

***MORTON-SIOUX
SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT***

AUDIT REPORT

June 30, 2022

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
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For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

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Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Mandan, North Dakota

OFFICIALS
2021 – 2022

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Mike Heilman	Board Member
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Mandan, North Dakota

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit, Mandan, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Unit's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit, Mandan, North Dakota as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. 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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 auditor's 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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.

Emphasis of Matter

New Accounting Pronouncement

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit adopted GASB Statement No. 87, Leases. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 20 through 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic,

or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 21, 2025, on our consideration of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Mandan, North Dakota
February 21, 2025

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 92,539
Due from Other Governments	1,332,098
Capital Assets	
Furniture & Equipment	36,839
Vehicles	117,941
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(121,996)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>32,784</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	1,457,421
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Payroll Liabilities	89,525
Accounts Payable	570,446
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	38,531
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due After One Year	
Compensated Absences Payables	<u>59,987</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>758,489</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	32,784
Unrestricted	<u>666,148</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 698,932</u></u>

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs				
Governmental Activities				
Visually Impaired	\$ 100,954	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100,954)
Social Work Services	58,041	-	-	(58,041)
Psychological Testing	604,840	-	-	(604,840)
Speech Pathology Services	126,232	207,159	-	80,927
Occupational Therapy	47,482	-	-	(47,482)
Physical Therapy	47,291	-	-	(47,291)
Other Student Support Services	237,441	-	-	(237,441)
Support Services - Instr. Staff	132,390	-	-	(132,390)
Governance Board	30,372	-	-	(30,372)
Support Services - Business	287,279	-	-	(287,279)
Other Support Services	1,186	-	-	(1,186)
Payments to LEA's	779,497	-	-	(779,497)
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 2,453,005</u>	<u>\$ 207,159</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(2,245,846)</u>

General Revenues:

Federal Aid - not restricted to specific program	1,628,997
Medicaid Reimbursements	251,727
District Assessments	115,077
Student Contracts	309,647
Miscellaneous Income	5,104
Earnings on Investments	101
Total General Revenues	<u>2,310,653</u>

Change in Net Position 64,807

Net Position - Beginning of Year	625,647
Prior Period Adjustment (See Note 10)	8,478
Net Position - Beginning of Year as Restated	<u>634,125</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 698,932</u>

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund
June 30, 2022

	<u>General</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 92,539
Due from Other Governments	<u>1,332,098</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,424,637</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 89,525
Accounts Payable	570,446
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	<u>38,531</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>698,502</u>
 Fund Balances:	
Unassigned	<u>726,135</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>726,135</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 1,424,637</u></u>

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
For the year ended June 30, 2022

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	\$	726,135
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Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets	\$	154,780	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(121,996)	
Net Capital Assets			32,784

Long-term liabilities applicable to the Special Education Unit's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities consist of compensated absences in the amount of:

(59,987)

Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	698,932
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Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	<u>General</u>
REVENUES	
Local Sources	\$ 327,340
State Sources	309,647
Federal Sources	1,628,997
Medicaid	251,727
Miscellaneous Sources	<u>101</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	2,517,812
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Visually Impaired	100,954
Social Work Services	58,041
Psychological Testing	604,840
Speech Pathology Services	126,232
Occupational Therapy	47,482
Physical Therapy	47,291
Other Student Support Services	216,065
Support Services - Instr. Staff	132,390
Governance Board	30,372
Support Services - Business	277,945
Other Support Services	1,186
Payments to LEA's	<u>779,497</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,422,295</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	
Expenditures	95,517
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	622,140
Prior Period Adjustment (See Note 10)	<u>8,478</u>
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021 as restated	<u>630,618</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2022	<u><u>\$ 726,135</u></u>

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund
Balances of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2022

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	95,517
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current year.

Current Year Depreciation Expense		(9,766)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. The net change in compensated absences is:

		(20,944)
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	64,807
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Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 *The Financial Reporting Entity*, for financial reporting purposes the Unit's financial statements include all accounts of the Unit's operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Unit's reporting entity include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Unit holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Unit appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Unit is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Unit
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the Unit

The Unit receives funding from local, county, state and federal government sources and must comply with the concomitant requirements of these funding source entities. But, based upon the criteria of Statement No. 14, there are no component units to be included within the Unit as a reporting entity and the Unit is not includable as a component unit within another reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Currently, the Unit has no fiduciary or business-type activities.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Separate statements are presented for governmental, proprietary and fiduciary activities. The Unit has no proprietary or fiduciary activities at this time. These statements present each major fund as a separate column on the fund financial statements (the Unit has only one fund); any non-major funds would be aggregated and presented in a single column.

