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MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR

Honorable Michael L. Parson, Governor
and
Members of the General Assembly
and
Wayne Wallingford, Director
Department of Revenue
and
Jan M. Zimmerman, Chairman
Missouri Gaming Commission
and
Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Jefferson City, Missouri

To address our responsibilities of Section 313.822(3), RSMo, we have audited the revenues of and the transfers from the Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund to the Classroom Trust Fund and the expenditures from that fund, as part of our audit of the State of Missouri's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report (Report No. 2024-023), dated March 14, 2024.

Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund revenues consist of taxes collected from Missouri casinos. No expenditures occur from the Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund. Revenue from that fund is transferred to the Classroom Trust Fund (over 99 percent) and the School District Bond Fund (less than 1 percent). The State of Missouri's ACFR is comprised of the financial statements of the governmental activities (including the Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund and the Classroom Trust Fund), the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund (including the Public Education Fund, which includes the Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund and the Classroom Trust Fund), and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of Missouri, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Our report expressed qualified opinions on the governmental activities and the General Fund because we were not allowed access to tax returns and related source documents for income taxes. Our report expressed unmodified opinions on all remaining opinion units.

Our audit determined the appropriation and expenditures from the Classroom Trust Fund decreased less than 1 percent from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, and the appropriation was used for educational purposes. Because Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund revenues increased in recent years and transfer appropriations remained the same, the balance grew to approximately \$67 million as of June 30, 2023. Accordingly, this amount will remain in the fund until appropriations are increased to allow the balance to

be transferred in accordance with statute. No findings resulted from our audit procedures related to the Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund and the Classroom Trust Fund.

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State Auditor