

DeValls Bluff School District No. 1

Prairie County, Arkansas

**General Purpose Financial Statements
and Other Reports
June 30, 2002**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



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PRAIRIE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DeValls Bluff School District No. 1 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the DeValls Bluff School District No. 1 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of district management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 12, 2003 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

COMBINED REPORT(S) ON COMPLIANCE, INTERNAL CONTROLS AND OTHER MATTERS

DeValls Bluff School District No. 1 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the DeValls Bluff School District No. 1 (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 12, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are disclosed below in the Audit Findings section of this letter.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we consider the finding below to be a material weakness.

AUDIT FINDINGS

As a management service, we would like to bring to your attention the following compliance and/or internal control matter(s) that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comments is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management to maintain a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations and achieve adequate internal controls. These matters were discussed previously with district officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

The District had inadequate control over cash transactions because of insufficient segregation of duties due to a limited number of personnel.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, state executive and oversight management and district management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specific parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

William R. Baum

William R. Baum, CPA, CFE
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
February 12, 2003

DEVALLS BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
PRAIRIE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2002

Exhibit A

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account Groups		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash	\$ 210,514	\$ 28,793	\$ 6,930	\$ 12,167			\$ 258,404
Investments	1,053,947			751			1,054,698
Land					\$ 72,683		72,683
Buildings					1,715,573		1,715,573
Improvements other than buildings					3,808		3,808
Equipment					710,971		710,971
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt						\$ 393,995	393,995
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,264,461	\$ 28,793	\$ 6,930	\$ 12,918	\$ 2,503,035	\$ 393,995	\$ 4,210,132
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 12,644			\$ 827			\$ 13,471
Due student groups				12,091			12,091
Bonds payable						\$ 210,000	210,000
Revolving loan						25,812	25,812
Postdated warrants						55,193	55,193
Installment contracts						102,990	102,990
Total Liabilities	12,644			12,918		393,995	419,557

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	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account Groups		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Continued)							
Fund Equity:							
Investment in general fixed assets					\$ 2,503,035		\$ 2,503,035
Fund balances:							
Unreserved:							
Undesignated	\$ 1,251,817	\$ 28,793	\$ 6,930				1,287,540
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,251,817</u>	<u>28,793</u>	<u>6,930</u>		<u>2,503,035</u>		<u>3,790,575</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	 <u>\$ 1,264,461</u>	 <u>\$ 28,793</u>	 <u>\$ 6,930</u>	 <u>\$ 12,918</u>	 <u>\$ 2,503,035</u>	 <u>\$ 393,995</u>	 <u>\$ 4,210,132</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

DEVALLS BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 PRAIRIE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Exhibit B

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 562,040				\$ 562,040
State assistance	1,620,102	\$ 1,971			1,622,073
Federal assistance		225,767			225,767
Activity revenues	74,239				74,239
Meal sales		41,123			41,123
Interest on investments	52,023				52,023
Other revenues	25,180				25,180
TOTAL REVENUES	2,333,584	268,861			2,602,445
EXPENDITURES					
Regular programs	1,058,692	17,914		\$ 58,070	1,134,676
Special education	70,704	28,325			99,029
Workforce education	132,405				132,405
Compensatory education		93,180			93,180
Other instructional programs	12,497				12,497
Support services	785,134	161,633			946,767
Activity expenditures	79,035				79,035
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	27,790		\$ 15,000		42,790
Interest and fiscal charges	9,544		11,223		20,767
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,175,801	301,052	26,223	58,070	2,561,146
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	157,783	(32,191)	(26,223)	(58,070)	41,299

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 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

Exhibit B

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in		\$ 10,382	\$ 26,223		\$ 36,605
Transfers out	\$ (36,605)				(36,605)
Compensation for loss of fixed assets	6,707				6,707
Proceeds from revolving loans				\$ 65,000	65,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(29,898)	10,382	26,223	65,000	71,707
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	127,885	(21,809)		6,930	113,006
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,123,932	50,602			1,174,534
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,251,817</u>	<u>\$ 28,793</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,930</u>	<u>\$ 1,287,540</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Exhibit C

PRAIRIE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 490,000	\$ 562,040	\$ 72,040
State assistance	1,698,462	1,622,073	(76,389)
Federal assistance	114,675	225,767	111,092
Activity revenues		74,239	74,239
Meal sales		41,123	41,123
Interest on investments	35,000	52,023	17,023
Other revenues	16,500	25,180	8,680
TOTAL REVENUES	2,354,637	2,602,445	247,808
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	1,042,037	1,134,676	(92,639)
Special education	109,237	99,029	10,208
Workforce education	129,355	132,405	(3,050)
Compensatory education	80,475	93,180	(12,705)
Other instructional programs	20,252	12,497	7,755
Support services	843,054	946,767	(103,713)
Activity expenditures		79,035	(79,035)
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	43,785	42,790	995
Interest and fiscal charges	16,296	20,767	(4,471)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,284,491	2,561,146	(276,655)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	70,146	41,299	(28,847)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in		36,605	36,605
Transfers out		(36,605)	(36,605)
Compensation for loss of fixed assets		6,707	6,707
Proceeds from revolving loans		65,000	65,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		71,707	71,707
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	70,146	113,006	42,860
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,165,812	1,174,534	8,722
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,235,958	\$ 1,287,540	\$ 51,582

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

DEVALLS BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
PRAIRIE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a seven (7) member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the DeValls Bluff School District (District). The District's financial statements reflect all funds and accounts directly under the control of the District. There are no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for general fixed assets and general long-term debt. The following types of funds and account groups are recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

Governmental Funds

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the entity in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, other governmental units, and other funds.