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses, and balance of current financial resources. The Unit has presented the following major fund:

General Fund: The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Unit. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. All general revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when transactions are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net position and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, i.e., when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for recognition of all other Governmental Fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are assessments, franchise fees, licenses, charges for services, interest income, and intergovernmental revenues. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Unit's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services that may be recorded for budgetary control purposes. Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end and outstanding encumbrances at year-end are reappropriated in the next year. No reservation of fund balance is provided at year-end.

E. Deposits

In accordance with North Dakota statutes, the Unit maintains deposits at depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposits, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the state of North Dakota, its boards, agencies, or instrumentalities, or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota, whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing entity, and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At June 30, 2022, the Unit's carrying balances were \$92,539. The bank balance of these deposits as of June 30, 2022 was \$206,717. The difference results from checks outstanding or deposits not yet processed. Of the bank balances, \$206,717 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance.

Credit Risk: The Unit may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress.
- b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- c) Certificates of deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- d) Obligations of the state.

Concentration of credit risk: The Unit does not have a limit on the amount the Unit may invest in any one issuer.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Capital Assets/Capital Outlays

Capital assets, which currently include furniture and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$5,000 or more (individually or collectively) and a useful life of more than one year. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives for the furniture and equipment range from five to twenty years. Estimated useful lives for vehicles are eight years.

G. Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement contains a lease is made at inception by evaluating whether the arrangement conveys the right to use an identified asset and whether the Unit has control of the right-of-use asset. Control includes the right to obtain present service capacity and the right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying asset, as specified in the contract. Leases with an initial term of more than 12 months, or that contain an option to purchase that the Unit is reasonably certain to exercise, are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. In cases where the implicit rate is not readily determinable, the Unit uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date. The Unit has made an accounting policy election to use a risk-free rate based on the US Treasury T-Bill rate as of the lease commencement. The Unit accounts for lease agreements with lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component for all underlying classes of assets. The Unit continues to record rent income and rent expense for short term leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Short term leases have a term of 12 months or less at lease commencement and do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset. The amortizable life of the leases and any leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. The Unit has no leases required to be reported in the current year.

H. Intangible Assets

The Unit has recorded right-of-use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 87. Right-of-use lease assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liabilities, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the leases into service. The right-of-use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lives of the related leases.

I. Accrued Compensated Absences

The Unit's policy permits teachers and administrative personnel to accumulate a limited amount of vacation leave. Classified 11 and 12 month employees may not to exceed 264 and 288 hours of accumulated vacation, respectively, and classified 9 and 10 month employees may accumulate personal leave not to exceed 6 days. Compensation for unused vacation and personal leave will be paid to employees upon separation of employment from Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit. A long-term liability for accrued personal and vacation leave as of June 30th has been recorded in the government-wide statements.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Compensation for unused sick leave will be granted to all employees upon termination of employment of 20 or more years. Employees may carry forward unused sick leave equal to one year of employment. The severance payment will be based on 70% of accumulated leave for employees with 20 to 24 years of service and 100% of accumulated sick leave for employees with 25 or more years of service. Hourly employees will be paid unused leave at the minimum wage rate. Certified staff with 20 to 24 years of service is paid \$74 per day for the 2021-2022 school year and certified staff with 25 or more years of service is paid \$99 per day for the 2021-2022 school year. A long-term liability for accrued sick leave as of June 30th has been recorded in the government-wide statements.

J. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Unit board or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

K. Fund Balance Classifications

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Restricted – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the board – the Unit’s highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board removed the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Unit’s “intent” to be used for special purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The board and superintendent have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the Unit's preference is to first use restricted resources, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned, and unassigned – in order as needed.

L. New Accounting Pronouncement

The following accounting pronouncement has been implemented for the year ended June 30, 2022:

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*

This standard establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This Statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about the government's leasing activities.

NOTE 2 CASH

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits.

NOTE 3 DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Due from other governments consist of amounts due from other school districts for services provided to those school districts and from the Department of Public Instruction for grant monies owed to the Unit for services provided by the Unit. No allowance has been established for uncollectible accounts as all accounts are considered to be collectible.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2022.

