

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY  
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

**SINGLE AUDIT**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Clear Fork Valley Local School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

**May 23, 2025**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Clear Fork Valley Local School District  
Richland County  
211 School Street  
Bellville, Ohio 44813

To the Members of the Board of Education:

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit assets and liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions, and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 29, 2025 on our consideration of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 29, 2025

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

The management's discussion and analysis of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities increased \$1,182,718 which represents a 5.71% increase from 2023's net position.
- General revenues accounted for \$19,265,908 in revenue or 82.03% of all revenues. Program specific revenues, in the form of charges for services and sales and grants and contributions accounted for \$4,220,462 or 17.97% of total revenues of \$23,486,370.
- The District had \$22,303,652 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$4,220,462 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and grants and contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes, restricted grants and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$19,265,908 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the capital projects fund. The general fund had \$20,568,450 in revenues and \$19,696,499 in expenditures and other financing uses. The general fund had an increase in the reserve for inventory for 2024 of \$13,100. During fiscal 2024, the general fund's fund balance increased \$885,051 from a fund balance of \$5,718,776 to \$6,603,827.
- The capital projects fund had \$55,000 in other financing sources and \$250,000 in other financing uses. During fiscal 2024, the capital projects fund's fund balance decreased \$195,000 from a fund balance of \$3,350,902 to \$3,155,902.

**Using the Basic Financial Statements (BFS)**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *statement of net position* and *statement of activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund and the capital projects fund are by far the most significant funds, and the only governmental funds reported as major funds.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Reporting the District as a Whole**

***Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities***

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2024?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's *net position* and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the *financial position* of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

***Fund Financial Statements***

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 13. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the capital projects fund.

***Governmental Funds***

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* than can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed *short-term* view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental *funds* is reconciled in the basic financial statements.

***Proprietary Funds***

The District maintains a proprietary fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the District's various functions. The District's internal service fund accounts for employee benefits self-insurance.

***Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities***

The District acts in a trustee capacity as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units. These activities are reported in custodial funds. The District's fiduciary activities are reported in a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations.

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements***

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

***Required Supplementary Information***

The required supplementary information provides detailed information regarding the District's general fund budgetary information, the proportionate share of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset of the retirement system and a ten year schedule of the District's contributions to the retirement systems to fund pension and OPEB obligations.

**The District as a Whole**

The statement of net position provides the perspective of the District as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

	Net Position	
	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 24,185,767	\$ 23,080,777
Capital assets, net	<u>35,937,850</u>	<u>36,647,912</u>
Total assets	<u>60,123,617</u>	<u>59,728,689</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>		
Pension	3,216,207	3,718,623
OPEB	<u>613,058</u>	<u>319,187</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,829,265</u>	<u>4,037,810</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current liabilities	2,788,678	2,776,218
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	1,605,143	1,487,543
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	15,731,725	15,868,234
Net OPEB liability	1,044,168	877,415
Other amounts	<u>10,430,271</u>	<u>11,970,800</u>
Total liabilities	<u>31,599,985</u>	<u>32,980,210</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>		
Property taxes levied for next year	7,106,366	5,368,778
Pension	1,477,868	2,361,659
OPEB	<u>1,866,835</u>	<u>2,336,742</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,451,069</u>	<u>10,067,179</u>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Net investment in capital assets	25,682,246	25,480,501
Restricted	3,440,526	2,817,674
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(7,220,944)</u>	<u>(7,579,065)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 21,901,828</u>	<u>\$ 20,719,110</u>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the District at June 30, 2024 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." The District also adopted GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to equal the District's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service.
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits.

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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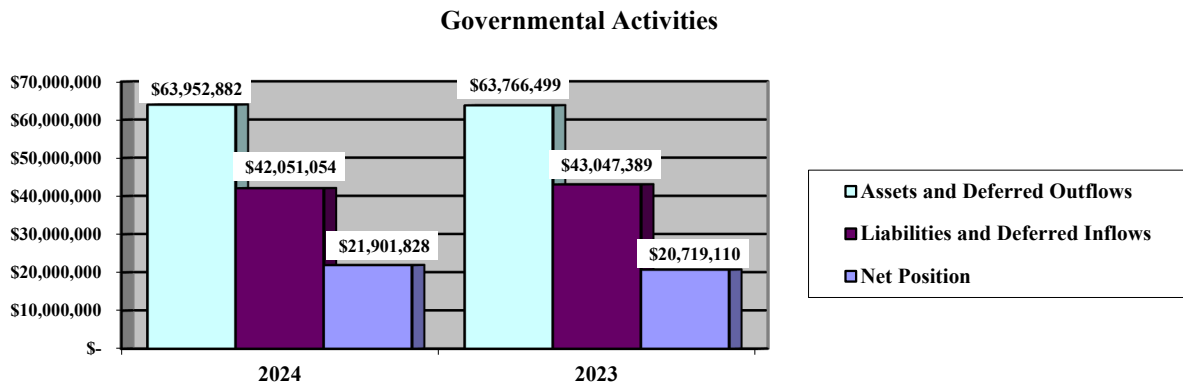
In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the District's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2024, the District's assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by \$21,901,828.

At year-end, capital assets represented 59.77% of total assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and intangible right to use assets. Net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2024 was \$25,682,246. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net position, \$3,440,526 represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position was a deficit of \$7,220,944.

The graph below shows the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The table below shows the change in net position for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

	<b><u>Change in Net Position</u></b>	
	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,023,892	\$ 1,002,178
Operating grants and contributions	3,196,570	3,692,997
Capital grants and contributions	-	88,458
General revenues:		
Property taxes	6,885,706	6,630,629
Income taxes	2,808,306	2,731,965
Grants and entitlements	8,860,274	8,366,853
Investment earnings	625,049	223,706
Other	86,573	33,679
Total revenues	<u>23,486,370</u>	<u>22,770,465</u>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Program expenses:		
Instruction:		
Regular	8,396,609	8,333,102
Special	3,537,131	3,263,702
Vocational	483,941	465,178
Other	187,368	62,244
Support services:		
Pupil	1,052,606	905,249
Instructional staff	750,774	749,586
Board of education	155,279	161,174
Administration	1,406,803	1,544,302
Fiscal	578,818	508,637
Operations and maintenance	2,143,946	2,358,901
Pupil transportation	1,295,710	1,142,257
Central	31,230	70,672
Operation of non-instructional services:		
Food service operations	924,602	859,201
Other non-instructional services	139,760	15,117
Extracurricular activities	783,182	815,446
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>435,893</u>	<u>512,659</u>
Total expenses	<u>22,303,652</u>	<u>21,767,427</u>
Change in net position	1,182,718	1,003,038
Net position at beginning of year	<u>20,719,110</u>	<u>19,716,072</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 21,901,828</u>	<u>\$ 20,719,110</u>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Governmental Activities**

Net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$1,182,718. Total governmental expenses of \$22,303,652 were offset by program revenues of \$4,220,462 and general revenues of \$19,265,908. Program revenues supported 18.92% of the total governmental expenses.