Account Groups

General Fixed Assets - to account for all fixed assets of the entity.

General Long-term Debt - to account for all long-term debt of the entity.

C. Basis of Accounting

All governmental funds and agency funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions include: (1) unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due; and (2) prepaid expenses, which are not recorded.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. General Fixed Assets

General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Such assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available, in the general fixed assets account group. Donated fixed assets are reported at fair market value when received in the general fixed assets account group. Library holdings and textbooks are not capitalized. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, no provision for depreciation is reported.

E. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied in November based on property assessment made between January 1 and May 31 and are an enforceable lien on January 1 for real property and June 1 for personal property. The tax records are opened on the first business day of March of the year following the levy date and are considered delinquent after October 10 of the same calendar year.

F. Investments

Investments consist of certificates of deposit classified as nonparticipating contracts and are reported at cost.

G. Inventories

Inventories are considered expenditures when purchased.

H. Liability for Compensated Absences

The accompanying financial statements do not include a liability for compensated absences as the amount is not material.

I. Fund Equity

Fund Balance - Undesignated fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity not reserved or designated.

J. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The State Department of Education's regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the school districts employ the cash basis method.

K. Encumbrances

Encumbrances are defined as commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. The District does not record encumbrances in its accounting system and none are reported in the accompanying financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 2: Budget Versus Actual

The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual - Governmental Fund Types (Exhibit C) includes revenues and expenditures of the activity funds, which are not budgeted by the District.

NOTE 3: Public Fund Deposits

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Uninsured, Collateralized	158,404	252,053
Total Deposits	\$ 258,404	\$ 352,053

NOTE 4: Public Fund Investments

The District's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

Type of Investment	Category			Carrying Amount	Market Value
	1	2	3		
Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,054,698	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,054,698	\$ 1,054,698

NOTE 5: Changes in General Fixed Assets

	Balance July 1, 2001	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2002
Land	\$ 72,683			\$ 72,683
Buildings	1,657,503	\$ 58,070		1,715,573
Improvements other than buildings	1,845	1,963		3,808
Equipment	682,932	42,982	\$ 14,943	710,971
Totals	\$ 2,414,963	\$ 103,015	\$ 14,943	\$ 2,503,035

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 6: Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

The District is presently paying on the following long-term debt:

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2002	Maturities To June 30, 2002
11/1/1995	2/1/01	4.150 to 5.100%	\$ 300,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 90,000
10/8/1997	10/8/05	5.35%	100,000	55,193	44,807
9/8/2000	12/10/08	6.00%	50,000	45,595	4,405
1/5/2001	11/01/08	5.85%	29,500	25,812	3,688
10/11/2001	12/10/10	5.25%	65,000	57,395	7,605
Totals			<u>\$ 544,500</u>	<u>\$ 393,995</u>	<u>\$ 150,505</u>

NOTE 7: Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2001	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2002
Bonds payable	\$ 225,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 210,000
Postdated warrants	67,285		12,092	55,193
Revolving loans	29,500		3,688	25,812
Installment contracts	50,000	\$ 65,000	12,010	102,990
Totals	<u>\$ 371,785</u>	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$ 42,790</u>	<u>\$ 393,995</u>

Total long-term debt principal and interest payments are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2003	\$ 47,013	\$ 20,457	\$ 67,470
2004	48,291	18,056	66,347
2005	49,627	15,572	65,199
2006	51,060	12,972	64,032
2007	41,868	10,286	52,154
To Maturity	<u>156,136</u>	<u>19,431</u>	<u>175,567</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 393,995</u>	<u>\$ 96,774</u>	<u>\$ 490,769</u>

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NOTE 8: Retirement Plans

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description. The District contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees, except certain nonteachers hired prior to July 1, 1989. ATRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-666-2877.

Funding Policy. ATRS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 6% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by law to contribute at a rate established by the Arkansas General Assembly. The current employer rate is 12%. The District's contribution to ATRS for nonfederally funded employees for the years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$127,906, \$133,361 and \$120,819, respectively. The District's contributions to ATRS for federally funded employees for the years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$7,707, \$9,417 and \$10,343, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description. The District contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers certain nonteaching Arkansas public school employees hired before July 1, 1989. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for PERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-682-7377.

Funding Policy. PERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by law to contribute 6% of their salary. Each participating employer is required by law to contribute at a rate established by the Arkansas General Assembly. The current statutory employer rate is 4% of annual covered payroll. The District's contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$1,782, \$1,922 and \$1,842, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.