# Financial Review Workshop

GAINS Conference May 7, 2025



## Agenda

- Grants Best Practices
- Budget Process and Preparation
- Preparing for Fiscal Year End Close





#### **Grants – Best Practices**

Budgets, Drawdowns, and Reporting – is there room for improvement in your existing processes?



#### **Grant Budgets**

- Federal budgets should be adopted prior to start of fiscal year
  - this can be based on estimates until allocations are published
- Update accounting software system to reflect approved budget from Consolidated Application
- Enter a budget for both revenue and expenditures
- Don't default to budgeting everything to 8010 consider what should be budgeted at the school level
  - Collaboration with Federal Programs is important!



## **Monitoring Grant Budgets**

- Update accounting software system to reflect approved amendments timely
- Payroll Ensure that the right employees are charged to grants, if applicable
  - Coordinate with HR/Schools to get a listing of employees
  - Consider transfers and vacancies that will be filled mid-year
  - Flipping Funds? Make sure payroll is updated to reflect correct fund
- Budgets should be monitored at least monthly
  - This should be done in collaboration with Federal Programs!



#### **Drawdowns – List of Grants Approved**

- Run a List of Grants Approved from GAORS each month
  - May need to run for prior fiscal years for grants still open
- Use as a guide for what grants to review for potential drawdowns
- Compare general ledger reports to the List of Grants Approved:
  - Does Revenue recorded in the GL agree to "Previously Received" column on List of Grants Approved?
  - Does the Budget in the accounting software system agree to the "Approved Budget" column on List of Grants Approved?



#### Drawdowns – Expenditure Reports

- Expenditure reports should be generated for YTD information
- Generate reports after month-end close
  - Example: In May, generate a report from July 2024 April 2025
- Review report for any potential errors
- Only submit drawdown requests based on actual expenditures incurred (reimbursement basis)
  - Do not include requisitions or encumbrances/POs in the expenditure total reported on the DE147

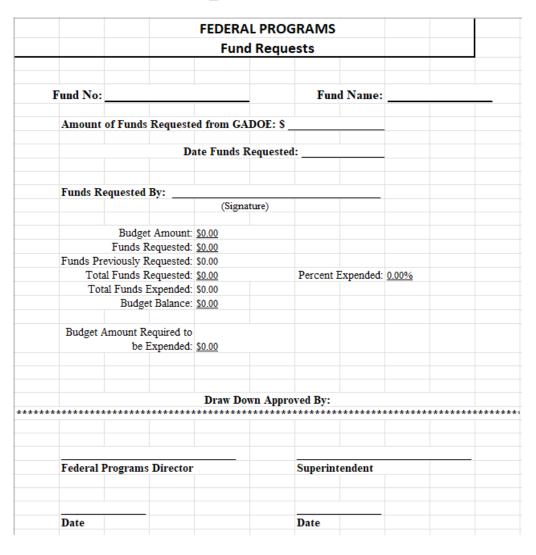


#### Drawdowns – Approval Workflow

- Ensure that federal programs is reviewing and approving information prior to submission of drawdown
  - This process can look different at each LEA that's OK!
  - Approval should be **DOCUMENTED**
- DE147s are set up to document Preparer and Approver
  - Example: Accounting Coordinator prepares DE147; CFO submits/approves DE147
- Keep copy of submitted DE147, approval by federal programs, and expenditure report together in a packet and on file for audits and monitoring



## **Example of a Drawdown Approval:**



Each Federal Program Supervisor responsible for a grant should document approval of each cash draw.

The drawdown should be supported by a General Ledger Detail or Expenditure Report.

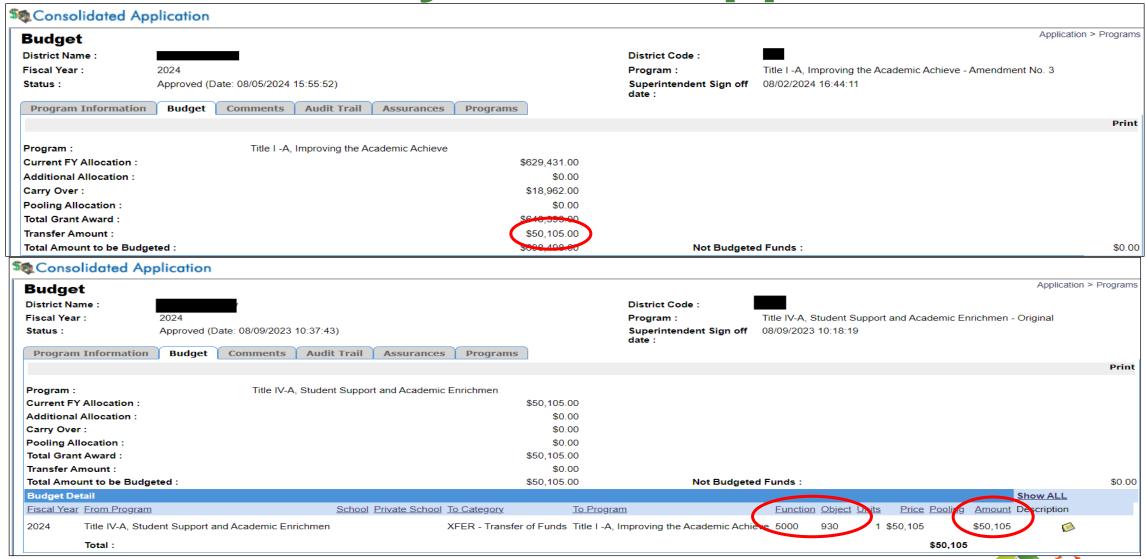
Monitoring of the budget to actuals assists in determining when budget amendments are necessary.