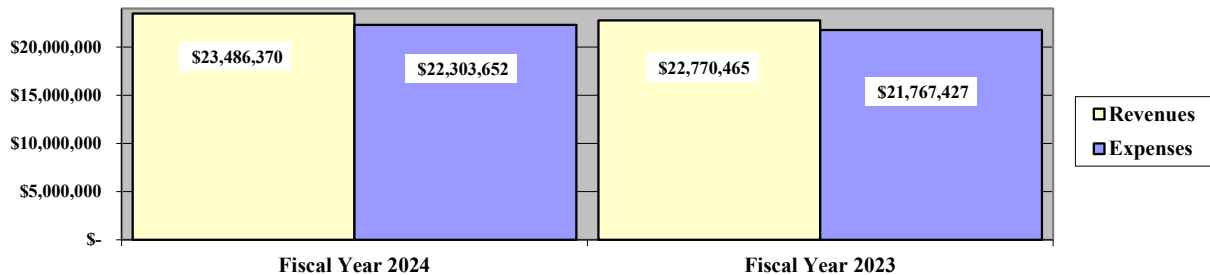
Overall, expenses of the governmental activities increased \$536,225 or 2.46%. This increase is primarily the result of an increase in operating expenses during fiscal year 2024.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes, income taxes, and grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 79.00% of total governmental revenue.

The largest expense of the District is for instructional programs. Instruction expenses totaled \$12,605,049 or 56.52% of total governmental expenses for fiscal year 2024.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenues and expenses for 2024 and 2023.

**Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses**



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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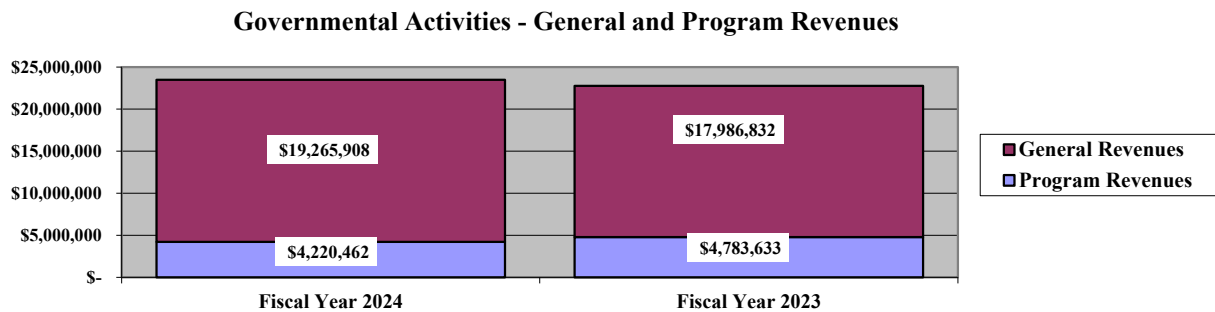
The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. The total and net costs of services for fiscal years 2024 and 2023 are presented below.

**Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services 2024	Net Cost of Services 2024	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost of Services 2023
<b>Program expenses</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 8,396,609	\$ 8,181,525	\$ 8,333,102	\$ 7,647,444
Special	3,537,131	1,941,967	3,263,702	1,696,705
Vocational	483,941	360,885	465,178	314,381
Other	187,368	(663)	62,244	(1,269)
Support services:				
Pupil	1,052,606	769,780	905,249	497,658
Instructional staff	750,774	742,784	749,586	742,386
Board of education	155,279	155,279	161,174	161,174
Administration	1,406,803	1,406,803	1,544,302	1,544,302
Fiscal	578,818	578,818	508,637	508,637
Operations and maintenance	2,143,946	1,943,621	2,358,901	1,987,908
Pupil transportation	1,295,710	835,363	1,142,257	875,989
Central	31,230	31,230	70,672	34,777
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	924,602	127,708	859,201	69,892
Other non-instructional services	139,760	139,760	15,117	4,009
Extracurricular activities	783,182	432,437	815,446	387,142
Interest and fiscal charges	435,893	435,893	512,659	512,659
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,303,652</b>	<b>\$ 18,083,190</b>	<b>\$ 21,767,427</b>	<b>\$ 16,983,794</b>

The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 83.17% of instructional activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 81.08%. The District's taxpayers and unrestricted grants and entitlements from the State are by far the primary support for District's students.

The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue for fiscal year 2024 and 2023.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**The District's Funds**

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,155,803, which is higher than last year's total of \$11,984,443. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2024</u>	Fund Balance <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
General	\$ 6,603,827	\$ 5,718,776	\$ 885,051
Capital projects	3,155,902	3,350,902	(195,000)
Nonmajor governmental	<u>2,396,074</u>	<u>2,914,765</u>	<u>(518,691)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,155,803</u>	<u>\$ 11,984,443</u>	<u>\$ 171,360</u>

**General Fund**

The District's general fund's fund balance increased by \$885,051, which includes the \$13,100 increase in reserve for inventory. The general fund had transfers out of \$1,129,357 of which \$691,825 was for debt service.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the financial activities and fund balance of the general fund.

	<u>2024 Amount</u>	<u>2023 Amount</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Property taxes	\$ 6,493,777	\$ 6,038,195	7.55 %
Income taxes	2,794,942	2,740,512	1.99 %
Intergovernmental	10,261,606	9,630,133	6.56 %
Investment earnings	601,699	202,164	197.63 %
Tuition and fees	258,316	142,145	81.73 %
Other revenues	<u>158,110</u>	<u>111,504</u>	41.80 %
Total	<u>\$ 20,568,450</u>	<u>\$ 18,864,653</u>	9.03 %
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Instruction	\$ 11,455,732	\$ 10,573,737	8.34 %
Support services	6,835,761	6,510,781	4.99 %
Operation of non-instructional services	139,078	4,814	2,789.03 %
Extracurricular activities	136,571	118,530	15.22 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>-</u>	<u>1,870</u>	(100.00) %
Total	<u>\$ 18,567,142</u>	<u>\$ 17,209,732</u>	7.89 %

Overall, revenues of the general fund remained comparable to the prior fiscal year with an increase of \$1,703,797 or 9.03%. The increase in investment earnings is attributable to the fair value adjustment recorded at June 30, 2024 on the District's investments and an increase in interest rates during fiscal year 2024. Tuition and fees revenues increased due to changes in the state foundation funding model. Other revenues increased due to an increase in extracurricular revenue, rental income, and other miscellaneous revenues received during fiscal year 2024 compared to 2023.

The overall expenditures increased approximately 7.89%. General inflationary trends contributed to higher costs for purchased services and materials and supplies.

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

***Capital Projects Fund***

The capital projects fund had net \$195,000 in other financing sources/uses. During fiscal 2024, the capital projects fund's fund balance decreased \$195,000 from a fund balance of \$3,350,902 to \$3,155,902. This fund is to be used for the District's new elementary school projects.