	<u>Capital Assets</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>
Balance, June 30, 2021	\$ 154,780	\$ 112,230
Purchases, Fiscal Year 2022	-	-
Disposals, Fiscal Year 2022	-	-
Depreciation Expense, Fiscal Year 2022	-	9,766
Balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 154,780</u>	<u>\$ 121,996</u>

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the Special Education Unit as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
Other Student Support Services	\$ 432
Support Services - Business	<u> 9,334</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u><u> \$ 9,766</u></u>

NOTE 5 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of amounts owing on open account to individuals and organizations for goods and services received prior to June 30, 2022.

NOTE 6 SALARIES AND BENEFITS PAYABLE

This payable consists of amounts owed to individuals for services performed prior to June 30, 2022.

NOTE 7 LONG-TERM DEBT

During the year ended June 30, 2022 the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	<u>Balance July 1</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Balance, June 30</u>
Compensated Absences	<u>\$ 39,043</u>	<u>\$ 20,944</u>	<u>\$ 59,987</u>

The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of additions and reductions at a reasonable cost.

NOTE 8 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The following are funds/pools established by the State for risk management issues.

In 1986 state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability and automobile. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit participates in the North Dakota Worker's Compensation Bureau, an Enterprise Fund of the State of North Dakota. The Bureau is a state insurance fund and a "no fault" insurance system covering the State's employers and employees financed by premiums assessed to employers. The premiums are available for the payment of claims to employees injured in the course of employment.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 8 RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The Special Education Unit pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of two million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides political subdivisions with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$663,775 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit participates in the Mandan Public School District employee health and accident insurance.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Mandan Public School District No. 1 employs the staff of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit. Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit reimburses Mandan Public School District No. 1 for actual costs contributed to the pension plans described below. Mandan Public School District No. 1 has implemented GASB Statement No. 68 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*.

The net pension and OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources for Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit have not been segregated.

1. North Dakota Teacher's Fund for Retirement

The contribution rate is 12.75% for the employer. The employee contribution is 11.75%. The actual cost to Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit is \$111,786. For a detailed look at TFFR, please refer to Mandan Public School District's audit report. For the year ended June 30, 2022, Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit employees comprised 3.81% of Mandan Public School District No. 1's total payroll.

2. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System and OPEB

The contribution rate is 7.12% for the employer along with an additional 1.14% for a prefunded retiree health insurance program (OPEB) for those participating members enrolled prior to January 1, 2020. The contribution rate is 8.26% for the employer for those participating members enrolled on or after January 1, 2020. The employee contribution is 7.00%. The actual cost to Morton-Sioux Special Education unit is \$12,351. For a detailed look at NDPERS, please refer to Mandan Public School District's audit report. For the year ended June 30, 2022, Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit employees comprised 1.51% of Mandan Public School District No. 1's total payroll.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2022

NOTE 10 CORRECTION OF AN ERROR – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

On July 1, 2021, the Unit restated its cash and payroll liability balances as a result of adjustments it made after the June 30, 2021 audit report. The restatements arose during the process of transitioning to a new computerized accounting system.

The effect of the restatements on the fund balance of the general fund at July 1, 2021 is as follows:

Fund Balance, General Fund - Beginning of Year, as previously reported	\$ 622,140
Adjustment of overstated payroll liabilities	18,472
Adjustment of overstated cash balance	<u>(9,994)</u>
Fund Balance, General Fund - Beginning of Year, as restated	<u><u>\$ 630,618</u></u>

The correction to the beginning fund balance of the general fund totaled \$8,478.

The effect of the restatements on the net position at July 1, 2021 is as follows:

Total Net Position - Beginning of Year, as previously reported	\$ 625,647
Adjustment of overstated payroll liabilities	18,472
Adjustment of overstated cash balance	<u>(9,994)</u>
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year, as restated	<u><u>\$ 634,125</u></u>

The correction to the beginning net position totaled \$8,478.

***REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 General Fund
 For the year ended June 30, 2022

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		
	<u>Original and Final</u>	<u>Actual (Budgetary Basis)</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES			
Local Sources	\$ 301,540	\$ 327,340	\$ 25,800
State Sources	656,200	309,647	(346,553)
Federal Sources	1,478,917	1,628,997	150,080
Medicaid	180,000	251,727	71,727
Miscellaneous Sources	1,500	101	(1,399)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,618,157	2,517,812	(100,345)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Visually Impaired	99,699	100,954	(1,255)
Social Work Services	39,448	58,041	(18,593)
Psychological Testing	580,775	604,840	(24,065)
Speech Pathology Services	121,303	126,232	(4,929)
Occupational Therapy	47,282	47,482	(200)
Physical Therapy	47,960	47,291	669
Other Student Support Services	184,154	216,065	(31,911)
Support Services - Instr. Staff	17,400	132,390	(114,990)
Governance Board	17,444	30,372	(12,928)
Support Services - Business	273,863	277,945	(4,082)
Other Support Services	1,898	1,186	712
Payments to LEA's	829,636	779,497	50,139
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,260,862	2,422,295	(161,433)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	357,295	95,517	(261,778)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	622,140	622,140	-
Prior Period Adjustment (See Note 10)	-	8,478	8,478
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021 as restated	622,140	630,618	8,478
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2022	\$ 979,435	\$ 726,135	\$ (253,300)

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

The Board of Directors adopts the special education unit budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general fund. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Each budget is controlled by the director at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. The budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. Except as provided by North Dakota Century Code Section 40-40-21, the balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated fund balance at year-end.

NOTE 2 EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the expenses as a whole were over budget by \$161,433, but some individual line items were under budget. No remedial action is anticipated.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the year ended June 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number (ALN)	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</u>			
<u>Passed through the State Department of Public Instruction:</u>			
<u>Special Education Cluster</u>			
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	H027A210049	\$ 1,558,329
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173	H173A210094	<u>70,668</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u><u>\$ 1,628,997</u></u>

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ending June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 PURPOSE OF SCHEDULE

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (schedule) is a supplementary schedule to the financial statements and is presented for purposes of additional analysis. The schedule is required by the Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

Federal Financial Assistance - Pursuant to Uniform Guidance, federal financial assistance is defined as assistance that nonfederal entities receive or administer in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations and other assistance, but does not include amounts received as reimbursements for services rendered to individuals. Accordingly, nonmonetary federal assistance may be included in federal financial assistance and therefore, may be reported on the schedule. Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit received no nonmonetary federal assistance during the year ended June 30, 2022. Federal financial assistance does not include direct federal cash assistance to individuals.

Assistance Listing – Uniform Guidance requires the schedule to show the total expenditures for each of the federal financial assistance programs as identified in the Assistance Listing (AL). The AL is a government wide compendium of individual federal programs.

B. Major Programs

Uniform Guidance established the levels of expenditures to be used in defining major federal financial assistance programs. The dollar threshold to distinguish type A and type B programs was \$750,000.

C. Reporting Entity

The schedule includes all federal financial assistance programs administered by the organization.

D. Basis of Accounting

Federal financial assistance expenditures included in the schedule are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

E. Elections

The organization has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate.

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

Governing Board
Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Mandan, North Dakota

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 and the major fund of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 21, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Unit'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 first 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 considered to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as findings 2022-001 and 2022-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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*.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's Response to Findings

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

Haga Kommer, Ltd.

Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Mandan, North Dakota
February 21, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH
MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Governing Board
Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Mandan, North Dakota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit complied, in all material respects, with the types of 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, 2022.

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; 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit 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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's federal programs.

Auditor's 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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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 Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit'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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-003 to be a material weakness.

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 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.

Haga Kommer, Ltd.

Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Mandan, North Dakota
February 21, 2025

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Major Governmental Funds	Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?	No
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Significant deficiency identified?	Yes
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Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No
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Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified?	Yes
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Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
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Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs?	Unmodified
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Any audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	Yes
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Identification of major programs:

Special Education Cluster

84.027 - Special Education – Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)

84.173 - Special Education – Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs?	\$750,000
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Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?	No
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Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

2022-001: Segregation of Duties

Condition – The Unit has a lack of segregation of duties in certain areas due to a limited number of individuals involved.

Criteria – A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no individual has control of a transaction from inception to completion.

Cause – Limited staff is available for accounting functions.

Effect – There is a lack of separation of duties as a limited number of individuals are responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger, and prepare financial statements.

Recommendation – The board should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls lie in the board's knowledge of matters relating to the organization's operations.

Management Response – The Unit is aware of the limitations and has determined additional staff is not feasible. The Unit will monitor the condition.

2022-002: Preparation of Financial Statements

Condition – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for the preparation of the financial statements, including the notes to the financial statements.

Criteria – The Unit does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including the notes to the financial statements. As auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Cause – The preparation of financial statements and related notes is technical and requires a significant amount of time.

Effect – An increased risk of material misstatement in the Unit's financial statements.