- Transferability provides a LEA with flexibility through changing the identity of the funds transferred to best meet its identified needs by transferring all or a portion of funds from Title II-Part A, and/or Title IV-Part A to other specified federal programs
- Subject to all the rules and requirements of the programs to which the funds are transferred, including statutory setasides.
- Transfer only if it aligns with program purposes



## **Transferability & Con App**



- As the receiving fund incurs expenditures, transfers should be made from Title II and/or Title IV (whichever is applicable)
- The receiving fund will record a Transfer In (Revenue Source 5200)
- Title II and/or Title IV (whichever is applicable) will record a Transfer Out (Function 5000, Object 930)
- Drawdown funds on Title II and/or Title IV based on transfers out FIRST!
- Once all transfers are exhausted, only then can you begin drawing down on the receiving fund



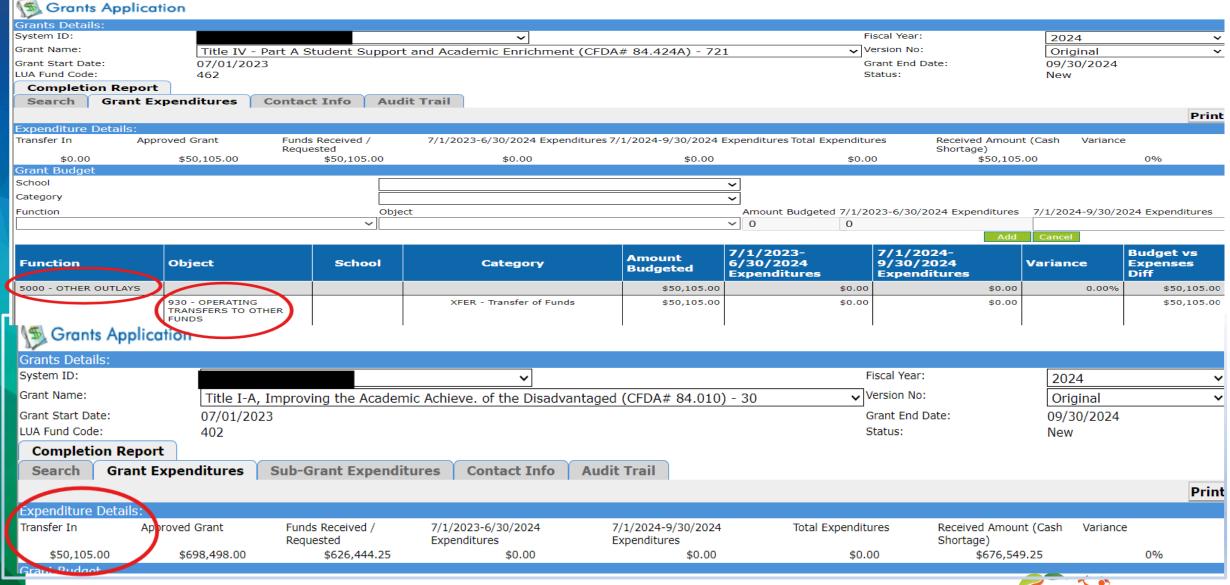
- Review receiving fund monthly and only transfer enough to cover expenditures YTD – do not transfer 100% at the beginning of the year
- Do not drawdown 100% of Title II and/or Title IV prior to recording transfers out on the general ledger
- Avoid drawing down 100% of Title II prior to reallocation that typically occurs in February to avoid needing to return funds
- Remember: drawdowns are on a reimbursement basis on actual expenditures incurred, even if utilizing transferability



- For the Transferred-out fund, the expenditure line item on the Completion Report will be:
  - Function 5000 and Object 930 (OPERATING TRANSFERS <u>TO</u> OTHER FUNDS).
- For the fund that received the Transferred-in, the actual expenditures on Completion Report will be posted in the Function and Object in the grant where expenditures were incurred.
  - The transferred in funds are reflected in the expenditure detail row at the top of the completion report.



#### **Transferability & Completion Reports**



# Why Should Federal Grant Balances Equal Zero?

- Federal grants operate on a reimbursement basis only.
- As expenditures are incurred, revenue is earned.
- Fund balance is defined as the difference between assets and liabilities.
  - Revenues increase fund balance
  - Expenditures decrease fund balance
- Expenditures accrued for payables should have a matching receivable for the revenue earned.

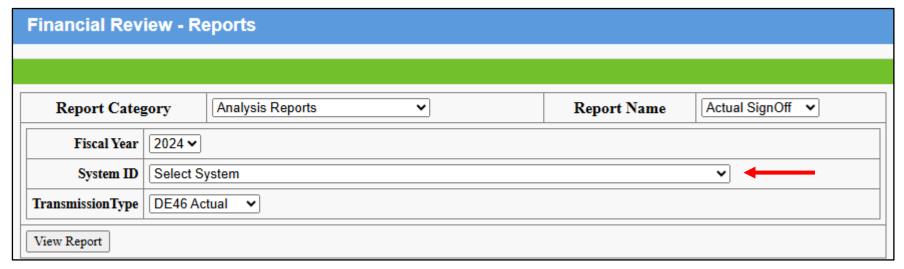


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## Determining Funds with Balances

#### Run the DE46 Actual Sign Off Report for FY 2024









#### Reminder:

If you flip funds, be sure to review activity in all related funds in accounting system

Federal **Funds** are in the 4XX Range

#### **Georgia Department of Education**

Financial Transmission Sign Off Report - DE046 and DE420 Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2024

System:	
Transmission	
FundCode	Description

FundCode	Description	Beginning Fund Balance	Adjustments to Fund Balance	Revenues		
100	GENERAL FUND	\$6,744,936.58	\$0.00	\$34,516,611.82	\$38,565,772.35	\$2,695,776.05
150	CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLWIDE FUND	-\$0.02	\$0.00	-\$0.02	-\$0.04	\$0.00
200	DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100,150.00	\$2,100,150.00	\$0.00
300	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$3,200,549.23	\$0.00	\$12,540,467.80	\$8,612,933.84	\$7,128,083.19
402	TITLE I	-\$368,001.22	\$0.00	\$1,678,059.75	\$1,310,058.53	\$0.00
404	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$828,409.23	\$798,378.86	\$30,030.37
406	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION- FEDERAL FUNDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,360.00	\$44,360.00	\$0.00
408	TITLE VI (INCLUDES TITLE V-B EFFECTIVE FY 18)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$387,550.74	\$387,550.74	\$0.00
414	TITLE II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182,009.00	\$182,009.00	\$0.00
418	L4GA - LITERACY FOR LEARNING, LIVING, AND LEADING IN GEORGIA	\$11,885.29	\$0.00	\$413,241.90	\$413,241.90	\$11,885.29
420	CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CSSRA) ACT – ESSER I AND ESSER II	\$7,006.98	\$0.00	\$377,322.59	\$211,979.80	\$172,349.77
432	EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,265.96	\$58,265.96	\$0.00
442	TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CHALLENGE FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
448	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT - ESSER III	-\$186,704.05	\$0.00	\$4,184,194.01	\$3,997,489.96	\$0.00
460	TITLE III	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,479.63	\$12,479.63	\$0.00
462	TITLE IV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129,420.00	\$129,420.00	\$0.00