***General Fund Budgeting Highlights***

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal year 2024, the general fund's original revenues and other financing sources of \$19,412,000 were \$540,000 less than final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$19,952,000. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2024 were \$20,957,947. This represents a \$1,005,947 increase from final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations (appropriated expenditures and other financing uses) of \$20,362,888 were \$140,000 less than final budgeted expenditures and other financing uses of \$20,502,888. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2024 totaled \$19,751,596, which was \$751,292 less than the final budget appropriations.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

***Capital Assets***

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the District had \$35,937,850 invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and intangible right to use assets. The entire amount is reported in governmental activities. The following table shows June 30, 2024 balances compared to June 30, 2023:

**Capital Assets at June 30  
(Net of Depreciation/Amortization)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 585,639	\$ 585,639
Construction in progress	-	536,461
Land improvements	3,975,231	4,095,791
Buildings and improvements	27,110,573	27,028,279
Furniture and equipment	3,273,389	3,460,670
Vehicles	873,836	761,283
Intangible right to use - software	119,182	179,789
Total	<u>\$ 35,937,850</u>	<u>\$ 36,647,912</u>

Total additions to capital assets for 2024 were \$638,930. Depreciation/amortization expense for fiscal year 2024 was \$1,348,992, which resulted in a \$710,062 overall decrease of the District's capital assets.

See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

***Debt Administration***

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$9,953,453 in general obligation bonds. Of this total, \$1,456,607 is due within one year and \$8,496,846 is due in greater than one year. The following table summarizes the debt outstanding.

	<b>Outstanding Debt, at Year End</b>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 9,953,453	\$ 11,452,161
Certificates of participation	<u>-</u>	<u>595,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,953,453</u>	<u>\$ 12,047,161</u>

See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

**Current Financial Related Activities**

The District is proud of its two newly constructed K-5 Elementary Facilities in the Villages of Bellville and Butler. The High School / Middle School has seen a number of renovations over the years, and most recently added cooling to the Middle School 2nd floor. All facilities have been updated with LED lights, and security upgrades. The athletic facilities are also up to date with new football, baseball, and softball field turf.

The District has a 1.75 mill continuing permanent improvement property tax levy. In addition, there is a 1% income tax that is in effect until 2037. A portion of the income tax goes to re-pay the construction of the two elementaries. Property values are increasing, and the tax rate is at the 20 mill floor.

The two largest expenditures are staff wages and benefits. These two costs alone equal approximately 85% of all expenses. Efforts will need to be made to address the cost of health insurance and plans offered. The general fund balance has improved in recent years with additional grants from Federal COVID programs and a variety of State grants. The District administration continues to stay diligent with its goal to operate within the resources provided.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Mr. Jon Mason, Treasurer at 211 School Street, Bellville, Ohio 44813, 419-886-3855.

BASIC  
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**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 12,507,804
Cash with fiscal agent	899,368
Receivables:	
Property taxes	8,205,967
Income taxes	1,155,038
Accounts	30,680
Accrued interest	48,817
Intergovernmental	111,517
Prepayments	86,351
Materials and supplies inventory	19,202
Inventory held for resale	6,902
Net OPEB asset	1,114,121
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable/amortized capital assets	585,639
Depreciable/amortized capital assets, net	35,352,211
Capital assets, net	35,937,850
Total assets	<u>60,123,617</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	
Pension	3,216,207
OPEB	613,058
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,829,265</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	29,199
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,608,580
Intergovernmental payable	154,019
Pension and postemployment benefits payable	271,084
Accrued interest payable	27,568
Unearned revenue	98,813
Claims payable	599,415
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	1,605,143
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability	15,731,725
Net OPEB liability	1,044,168
Other amounts due in more than one year	10,430,271
Total liabilities	<u>31,599,985</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	7,106,366
Pension	1,477,868
OPEB	1,866,835
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,451,069</u>
<b>Net position:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	25,682,246
Restricted for:	
OPEB	1,114,121
Capital improvements	873,167
Classroom facilities maintenance	631,390
Food service operations	134,399
State funded programs	70,680
Federally funded programs	4,265
Extracurricular	583,278
Other purposes	29,226
Unrestricted (deficit)	(7,220,944)
Total net position	<u>\$ 21,901,828</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		<b>Program Revenues</b>		<b>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 8,396,609	\$ 120,726	\$ 94,358	\$ (8,181,525)
Special	3,537,131	137,590	1,457,574	(1,941,967)
Vocational	483,941	-	123,056	(360,885)
Other	187,368	-	188,031	663
Support services:				
Pupil	1,052,606	2,923	279,903	(769,780)
Instructional staff	750,774	-	7,990	(742,784)
Board of education	155,279	-	-	(155,279)
Administration	1,406,803	-	-	(1,406,803)
Fiscal	578,818	-	-	(578,818)
Operations and maintenance	2,143,946	48,357	151,968	(1,943,621)
Pupil transportation	1,295,710	8,537	451,810	(835,363)
Central	31,230	-	-	(31,230)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	924,602	366,175	430,719	(127,708)
Other non-instructional services	139,760	-	-	(139,760)
Extracurricular activities	783,182	339,584	11,161	(432,437)
Interest and fiscal charges	435,893	-	-	(435,893)
Totals	<u>\$ 22,303,652</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,892</u>	<u>\$ 3,196,570</u>	<u>(18,083,190)</u>
<b>General revenues:</b>				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				6,557,016
Capital outlay				222,853
Classroom facilities maintenance				105,837
Income taxes levied for:				
General purposes				2,808,306
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				8,860,274
Investment earnings				625,049
Miscellaneous				86,573
Total general revenues				<u>19,265,908</u>
Change in net position				1,182,718
<b>Net position at beginning of year</b>				<u>20,719,110</u>
<b>Net position at end of year</b>				<u>\$ 21,901,828</u>

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**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>				
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 6,755,591	\$ 3,155,902	\$ 2,596,311	\$ 12,507,804
Receivables:				
Property taxes	7,838,577	-	367,390	8,205,967
Income taxes	1,155,038	-	-	1,155,038
Accounts	30,680	-	-	30,680
Accrued interest	48,817	-	-	48,817
Interfund loans	59,032	-	-	59,032
Intergovernmental	55,432	-	56,085	111,517
Prepayments	80,586	-	5,765	86,351
Materials and supplies inventory	19,133	-	69	19,202
Inventory held for resale	-	-	6,902	6,902
Due from other funds	11,310	-	-	11,310
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,054,196</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,902</u>	<u>\$ 3,032,522</u>	<u>\$ 22,242,620</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 28,949	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 29,199
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,554,448	-	54,132	1,608,580
Compensated absences payable	57,828	-	10,567	68,395
Early retirement incentive payable	10,000	-	-	10,000
Intergovernmental payable	153,350	-	669	154,019
Pension and postemployment benefits payable	244,137	-	26,947	271,084
Interfund loans payable	-	-	59,032	59,032
Due to other funds	-	-	11,310	11,310
Unearned revenue	-	-	98,813	98,813
Total liabilities	<u>2,048,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,720</u>	<u>2,310,432</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	6,788,472	-	317,894	7,106,366
Delinquent property tax revenue not available	343,577	-	16,390	359,967
Income tax revenue not available	215,610	-	-	215,610
Intergovernmental revenue not available	24,857	-	40,444	65,301
Accrued interest not available	14,654	-	-	14,654
Miscellaneous revenue not available	14,487	-	-	14,487
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>7,401,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>374,728</u>	<u>7,776,385</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>				
Nonspendable:				
Materials and supplies inventory	19,133	-	69	19,202
Prepayments	80,586	-	5,765	86,351
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	-	106,580	106,580
Capital improvements	-	-	856,777	856,777
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	-	631,390	631,390
Food service operations	-	-	152,912	152,912
State funded programs	-	-	70,680	70,680
Extracurricular	-	-	583,119	583,119
Other purposes	-	-	29,226	29,226
Committed:				
Capital improvements	-	3,155,902	-	3,155,902
Assigned:				
Student instruction	15,053	-	-	15,053
Student and staff support	97,967	-	-	97,967
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>6,391,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,444)</u>	<u>6,350,644</u>
Total fund balances	<u>6,603,827</u>	<u>3,155,902</u>	<u>2,396,074</u>	<u>12,155,803</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 16,054,196</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,902</u>	<u>\$ 3,032,522</u>	<u>\$ 22,242,620</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO  
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2024