Recommendation – It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision as to whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Management Response – The Unit has decided to accept the degree of risk associated with the Unit not preparing its own financial statements due to the time and expense necessary to have staff prepare the statements prior to the annual audit.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

Section III – Federal Award Findings

2022-003: SFSAC Submission

Condition – The District did not file the June 2022 data collection form within the prescribed timeframe set forth by the Office of Management and Budget.

Criteria – The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) 2 CFR 200.512 requires auditees to submit a completed form SFSAC, along with one complete reporting package, to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within nine months of the end of the current fiscal year.

Cause – Records for the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 were not available until October 2024, and the audit was not completed until February 21, 2025.

Effect – The District cannot be considered a low-risk auditee for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Recommendation – Ensure that the audit is completed in time for the submission deadline in future audit years.

Client Response – The District is aware of the importance of filing the data collection forms within the prescribed amount of time and is working to file timely for the fiscal year end 2025 audit.

Section IV – Prior Audit Findings

Finding 2021-001: Segregation of Duties

Condition – The Unit has a lack of segregation of duties in certain areas due to a limited number of individuals involved.

Criteria – A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no individual has control of a transaction from inception to completion.

Cause – Limited staff is available for accounting functions.

Effect – There is a lack of separation of duties as a limited number of individuals are responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger, and prepare financial statements.

Recommendation – The board should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls lie in the board's knowledge of matters relating to the organization's operations.

Management Response – The Unit is aware of the limitations and has determined additional staff is not feasible. The Unit will monitor the condition.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2022-001.

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

Finding 2021-002: Preparation of Financial Statements

Condition – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for the preparation of the financial statements, including the notes to the financial statements.

Criteria – The Unit does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including the notes to the financial statements. As auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Cause – The preparation of financial statements and related notes is very technical and requires a significant amount of time.

Effect – An increased risk of material misstatement in the Unit's financial statements.

Recommendation – This is not unusual in an organization of your size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision as to whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Management Response – The Unit has decided to accept the degree of risk associated with the Unit not preparing its own financial statements due to the time and expense necessary to have staff prepare the statements prior to the annual audit.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2022-002.

Finding 2021-003: SFSAC Submission

Condition – The District did not file the June 2021 data collection form within the prescribed timeframe set forth by the Office of Management and Budget.

Criteria – The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) 2 CFR 200.512 requires auditees to submit a completed form SFSAC, along with one complete reporting package, to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

Cause – The audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was not completed until August 7, 2023

Effect – The District cannot be considered a low-risk auditee for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Recommendation – Ensure that the audit is completed in time for the submission deadline in future audit years.

Client Response – The District is aware of the importance of filing the data collection forms within the prescribed amount of time and is working to file timely for the fiscal year end 2024 audit.

Status of Finding – The finding is repeated in the current year. See 2022-003.

Management's Response to Auditor's Finding:
Corrective Action Plan
June 30, 2022

Prepared by
Morton- Sioux Special Education Unit

Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit
Corrective Action Plan
For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

Corrective Action Plan – June 30, 2022

2022-001: Segregation of Duties

Contact Person – Julie Ketterling, Director

Corrective Action Plan – This finding is noted together with the Board, the Unit will make every effort to ensure adequate internal controls. This condition is a repeat from prior years. Because of the limited number of staff available to the Unit, all of the accounting duties cannot be totally segregated in such a way as to eliminate this reportable condition. The only alternative would be the hiring of additional staff, and current cash flows do not justify it. The Unit has reviewed its internal controls and procedures in place and believe the procedures in place provide adequate controls under these circumstances.

Completion Date – The Unit will implement when it becomes cost effective.

2022-002: Preparation of Financial Statements

Contact Person – Julie Ketterling, Director

Corrective Action Plan – This finding is noted together with the Board. Due to the financial, efficiency and time constraints, it has been determined by the Unit's management that it is in the best interest of Morton-Sioux Special Education Unit, and all interested parties to have the auditors prepare the financial statements. Management is aware of the risk associated with not preparing our own financial statements. Management will continue to review the financial statements and note disclosures each year to ensure fair presentation for the Unit.

Completion Date – The Unit will implement when internal resources become available.

2022-003: SFSAC Submission

Contact Person – Julie Ketterling, Director

Corrective Action Plan – This finding is noted together with the Board. The Unit will work to ensure timely submission of the data collection form in the future.

Completion Date – The Unit will work to submit timely for the June 30, 2025 audit.