Single Audit Report

2024-25

Cherry Creek School District No. 5 | Arapahoe County, Colorado

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO

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SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
For The Year Ended June 30, 2025

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Single Audit

The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 mandate independent financial and compliance audits of federal award programs. In addition to the required independent auditor's reports, the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and summary of findings and questioned costs are provided to support the requirements for compliance with the OMB Uniform Guidance.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR YEAR END JUNE 30, 2025

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	Assistance Listing Number	State Grant Number	Disbursements/ Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Direct program			
Indian Education - Grants to Local Educational Agencies (EASIE)	84.060A	N/A	$ 29,830
Passed through State Department of Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of ESEA)	84.010	4010	8,372,744
Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Schools	84.010	5010	108,644
Neglected and Delinquent State Agency and Local Education (Title I, Part D)	84.010	7010	32,737
subtotal Title I			8,514,125
Special Education--Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	4027	9,498,368
Special Education--Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	4173	145,747
subtotal Special Education IDEA Cluster			9,644,115
English Language Acquisition Grants (Title III)	84.365A	4365	707,766
English Language Acquisition Grants (Title III, Set Aside)	84.365	7365	129,555
subtotal ELA Cluster			837,321
Comprehensive Literacy State Development Program (CLSD)	84.371C	5371	462,714
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (Title IIA)	84.367	4367	1,496,023
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program (Title IV)	84.424	4424	468,836
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) - Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196A	5196	81,649
Charter Schools State Facilities Incentive Grant (Title IV)	84.282D	5283	74,936
COVID-19: ESSER III ARP 9.5% State Set-Aside Supplemental	84.425U	4418	1,500
COVID-19: American Rescue Plan – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III, Learning Loss Set Aside)	84.425U	9414	164,041
COVID-19: ESSER III 9.5% State Set-Aside-Rapid Requests Unrestricted	84.425U	4461	90,000
COVID-19: ARP Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY II) Group 2	84.425W	8426	25
subtotal			2,839,724
Passed through State of Colorado's Governor's Office			
COVID-19: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund-Supporting Colorado Teachers	84.425V	N/A	118,847
subtotal			118,847
Passed through Colorado Community College System			
Vocational Education - Basic Grants To States (Perkins III)	84.048	4048	373,922
subtotal			373,922
Total U.S. Department of Education			22,357,884
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Passed through State Department of Education			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	4553	2,726,174
National School Lunch Program	10.555	4555	10,150,427
Summer Food Service Program	10.559	4559	86,221
Passed through State Department of Human Services			
USDA Commodities	10.555	4555	2,082,573
subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster			15,045,395
Passed through State Department of Education			
Summer EBT - Federal - Distributions	10.646	4646	3,025
Passed through State Department of Public Health & Environment			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	4558	44,339
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			15,092,759
Total Federal Awards			$ 37,450,643

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

1) **Basis of Presentation**
In the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, award revenues and expenditures have been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The basis of accounting used for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is consistent with the basis of accounting used for the annual financial report presentation.

2) **Noncash Federal Awards**
The District receives food commodities from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for use in its food service program. Commodities are recorded under Assistance Listing # 10.555 on the Schedule of Federal Awards. The commodities, in the amount of $2,082,573, are recognized as revenue when received. The commodities are recognized as expenditures when used by the schools. The majority of the commodities are stored at the individual schools instead of a central warehouse. As such, the District has determined that the title to the commodities passes to the District upon receipt of the commodities. The valuation of commodities is based on fair market value at the time of receipt. Since the District has received title to the commodities, the unused commodities are not reflected as unearned revenue.

3) The District has not elected to use the 10 or 15 percent de minimis indirect cost rates as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

4) The District did not fund any subrecipients.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

Board of Education
Cherry Creek School District No. 5
Greenwood Village, Colorado

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cherry Creek School District No. 5 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 3, 2025. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Cherry Creek Academy and Heritage Heights Academy, as described in our report on the District's financial statements. The financial statements of Cherry Creek Academy and Heritage Heights Academy were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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.*

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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Denver, Colorado
November 3, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Education
Cherry Creek School District No. 5
Greenwood Village, Colorado

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Cherry Creek School District No. 5 (the District)'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative* Requirements*, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon, dated November 3, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Denver, Colorado
January 5, 2026

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CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Section I – Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
   - Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes ____x____ no
   - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes ____x____ none reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ yes ____x____ no

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major federal programs:
   - Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes ____x____ no
   - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes ____x____ none reported
2. Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ yes ____x____ no

Identification of Major Federal Programs

Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.553, 10.555, 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.367	Title IIA

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: $ 1,123,519

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ yes ____x____ no

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Programs

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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Cherry Creek School District No. 5 respectfully submits the following summary schedule of prior audit findings for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Audit period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

The findings from the prior audit's schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the prior year.

FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no financial statement findings in the prior year.

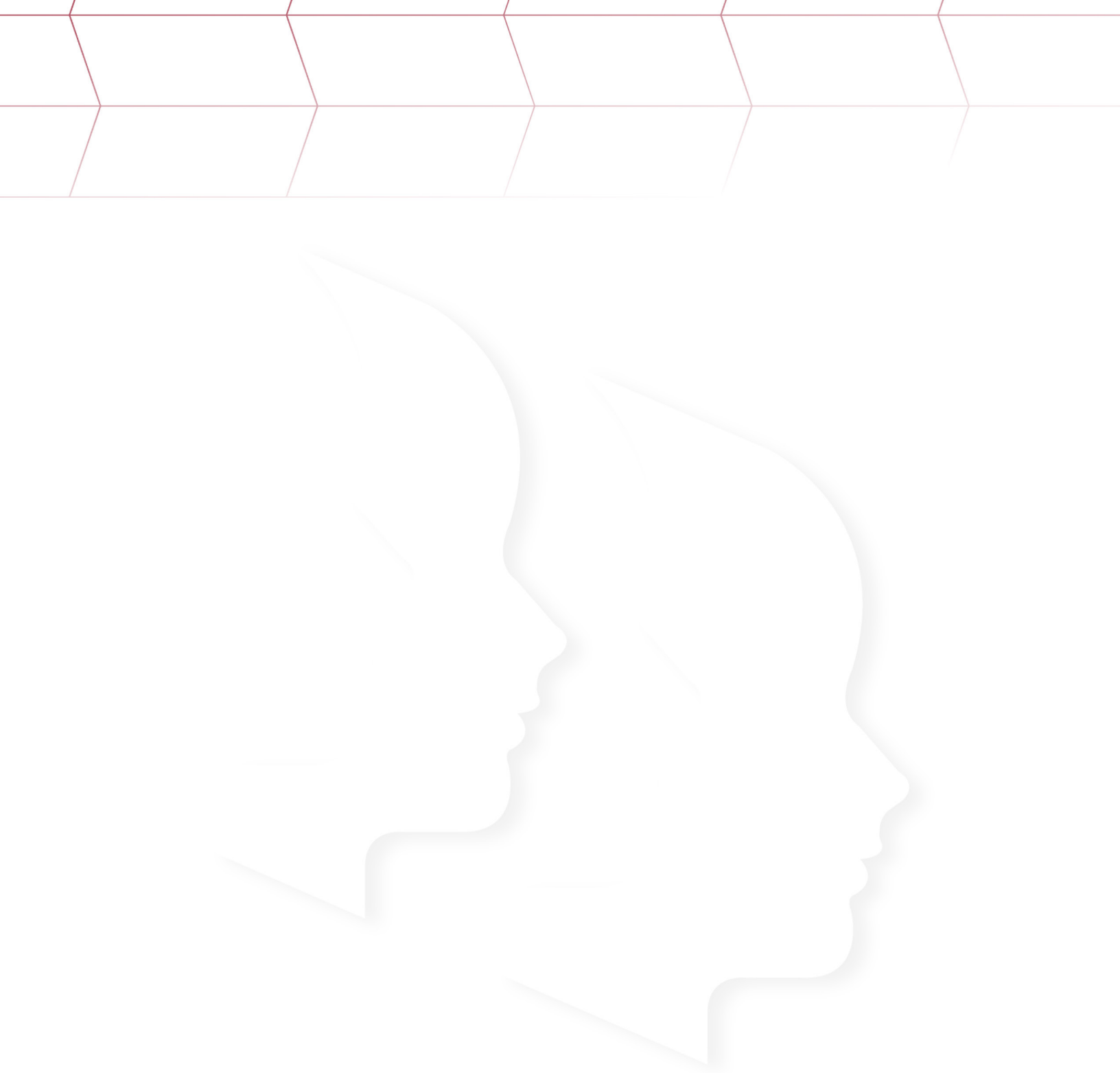
FINDINGS— FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDITS

2024 – 001 Title I – Assistance Listing No. 84.010

Condition: During the audit testing, the auditors noted 1 out of 15 selections sampled that should not have been charged to the grant. The individual was a substitute teacher with one day of substitute pay incorrectly charged to Title I. There was no additional review of individuals charged to the grant throughout the year to identify any individuals not allowable under Title I.

Status: Corrective actions were taken. The District is no longer charging substitute teachers to the grant unless there is clear documentation and support that shows there is an event occurring that is allowable under the grant. The District improved controls and procedures for the review of substitute teachers charged to the grant to ensure allowability under the grant.

If there are questions regarding this schedule, please call Scott Smith at 720-554-4344.



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