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>		\$ 12,155,803
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		35,937,850
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.		
Delinquent property taxes receivable	\$ 359,967	
Income taxes receivable	215,610	
Accounts receivable	14,487	
Accrued interest receivable	14,654	
Intergovernmental receivable	65,301	
Total		670,019
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position.		299,953
Unamortized premiums on bonds issued are not recognized in the funds.		(302,151)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.		(27,568)
The net pension/OPEB assets & liabilities are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the assets, liabilities and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds.		
Deferred outflows - pension	3,216,207	
Deferred inflows - pension	(1,477,868)	
Net pension liability	(15,731,725)	
Deferred outflows - OPEB	613,058	
Deferred inflows - OPEB	(1,866,835)	
Net OPEB asset	1,114,121	
Net OPEB liability	(1,044,168)	
Total		(15,177,210)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
General obligation bonds	(10,716,607)	
Compensated absences	(938,261)	
Total		(11,654,868)
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>		<u><u>\$ 21,901,828</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>				
From local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 6,493,777	\$ -	\$ 327,725	\$ 6,821,502
Income taxes	2,794,942	-	-	2,794,942
Intergovernmental	10,261,606	-	2,115,381	12,376,987
Investment earnings	601,699	-	1,519	603,218
Tuition and fees	258,316	-	-	258,316
Extracurricular	54,668	-	306,075	360,743
Rental income	31,356	-	-	31,356
Charges for services	-	-	373,477	373,477
Contributions and donations	39,995	-	10,203	50,198
Miscellaneous	32,091	-	2,273	34,364
Total revenues	<u>20,568,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,136,653</u>	<u>23,705,103</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	7,915,502	-	90,656	8,006,158
Special	3,015,298	-	542,413	3,557,711
Vocational	488,134	-	-	488,134
Other	36,798	-	150,570	187,368
Support services:				
Pupil	1,024,817	-	39,235	1,064,052
Instructional staff	692,778	-	7,990	700,768
Board of education	155,807	-	-	155,807
Administration	1,492,483	-	-	1,492,483
Fiscal	573,413	-	7,573	580,986
Operations and maintenance	1,721,840	-	264,203	1,986,043
Pupil transportation	1,142,458	-	264,279	1,406,737
Central	32,165	-	-	32,165
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	-	-	889,302	889,302
Other non-instructional services	139,078	-	-	139,078
Extracurricular activities	136,571	-	638,275	774,846
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	276,334	276,334
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	700,640	700,640
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	1,107,681	1,107,681
Total expenditures	<u>18,567,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,979,151</u>	<u>23,546,293</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>2,001,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,842,498)</u>	<u>158,810</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Transfers in	-	55,000	1,359,357	1,414,357
Transfers (out)	(1,129,357)	(250,000)	(35,000)	(1,414,357)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,129,357)</u>	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>1,324,357</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	871,951	(195,000)	(518,141)	158,810
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year</b>	5,718,776	3,350,902	2,914,765	11,984,443
<b>Change in reserve for inventory</b>	13,100	-	(550)	12,550
<b>Fund balances at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 6,603,827</u>	<u>\$ 3,155,902</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,074</u>	<u>\$ 12,155,803</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>158,810</b>
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense.		
Capital asset additions	\$ 638,930	
Current year depreciation/amortization	(1,348,992)	
Total		(710,062)
Governmental funds report expenditures for inventory when purchased. However, in the statement of activities, they are reported as an expense when consumed.		
		12,550
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property taxes	64,204	
Income taxes	13,364	
Accounts receivable	14,487	
Earnings on investments	(1,483)	
Intergovernmental	(334,138)	
Total		(243,566)
Repayment of principal and accreted interest on long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		1,465,000
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. The following items resulted in additional interest being reported in the statement of activities:		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	2,084	
Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds	(134,446)	
Amortization of bond premiums	39,790	
Total		(92,572)
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows of resources.		
Pension	1,460,784	
OPEB	43,573	
Total		1,504,357
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability/asset are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.		
Pension	(942,900)	
OPEB	204,484	
Total		(738,416)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		130,185
An internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.		
		(303,568)
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,182,718</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash with fiscal agent	\$ 899,368
Total assets	899,368
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Claims payable	599,415
Total liabilities	599,415
<b>Net position:</b>	
Unrestricted	299,953
Total net position	\$ 299,953

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
Charges for services	\$ 5,875,822
Total operating revenues	<u>5,875,822</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Other operating expenses	1,193,536
Claims expense	<u>5,010,687</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>6,204,223</u>
Operating loss	<u>(328,401)</u>
<b>Nonoperating revenues:</b>	
Interest revenue	<u>24,833</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>24,833</u>
Change in net position	(303,568)
<b>Net position at beginning of year</b>	<u>603,521</u>
<b>Net position at end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 299,953</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from sales/charges for services	\$ 5,875,822
Cash payments for claims expenses	(4,914,792)
Cash payments for other expenses	(1,193,536)
Net cash used in operating activities	(232,506)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Interest received	24,833
Net cash provided by investing activities	24,833
Net decrease in cash and cash cash equivalents	(207,673)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	1,107,041
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 899,368</b>
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Operating loss	\$ (328,401)
Changes in liabilities:	
Claims payable	95,895
Net cash used in operating activities	<b>\$ (232,506)</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u><b>Custodial</b></u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Extracurricular collections for OHSAA	<u>\$ 1,011</u>
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Extracurricular distributions to OHSAA	<u>1,011</u>
Change in net position	-
<b>Net position at beginning of year</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net position at end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Clear Fork Valley Local School District (the "District") is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines.

The District was established in 1963 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The District serves an area of approximately 108 square miles. It is located in Richland and Knox Counties, and includes the Villages of Bellville and Butler and portions of Jefferson, Worthington, Washington and Perry Townships in Richland County and portions of Pike and Brown Townships in Knox County.

The District is staffed by 70 non-certified employees, 114 certified full-time teaching personnel and 16 administrators who provide services to 1,509 students and other community members. The District currently operates 4 instructional buildings and 1 garage.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).



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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District.

*JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS*

Heartland Council of Governments/North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative (the “COG”)

The COG is a jointly governed organization among 16 school districts, 1 educational service center and a career center. The COG is an association of public school districts within the boundaries of Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties. The COG was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member school districts. Each member school district supports the COG based on a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. The COG is governed by a Cooperative Assembly consisting of superintendents of the member school districts. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Cooperative Assembly.

