



# Report Highlights

## Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

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### Why We Conducted This Work

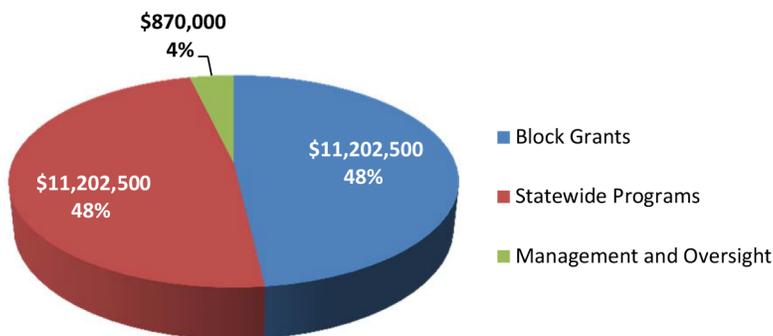
We performed certain procedures at the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to evaluate certain controls BESE uses to ensure accurate financial reporting, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to provide overall accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2017, through March 27, 2019.

### What We Found

We evaluated controls and transactions relating to Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund (LEQTF) [8(g) program] monitoring, professional services contracts, payroll expenditures, and non-payroll expenditures. We found these controls provided reasonable assurance of accountability over public funds for the period examined.

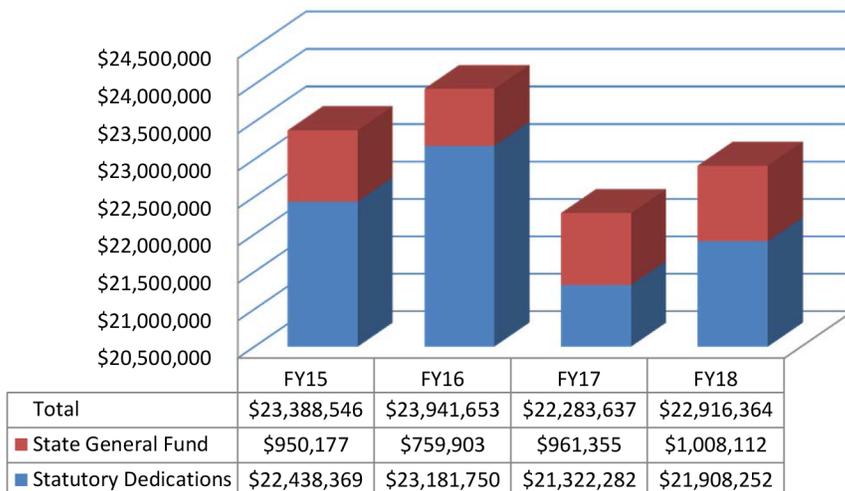
- BESE and the Board of Regents are beneficiaries of the revenue earned by the 8(g) program through its investment income, capital gains and losses, and royalty income, which varies depending on market conditions. BESE approves the allocation of its share of the revenues among block and statewide grants, and management and oversight (see Exhibit 1). Each year, program monitors evaluate a percentage of the funded projects for program effectiveness.
- BESE's primary source of revenue is statutory dedications for the 8(g) program. As shown in Exhibit 2, the amount of 8(g) revenue, which is based on actual collections in the LEQTF, varies from year to year.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Allocation of 8(g) Program Funds**  
**Fiscal Year 2019 - Total: \$23,275,000**



Source: FY19 8(g) Annual Program and Budget

**Exhibit 2**  
**Revenue - Fiscal Years 2015 through 2018**



Source: Integrated Statewide Information System Reports