

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

STATEWIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

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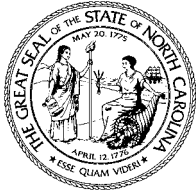
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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor
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The State Board of Education
The Honorable Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson, State Superintendent
Department of Public Instruction

As part of our audit of the State of North Carolina's financial statements, we have audited selected elements of the Department of Public Instruction's financial statements, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012. Our audit was performed by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*. We conducted the 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 audit objective was to render an opinion on the State of North Carolina's financial statements and not the Department's financial statements. However, the report included herein is in relation to our audit scope at the Department and not to the State of North Carolina as a whole. The State Auditor expresses an opinion on the State's financial statements in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* published by the North Carolina Office of State Controller.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed in the back of this report.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth A. Wood".

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**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**

The State Board of Education
and Management of the Department of Public Instruction

As part of our audit of the State of North Carolina's financial statements, we have audited selected elements of the Department of Public Instruction's financial statements, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012. Our report on the State of North Carolina's financial statements is included in the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. Our financial statement audit scope at the Department of Public Instruction included the following:

- General Fund

The audit results described below are in relation to our audit scope at the Department and not to the State of North Carolina as a whole.

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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Department's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Department's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the State's financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting.

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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

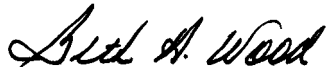
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Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses, and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the State's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Department's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the State Board of Education, others within the entity, the Governor, the General Assembly, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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December 3, 2012

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This audit required 747 audit hours at an approximate cost of \$53,784. The cost represents 0.01367% of the Department's \$394 million in total assets for the general fund subjected to audit and 0.00052% of the Department's \$10.3 billion in total expenses for the general fund subjected to audit.