhance understanding. Funds that do not meet the major fund determination requirements are reported in aggregate as nonmajor funds. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 has presented all major funds that met the above qualifications.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the Regional Office of Education No. 53. It is used to account for the expenditures that benefit all school districts in the Region except those required to be accounted for and reported in other funds. General Funds include the following:

Alternative School Program - Evidence Based Funding (EBF) – To provide funding to the Regional Office of Education No. 53 Alternative Academy.

Regional Safe Schools – Evidence Based Funding (EBF) – To provide funding to the Regional Office of Education No. 53 Regional Safe School.

Regional Office of Education Local – To account for local monies received that are not assigned to or need to be reported in another fund.

County Support – To account for monies and services received from the three counties that the Regional Office of Education No. 53 serves.

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

Education Fund – 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:

American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth – To account for American Rescue Plan Homeless grant, which is for the purpose of providing services to homeless children.

McKinney Education for Homeless Children – To provide services to all homeless children and youths through a designated Homeless Liaison.

Regional Safe Schools – To account for professional staff salaries at the Regional Safe Schools.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Education Fund (Concluded)

ROE/ISC Operations – This fund accounts for grant monies received for and in payment of expenditures for assisting schools in all areas of school improvement.

Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response – This fund accounts for grant monies received to support social emotional learning and trauma response activities.

American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth Consortium – To account for American Rescue Plan Homeless grant from the State, which is for the purpose of providing support to local Districts to provide support to homeless students.

Institute Fund – This fund accounts for fees collected for the registration and renewal of teaching licenses. These fees are used to defray administrative expenses incidental to teachers' institutes, workshops, or meetings of a professional nature that are designed to promote the professional growth of teachers or to defray the expense of any general or special meeting of teachers or school personnel. All funds generated remain restricted until expended only on the aforementioned activities. The institute fund has been included as a major fund to provide consistency.

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 reports the following Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:

General Education Development (GED) – Illinois law requires the Regional Superintendent of Schools of each county or counties to administer the GED test. Testing fees are used for test administration, testing materials, and diplomas on successful completion of the test.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (Concluded)

Transportation Fund – Experienced bus drivers must take a two-hour instructional refresher course annually, while all new drivers must take an eight-hour course in bus driver safety and first aid, prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education and administered by the Regional Office.

PROPRIETARY FUND

Proprietary Fund – The proprietary fund accounts for revenues and expenses related to services provided to organizations inside the Region on a cost-reimbursement basis. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 reports the following major proprietary fund:

Fingerprinting Fund – To account for revenues earned and expenses incurred in connection with the fingerprinting of teachers and others.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 reports the following Fiduciary Funds:

Private Purpose Trust Fund – The Ogle fund was established to provide periodic interest distributions to designated school districts.

Custodial Funds – Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by the Regional Office of Education No. 53 in a trustee or custodial capacity for individuals, private organizations, and other governmental units. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 reports the following custodial funds:

Detachment/Annexation Fund – This fund accounts for monies from parents who want to detach from their school district or annex into another school district.

Distributive Fund – This fund accounts for pass-through state aid and other monies from the Regional Office of Education No. 53 to various entities within the region.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Concluded)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Concluded)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS (Concluded)

Custodial Funds (Concluded)

Mason County School Facility Tax Fund – This fund accounts for pass-through School Occupation Facility Tax that is being passed through the Regional Office of Education No. 53 to the school districts of Mason County.

Woodford County School Facility Tax Fund – This fund accounts for pass-through School Occupation Facility Tax that is being passed through the Regional Office of Education No. 53 to the school districts of Woodford County.

The purpose of interfund borrowing is to cover temporary short falls in cash flow within grant programs and funds.

Certain eliminations have been made in regard to interfund activities and balances, such as payables, receivables, and transfers. Interfund activities between governmental funds and between governmental funds and proprietary funds appear as due to/due from on the Modified Cash Basis Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and Modified Cash Basis Proprietary Fund Statement of Net Position and as other resources and other uses on the Modified Cash Basis Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and on the Modified Cash Basis Proprietary Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position. All interfund transactions and balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Interfund activities and balances between governmental funds (activities) and business-type funds (activities) remain as due to/due from on the government-wide financial statements.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the "economic resources" measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when received and expenses are recorded when paid.

