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**NEWS RELEASE**

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FOR RELEASE

January 18, 2024

Auditor of State Rob Sand today released a report on the Iowa School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs, Iowa for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The School is governed by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa and provides an education commensurate with the needs of students who are Iowa residents and less than twenty-one years of age with hearing loss which is too severe to acquire an education in the public schools. The School also provides services for residents of the State of Nebraska upon such terms as may be fixed by the Board of Regents. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the average enrollment was 86 students with an average cost per student of \$126,637, compared to an average enrollment of 92 students and an average cost per student of \$110,937 for the prior year.

**AUDIT FINDINGS:**

Sand reported one finding related to the amount reported for contributions to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA). Sand recommended the Department ensure amounts reported are correct and accurate.

Management of the Board of Regents have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Department's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" management exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at [Audit Reports – Auditor of State](#).

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**REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

**JUNE 30, 2022**

**Iowa School for the Deaf**



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January 10, 2024

Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa and the Officials of the Iowa School for the Deaf  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

To the Board Members and Officials:

I am pleased to submit to you this Report of Recommendations for the Iowa School for the Deaf for the year ended June 30, 2022. This report includes findings pertaining to the School's internal control which resulted from the fiscal year 2022 audits. This report also includes cost per student information required by Iowa Code Chapter 11.28.

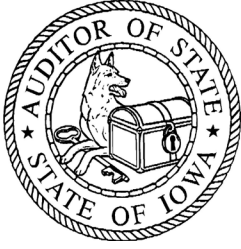
I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of Iowa School for the Deaf throughout the audit. If I or this office can be of any further assistance, please contact me or my staff at 515-281-5834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sand".

Rob Sand  
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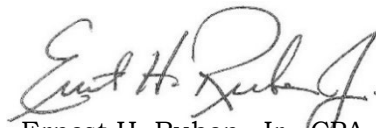
The Iowa School for the Deaf is a part of the State of Iowa and, as such, has been included in our audit of the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2022.

In conducting our audits, we became aware of a certain aspect concerning the Department's operations for which we believe corrective action is necessary. As a result, we have developed a recommendation which is reported on the following pages. We believe you should be aware of this recommendation, which includes a recommendation pertaining to the Department's internal control. This recommendation has been discussed with Department personnel and their response to this recommendation is included in this report. While we have expressed our conclusion on the School's response, we did not audit the Iowa School for the Deaf's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We have included certain unaudited financial and other information on page 6 of this report to report an average cost per student for the School for the five years ended June 30, 2022, as required by Section 11.28 of the Code of Iowa.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa School for the Deaf, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the School may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Iowa School for the Deaf during the course of our audits. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience. Individuals who participated in our audits of the Iowa School for the Deaf are listed on page 5 and they are available to discuss these matters with you.

  
Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA  
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor  
Kraig Paulsen, Director, Director, Department of Management  
Tim McDermott, Director, Legislative Services Agency

Report of Recommendations to the Iowa School for the Deaf

June 30, 2022

**Findings Reported in the State's Single Audit Report:**

No matters were reported.

**Findings Reported in the State's Report on Internal Control:**

No matters were reported.

**Other Findings Related to Internal Control:**

Financial Reporting:

Criteria – A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting 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 of the financial statements on a timely basis. Properly designed policies and procedures and implementation of the policies and procedures are an integral part of ensuring the reliability and accuracy of the State's financial statements.

Departments record receipts and disbursements in the Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) system throughout the year, including the accrual period. Activity not recorded in the I/3 system is reported to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services – State Accounting Enterprise (DAS-SAE) in a GAAP package. The GAAP package is to be submitted to DAS-SAE by the first week of September each year.

Condition – For Teacher's Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA), the amounts reported in the GAAP package page were not correct. The employee contribution was overstated by \$19,103, and the employer contribution was overstated by \$27,320.

Recommendation – ISD should ensure the amounts reported in the GAAP package are correct and accurate.

Response – In order to ensure that the amount is correct, the report including only the amounts paid will be generated then compared to the actual expenditures to ensure the amount is correct.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

**Findings Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:**

No matters were noted.

Report of Recommendations to the Iowa School for the Deaf

June 30, 2022

**Staff:**

Questions or requests for further assistance should be directed to:

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA, Chief Deputy

Deborah J. Moser, CPA, Manager

Tristan J. Swiggum, Senior Auditor

Other individuals who participated in the audits include:

Miranda L. Hoch-DeGuzman, Staff Auditor

Kimberly L. Behrens, Staff Auditor



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Iowa School for the Deaf

Average Cost per Student

(Unaudited)

Year ended June 30, 2022

with comparative figures for the four preceding years

Total General Educational Fund expenditures		\$ 16,120,213
Deduct:		
Expenditures not related to teaching programs:		
Public service	\$ 949,956	
Building repair	<u>4,279,510</u>	
		<u>5,229,466</u>
Net expenditures for teaching programs		<u>\$ 10,890,747</u>
Full-time enrollment		86
Cost per student		\$ 126,637

Comparative enrollment statistics and cost per student for the year ended June 30, 2022 and the five previous years:

Year	Average Number of Students	Average Number of Employees	Cost per Student*
2021-2022	86	118	\$ 126,637 **
2020-2021	92	119	110,937 **
2019-2020	85	120	120,868 **
2018-2019	91	122	117,561 **
2017-2018	96	126	106,394 **

\* For fiscal years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018, capital outlay for construction in progress or storm damage totaling \$4,279,510, \$649,182, \$410,511, \$264,555 and \$594,227 respectively, paid by the Iowa School for the Deaf were removed from costs for purposes of this computation.

\*\* Included in the average cost per student are expenditures for outreach services for which the costs have not been identified separately. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the School provided outreach services to 12 off campus students compared to 20, 0, 0 and 0 off campus students, respectively, in each of the preceding four years.