Fund Balances should be zero



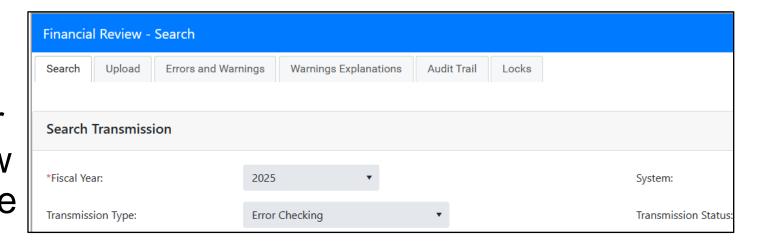
## WHAT IF THE ENDING FUND BALANCE DOES = ZERO

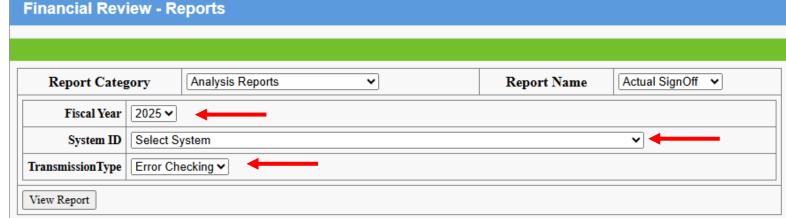
Possible Reasons	Possible Corrective Actions
1. There is a beginning fund balance that should have been corrected in the previous fiscal year.	Research the previous year's revenues and expenditures to determine the cause of ending fund balance in the federal program. Audit adjustments may be required and/or a refund to GADOE.
2. Revenue was received <u>before</u> an expenditure was incurred.	<ul> <li>Book the appropriate expenditure OR</li> <li>Reclassify the revenue as 'Unearned Revenue' OR</li> <li>Refund the revenue to GADOE</li> </ul>
3. Revenue was received, <u>but</u> the expenditure was cancelled.	* Funds may need to be returned to GADOE if allowable expenditures are not incurred.
4. If the Ending Fund Balance is positive:	<ul> <li>Payable /accrual was probably not created.</li> <li>ACTION: Create the respective payable/accrual.</li> </ul>
5. If the Ending Fund Balance is negative:	* Receivable was probably not created to cover the expenditures.  ACTION: Create the respective accounts receivable.



### Resolving Fund Balances

Use Error
 Checking in
 GaDOE Portal for
 FY 2025 to review
 adjustments made
 for corrections to
 beginning fund
 balance.







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FundCode	Description	Beginning Fund Balance	Adjustments to Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance				
100	GENERAL FUND	\$27,490,810.41	-\$168,039.85	\$20,448,546.06	\$15,691,764.91	\$32,079,551.71				
200	DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$12,003,960.34	\$0.00	\$2,709,871.63	\$2,084,925.00	\$12,628,906.97				
300	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$6,195,543.82	\$0.00	\$3,199,573.17	\$5,864,274.23	\$3,530,842.76				
402	TITLE I	\$52,939.67	-\$52,939.67	\$153,423.88	\$208,056.12	-\$54,632.24				
404	SPECIAL EDUCATION	-\$204,114.45	\$204,114.45	\$157,186.28	\$205,033.10	\$0.00				
406	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION- FEDERAL FUNDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,406.51	\$16,408.32	-\$4,001.81				
408	TITLE VI (INCLUDES TITLE V-B EFFECTIVE FY 18)	-\$78,732.86	\$78,732.86	\$0.00	\$52,114.42	-\$52,114.42				
414	TITLE II	\$1,337.82	-\$1,337.82	\$15,982.87	\$24,444.30	-\$8,461.43				
420	CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CSSRA) ACT – ESSER I AND ESSER II	-\$11,494.89	\$0.00	\$19,377.00	\$19,377.00	-\$11,494.89				
432	EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,561.10	\$8,008.70	-\$1,447.60				
448	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT - ESSER III	-\$82,734.29	\$0.00	\$485,182.22	\$416,650.51	-\$14,202.58				
458	STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,221.79	\$0.00				
460	TITLE III	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,274.74	\$15,655.74	-\$4,381.00				
462	TITLE IV	\$95,101.70	-\$95,101.70	\$142,952.60	\$144,318.97	-\$1,366.37				
500	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTS- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$140,941.66	\$0.00	\$254,632.96	\$284,148.07	\$121,126.55				
560	PRE-KINDERGARTEN (LOTTERY)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$442,389.24	\$303,845.91	\$138,543.33				



### Preventing Federal Fund Balances

- Review Budget to Actual reports monthly prior to drawdown.
  - Coordinate with Federal Programs Manager
  - Check for allowability
  - Check for possible misclassified expenditures
  - Ensure budget amendments to Consolidated Application are reflected in accounting software system.
- Only submit a drawdown based on actual expenditures recorded in the general ledger.
- Ensure all receivables and payables are recorded at year-end and when closing grants.
  - Consider posting all payables first and THEN posting receivable based on difference between expenditures and funds already received.
- Total Revenues and Total Expenditures should match at year-end.

### **Completion Reports**

- In GAORS, run a detail of "List of Grants Approved" for the applicable fiscal year(s).
- Completion Reports are due 30 days after the program period end date.