On July 1, 2023, the Heartland Council of Government (“COG”) merged with the Metropolitan Regional Service Council. The Information Technology Center operating under the Heartland Council of Governments, North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative (NCOCC) became part of the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet) and will operate as Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet). During fiscal year 2024, the District paid \$105,552 to NEOnet for various services.

Knox County Career Center

The Knox County Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of one representative from each of the participating school districts’ elected Boards, which possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information may be obtained from the Treasurer for Knox County Career Center, at 306 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

*INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS*

Jefferson Health Plan (JHP) Health Benefits Program

The District is a participant with several other school districts in an insurance purchasing pool operated through the Jefferson Health Plan (JHP). The JHP Health Benefits Program was formed for the purpose of providing a cooperative program to administer medical, prescription, vision, and dental benefits for employees and dependents of participating entities. JHP is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the superintendents of the member school districts. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the Board.

Ohio School Boards Association Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group rating plan for worker’s compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP) was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as an insurance purchasing pool.

The GRP’s business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the GRP. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

*GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS*

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

General fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Capital projects fund - The capital projects fund is used to account for the set aside requirement for the District's turf management and replacement projects.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for:

Nonmajor special revenue funds – Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Nonmajor capital projects funds – Capital projects funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Nonmajor debt service funds – Debt service funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

*PROPRIETARY FUND*

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no enterprise funds. The following is a description of the District's internal service fund:

Internal service fund - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The only internal service fund of the District accounts for a self-insurance program which provides medical/surgical, prescription drug, dental and vision benefits to employees.

*FIDUCIARY FUNDS*

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are distinguished from custodial funds by the existence of a trust agreement or equivalent arrangements that have certain characteristics. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. The District's custodial fund accounts for tournament monies collected on behalf of and remitted to the Ohio High School Athletics Association (OHSAA).

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus**

*Government-Wide Financial Statements* - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Internal service fund operating activity is eliminated to avoid overstatement of revenues and expenses.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net position.

*Fund Financial Statements* - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements.

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and current deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, the internal service fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenue of the District's internal service fund is charges for services. Operating expenses for the internal service fund includes claims and other expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, income taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6) and revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned (See Note 7).

Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: income taxes, property taxes available as an advance, interest, tuition, grants, student fees and rentals.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. See Notes 14 and 15 for deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2024, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. Unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

See Notes 14 and 15 for deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively. These deferred inflows of resources are only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The entitlement value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

**E. Budgets**

The District is required by State statute to adopt an annual appropriated cash basis budget for all funds (except custodial funds). The specific timetable for fiscal year 2024 is as follows:

1. Prior to January 15, the Superintendent and Treasurer submit to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.
2. By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Richland County Budget Commission for tax rate determination.
3. Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as a basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year as reported by the District Treasurer. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary schedule, reflect the amounts set forth in the original and final certificates of estimated resources issued for fiscal year 2024.
4. By July 1, the annual appropriation resolution is legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures, which is the legal level of budgetary control. State statute permits a temporary appropriation to be effective until no later than October 1 of each year. Resolution appropriations by fund must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures may not exceed the appropriation totals.
5. Any revisions that alter the total of any fund appropriation must be approved by the Board of Education.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds consistent with the general obligation bond indenture and other statutory provisions. All funds completed the year within the amount of their legally authorized cash basis appropriation.
7. Appropriations amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education through the year by supplemental appropriations, which either reallocated or increased the original, appropriated amounts. All supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board prior to June 30, 2024. The budget figures, as shown in the accompanying budgetary schedule, reflect the original and final appropriation amounts including all amendments and modifications.
8. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be reappropriated. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**F. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the basic financial statements.

During fiscal year 2024, investments were limited to Federal Agency Securities, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit (Negotiable CD's), First American Treasury Obligation, U.S. Treasury Notes and State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

There were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours notice in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million is encouraged. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Under existing Ohio statutes, all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund, unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund or by policy of the Board of Education. Investment earnings are assigned to the general fund, the food service special revenue fund, the endowment fund special revenue fund, and the employee benefits self-insurance internal service fund. The food service special revenue fund receives interest earnings based upon federal mandate. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2024 amounted to \$601,699, which includes \$320,912 assigned from other District funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

An analysis of the District's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

**G. Inventory**

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their entitlement value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the purchase method on the fund statements and using the consumption method on the government-wide statements.

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food, and purchased food.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**H. Capital Assets**

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary fund. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$3,000, unless the assets are a group purchase that collectively is considered significant by the District. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except land and construction in progress are depreciated/amortized. Improvements are depreciated/amortized over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation/amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Governmental Activities <u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	20 - 50 years
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	4 - 10 years
Intangible right to use assets	5 years

The District is reporting intangible right to use assets related to Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs). The intangible assets are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner of the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

**I. Interfund Balances**

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund loans receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. Interfund loans that are used to cover negative cash balances are classified as "due to/from other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position.

**J. Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and sick leave liability to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. A liability for severance is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2024, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. For purposes of establishing a liability for sick leave on employees expected to become eligible to retire in the future, all employees with at least 20 years of current service with the District, or 15 years of service and 45 years of age, or 5 years of service and 50 of age were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2024 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

**K. Issuance Costs/Bond Premium and Discount/Accounting Gain or Loss**

On government-wide and fund financial statements, issuance costs are expensed in the year they occur.

Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds.

For bond refunds resulting in the defeasance of the debt reported in the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as a deferred outflow of resources or deferred inflow of resources.

On the governmental fund financial statements bond premiums are recognized in the current period. A reconciliation between the bonds face value and the amount reported on the statement of net position is presented in Note 10.A.

**L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from the internal service fund are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.



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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, net pension liabilities, net OPEB liabilities and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

**M. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. This includes amounts for materials and supplies inventory as well as prepayments.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the District Board of Education (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the District Board of Education, which includes giving the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**N. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component “net investment in capital assets,” consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The amounts restricted for other purposes represents amounts restricted for the miscellaneous local grants and scholarships.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**O. Prepayments**

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepayments in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepayments amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

On the fund financial statements, reported prepayments is equally offset by nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

**P. Estimates**

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Q. Interfund Activity**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in proprietary fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

**R. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, net OPEB asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**S. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2024.

**T. Fair Value**

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2024, the District has implemented certain paragraphs from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, "*Omnibus 2022*", GASB Statement No. 100, "*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*" and Implementation Guide No. 2023-1.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on balances previously report by the District.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 100 is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Implementation Guide 2023-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2023-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

**B. Deficit Fund Balances**

Fund balances at June 30, 2024 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor governmental funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)	\$ 4,980
IDEA, Part B	23,943
Supporting Effective Instruction	7,256

The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and,
8. Certain banker's acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

Protection of the District's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**A. Cash on Hand**

At fiscal year end, the District had \$30 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements of the District as part of “equity in pooled cash and investments”.

**B. Cash with Fiscal Agent**

The District is self-insured through a fiscal agent. The money held by the fiscal agent cannot be identified as an investment or deposit, since it is held in a pool made up of numerous participants. The amount held by the fiscal agent at June 30, 2024 was \$899,368. This amount is not included in the “deposits” or “investments” reported below.