The governmental funds financial statements focus on the measurement of spending or "financial flow" and the determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. This means that only current assets and current liabilities recognized on the modified cash basis of accounting are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues received, and expenses or expenditures disbursed are recognized in the accounts and how they are reported on the financial statements. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 maintains its accounting records for all funds on the modified cash basis of accounting. Modified cash basis financial statements omit recognition of receivables and payables and other accrued and deferred items that do not arise from previous cash transactions. An asset is recognized when benefits are paid by Regional Office of Education No. 53 that will be later reimbursed by employees through payroll withholding and interfund assets and liabilities are recognized for cash that is being temporarily borrowed by one fund from another fund. Revenues are recognized when they are received, and expenses or expenditures are recognized when paid. Generally accepted accounting principles require the recognition of revenue when it becomes "measurable" and "available" as net current assets and, generally, expenses or expenditures when the related liability is incurred.

F. GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a governmental fund. The following types of fund balances may be presented in the Modified Cash Basis Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Modified Cash Basis Governmental Funds Combining Schedule of Accounts:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund balance that is not available to be spent, either short term or long term, due to either their form or legal restrictions. Regional Office of Education No. 53 has not reported any nonspendable fund balance.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES (Concluded)

Restricted Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund balance that is subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The following fund balances are restricted by Illinois Statute: Institute, General Education Development, and Transportation. Additionally, the remaining balance in the Regional Safe Schools grant account in the Education Fund is restricted by a grant agreement.

Committed Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund balance with self-imposed constraints or limitations that have been placed at the highest level of decision making. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 has no committed fund balances.

Assigned Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund balance 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 Regional Superintendent. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 has no assigned fund balances.

Unassigned Fund Balance – Available expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The fund balances of the following General Fund accounts are comprised of unassigned fund balances: Alternative School Program – EBF, Regional Safe Schools – EBF, Regional Office of Education Local, and County Support. Additionally, the deficit fund balances of the following Education Fund accounts are considered unassigned: McKinney Education for Homeless Children Grant and Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response Grant.

Under the terms of grant agreements, Regional Office of Education No. 53 funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted funding resources available to finance the program. It is Regional Office of Education No. 53's policy to first apply restricted funds to such programs, and then unrestricted funds. For unrestricted funds, committed funds are used first, then assigned funds, then unassigned funds, if any.

G. NET POSITION

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

Restricted net position – Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities related to those assets.

Unrestricted net position – The net amount of the assets and liabilities that are not included in the determination of the restricted component of net position.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Regional Office of Education No. 53's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be demand deposits and short-term investments (initial maturity of less than three months). All interest income is recognized as revenue in the appropriate fund's Modified Cash Basis Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances.

I. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Noncertified and certified employees who work 12 calendar months can earn up to 21 vacation days for a full year of service. No vacation time may be carried over to next year and will be lost if an employee does not use the time during the year. In the event that a program terminates, no vacation days will be honored past the ending date of the program. Certified employees who work less than 12 calendar months per year do not earn vacation days.

Employees receive up to 12 sick days annually and the unused portion is accumulated up to 240 days. Employee sick leave is recorded when paid. Upon termination, employees do not receive any accumulated sick leave pay, and therefore, no liability is accrued.

Compensated absences are not recorded on the modified cash basis of accounting.