Georg	ia Dep	artment of Education List of Gr	ants Approved										7
Back to	Selectio	n											<b>—</b>
System	Status	Program Description	Approved Budget		Object Class	Fund Code	Project #	Fiscal Year	Grant	CFDA#	FOGA#	Start Date	End Date
	_	CTAE - Ag Extended Day	\$14,060.00				553	2025	314				06/30/2025
601	Open	CTAE - Ag Extended Year	\$12,206.00	\$12,206.00	315		529	2025	291		160-1-414		06/30/2025
601	Open	CTAE - Ag Young Farmer	\$61,876.00	\$50,000.00	315		521	2025	310		N/A	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
601	Open	CTAE - CTE Extended Day	\$39,153.00	\$18,000.00	315		554	2025	304		160-1-414	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
601	Open	CTAE - CTE Extended Year	\$4,007.00	\$2,000.00	315		526	2025	302		160-1-414	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
601	Open	CTAE - Supervision	\$14,442.00	\$14,442.00	315		519	2025	300		N/A	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
601	Open	CTE - Perkins V Carryover (CFDA # 84.048)	\$2,020.00	\$0.00	562		100	2025	742	84.048	160-1-414	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
		CTE - Perkins V Grants - Program Improvement (CFDA# 84.048)	\$48,976.00	\$10,000.00	562		100	2025	740	84.048	160-1-414	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
601	Open	CTE - Perkins V Plus Reserve (CFDA # 84.048)	\$6,646.00	\$2,000.00	562		100	2025	743	84.048	160-1-414	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
		Career, Technical, and Agriculture - CTE Apprenticeship	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00	315		540	2025	125		160-1- 4122	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
601	Open	Dyslexia Screener State Grant	\$9,468.00	\$9,468.00	315		100	2025	843			07/01/2024	08/31/2025
601	Open	Hygiene Products	\$2,860.00	\$2,860.00	315		100	2025	733			07/01/2024	06/30/2025
		IDEA 611 - SPECIAL ED FLOWTHROUGH (CFDA # 84.027)	\$1,018,389.00	\$300,000.00	553	XX2562	200	2025	39	84.027	N/A	07/01/2024	09/30/2025
		IDEA 619 - SPECIAL ED-AGES 3-5 (CFDA # 84.173)	\$31,320.00	\$11,000.00	553	XX2561	100	2025	37	84.173	N/A	07/01/2024	09/30/2025



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### **Completion Reports**

- Ensure all expenditures have been recorded before preparation
- Consider payables have they been recorded at 6/30/XX?
  - Salary and Benefit Payable
  - Accounts Payable
- Review final expenditure reports with federal programs!



#### Let's Discuss!

#### **Question 1:**

What are some key steps to ensure that grant budgets are accurately monitored and updated throughout the fiscal year? Can you share any experiences or challenges you've faced in collaborating with Federal Programs to manage these budgets effectively?



#### Let's Discuss!

#### **Question 2:**

What strategies can be implemented to prevent federal fund balances from showing discrepancies at the end of the fiscal year? How do regular reviews of Budget to Actual reports and coordination with Federal Programs Manager play a role in this process?





# Budget Process and Preparation

Where is your school system in this process today?



#### **Budget Process Steps**

- 1. Develop the budget process calendar
- 2. Establish budget policy
- 3. Design worksheets and forms for budget requests
- 4. Estimate revenue sources
- 5. Issue instructions to department personnel and school principals
- 6. Complete budget expenditure request worksheets and forms
- 7. Review and justify budget requests
- 8. Formalize budget document
- Present budget to school board
- 10. Present tentative budget on the school district's public website
- 11. Hold two (2) public meetings to provide opportunity for public input, prior to adopting the final budget.

NOTE: The law is not specific regarding whether the meetings should take place before or after the tentative budget. However, you want to ensure that the public has had an opportunity to review and comment on the budget before final adoption. Per law, the meetings cannot be in the same week.

- 12. Formally adopt budget. Display adopted budget on school district's website
- 13. Administer budget

Chapter IV-2 –
Preparing Operating
Budgets



#### **Budget Preparation – Considerations and Projections**

**CLASS SIZE - GaDOE maximum class size NON-SALARY** - Determine amounts of operating expenditures allocated to each school, per FTE, etc. recommendations VERSUS Local Board of Education desired class sizes. Estimate staffing Consider paper, workers compensation, property and liability insurance, utilities, maintenance, supplies, copiers, needs based on class sizes, determinations software, etc. **FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)** - Estimate **ONE-TIME PURCHASES -** Determine if any one-time FTEs. Student growth or loss? purchases needed for school year (technology upgrades, textbooks, bus purchases, etc.) TRAINING & EXPERIENCE (T & E) - Estimate T FUNDING LEVELS - How Much Will Be Received & E Gain or loss? Staffing changes (retirements, ☐ Federal funding levels (IDEA, Title I) inexperienced teachers, etc.) Local funding levels (Millage rate results, SPLOST) State funding levels (QBE, FTE, T&E, Categorical grants) **SALARIES** - Budget based on <u>actual</u> salaries OR **FUND BALANCE** - Maximum amount of Unassigned Fund average salaries by position? (teacher, principal, Balance 15% of next year's budget (OCGA 20-2-167) (no finding for etc.) having more) **SALARY INCREASES** – Determine the costs of **DID YOU KNOW?** Salaries and benefits are the single largest expenditure in a school step increases VERSUS flat rate percentage district. On average, they are 80%-90% of the General Fund budget. increases



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#### State Revenue - Considerations

- QBE Funds
  - FTE for FY 2026 will be the same FTE on FY 2025 Mid-Term Allotment Sheet
  - T&E can be estimated using the CPI report CP003b
    - TRS and Medicare are including in funding
  - Health Insurance can be estimated using the CPI report CP090
- Categorical Grants
  - Pupil Transportation
  - Nursing Services
- Equalization
- Local Five Mill Share



#### Federal Revenue – Considerations

- What grants are typically awarded each year?
  - Title I-A, Title II-A, Title VI-B, School Nutrition, etc.
- What portion of 15-month grants should be budgeted during the fiscal year period?
- Will there be carryover?
- What grants are ending and will not be awarded again?
  - Will initiatives be continued and how will they be funded in the future?
- Are there grants that were awarded in previous years that still need to be spent before the grant end date?



#### **Local Revenue – Considerations**

- Property Tax Revenue
  - Impact of HB 581 and HB 92
  - Setting the Millage Rate
  - Consider local factors (residential growth, new construction, reassessments, etc.)
  - Consider Tax Abatement Agreements
  - Consider large appeals
- Other Tax Revenue
  - Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT)
  - Real Estate Transfer Tax
  - Intangible Tax



### Expenditures – Considerations

- Change in staffing needs
- Step Increases
- Potential Salary Improvements
  - Note: no changes to state salary scale in current version of proposed state budget
- Custodian Supplement Continuation (included in proposed budget)
- Benefit Increases
  - Health Insurance (\$1,885 effective July 1, 2025)
  - TRS (21.91% effective July 1, 2025)



#### Health Insurance Increase

- Certified AND Classified/Non-Certified Health Insurance to increase to \$1,885 effective July 1, 2025.
- This change will be applied to the payroll month of July, due to SHBP in August, for coverage in August. You will not increase the June payroll deduction.
- Health Insurance increase subject to DCH Board approval.