**C. Deposits with Financial Institutions**

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$662,041. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, “Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures”, as of June 30, 2024, the entire bank balance of \$796,942 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose fair value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total fair value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a reduced rate set by the Treasurer of State. For fiscal year 2024, the District’s financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 50 percent through the OPCS.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

**D. Investments**

As of June 30, 2024, the District had the following investments and maturities:

		Investment Maturities				
Measurement/ <u>Investment type</u>	Measurement <u>Value</u>	6 months or <u>less</u>	7 to 12 <u>months</u>	13 to 18 <u>months</u>	19 to 24 <u>months</u>	Greater than <u>24 months</u>
<i>Fair Value:</i>						
FHLB	\$ 846,646	\$ 452,774	\$ 98,072	\$ 199,319	\$ -	\$ 96,481
FHLMC	281,635	-	-	281,635	-	-
Negotiable CD's	5,469,023	1,430,167	2,103,632	675,846	588,855	670,523
Commercial Paper	1,460,178	1,108,109	352,069	-	-	-
U.S. Treasury Notes	489,824	-	-	243,525	-	246,299
First American Treasury Obligation	233,580	233,580	-	-	-	-
<i>Amortized Cost:</i>						
STAR Ohio	<u>3,064,847</u>	<u>3,064,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ 11,845,733	\$ 6,289,477	\$ 2,553,773	\$ 1,400,325	\$ 588,855	\$ 1,013,303

The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.78 years.

The District's investments in First American Treasury Obligations are valued using quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs). The District's investments in federal agency securities (FHLB, FHLMC), commercial paper, U.S. Treasury Notes, and negotiable CD's are valued using quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

*Interest Rate Risk:* As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

*Credit Risk:* The District's investments in federal agency securities and U.S. Treasury Notes were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The District's investments in commercial paper were rated P-1 by Moody's Investor Services and A-1+ through A-1 by Standard & Poor's. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio and the First American Treasury Obligation an AAAM money market rating. Ohio Law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code. The District's investments in negotiable CD's are not rated.

*Custodial Credit Risk:* For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

*Concentration of Credit Risk:* The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2024:

Measurement/ <u>Investment type</u>	Measurement <u>Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
<i>Fair Value:</i>		
FHLB	\$ 846,646	7.14
FHLMC	281,635	2.38
Negotiable CD's	5,469,023	46.17
Commercial Paper	1,460,178	12.33
U.S. Treasury Notes	489,824	4.14
First American Treasury Obligation	233,580	1.97
<i>Amortized Cost:</i>		
STAR Ohio	<u>3,064,847</u>	<u>25.87</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,845,733</u>	<u>100.00</u>

**E. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Position**

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2024:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 662,041
Investments	11,845,733
Cash on hand	30
Cash with fiscal agent	<u>899,368</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,407,172</u>
<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 13,407,172</u>

**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

- A. Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Transfers from the general fund to:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Capital projects fund	\$ 20,000
Nonmajor governmental funds	1,109,357
<u>Transfers from capital project fund to:</u>	
Nonmajor governmental funds	250,000
<u>Transfers from nonmajor governmental funds to:</u>	
Capital projects fund	<u>35,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,414,357</u>

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**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS – (Continued)**

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. The District transferred \$250,000 from the Capital Projects fund to the bond retirement fund (nonmajor governmental fund) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14(B). The District transferred \$35,000 from nonmajor governmental funds to the Capital Projects fund in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(C).

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting in the statement of activities. All transfers were made in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

- B.** Due to/from other funds at June 30, 2024 as reported on the fund financial statements, consisted of the following:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 11,310</u>

These consist of short-term loans to cover a deficit cash balance in various nonmajor governmental funds. The loans will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received, which is expected to be within one year. Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore no internal balances are reported on the statement of net position.

- C.** Interfund loans receivable/payable consisted of the following at June 30, 2024 as reported on the fund statements:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 59,032</u>

The interfund loan balances result from resources provided by the receivable fund to the payable fund to provide cash flow resources until anticipated revenues are received. Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2024 represent the collection of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2024 represent the collection of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and personal property taxes received in calendar year 2024 became a lien on December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Richland County and Knox County. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2024, are available to finance fiscal year 2023 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were:



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**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)**

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General fund	\$ 706,528	\$ 1,127,749
Nonmajor governmental funds:		
Permanent improvement fund	33,106	59,473

The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and delinquent tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2024 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources.

On the accrual basis of accounting, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue, while on a modified accrual basis of accounting the revenue has been reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2024 taxes were collected are:

	2023 Second Half Collections		2024 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 224,191,950	80.98	\$ 295,401,400	85.04
Public utility personal	<u>52,671,870</u>	<u>19.02</u>	<u>51,982,870</u>	<u>14.96</u>
Total	<u>\$ 276,863,820</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 347,384,270</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$45.25		\$45.25	

**NOTE 7 - INCOME TAX**

The District has authorized, through voter approval in August 2012, an annual 1.00 percent earned income school district income tax levied on the income of individuals and estates for a period of five years. The tax went into effect on January 1, 2013. In March of 2016, the voters approved a 20 year renewal. The tax is to be used for normal operating expenses of the District and is credited to the general fund. The income tax revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2024 was \$2,794,942.

**NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2024 consisted of property taxes, income taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services and student fees), accrued interest, and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

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**NOTE 8 – RECEIVABLES – (Continued)**

A summary of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

**Governmental activities:**

Property taxes	\$ 8,205,967
Income taxes	1,155,038
Accounts	30,680
Accrued interest	48,817
Intergovernmental	<u>111,517</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,552,019</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected within the subsequent year.

**NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2024</u>
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:</i>				
Land	\$ 585,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585,639
Construction in progress	<u>536,461</u>	<u>331,623</u>	<u>(868,084)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	<u>1,122,100</u>	<u>331,623</u>	<u>(868,084)</u>	<u>585,639</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:</i>				
Land improvements	5,434,923	-	-	5,434,923
Buildings and improvements	37,775,656	868,084	-	38,643,740
Furniture and equipment	5,653,747	25,875	-	5,679,622
Vehicles	1,946,836	242,362	-	2,189,198
Intangible right to use - software	<u>267,040</u>	<u>39,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,110</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	<u>51,078,202</u>	<u>1,175,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,253,593</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation/amortization:</i>				
Land improvements	(1,339,132)	(120,560)	-	(1,459,692)
Buildings and improvements	(10,747,377)	(785,790)	-	(11,533,167)
Furniture and equipment	(2,193,077)	(213,156)	-	(2,406,233)
Vehicles	(1,185,553)	(129,809)	-	(1,315,362)
Intangible right to use - software	<u>(87,251)</u>	<u>(99,677)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(186,928)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(15,552,390)</u>	<u>(1,348,992)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,901,382)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 36,647,912</u>	<u>\$ 158,022</u>	<u>\$ (868,084)</u>	<u>\$ 35,937,850</u>

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**NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS – (Continued)**