K. BUDGET INFORMATION

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 acts as the administrative agent for certain grant programs that are accounted for in the General and Education Funds. Certain programs have separate budgets and are required to report to the Illinois State Board of Education; however, none of the annual budgets have been legally adopted nor are they required to be. Certain programs within the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds do not have separate budgets. Comparisons of budgeted and actual results are presented as supplementary information. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided in supplementary schedules for the following funds: American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth, McKinney Education for Homeless Children, Regional Safe Schools, ROE/ISC Operations, and American Rescue Plan- Homeless Children and Youth Consortium.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)

L. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

During the year ended June 30, 2024 the Regional Office of Education No. 53 implemented applicable sections of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, which provides clarification on the treatment and disclosure of financial guarantees and addresses the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of GASB Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, that do not meet the definition of either an investment derivative instrument or a hedging derivative instrument. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 also implemented GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an Amendment to GASB No. 62*, which enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions and or assessing accountability. The implementation of these standards did not have a significant effect on the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s financial statements.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Regional Office of Education No. 53’s investment policy is to invest in securities as authorized by 30 ILCS-235/2 and 6 and 105 ILCS-5/8-7.

A. POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Separate bank and investment accounts are not maintained for all the Regional Office of Education No. 53's funds. Instead, bank and investment accounts are pooled together and used by all funds. Accounting records are maintained to show the portion of the pooled cash and investment balance attributable to each participating fund. Earnings on these pooled accounts are allocated to the participating funds based on the average monthly balances by fund. Each fund's portion of this pool is displayed on the Statement of Net Position-Modified Cash Basis and Balance Sheet-Modified Cash Basis as pooled cash and investments. The pooled cash and investment accounts consisted of the following balances as of June 30, 2024:

	Carrying Amount
Demand and savings deposits held at a local bank	\$ 793,148
Certificates of deposit held at a local bank	4,014,574
Investments in money market mutual fund	
The Illinois Funds	61,383
	\$ 4,869,105

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

A. POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Concluded)

These pooled cash and investment balances were reflected in the financial statements as follows:

Reported in the statement of net position - modified cash basis	\$ 4,832,330
Reported in the statement of fiduciary net position - modified cash basis	36,775
	\$ 4,869,105

Additionally, at June 30, 2024, Regional Office of Education No. 53’s reported cash and cash equivalents of \$34,383 in the statement of net position – modified cash basis and investments of \$43,794 in the statement of fiduciary net position – modified cash basis. These cash and cash equivalents and investments were not included in the pooled cash and investments accounts, but instead are maintained for a specific fund. The cash and cash equivalents included \$3,140 held at a local bank and \$31,243 that was invested in the Illinois Funds Money Market Fund. The investments included \$43,794 held in a certificate of deposit at a local bank.

B. DEPOSITS

Deposits in each local bank are insured by the FDIC in the amount of \$250,000 for time and savings accounts (including NOW accounts) and \$250,000 for demand deposit accounts (interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing). As of June 30, 2024, the Regional Office of Education No. 53 has no uninsured or uncollateralized deposits.

CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Custodial credit risk for deposits with financial institutions is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s deposits may not be returned to it. To guard against custodial credit risk for deposits with financial institutions, the Regional Office of Education No. 53’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 Regional Office of Education No. 53.

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Concluded)

C. INVESTMENTS

The Regional Office of Education No. 53's investment policy requires that funds should be invested solely in investments authorized by 30 ILCS 235/2 and 6 and 105 ILCS 5/8-7. As of June 30, 2024, the Regional Office of Education No. 53's investments consisted of certificates of deposit with original maturity dates of three months or more. Certificates of deposit comprised the \$43,794 shown as investments in the statement of fiduciary net position – modified cash basis and the \$4,014,574 included in the pooled cash and investment account described in note (2A) above. Certificates of deposit are considered deposits and, as such, are included in the deposits note (2B) above.

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the Regional Office of Education No. 53's deposits in the Illinois Funds Money Market Fund for the governmental activities was \$92,626. \$31,243 of these deposits are included in cash and cash equivalents in the Regional Office of Education No. 53's governmental activities and the other \$61,383 are included in the pooled cash and investment account described in note (2A) above.

On the modified cash basis of accounting these investments are carried at cost.

CREDIT RISK

At June 30, 2024, the Illinois Funds Money Market Fund had an AAmmf rating by Fitch. 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.

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.

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 Fund 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. The certificates of deposit held by the Regional Office of Education No. 53 may be withdrawn prior to maturity, but an early withdrawal will incur a penalty equal to 3 months of interest earned on the certificate of deposit.