#### Expenditures – Considerations

- Operating expenditures
  - Each School
  - Each Division/Department
- Consider paper, copiers, supplies, travel, dues and fees, telecommunications, software licenses and subscriptions, etc.
- Consider workers compensation, property and liability insurance
- Determine any one-time purchases needed for the school year
  - Technology Upgrades
  - New Curriculum/Instructional Resources
- School Security Expenditures
  - Be sure to budget in Function 2660



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## **Budget Preparation**Capital Outlay

- Expenditure budgets may be adopted on a project basis
- Annual operating budget for capital outlay can still be estimated
- Considerations:
  - SPLOST collections
  - Bond Proceeds
  - Other local funds needed to support projects (General Fund)
  - State Support (GSFIC)
  - Erate funding



# **Budget Preparation – Budgets Must Balance What is meant by a Balanced Budget?**

Chapter IV - 2, *Preparing Operating Budgets* of the Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration (FMGLUA) states in part:

- "The budget must be balanced for all budgeted funds.
- Total anticipated revenues should equal total estimated expenditures.
  - In the event anticipated revenues are <u>insufficient</u> to fund anticipated essential expenditures, a portion of the <u>unassigned fund balance from previous years</u> must be used to fund the shortfall.
  - In the event there is <u>insufficient unassigned fund balance</u> from previous years to fund anticipated expenditures, then such expenditures must be reduced to equal anticipated revenues plus available unassigned fund balance."



# **Budget Preparation**Compliance Considerations

- Fund Balance (O.C.G.A. 20-2-167)
  - Unassigned fund balance should not exceed more than 15% of subsequent year's budgeted expenditures
- Expenditure Controls (O.C.G.A. 20-2-167)
  - 90% of funds designated for each instructional category shall be spent for that purpose at the school site
  - 100% of funds designated for each instructional category of salaries shall be spent for salaries of teachers and aides
  - Includes Instructional Codes, Media, 20 Additional Days, Professional Development, and Nursing Costs
  - FMGLUA Chapter II-7
- 65% Minimum (O.C.G.A. 20-2-171 & SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29)
  - Each local school system shall spend a minimum of 65% of its total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures

## Let's Discuss!

### **Question 1:**

Considering the steps involved in the budget process, where do you think your school system currently stands? What challenges have you encountered in developing the budget? What strategies have you implemented to overcome these challenges?



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## Let's Discuss!

### **Question 2:**

What strategies can be implemented to manage and project expenditures effectively, especially in areas like staffing, health insurance, and one-time purchases?



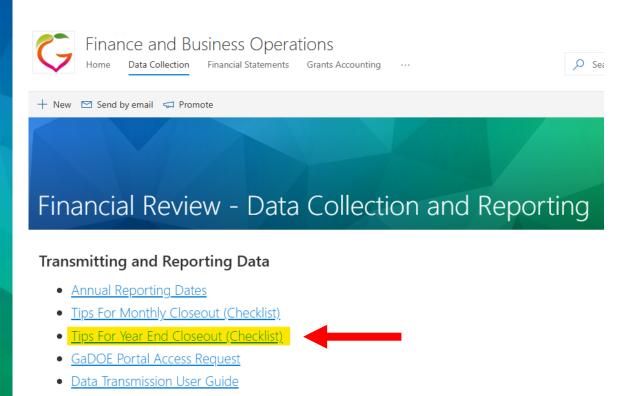


# **Preparing to Close FY 2025**

Steps to take for a successful fiscal year end close



# Do you have a year end close-out checklist?



#### Finance Officer Year End Close-Out Checklist

The procedures listed below may vary for your specific LEA and may be contingent on the type of accounting software in use. The suggested procedures listed below should be completed prior to year-end closing. Please modify this listing to best serve your LEA.

PERFORM THESE PROCEDURES PRIOR TO FISCAL YEAR CLOSING UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

#### GENERAL PROCEDURES

#### Investments

- Redeem Investments that will mature as of 06/30/XX. Accrue interest earned as of 06/30/XX on investments that will mature in the future or next fiscal year.
   Use Balance Sheet Account 0114 - Interest Receivable for this activity.
- Verify that available investment reports are in balance with GL Balance Sheet Account 0111-Investments fund by fund. Money Market accounts need to be included in GL Cash 0111. Local Government Investment Pool accounts will be classified as Cash 0101 per updated guidance from Office of State Treasury.

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#### Accounts Payable

Verify that accounts payable reports (List of Open Payables, etc.) are in balance with GL Accounts Payable accounts by fund as of 06/30/XX. Be prepared to break out by Accounts Payable, Salary & Benefits, Construction, Retainage, etc.

COMPLETION DATE:	SIGNOFF



Transmission Portal Definitions

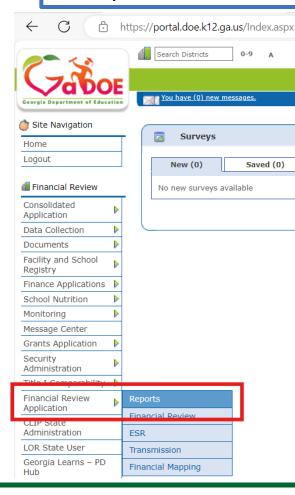
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DE46 Submissions FAQ

Error Checking – Actual Analysis

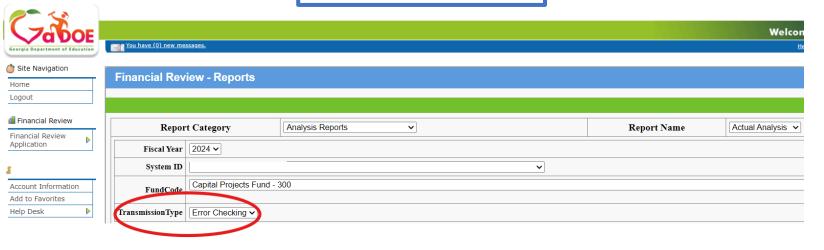
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- Financial Review Application
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- Analysis Reports
- Actual Analysis
- Fiscal Year
- Fund
- Error Checking





# Error Checking – Actual Analysis

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#### Georgia Department of Education

Financial Review Data Collection System
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT - For Year Ending June 30, 2024

