



# Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
April 18, 2024	D-1

Title	
March 2024 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update	
Requested Action	
School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of March 2024 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update	
Summary Explanation and Background	
Financial Report for March 2024  See Attached Reports	
Priority Area	
Organizational and Operational Effectiveness	
Financial Impact	
N/A	
Exhibits: (List)	
Financial Report and Sales Tax Update	
Source of Additional Information	
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# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mary Elizabeth Davis PhD, Superintendent

Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer

## FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 2024

### **General Fund**

For the month ending March 31, 2024, the ninth month of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year, the School District's Operating Account (General Fund) has received \$442,900,461 in revenue (year-to-date) consisting of state funds of \$163,458,096 (63% of budget), \$274,473,583 local revenues (98% of budget), and other funds of \$4,968,782 (153% of budget). All operating expenditures of \$371,846,074 (69% of budget) are within the Board of Education's approved 2023-24 budget.

### **Building Fund/Ed-SPLOST Collections**

The Capital Outlay Fund balance of \$165,978,029 as of March 31, 2024 reflects Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education (Ed-SPLOST) collections, proceeds of bond sales for capital outlay purposes, and transfers from the General Fund less bond refundings, bond issuance costs, transfers of Ed-SPLOST to the Debt Service Fund and capital outlay expenses paid.

Cherokee County School District received \$5,309,129 for sales tax collections received in March 2024, for the month of February 2024, the 17th month of 60 monthly sales tax collections for the 2022-2027 SPLOST. Collections received were above projections for the month by \$1,165,646 and above cumulative projections by \$13,554,098.

Ed-SPLOST collections are accumulated within the Building Fund to be used for specified capital outlay purchases (limited pay-as-you-go) and transferred to the Debt Service Fund at the appropriate time to meet annual bond obligations (January and July). Excess Ed-SPLOST collections above projections are used to meet critical capital outlay needs and/or transferred to the Debt Service Fund as a safeguard against future negative economic conditions, assuring the School District can meet future bond payments.

### **Debt Service Fund**

The Debt Service Fund balance as of March 31, 2024 is \$67,632,474 representing funds accumulated from Ed-SPLOST collections, collections from the 1.5 mills of property tax approved by the School Board, interest earned from investments and Invested Sinking Fund earnings. The Invested Sinking Fund is attached to the Series 2010B Bond issuance and is structured to fully pay the annual debt service on the Series 2010B bonds through January 2028. Annual Debt Service payments are made in February and August of each year, according to the Debt Service Schedule published annually in the Cherokee County School District Budget Book.

### **Federal/State/Competitive Grants and School Nutrition Funds**

The School Nutrition Fund Balance as of March 31, 2024 is \$20,266,209 and represents the difference between revenues from all sources and all expenditures. This amount is held in reserve to cover potential funding shortfalls or unexpected expenses.

Federal, State and Competitive grant funds are annually awarded to the School District based on funding formulas (Federal Title Programs) and/or program applications (State and competitive grants). As funds are expended, reimbursements are sought from the various programs. Local funds are not intended to cover shortfalls within grant programs nor are grants intended to carry a fund balance.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF MARCH 31, 2024**

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>FED FUNDS/ SCHOOL NUTRITION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 181,404,272	\$ 35,852,332	\$ 165,978,029	\$ 11,194,301	\$ 394,428,934
Investments	-	30,270,591	-	-	30,270,591
Receivables	946,928	1,509,551	-	9,966,450	12,422,929
Inventories	1,051,687	-	-	931,542	1,983,229
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 183,402,887</b>	<b>\$ 67,632,474</b>	<b>\$ 165,978,029</b>	<b>\$ 22,092,293</b>	<b>\$ 439,105,683</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 222,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 791,607	\$ 1,014,073
Salaries and Benefits Payable	16,107,531	-	-	1,034,477	17,142,008
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>167,072,890</b>	<b>67,632,474</b>	<b>165,978,029</b>	<b>20,266,209</b>	<b>420,949,602</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 183,402,887</b>	<b>\$ 67,632,474</b>	<b>\$ 165,978,029</b>	<b>\$ 22,092,293</b>	<b>\$ 439,105,683</b>
<b>REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>					
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 442,900,461</b>	<b>\$ 26,811,255</b>	<b>\$ 56,088,704</b>	<b>\$ 45,042,098</b>	<b>\$ 570,842,518</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>371,846,074</b>	<b>44,855,049</b>	<b>88,605,910</b>	<b>44,582,976</b>	<b>549,890,009</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>71,054,387</b>	<b>(18,043,794)</b>	<b>(32,517,206)</b>	<b>459,122</b>	<b>20,952,509</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(18,836,213)</b>	<b>25,425,105</b>	<b>106,416,223</b>	<b>300,530</b>	<b>113,305,645</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>114,854,716</b>	<b>60,251,163</b>	<b>92,079,012</b>	<b>19,506,557</b>	<b>286,691,448</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 167,072,890</b>	<b>\$ 67,632,474</b>	<b>\$ 165,978,029</b>	<b>\$ 20,266,209</b>	<b>\$ 420,949,602</b>