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NOTE 3 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION

IMRF Plan Description

The Regional Office of Education No. 53’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 Regional Office of Education No. 53’s plan is managed by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the administrator of an agent of a multi-employer public pension fund. A summary of IMRF’s pension benefits is provided in the following “Benefits Provided” section. 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.

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NOTE 3 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Concluded)

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

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

	IMRF
Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	20
Inactive Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	15
Active Plan Members	8
Total	43

Contributions

As set by statute, the Regional Office of Education No. 53’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 Regional Office of Education No. 53’s annual contribution rate for calendar year 2023 was 1.15% and for calendar year 2024 the rate is 4.64%. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Regional Office of Education No. 53 contributed \$10,097 to the plan. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 modified cash basis of accounting in the preparation of these financial statements, the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s net pension liability is not reported in the financial statements as a liability. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, pension expenditures are only reported when contributions are paid by the Regional Office of Education No. 53 to the plan.

NOTE 4 – TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Plan description

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 <https://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.

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NOTE 4 – TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS (Continued)

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 2 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in lieu of a retirement annuity. Both programs began in 2019 and will be 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, 2024, 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 Regional Office of Education No. 53.

On behalf Contributions to TRS

The State of Illinois makes employer pension contributions on behalf of the Regional Office of Education No.53.

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NOTE 4 – TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS (Concluded)

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 during the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$2,347.

Federal and special trust fund contributions. When TRS members are paid from federal and special trust funds administered by the Regional Office of Education No. 53, there is a statutory requirement for the Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 \$61,800 were paid from federal and special trust funds that required employer contributions of \$6,551.

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 Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 Regional Office of Education No. 53 made no payments to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent and no payments for sick leave days granted in excess of the normal allotment.

Because of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting in the preparation of these financial statements, the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s net pension liability is not reported in the financial statements as a liability. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, pension expenditures are only reported when contributions are paid by the Regional Office of Education No. 53 to the plan.

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NOTE 5 – TEACHERS’ HEALTH INSURANCE SECURITY FUND

THIS Plan Description

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 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 post-employment 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 (Department) as of July 1, 2013. The Department administers the plan with the cooperation of the Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS).

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 Illinois Department of Central Management Services (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.

Employer contributions to the THIS Fund

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 also makes contributions to the THIS Fund. The employer THIS Fund contribution was 0.67 percent during the years ended June 30, 2024, June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2022. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Regional Office of Education No. 53 paid \$2,711 to the THIS Fund, which was 100 percent of the required contribution. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 22, the Regional Office paid \$1,997 and \$1,554 to the THIS Fund, which was 100 percent of the required.

On behalf Contributions to the THIS

The State of Illinois makes employer retiree health insurance contributions on behalf of the Regional Office of Education No.53.

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.”

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NOTE 6 – OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – HEALTH INSURANCE

Plan Description

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 provides a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan, “the plan”. The plan provides OPEB for eligible retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses through the Regional Office of Education No. 53’s group health insurance plan, which covers both active and retired members. The benefits, benefit levels, employee contributions, and employer contributions are governed by the Regional Office of Education No. 53 and can be amended by the Regional Office of Education through its personnel manual, except for the implicit subsidy which is governed by the State Legislature and Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS). 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 stand-alone financial report.

Benefits Provided

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 provides continued health insurance coverage to IMRF retirees who choose to continue this coverage at retirement. Benefits for the plan include Medical, prescription drug, dental and vision. The plans vary by deductible. Retirees and spouses pay the full monthly contribution rate for benefits. This benefit creates an implicit subsidy of retiree health insurance.

Membership

At June 30, 2024 membership (IMRF members participating in plan) consisted of:

Inactive Employees Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	0
Inactive Employees Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	0
Active Employees	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	<u>5</u>

Funding Policy and Contributions

Benefits are paid by the plan for medical, prescription drug, dental and vision benefits as they occur. There were no contributions to the plan during the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS - LEASES AND SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 leases classroom and office space for its school in Germantown Hills, Illinois under lease agreements that are generally 1 year or less; however, the lease in place at June 30, 2024 was for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and requires payments of approximately \$21,724 per quarter.