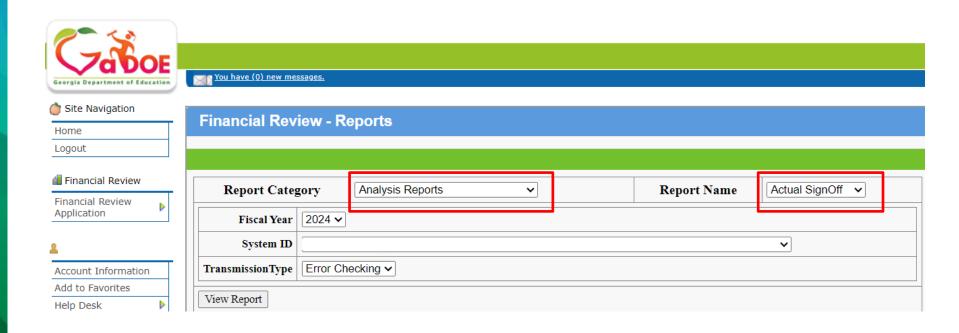
SYSTEM		
FUND	300 Capital Projects Fund	
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
0101	CASH IN BANK	\$11,431,853.63
0100	TOTAL 06/30/2024 ASSETS	\$11,431,853.63
	TOTAL 06/30/2024 ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	\$11,431,853.63
0799	FUND BALANCE - UNASSIGNED	\$11,431,853.63
0700	TOTAL 06/30/2024 FUND EQUITY	\$11,431,853.63
0900	TOTAL 06/30/2024 LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, & FUND EQUITY	\$11,431,853.63
2600-300.00	PURCHASED PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$6,000.00
2600-615.00	EXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT	\$30,735.92
2600-000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PLANT SERVICES	\$36,735.92
4000-300.00	PURCHASED PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$595,766.34
4000-720.00	BUILDING ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMEN	\$703,544.07
4000-000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$1,299,310.41
5000-930.00	OPERATING TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	\$1,336,046.33
5000-000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE OTHER OUTLAYS	\$1,336,046.33
7000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	\$2,672,092.66
0004	END OF FISCAL YEAR FUND EQUITY	\$11,431,853.63
0000	END OF FISCAL YEAR FUND EQUITY	\$11,431,853.63
9000-000.00	TOTAL DEBITS	\$14,103,946.29
1130	SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$3,453,345.69
1500	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$466,556.93
1000	TOTAL REVENUES (LOCAL)	\$3,919,902.62
5200	OPERATING TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$1,336,046.33
5000	TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	\$1,336,046.33
8000	TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER SOURCES & OTHER ITEMS	\$5,255,948.9
0001	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$8,847,997.34
0002	ADJUSTMENTS TO FUND BALANCE	\$0.00
0000	CURRENT FY BEGINNING FUND EQUITY	\$8,847,997.34
9000	TOTAL CREDITS	\$14,103,946.29



# Error Checking – Actual SignOff

#### Select

- Analysis Reports
- Actual SignOff
- Fiscal Year
- Error Checking





# Error Checking – Actual SignOff

If you have PY Corrections, they should be reflected in Adjustments to Fund Balance.

#### **Georgia Department of Education**

Financial Transmission Sign Off Report - DE046 and DE420 Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2024

System:

Transmission Date:

Not	Signed	Off

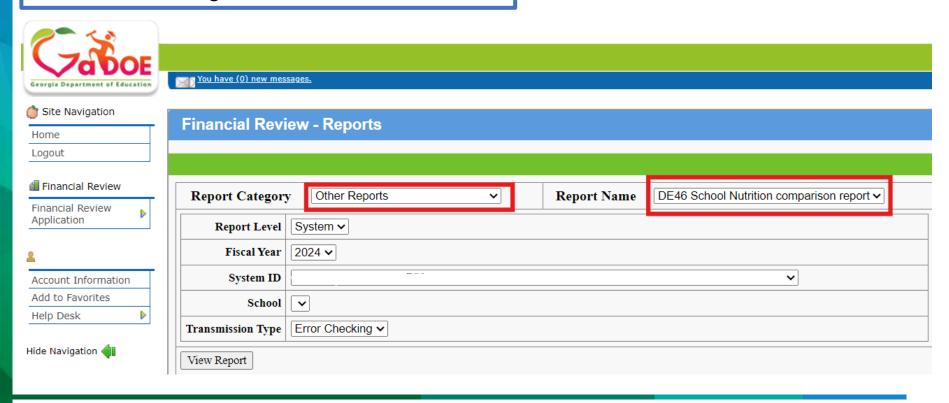
FundCode	Description	Beginning Fund Balance	Adjustments to Fund Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance
100	GENERAL FUND	\$24,528,307.85	\$148,945.23	\$54,769,527.79	\$43,430,531.18	\$36,016,249.69
150	CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLWIDE FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,505,332.72	-\$2,505,332.72
200	DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$7,126,137.36	-\$282,213.13	\$2,689,647.94	\$2,222,482.20	\$7,311,089.97
300	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$3,100.00	-\$100.00	\$320,032.29	\$465,726.66	-\$142,694.3
402	TITLE I	\$1,400.03	-\$1,400.03	\$1,359,130.65	\$1,028,130.92	\$330,999.73
404	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790,952.10	\$836,955.12	-\$46,003.02
406	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION- FEDERAL FUNDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,576.28	\$34,576.28	\$0.00
408	TITLE VI (INCLUDES TITLE V-B EFFECTIVE FY 18)	\$28,395.37	-\$28,395.37	\$85,248.11	\$99,798.19	-\$14,550.08
414	TITLE II	\$594.90	\$0.00	\$232,920.56	\$232,920.56	\$594.90
420	CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CSSRA) ACT — ESSER I AND ESSER II	-\$539.63	\$7,703.63	\$0.00	\$7,164.00	\$0.00
432	EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,363.81	\$62,409.44	-\$1,045.63
448	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT - ESSER III	-\$213,783.75	\$291,870.56	\$3,476,094.34	\$3,847,221.28	-\$293,040.13
460	TITLE III	-\$1,098.68	\$1,098.68	\$17,997.78	\$17,997.78	\$0.00
462	TITLE IV	\$148,364.56	-\$148,364.56	\$115,664.11	\$115,664.11	\$0.00
500	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTS- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$1,052,398.67	\$0.09	\$1,620,282.33	\$1,486,254.41	\$1,186,426.68
536	FAMILY CONNECTION	-\$20,992.17	\$20,763.21	\$39,756.54	\$41,957.61	-\$2,430.03
560	PRE-KINDERGARTEN (LOTTERY)	-\$711,059.74	\$0.00	\$889,356.85	\$719,092.42	-\$540,795.31
580	ALL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE/OTHER SYSTEMS OR ORGANIZATIONS(FOR LUA USE)	\$1,385,831.26	\$0.00	\$504,009.01	\$254,478.33	\$1,635,361.94
600	SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICE FUND	\$2,456,894.40	\$45,442.58	\$3,608,025.06	\$3,530,664.54	\$2,579,697.50
740	AGENCY FUNDS	\$64,231.94	\$0.00	\$14,203.55	\$1,845.00	\$76,590.49
801	CAPITAL ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$80,295,472.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,295,472.47
Total		\$116,143,654.84	\$55,350.89	\$70,628,789.10	\$60,941,202.75	\$125,886,592.08



