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This report provides a summary of significant financial trends and findings identified in the audits of the 67 district school boards. For the 2012-13 fiscal year, audits of 47 school districts were performed by our office and audits of 20 school districts were performed by other independent certified public accountants (CPAs). The audit reports prepared by the other independent CPAs were required to be filed with us no later than March 31, 2014.

Significant Financial Trends

- At June 30, 2013, school districts Statewide had an average level of general fund total assigned and unassigned fund balance that was 10.62 percent of general fund revenues (financial condition ratio), which represents a 1.62 percentage point decrease compared to the average financial condition ratio for the previous fiscal year. Of the 67 school districts, 5 had ratios that were below 3 percent at June 30, 2013. In these circumstances, these school districts had significantly less resources available for emergencies and unforeseen situations than other school districts.

Significant Findings

- The audit reports for 61 of 67 school districts included audit findings addressing weaknesses in internal control; instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or additional matters. Audit reports of four school districts included one or more findings considered to be material weaknesses, which represents a decrease compared to the eight audit reports that included material weaknesses for the previous fiscal year. Of the four audit reports, one also cited an instance of material noncompliance.