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 leases office space for its administration and programs in East Peoria, Illinois under a 5-year lease (\$2,667 per month) that began on May 15, 2023 and ends on May 14, 2028. This lease can be extended up to four additional years in two-year increments at slightly increased rates.

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NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS - LEASES AND SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION
 TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (Concluded)

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 also leases copy and printing equipment under a lease from a digital business company. The lease requires a payment of \$356 per month with a lease term from May 1, 2024 to July 31, 2029.

The Regional office of Education No. 53 had a subscription-based information technology arrangement for a learning management system that allows the Regional Office of Education the ability to access the learning management system and store data within the system via the internet. This subscription began on July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2024. The subscription required annual payments ranging from \$11,500 to \$12,320. This subscription was not renewed when it expired on June 30, 2024.

Rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 related to these leases and their predecessors, was \$121,586 and expenses related to the subscription-based information technology arrangement was \$12,320. Future minimum rental and subscription payments are as follows for the years ending June 30:

	Leases
2025	\$ 123,879
2026	36,273
2027	36,273
2028	30,940
2029	4,270
2030	356
	\$231,991

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Regional Office of Education No. 53 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. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 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.

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NOTE 9 – ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The State of Illinois paid the following salaries on behalf of the Regional Office of Education No. 53:

Regional Superintendent Salary	\$	131,616
Assistant Regional Superintendent Salary		118,452
Regional Superintendent Benefits (Includes State-paid insurance)		45,031
Assistant Regional Superintendent Benefits (Includes State-paid insurance)		<u>44,246</u>
 Total	 \$	 <u>339,345</u>

Salary and benefit data for the Regional Superintendent and Assistant Regional Superintendent were calculated based on data provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Regional Office of Education No. 53 also received \$181,673 in on-behalf payments from ISBE for the Regional Office’s share of the State’s Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) pension expense. Regional Office of Education No. 53 also received \$45,132 in on-behalf payments from ISBE for the Regional Office’s share of the State’s Teachers’ Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS) OPEB expense.

Because the Regional Office prepares their financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the on-behalf payments are not reflected in the Regional Office’s financial statements.

NOTE 10 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

Interfund due to/from other fund balances at June 30, 2024, consist of the following individual due to/from other funds in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet. The balances between governmental funds were eliminated in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

Fund	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 17,503	\$ -
Education Fund	-	17,503
Totals	\$ 17,503	\$ 17,503

TRANSFER IN/OUT

There were no transfers in and out of funds during the year ended June 30, 2024.

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NOTE 11 – DEFICIT FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION

The following individual accounts of the Education fund carried a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2024:

McKinney Education for Homeless Children	\$ 1,028
Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response	<u>16,475</u>
	<u>\$ 17,503</u>

These deficits arose due to amounts being disbursed for grant purposes prior to being reimbursed by the granting agency. The Regional Office of Education No. 53 anticipates receiving reimbursements to cover these deficits.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE 1

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 GENERAL FUND
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	Alternative School Program - EBF	Regional Safe Schools - EBF	Regional Office of Education Local	County Support	TOTALS
ASSETS					
Pooled cash and investments	\$ 521,894	\$ 2,676,203	\$ 385,266	\$ 582,919	\$ 4,166,282
Due from other funds	-	17,503	-	-	17,503
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 521,894</u>	<u>\$ 2,693,706</u>	<u>\$ 385,266</u>	<u>\$ 582,919</u>	<u>\$ 4,183,785</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unassigned	\$ 521,894	\$ 2,693,706	\$ 385,266	\$ 582,919	\$ 4,183,785
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 521,894</u>	<u>\$ 2,693,706</u>	<u>\$ 385,266</u>	<u>\$ 582,919</u>	<u>\$ 4,183,785</u>