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

<u>Instruction:</u>	
Regular	\$ 735,028
Special	22,722
Vocational	28,771
<u>Support services:</u>	
Pupil	4,671
Instructional staff	49,898
Administration	25,601
Operations and maintenance	227,551
Pupil transportation	132,759
Operation of non-instructional services:	
Food service operations	\$54,790
Other non-instructional services	\$682
Extracurricular activities	<u>66,519</u>
Total depreciation/amortization expense	<u><u>\$ 1,348,992</u></u>

**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

A. During the fiscal year 2024, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	Balance Outstanding <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance Outstanding <u>June 30, 2024</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 11,452,161	\$ 134,446	\$ (870,000)	\$ 10,716,607	\$ 1,456,607
Certificates of participation	595,000	-	(595,000)	-	-
Early retirement incentive	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Net pension liability	15,868,234	88,142	(224,651)	15,731,725	-
Net OPEB liability	877,415	166,753	-	1,044,168	-
Compensated absences	<u>1,069,241</u>	<u>68,684</u>	<u>(131,269)</u>	<u>1,006,656</u>	<u>138,536</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 29,862,051</u>	<u>\$ 468,025</u>	<u>\$ (1,820,920)</u>	<u>28,509,156</u>	<u>\$ 1,605,143</u>
Add: Unamortized premium	<u>341,941</u>			<u>302,151</u>	
Total on statement of net position	<u><u>\$ 30,203,992</u></u>			<u><u>\$ 28,811,307</u></u>	

Net Pension Liability: The District's net pension liability is described in Note 14. The District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their services.

Net OPEB Liability: The District's net OPEB liability is described in Note 15. The District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their services.

Early retirement incentive: See Note 12.

Compensated absences: Compensated absences will be paid from the fund which the employee's salaries are paid which, for the District is primarily the general fund and the food service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

- B. *Series 1998 School Improvement Bonds*** - During fiscal year 1998, the District issued general obligation bonds to provide funds for various District building projects. These bonds are general obligations of the District for which the full faith and credit of the District is pledged for repayment.

Accordingly, such unmatured obligations of the District are accounted for in the statement of net position. Payments of principal and interest relating to this bond are recorded as an expenditure in the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

This remaining issue is comprised of capital appreciation bonds, par value \$153,510. The capital appreciation bonds mature on December 1, 2021 (effective interest 12.518%), December 1, 2022 (effective interest 12.518%) and December 1, 2023 (effective interest 12.518%) and December 1, 2024 (effective interest 12.518%) at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. The accreted value at maturity for capital appreciation bonds is \$3,230,000. Total accreted interest of \$763,154 has been included in the statement of net position at June 30, 2024.

*Series 2015 Refunding Bonds - Direct Placement*

During fiscal year 2016, the District issued \$4,130,000 in general obligation bonds to refund \$4,130,000 of the Series 2005 Refunding Bonds. This issuance was a direct placement with JP Morgan Chase Bank. The bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The issuance proceeds were used to purchase securities which were placed in an irrevocable trust to provide resources for all future debt service payments on the refunded debt. This refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net position. The call date on the refunded bonds was September 2, 2015.

The issue is comprised of current interest bonds, par value \$4,130,000. The average interest rate on the current interest bonds is 1.71%.

Interest payments on the current interest bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2024. The debt will be retired through the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The net carrying amount of the old debt exceeded the reacquisition price by \$5,040. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which had a final maturity date of December 1, 2020.

*Series 2016 General Obligation Bonds*

On August 25, 2016, the District issued Series 2016 General Obligation Bonds. Proceeds of \$9,900,000 from the issuance were used to finance part of the District's portion of its Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project. Interest rates on the current interest bonds range from 2.0% to 4.0% with interest payments due on June 1 and December 1 of each year until final maturity at December 1, 2036. The debt will be retired through the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

*Series 2016 Certificates of Participation*

On September 1, 2016, the District issued certificates of participation in the amount of \$3,850,000 to finance part of the District's portion of its Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project. Interest rates on the current interest bonds range from 2.0% to 4.0% with interest payments due on June 1 and December 1 of each year until final maturity at December 1, 2023. The debt was retired through the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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The following is a schedule of activity for the general obligation bonds:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2024</u>	Due In <u>One Year</u>
Series 1998, capital appreciation bonds	\$ 69,093	\$ -	\$ (35,640)	\$ 33,453	\$ 33,453
Series 1998, capital appreciation bonds accreted interest	1,393,068	134,446	(764,360)	763,154	763,154
Series 2015, current interest bonds	120,000	-	(65,000)	55,000	55,000
Series 2016, current interest bonds	<u>9,870,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>9,865,000</u>	<u>605,000</u>
Total general obligation bonds	<u>\$ 11,452,161</u>	<u>\$ 134,446</u>	<u>\$ (870,000)</u>	<u>\$ 10,716,607</u>	<u>\$ 1,456,607</u>

The following is a summary of the future debt service requirements to maturity for the general obligation bonds, including mandatory sinking fund deposits:

Fiscal Year <u>Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Current Interest Bonds</u>			<u>Capital Appreciation Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 660,000	\$ 318,245	\$ 978,245	\$ 33,453	\$ 811,547	\$ 845,000
2026	630,000	293,075	923,075	-	-	-
2027	655,000	267,375	922,375	-	-	-
2028	685,000	240,575	925,575	-	-	-
2029	710,000	212,675	922,675	-	-	-
2030 - 2034	3,925,000	708,063	4,633,063	-	-	-
2035 - 2037	<u>2,655,000</u>	<u>120,974</u>	<u>2,775,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,920,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,160,982</u>	<u>\$ 12,080,982</u>	<u>\$ 33,453</u>	<u>\$ 811,547</u>	<u>\$ 845,000</u>

**C. Legal Debt Margin**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2024, are a voted debt margin of \$21,417,711 (including available funds of \$106,580) and an unvoted debt margin of \$347,384.

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**NOTE 11 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn 10 to 25 days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Upon retirement, employees who have met the eligibility requirements outlined in their respective bargaining agreements/contracts, may be entitled to a payout for a percentage of their accrued but unused sick leave.

**NOTE 12 – RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN**

During fiscal year 2021, the District implemented a retirement incentive plan for certified and classified employees. Certified and classified employees who are eligible to retire under the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio or State Employee Retirement System of Ohio shall receive an incentive of \$5,000. Certified and classified employees who wish to participate in this option must notify the District of their intent in writing by February 28th in the year of eligibility, with 45 days notice of retiring or of working through the end of the school year. This incentive benefit plan option is in addition to the severance pay. The early retirement incentive was exercised by two employees as of June 30, 2024 which totaled \$10,000.

**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, boiler/machinery and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. In addition, real property contents are 100% coinsured. The following is a description of the District's insurance coverage:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Insurer</u>	<u>Limits of Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
General liability:			
Each occurrence	Ohio School	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0
Aggregate	Plan	7,000,000	0
Fleet:			
Comprehensive	Ohio School	ACV	1,000
Collision	Plan	ACV	1,000
Violence	Ohio School	1,000,000	0
	Plan		

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

**B. Workers' Compensation**

The District participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "Plan"), an insurance purchasing pool (See Note 2.A.). The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a three-member board of directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President of the Ohio School Boards Association. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)**

The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The worker's compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgwick provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan.

**C. Life Insurance**

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees through One America Life Insurance Company.

