



Report Highlights

Department of Education

MICHAEL J. "MIKE"
WAGUESPACK, CPA

Audit Control # 80210051
Financial Audit Services • June 2022

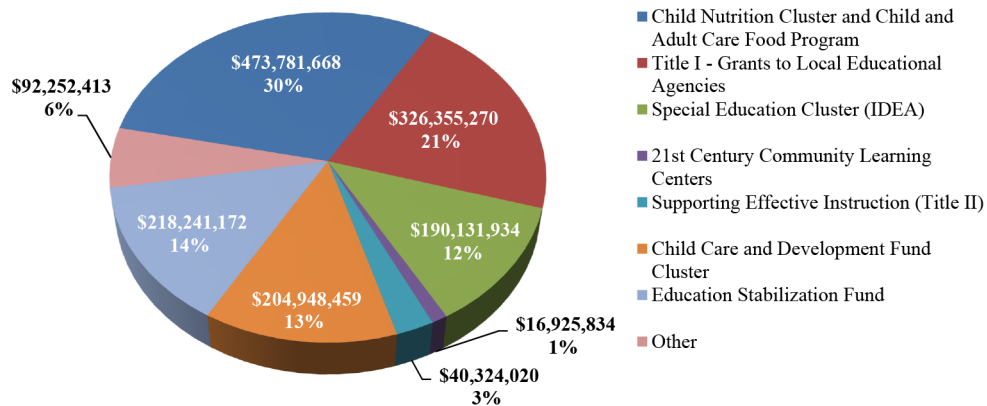
Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed certain procedures at the Department of Education (DOE) as a part of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the State of Louisiana, the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana, and to evaluate DOE's accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

What We Found

- A former DOE employee misappropriated \$74,250 of Child Care Assistance Program funds by manipulating provider information and submitting and receiving payments for four alleged fraudulent grant applications.
- DOE incorrectly reported Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) expenditures totaling \$70,776,142 as National School Lunch Program (NSLP) expenditures on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. This caused amounts provided to non-state subrecipients to be understated for CACFP and overstated for NSLP by \$70,684,713.
- DOE did not comply with Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting requirements. For the Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I) program, DOE did not enter 554 subawards of \$30,000 or more totaling \$913,820,832 into the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). For the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund program, DOE did not report two subawards totaling \$91,372 to FSRS, reported incorrect obligation dates for 19 subawards, did not submit reports timely for 39 subawards, and reported the amounts for 29 subawards totaling \$18,037,310 twice.
- DOE provided supplemental payments totaling \$2,663,507 to participating schools in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (Scholarship Program) without ensuring those payments did not exceed the maximum payments allowed under the Louisiana Administrative Code and did not submit the annual report on the Scholarship Program to State legislative committees and individual legislators within the timeframe required by state law.
- As shown below, we prepared an analysis of fiscal year 2021 federal program expenditures at DOE.

Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Expenditures, by Program



Source: Fiscal Year 2021 SEFA

View the full report, including management's responses, at www.la.gov.