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS
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	Alternative School Program - EBF	Regional Safe Schools - EBF	Regional Office of Education Local	County Support	TOTALS
REVENUES					
Local sources	\$ 3,185	\$ 22,015	\$ 56,682	\$ 255,505	\$ 337,387
State sources	75,716	303,845	-	-	379,561
Interest income	5,708	27,709	21,648	6,333	61,398
Total Revenues	84,609	353,569	78,330	261,838	778,346
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and benefits	63,982	21,408	-	164,290	249,680
Pension expense	5,767	2,155	-	4,164	12,086
OPEB expense	587	1,221	-	489	2,297
Purchased services	15,161	19,833	9,514	52,890	97,398
Supplies and materials	415	-	-	-	415
Other objects	-	27,276	79,912	6,675	113,863
Capital outlay	-	-	-	25,954	25,954
Total Expenditures	85,912	71,893	89,426	254,462	501,693
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,303)	281,676	(11,096)	7,376	276,653
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	523,197	2,412,030	396,362	575,543	3,907,132
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 521,894	\$ 2,693,706	\$ 385,266	\$ 582,919	\$ 4,183,785

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND
 JUNE 30, 2024

	McKinney Education for Homeless Children	Regional Safe Schools	Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response	TOTALS
ASSETS				
Pooled cash and investments	\$ -	\$ 5,528	\$ -	\$ 5,528
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 1,028	\$ -	\$ 16,475	\$ 17,503
Total Liabilities	<u>1,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,475</u>	<u>17,503</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)				
Restricted	-	5,528	-	5,528
Unassigned	(1,028)	-	(16,475)	(17,503)
Total Fund Balance (Deficit)	<u>(1,028)</u>	<u>5,528</u>	<u>(16,475)</u>	<u>(11,975)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth	McKinney Education for Homeless Children	Regional Safe Schools	ROE/ISC Operations	Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response	American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth Consortium	TOTALS
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental							
State sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 321,003	\$ 387,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 708,098
Federal sources	13,029	25,267	-	-	101,993	8,964	149,253
Total Revenues	<u>13,029</u>	<u>25,267</u>	<u>321,003</u>	<u>387,095</u>	<u>101,993</u>	<u>8,964</u>	<u>857,351</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Instructional services							
Salaries and benefits	-	16,478	273,838	267,388	72,259	-	629,963
Pension expense	-	-	-	-	6,909	-	6,909
OPEB expense	-	-	-	-	414	-	414
Purchased services	7,198	2,802	35,930	91,459	18,439	-	155,828
Supplies and materials	4,591	7,015	5,707	19,769	5,845	-	42,927
Other objects	-	-	-	8,479	113	-	8,592
Total Expenditures	<u>11,789</u>	<u>26,295</u>	<u>315,475</u>	<u>387,095</u>	<u>103,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>844,633</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,240	(1,028)	5,528	-	(1,986)	8,964	12,718
FUND BALANCE							
(DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	<u>(1,240)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,489)</u>	<u>(8,964)</u>	<u>(24,693)</u>
FUND BALANCE							
(DEFICIT) - ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,028)</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (16,475)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (11,975)</u>

SCHEDULE 5

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT
 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	Original	Final	
REVENUE			
Federal sources	\$ 11,786	\$ 11,786	\$ 13,029
Total Revenue	<u>11,786</u>	<u>11,786</u>	<u>13,029</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	-	-	-
Purchased services	8,286	8,286	7,198
Supplies and materials	3,500	3,500	4,591
Total Expenditures	<u>11,786</u>	<u>11,786</u>	<u>11,789</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	1,240
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,240)</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

SCHEDULE 6

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT
 MCKINNEY EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	Original	Final	
REVENUE			
Federal sources	\$ 22,668	\$ 23,115	\$ 25,267
Total Revenue	<u>22,668</u>	<u>23,115</u>	<u>25,267</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	15,450	16,479	16,478
Purchased services	4,148	2,802	2,802
Supplies and materials	3,070	3,834	7,015
Total Expenditures	<u>22,668</u>	<u>23,115</u>	<u>26,295</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	(1,028)
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (1,028)</u></u>