# Error Checking – SNS DE 46 Comparison Report

#### Select

- Other Reports
- DE 46 School Nutrition comparison report
- Fiscal Year
- Error Checking





# Error Checking – SNS DE 46 Comparison Report



SN-DE46 Comparison Report

Financial Comparison Report For the Fiscal Year 2024 - System Level

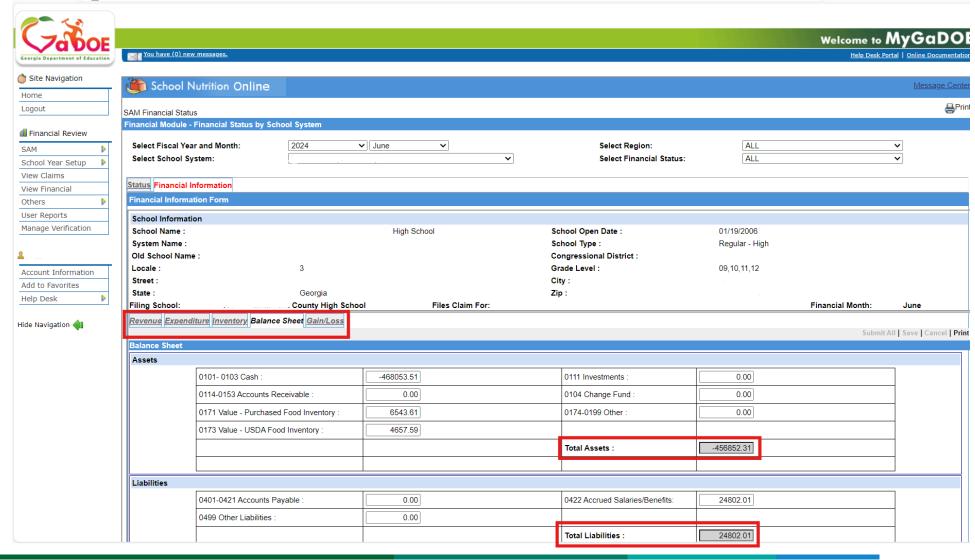
System Name

Report Type : Error Checking

Account Description	Account Codes	School Nutr.DE106 - May	Financial Rep DE46 - May	Variance
REVENUES				
Lunch	1611	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Breakfast	1612	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Snack	1613	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Special Milk	1614	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Non-Reimbursable Sales	1621	\$3,519.00	\$3,519.50	
Adult Revenue	1622	\$17,771.75	\$17,799.75	
Contracted Sales	1623	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Investments	1500	\$0.00	\$0.00	
All Other Local Revenue	1700-1999	\$947.00	\$947.00	
State:Salary Supplement	3510	\$57,303.00	\$57,303.00	
Rev.from Other State Agencies	3995	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Federal Reimb-Lunch	4510	\$1,416,020.45	\$1,310,706.05	\$105
Federal Reimb-Breakfast	4511	\$507,996.28	\$470,781.24	\$37
Federal Reimb-CACFP	4512	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Federal Reimb-Snack	4513	\$4,668.30	\$4,668.30	
Other Revenues	4520-4899,4995	\$87,738.73	\$82,182.34	\$5
Value-USDA (food) Received	4900(Note:Must Report)	\$87,627.66	\$74,454.44	\$13
Other Revenues:Transfer In	5200-5299	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other	5300-5995	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues & Other Sources		\$2,183,592.17	\$2,022,361.62	\$161
EXPENDITURES				
Labor	100-299	\$690,336.10	\$877,290.01	\$13
Purchased Food Value - USDA Received	630	\$1,088,553.38	\$1,088,683.38	
	635(Note:Must Report) 730-735	\$87,627.66	\$74,454.44	\$13
Equipment > \$5,000		\$0.00	\$0.00	
All Other	300-735*	\$178,759.44	\$168,659.96	\$10
Indirect Costs	880	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfers Out	930	\$0.00	\$0.00	***
Total Expenditures & Other Uses		\$2,045,276.58 \$138,315.59	\$2,009,087.75 \$13,273.83	\$36 \$125
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		\$138,315.59	\$13,273.83	\$123
BALANCE SHEET				
Cash Balance	101-103	\$2,170,380.93	\$2,170,464.71	
Change Fund	104	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Investments	111	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accounts Receivables	114 -153	\$148,085.83	\$0.00	\$148
Value-Purchased Food Invt.	171	\$28,129.13	\$80,205.84	-\$32
Inventory of Resale	172	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Value-USDA Food Inventory	173	\$14,185.56	\$6,520.13	\$7
Other Assets Total Assets	174-199 & 231-242	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$2,237,220,68	****
	401-421 & 423-498	\$2,360,811.45 \$85,580.05	\$2,237,220.68 \$55.665.85	\$123 \$9
Accounts Payable			***************************************	
Accrued Salary / Benefits	422	\$84,255.44	\$51,209.35	\$13
Other Liabilities	499	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Invested in Capital Assets,Net	711	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Reserved Fund Balance	753-798	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Reserved for Inventory	751	\$42,314.69	\$88,725.97	-\$24
Net Worth	721,730,740,799	\$2,188,661.27	\$2,063,619.51	\$125
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	+	\$2,360,811.45	\$2,237,220.68	\$123
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# Error Checking – SNS DE 46 Comparison Report





# **School Food Service Inventory**

- Verify accuracy of balance sheet accounts
  - 600-0171 Inventory for Consumption
  - 600-0173 USDA Inventory
- Balances should not have a negative (credit) balance
- Reconciliation issues stem from lack of adjustment from purchase to consumption method
- Allowable methods to account for inventories under GAAP
  - Purchase
    - All inventory acquisitions charged as expenditures when purchased
    - Purchased food and donated commodity inventory balances are updated each month by journal entry based on a physical inventory count.
  - Consumption
    - All inventory acquisitions charged to the inventory asset account in the general ledger at the time of purchase
- Conversion from the purchase method to the consumption method requires the expenditure account (obj code 630) to be credited (reduced) for the amount of the change in inventory during the period and debit Non-Spendable FB (0751)



## Purchase Order Deadline

- Set a reasonable deadline for submission of purchase orders for FY 2025 budget.
- Invoices cannot be set up as an Accounts Payable if goods or services are received after June 30th.
- Cannot claim an expense if outside of the grant period of availability.
- Review open purchase orders for any that need to be
  - Closed (Goods/services less than anticipated)
  - Cancelled



# Bank Reconciliations are Important

Required for external auditor's review – The external auditors will <u>always</u> examine the LEA's ending bank reconciliation & check the date performed as part of their testing procedures.

