

## CABOT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Division of Legislative Audit Stacie Dearen, CPA 500 Woodlane St., Ste. 172 Little Rock, AR 72201-1099

Dear Ms. Dearen:

The purpose of this correspondence is to explain the corrective action taken to address the formal audit finding as a result of the field audit conducted for the Cabot School District for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024.

1. Two unauthorized withdrawals of \$9,937.33 and \$67,332.26 were made from the district's bank account on October 24, 2023, and June 28, 2024, respectively. District personnel discovered the unauthorized withdrawals upon reconciliation of the affected bank account. All funds were recovered from the bank.

Response: The District had internal controls in place to detect and prevent unauthorized withdrawals related to checks. Thefts were discovered when the vendors called to report that they had not received payment. In both instances the bank returned the funds to the District's bank account. The District has implemented new processes and has worked with the bank to strengthen internal controls to further reduce the risk of checks being fraudulently diverted.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Tina Wiley, Executive Director of Finance, at 501-843-3363.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Thurman Superintendent

> Joe Trusty President

Marvin Jones
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