



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

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #54
VERMILION COUNTY

FINANCIAL AUDIT
For the Year Ended: June 30, 2025

Release Date: February 18, 2026

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 2	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS						
	New	Repeat	Total	Repeated Since 2024	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	0	0	0			25-1	
Category 2:	1	1	2				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
TOTAL	1	1	2				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 1							

SYNOPSIS

- (25-1) The Regional Office of Education #54 had inadequate internal control over the bank reconciliation process.
- (25-2) The Regional Office of Education #54 had inadequate internal control over receipts.

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

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	FY 2025	FY 2024
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,312,257	\$1,120,559
Local Sources	\$265,268	\$153,164
% of Total Revenues	20.21%	13.67%
State Sources	\$956,500	\$826,902
% of Total Revenues	72.89%	73.79%
Federal Sources	\$90,489	\$140,493
% of Total Revenues	6.90%	12.54%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$861,033	\$701,579
Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$0
% of Total Expenditures	0.00%	0.00%
Purchased Services	\$250,043	\$76,833
% of Total Expenditures	29.04%	10.95%
All Other Expenditures	\$610,990	\$624,746
% of Total Expenditures	70.96%	89.05%
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$2,121,395	\$1,670,171
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$24,896	\$15,622
Percentages may not add due to rounding.		

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT
During Audit Period: Honorable Aaron Hird Currently: Honorable Aaron Hird

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

INADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROL OVER THE BANK RECONCILIATION PROCESS

The Regional Office of Education #54 had inadequate internal control over the bank reconciliation process.

The Regional Office of Education #54 (ROE) had inadequate internal control over the bank reconciliation process. The ROE maintains 13 bank accounts. During the audit, auditors noted that the June bank reconciliation was prepared by comparing the total balance of all 13 bank accounts to the corresponding total balance in the general ledger, rather than reconciling each account individually. Our review of individual bank reconciliations noted that 4 out of 13 year-end reconciliations (31%) contained unaccounted variances ranging from \$1,032 to \$4,339.

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

Regional Office officials indicated reconciling items were not adjusted due to competing priorities. (Finding 2025-001, page 11)

The auditors recommended the ROE should have an individual, independent of the general ledger processes, properly perform and review the bank reconciliation to ensure agreement to the general ledger and accurate reporting in the financial statements.

ROE Response: *The Regional Office of Education No. 54 will have an individual who is independent of the general ledger processes review the bank reconciliation to ensure agreement to the general ledger.*

INADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROL OVER RECEIPTS

The Regional Office of Education #54 had inadequate internal control over receipts.

The Regional Office of Education #54 (ROE) had inadequate internal control over receipts. During testing of receipts, auditors noted the following:

- 3 of 40 receipts tested (8%), totaling \$9,593, had no documents to support the receipts. As a result, we were unable to determine the timeliness and accuracy of the receipts deposited.

- 2 of 40 receipts tested (5%), totaling \$554, were not deposited timely, ranging from 5 to 9 days late.

Sound internal controls require a policy on timeliness of deposits, either based on dollar threshold or defined timeframe, from the date of receipt. There should be documentation of the date when cash and checks are received.

Regional Office officials indicated they did not have adequate checks and balances to ensure documentation was kept to ensure cash receipts were deposited in a timely manner and receipts properly supported. (Finding 2025-002, page 12)

The auditors recommended the ROE should maintain adequate documentation to ensure cash receipts are deposited in a timely manner and receipts are properly supported.

ROE Response: *The Regional Office of Education No. 54 will create adequate checks and balances to ensure documentation is kept and cash receipts are deposited in a timely manner with receipts properly supporting deposits.*

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education #54's financial statements as of June 30, 2025 are fairly presented in all material respects.

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

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TRICIA WAGNER
Division Director

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

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FRANK J. MAUTINO
Auditor General

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