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# THOMAS LOWERY, CPA

Accounting Manager III

## PROFILE

A dedicated and analytical professional with a strong background in accounting, auditing, and data analysis. Passionate about music, language, and church involvement. Thrives in self-paced environments with clear deadlines and excels both independently and in team settings. Experienced in mentoring and sharing knowledge, always seeking opportunities to expand skills and continuously learn.

## CONTACT

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## HOBBIES/VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Church Treasurer for two small churches  
Volunteer Song Leader  
Volunteer Pianist

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### DeKalb County School District, Accounting Manager III

November 2023-Present

- Manages general accounting and compliance with federal, state, and GaDOE regulations while optimizing fund integrity.
- Oversees accounting staff development, oversees district-wide bookkeeper training, and assists other divisions and groups with accounting issues.
- Oversees the team that reviews and adjusts financial data, maintains proper classification, and updates the district's chart of accounts.
- Supports the district's full transition to MUNIS by developing and implementing new and innovative policies, ensuring compliance with financial regulations, troubleshooting system issues, and training staff on updated procedures.

### DeKalb County School District, Financial Reporting Acct III

January 2023-November 2023

- Reviewed and compiled financial data to create reports for external and internal stakeholders, including Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports, Monthly Financial Reports to the Board, and various reports for Federal Programs offices.
- Helped facilitate annual financial and single audits and assisted with fulfilling audit requests for SPLOST audits, various Federal Programs, etc.
- Reviewed and performed more intricate and non-routine journal entries when necessary.
- Worked on special board presentations for other divisions or open records requests from the public when needed.
- Led district-wide bookkeeper trainings for the Financial Reporting Group.

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## EDUCATION

### Middle Georgia State University, BSBA-Accounting & MSM-Accounting

August 2014 – May 2019

- Graduate GPA: 4.0
- Undergraduate GPA: 3.94

## SKILLS

- **Proficient in Microsoft Excel**, including Pivot Tables, IF functions, large data set management, exported ledgers, Macros, and advanced data analysis.
- **Extensive experience with accounting systems**, using MUNIS and Crosspointe daily for financial management and reporting.
- **Skilled in client interviews**, with experience conducting fraud investigations, internal control walkthroughs, and process evaluations.
- **Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite**, including Word, PowerPoint, and OneNote, with working knowledge of Microsoft Project.



## **WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**

### **Dekalb County School District, Capital Outlay Acct III**

[January 2022-January 2023](#)

- Performed analysis of SPLOST expenditures throughout the year via ledger exports and invoice review, performing reclassifications of misclassified expenditures if needed.
- Recorded Construction-in-Progress amounts and performed adjusting entries to align the ledger with year-end Financial Statement amounts.
- Assisted in other work within the Capital Assets Team, such as inventories, reconciliation of the Project Ledger subsidiary ledger, and review of possible capital assets throughout the year.
- Assisted accounting and financial reporting teams with year-end clean-up entries and other special assignments related to the yearly External Audit.

### **Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, Staff Auditor I & II**

[August 2019-January 2022](#)

- Performed Yellow Book/Single Audit Financial and Federal Compliance audits and attestation engagements for State agencies, Boards of Education, and colleges. In accordance with GAGAS standards.
- Worked as part of a team on multiple sections of engagements and multiple engagements at a time.
- Engaged in risk assessment procedures and helped design specific procedures to address added areas of risk.

### **Middle Georgia State University, School of Business Tutor**

[August 2017-May 2019](#)

- Accounting classes specifically tutored: Principles 1 & 2, Intermediate 1, 2, & 3, Tax Accounting 1 & 2, Auditing, Cost Accounting, Accounting Information Systems, and Advanced Accounting.