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 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT
 REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	Original	Final	
REVENUE			
State sources	\$ 109,280	\$ 321,003	\$ 321,003
Total Revenue	<u>109,280</u>	<u>321,003</u>	<u>321,003</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	109,280	279,000	273,838
Purchased services	-	35,930	35,930
Supplies and materials	-	6,073	5,707
Total Expenditures	<u>109,280</u>	<u>321,003</u>	<u>315,475</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	5,528
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,528</u>

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT
 ROE/ISC OPERATIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	Original	Final	
REVENUE			
State sources	\$ 387,095	\$ 387,095	\$ 387,095
Total Revenue	<u>387,095</u>	<u>387,095</u>	<u>387,095</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	288,850	266,350	267,388
Purchased services	82,745	93,245	91,459
Supplies and materials	10,000	19,000	19,769
Other objects	5,500	8,500	8,479
Total Expenditures	<u>387,095</u>	<u>387,095</u>	<u>387,095</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 EDUCATION FUND ACCOUNT
 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONSORTIUM
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	Original	Final	
REVENUE			
Federal sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,964
Total Revenue	-	-	8,964
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	-	-	-
Purchased services	-	-	-
Supplies and materials	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	8,964
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	-	-	(8,964)
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024

	General Education Development	Transportation	TOTALS
ASSETS			
Pooled cash and investments	\$ 109,398	\$ 45,368	\$ 154,766
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 109,398</u>	<u>\$ 45,368</u>	<u>\$ 154,766</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	\$ 109,398	\$ 45,368	\$ 154,766
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 109,398</u>	<u>\$ 45,368</u>	<u>\$ 154,766</u>

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Education Development	Transportation	TOTALS
REVENUES			
Local sources	\$ 3,906	\$ 4,548	\$ 8,454
State sources	-	1,575	1,575
Interest income	1,635	672	2,307
Total Revenues	5,541	6,795	12,336
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and benefits	-	5,642	5,642
Purchased services	-	813	813
Supplies and materials	270	-	270
Other objects	70	910	980
Total Expenditures	340	7,365	7,705
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	5,201	(570)	4,631
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	104,197	45,938	150,135
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 109,398	\$ 45,368	\$ 154,766

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024

	Detachment/ Annexation Fund	Distributive Fund	TOTALS
ASSETS			
Pooled cash and investments	\$ 2,143	\$ 34,632	\$ 36,775
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,143	\$ 34,632	\$ 36,775
NET POSITION			
Restricted for:			
Other	\$ 2,143	\$ 34,632	\$ 36,775
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 2,143	\$ 34,632	\$ 36,775

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Detachment/ Annexation Fund	Distributive Fund	Mason County School Facility Tax Fund	Woodford County School Facility Tax Fund	Total
ADDITIONS					
County schools facility sales taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,155,595	\$ 3,319,540	\$ 4,475,135
Intergovernmental receipts for others	2,000	967,389	-	-	969,389
Total additions	\$ 2,000	\$ 967,389	\$ 1,155,595	\$ 3,319,540	\$ 5,444,524
DEDUCTIONS					
County schools facility sales taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,155,595	\$ 3,319,540	\$ 4,475,135
Intergovernmental disbursements to others	-	932,757	-	-	932,757
Other	2,261	-	-	-	2,261
Total deductions	2,261	932,757	1,155,595	3,319,540	5,410,153
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	(261)	34,632	-	-	34,371
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	2,404	-	-	-	2,404
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$ 2,143	\$ 34,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,775

MASON, TAZEWELL, AND WOODFORD COUNTIES
 REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION NO. 53
 SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURERS
 AND OTHER ENTITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 DISTRIBUTIVE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Project Number</u>	
State Funds		
Career & Tech Ed Improvement (CTEI)	3220	\$ 663,145
Total State Funds		<u>663,145</u>
Federal Funds		
CTE-Perkins-Secondary	4745	269,612
Total Federal Funds		<u>269,612</u>
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS		<u>\$ 932,757</u>