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
JULY 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024**

	2023-2024 BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Local Revenue	\$ 278,889,605	\$ 274,473,583		\$ 4,416,022
State Revenue	261,331,178	163,458,096		97,873,082
Federal Revenue	199,068	217,661		(18,593)
Investment Earnings	2,615,553	4,751,121		(2,135,568)
Miscellaneous Revenue	424,258	-		424,258
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>543,459,662</b>	<b>442,900,461</b>		<b>100,559,201</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Services	372,167,165	249,069,841	\$ 156,420	122,940,904
Pupil Services	22,830,491	16,456,693	17,460	6,356,338
Improvement of Instructional Services	19,065,691	15,954,368	1,023,109	2,088,214
Instructional Staff Training	824,962	619,539	13,156	192,267
Educational Media Services	5,909,656	4,143,153	77,053	1,689,450
General Administration	4,029,126	2,772,435	463	1,256,228
School Administration	32,571,787	24,548,990	17,357	8,005,440
Support Services-Business	3,670,470	2,948,088	12,317	710,065
Maintenance & Operation of Plant Services	41,919,858	28,202,714	2,278,733	11,438,411
Student Transportation Services	29,231,913	21,833,292	403,166	6,995,455
Support Services-Central	5,673,995	4,970,802	17,996	685,197
School Nutrition Program	170,190	326,159	-	(155,969)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>538,065,304</b>	<b>371,846,074</b>	<b>4,017,230</b>	<b>162,202,000</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	154,611	445,154		(290,543)
Accounts Transfers Out	(29,756,126)	(19,281,367)		(10,474,759)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(29,601,515)</b>	<b>(18,836,213)</b>		<b>(10,765,302)</b>
<b>NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ (24,207,157)</b>	<b>\$ 52,218,174</b>	<b>\$ (4,017,230)</b>	<b>\$ (72,408,101)</b>

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEBT SERVICE FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
JULY 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024**

	<b>2023-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Local Revenue	\$ 19,469,523	\$ 23,490,480	\$ (4,020,957)
Investment Earnings	1,186,018	1,558,842	(372,824)
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,936,976	1,761,933	1,175,043
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>23,592,517</b>	<b>26,811,255</b>	<b>(3,218,738)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Debt Service	44,860,790	44,855,049	5,741
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>44,860,790</b>	<b>44,855,049</b>	<b>5,741</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Accounts Transfers In	25,425,105	25,425,105	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>25,425,105</b>	<b>25,425,105</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 4,156,832</b>	<b>\$ 7,381,311</b>	<b>\$ (3,224,479)</b>

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUILDING FUND COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
JULY 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024**

	<b>2023-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>ENCUMBRANCES</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Local Revenue	\$ 57,052,068	\$ 44,789,989		\$ 12,262,079
State Revenue	2,500,000	8,223,566		(5,723,566)
Investment Earnings	2,719,957	3,075,149		(355,192)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>62,272,025</b>	<b>56,088,704</b>		<b>6,183,321</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Services	26,465,978	17,654,906	\$ 4,347,043	4,464,029
Support Services-Business	-	1,160,081	-	(1,160,081)
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Svs.	162,371,770	69,790,923	2,485,869	90,094,978
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>188,837,748</b>	<b>88,605,910</b>	<b>6,832,912</b>	<b>93,398,926</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Bond Issuance	75,000,000	100,000,000		(25,000,000)
Premiums on Bonds Sold	11,250,000	13,310,491		(2,060,491)
Accounts Transfers In	27,935,234	18,530,837		9,404,397
Accounts Transfers Out	(25,425,105)	(25,425,105)		-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>88,760,129</b>	<b>106,416,223</b>		<b>(17,656,094)</b>
<b>NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ (37,805,594)</b>	<b>\$ 73,899,017</b>	<b>\$ (6,832,912)</b>	<b>\$ (104,871,699)</b>

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FEDERAL FUNDS AND SCHOOL NUTRITION COMPARISON OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
JULY 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024**