Failure to reconcile MAY result in unposted or incorrect posting of revenues and expenditures transactions.

Failure to reconcile TIMELY can worsen the process of reconciliation making it more difficult and sometimes very problematic to complete.

Failure to reconcile timely results in <u>unreliable</u> monthly reporting to the Superintendent and Board. Are the expenditures correct? All receipts posted? What is the true bottom line?



### **Bank Account Recons**

#### Reconciliation of Cash

Reconcile cash by fund and by bank for month-end. The balance in the general ledger balance sheet account 0101 for a fund includes cash in all banks for that fund. The financial activity for the month should not be closed with the cash out of balance. Reconciliations should be completed by the 20th of the following month.

Review the outstanding check lists for each bank account. If checks are outstanding more than six months, please review to determine appropriate action.

If payroll checks have been outstanding for at least one year, the amounts outstanding should be remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue's Unclaimed Property Division with the required form and information. If Accounts Payable Checks are outstanding for 5 years or more, those amounts should be returned to Department of Revenue. For detailed guidance please see information on the Georgia Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property website.

Any reconciling items between the general ledger and the bank statement should be corrected on the general ledger prior to closing the financial reporting month in the accounting software. Holder Reporting | Department of Revenue

Unclaimed Property FAQs and Other Resources | Department of Revenue



# **School Activity Accounts**

- Review activity account classifications.
- Set a deadline for receipt of financial reports from each school.
  - Financial reports should be detailed by activity
  - Map to the SCOA in order to post to the general ledger
- School activity accounts are required to be reported on the DE 46 Annual Financial Report.



# **Employee Payroll Withholding - Fund 199**

- After all payments are made, look for balances in Fund 199.
- Review each balance to gain an understanding of the specifics about each.
  - waiting on credit
  - something recorded incorrectly
- Revenues and Expenditures should tie.
- Cash and Payables should equal.

Do not wait until year end to clean up balances in Fund 199.



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# **Payroll Reconciliations**

Some LEAs pay by invoice and some by payroll reports.

- SHBP/ADP
  - Reconcile payroll reports/payment to the invoice in SHRT to verify accuracy
  - Update and maintain the form for variances, if applicable
  - Maintain documentation for audits
- GA Breeze (Flexible Benefits)
  - Not all districts utilize GA Breeze. However, they will have contracts with other benefit providers to reconcile.
- Retirement Deductions (TRS, ERS, PSERS)
  - Match deduction reports to files created

Are reconciliations up-to-date?



# Salary & Travel Reconciliation

- Reconcile the CS-1 Report to the Salary and Travel object codes posted on the general ledger
  - Transparency in Government Act (TIGA) O.C.G.A. §50-9-32
- Have a method of tracking/documenting any travel reverted to income
  - According to the Statewide Accounting Policy and Procedures which refers to IRS Regulations in 26 CFR 1.62-2:

"Expenses submitted more than 60 calendar days after completion of the trip or event, if reimbursed, should be included in the traveler's IRS Form W-2 as taxable income."

- If it reverts to income and is reported on W-2, the travel expenses are reported as salaries on the CS-1 submitted to DOAA
- Any reimbursements above what is set by the U.S. General Services Administration may be treated as taxable income.
- Routinely monitor mileage reimbursement rates
  - Must follow those set by the State Accounting Office O.C.G.A. §50-9-17
  - Travel Reimbursement Rates can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive.



### **Drawdowns**

- A monthly general ledger report or excel spreadsheet to review prior to entering DE 147 every month
- Keep documentation for auditors
- Revenue must match your expenditures
- Do not include encumbrances in drawdown request
- Ensure your revenue receipts are posted timely
- Verify total revenue posted to date by pulling DE 147 list from **GAORS**
- Remember if a budget has not been approved for a grant, the revenue and expenditures cannot be reported



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## **Capital Assets**

 Reconcile Capital Asset additions tracked in software module to expenditures posted in object codes

710	LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT	750	Purchase of Infrastructure
715	LAND IMPROVEMENTS	754	Leased Asset Expense - Present Value
720	BUILDING ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMEN	755	Leased Information Technology Asset Expense - Present Value
730	PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT - OTHER THAN BUSES AND COMPU	756	SBITAs Asset Expense - Present Value
732	PURCHASE OR LEASE-PURCHASE OF BUSES	757	Financed Purchase Arrangement Expense -
734	PURCHASE OR LEASE-PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT - TECHNOLOGY RELATED		Present Value

• For purchases not meeting capitalization thresholds coded to the above object codes, reclassify elsewhere.

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Purchase of Software to be Capitalized

### **Transfers In and Transfers Out**

The concept of "Transfer In" and "Transfer Out" relates to all interfund transfers, which are legally authorized transfers between funds.

TRANSFERS-IN	TRANSFERS-OUT		
Classified separately from revenues	Classified separately from expenditures.		
Coded to Revenue Account 5200.  Coded to Expenditure Account 5000-930.			
NOTE: Expenditure Account <u>5000-930</u> MUST balance with Transfers In Revenue Account <u>5200</u> in Total for All Funds.			

• If one fund reports a Transfer Out, then another fund should report a Transfer In. If the interfund transfers are out of balance, this will be an **ERROR** on the DE46 that must be corrected prior to the transmission.



## **Balance Sheet Review**

- Run a balance sheet for each fund
- Can you able to identify what makes up the balances?
- Monitor Fund Balance deficits
- Review Interfund Cash/Pooled Cash
- Review Interfund AR/AP Balances



## Let's Discuss!

### **Question 1:**

When do you start working on reviewing capital assets? What processes have you put in place to ensure changes in capital assets are properly reflected on the DE 46?



## Let's Discuss!

### **Question 2:**

What are some challenges you have encountered during year end close? What processes have you put in place to mitigate these challenges?



# **Any Questions**





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