	<b>2023-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>ENCUMBRANCES</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Local Revenue	\$ 7,897,437	\$ 6,051,590		\$ 1,845,847
State Revenue	1,666,380	1,551,819		114,561
Federal Revenue	45,207,663	36,696,806		8,510,857
Investment Earnings	25,000	741,883		(716,883)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>54,796,480</b>	<b>45,042,098</b>		<b>9,754,382</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Services	23,040,667	17,169,499	\$ 194,823	5,676,345
Pupil Services	8,911,315	6,674,945	60,659	2,175,711
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,219,313	920,043	1,041	298,229
Instructional Staff Training	2,358,070	1,917,744	126,084	314,242
School Administration	13,209	-	-	13,209
Maintenance & Operation of Plant Services	593,502	205,308	244,000	144,194
Student Transportation Services	592,591	329,178	-	263,413
Support Services-Central	187,212	110,580	-	76,632
School Nutrition Program	21,593,231	17,255,679	1,788,057	2,549,495
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>58,509,110</b>	<b>44,582,976</b>	<b>2,414,664</b>	<b>11,511,470</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Accounts Transfers In	1,265,587	300,530		965,057
<b>TOTAL OTHER FIN SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>1,265,587</b>	<b>300,530</b>		<b>965,057</b>
<b>NET CHANGE FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ (2,447,043)</b>	<b>\$ 759,652</b>	<b>\$ (2,414,664)</b>	<b>\$ (792,031)</b>

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (2022-2027)  
COMPARISON OF COLLECTIONS  
THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024

REPORTING MONTH	60 MONTH COLLECTION MONTH	PERIOD	PROJECTED COLLECTIONS	ACTUAL COLLECTIONS	DIFFERENCE ACTUAL AND PROJECTED COLLECTIONS
November 2022	October 2022	1	\$ 4,636,009	\$ 5,328,786	\$ 692,777
December 2022	November 2022	2	4,807,242	5,405,654	598,412
January 2023	December 2022	3	5,104,524	6,617,076	1,512,552
February 2023	January 2023	4	4,824,820	4,852,679	27,859
March 2023	February 2023	5	4,062,238	4,697,475	635,237
April 2023	March 2023	6	4,325,376	5,419,587	1,094,211
May 2023	April 2023	7	4,448,443	5,296,122	847,679
June 2023	May 2023	8	4,604,100	5,494,145	890,045
July 2023	June 2023	9	4,818,522	5,509,360	690,838
August 2023	July 2023	10	4,787,586	5,922,789	1,135,203
September 2023	August 2023	11	4,848,609	5,339,709	491,100
October 2023	September 2023	12	4,619,404	5,276,069	656,665
November 2023	October 2023	13	4,766,013	5,652,592	886,579
December 2023	November 2023	14	4,899,541	5,628,151	728,610
January 2024	December 2023	15	5,403,573	6,715,254	1,311,681
February 2024	January 2024	16	4,921,317	5,110,321	189,004
March 2024	February 2024	17	4,143,483	5,309,129	1,165,646
			<u>\$ 80,020,800</u>	<u>\$ 93,574,898</u>	<u>\$ 13,554,098</u>



## 2022-2027 Ed-SPLOST Projected Collections

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
January	-	4,824,820	4,921,317	5,019,743	5,120,138	5,222,541	25,108,558
February	-	4,062,238	4,143,483	4,226,353	4,310,880	4,397,097	21,140,052
March	-	4,325,376	4,411,884	4,500,122	4,590,124	4,681,927	22,509,432
April	-	4,448,443	4,537,412	4,628,160	4,720,723	4,815,138	23,149,876
May	-	4,604,100	4,696,182	4,790,105	4,885,907	4,983,625	23,959,919
June	-	4,818,522	4,914,893	5,013,191	5,113,455	5,215,724	25,075,784
July	-	4,787,586	4,883,338	4,981,005	5,080,625	5,182,237	24,914,790
August	-	4,848,609	4,945,582	5,044,493	5,145,383	5,248,291	25,232,358
September	-	4,619,404	4,711,792	4,806,027	4,902,148	5,000,191	24,039,561
October	4,636,009	4,766,013	4,861,333	4,958,560	5,057,731	-	24,279,647
November	4,807,242	4,899,541	4,997,532	5,097,482	5,199,432	-	25,001,229
December	5,104,524	5,403,573	5,511,645	5,621,878	5,734,315	-	27,375,934
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 14,547,775</b>	<b>\$ 56,408,226</b>	<b>\$ 57,536,391</b>	<b>\$ 58,687,118</b>	<b>\$ 59,860,861</b>	<b>\$ 44,746,770</b>	<b>\$ 291,787,141</b>