**D. Employee Group Medical/Surgical, Dental and Vision Insurance**

Medical/surgical, dental and vision insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. The District is a member of the JHP Health Benefits Program, a claims servicing pool, in which monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent who in turn pays the claims on the District's behalf. The claims liability of \$599,415 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2024 is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues", as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, "Risk Financing Omnibus", which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred, but not reported claims, be accrued at the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims.

Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Balance at Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Current Year Claims</u>	<u>Claim Payments</u>	<u>Balance at End of Year</u>
2024	\$ 503,520	\$ 5,010,687	\$ (4,914,792)	\$ 599,415
2023	505,062	5,385,449	(5,386,991)	503,520

**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

***Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability/Asset***

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/asset reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively.

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent the District's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – (Continued)**

The Ohio Revised Code limits the District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 15 for the required OPEB disclosures.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension/OPEB liability (asset)* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in pension and postemployment benefits payable on both the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting.

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Plan Description - The District's non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially reduced benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017 will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service; 2.2% for the first thirty years of service and 2.5% for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.



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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5% and with a floor of 0%. In 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2024.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10.00% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14.00% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10.00% for plan members and 14.00% for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.00%. For fiscal year 2024, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$381,738 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$44,040 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description - Licensed teachers participate in STRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

New members have a choice of three retirement plans: a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined (CO) Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.20% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 3 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2023, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 1 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2024 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2019. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3307.67(E) the STRS Ohio Retirement Board may adjust the COLA upon a determination by the board's actuary that a change will not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the system or is necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 34 years of service credit at any age.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023 when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit regardless of age.

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 11.09% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 2.91% of the 14% employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2% is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 and after termination of employment.

New members who choose the DC Plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service, who is determined to be disabled, may qualify for a disability benefit. New members, on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2024 employer and employee contribution rate of 14% was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2024, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,079,046 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$181,733 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.

***Net Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.061145400%	0.056504470%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.061448800%</u>	<u>0.057285350%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.000303400%</u>	<u>0.000780880%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,395,361	\$ 12,336,364	\$ 15,731,725
Pension expense	\$ 258,438	\$ 684,462	\$ 942,900

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 145,940	\$ 449,759	\$ 595,699
Changes of assumptions	24,052	1,015,967	1,040,019
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	17,271	102,434	119,705
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>381,738</u>	<u>1,079,046</u>	<u>1,460,784</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 569,001</u>	<u>\$ 2,647,206</u>	<u>\$ 3,216,207</u>
	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 27,376	\$ 27,376
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	47,722	36,972	84,694
Changes of assumptions	-	764,731	764,731
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	<u>34,775</u>	<u>566,292</u>	<u>601,067</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 82,497</u>	<u>\$ 1,395,371</u>	<u>\$ 1,477,868</u>

\$1,460,784 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (1,382)	\$ (388,646)	\$ (390,028)
2026	(121,090)	(648,968)	(770,058)
2027	224,707	1,250,947	1,475,654
2028	<u>2,531</u>	<u>(40,544)</u>	<u>(38,013)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 104,766</u>	<u>\$ 172,789</u>	<u>\$ 277,555</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2137.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, are presented below:

Wage inflation:	
Current measurement date	2.40%
Prior measurement date	2.40%
Future salary increases, including inflation:	
Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
COLA or ad hoc COLA:	
Current measurement date	2.00%
Prior measurement date	2.00%
Investment rate of return:	
Current measurement date	7.00% net of system expenses
Prior measurement date	7.00% net of system expenses
Discount rate:	
Current measurement date	7.00%
Prior measurement date	7.00%
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

In 2023, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

In the prior measurement date, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' Statement of Investment Policy. Ohio Revised Code Section 3309.15 and the Board-adopted Investment Policy govern investment activity at SERS. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	0.75 %
US Equity	24.75	4.82
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	5.19
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	5.98
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	2.24
Private Equity	12.00	7.49
Real Estate/Real Assets	17.00	3.70
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.64
Total	100.00 %	

**Discount Rate** - Total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 21-year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarially determined contribution rate of fiscal year 2023 was 14%. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return, 7.00%. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability. The annual money weighted rate of return, calculated as the internal rate of return on pension plan investments, for fiscal year 2023 was 6.90%.

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***Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%), or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,011,382	\$ 3,395,361	\$ 2,034,174

***Actuarial Assumptions - STRS***

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation are presented below:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount rate of return	7.00%	7.00%
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%	0.00%

For the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For the prior measurement date, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00 %	6.60 %
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

\*\*10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25% and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with the rates described previously. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following table represents the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 18,970,598	\$ 12,336,364	\$ 6,725,618

**Assumption and Benefit Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - The discount rate remained at 7.00% for June 30, 2023 valuation. Demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

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**NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

***Net OPEB Liability/Asset***

See Note 14 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Health Care Plan Description - The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. The following types of credit purchased after January 29, 1981, do not count toward health care coverage eligibility: military, federal, out-of-state, municipal, private school, exempted, and early retirement incentive credit. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

The Health Care program is financed through a combination of employer contributions, recipient premiums, investment returns, and any funds received on behalf of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. The System's goal is to maintain a health care reserve account with a 20-year solvency period in order to ensure that fluctuations in the cost of health care do not cause an interruption in the program. However, during any period in which the 20-year solvency period is not achieved, the System shall manage the Health Care Fund on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2024, this amount was \$30,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the District's surcharge obligation was \$43,573.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$43,573 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$43,573 is reported as pension and postemployment benefits payable.



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***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description - The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit beginning in 2023. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

***Net OPEB Liabilities/Assets, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB liability/asset was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability/asset used to calculate the net OPEB liability/asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset was based on the District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset prior measurement date	0.062493500%	0.056504470%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.063381000%</u>	<u>0.057285350%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.000887500%</u>	<u>0.000780880%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,044,168	\$ -	\$ 1,044,168
Proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ -	\$ (1,114,121)	\$ (1,114,121)
OPEB expense	\$ (145,191)	\$ (59,293)	\$ (204,484)

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,178	\$ 1,737	\$ 3,915
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	8,093	1,988	10,081
Changes of assumptions	353,062	164,126	517,188
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	34,826	3,475	38,301
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>43,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,573</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 441,732</u>	<u>\$ 171,326</u>	<u>\$ 613,058</u>
	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 538,518	\$ 169,933	\$ 708,451
Changes of assumptions	296,552	735,083	1,031,635
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	<u>119,996</u>	<u>6,753</u>	<u>126,749</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 955,066</u>	<u>\$ 911,769</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,835</u>

\$43,573 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability/asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (185,191)	\$ (327,217)	\$ (512,408)
2026	(160,077)	(151,993)	(312,070)
2027	(103,750)	(57,539)	(161,289)
2028	(65,807)	(77,787)	(143,594)
2029	(43,231)	(71,108)	(114,339)
Thereafter	<u>1,149</u>	<u>(54,799)</u>	<u>(53,650)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (556,907)</u>	<u>\$ (740,443)</u>	<u>\$ (1,297,350)</u>

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***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 are presented below:

Wage inflation:

Current measurement date	2.40%
Prior measurement date	2.40%

Future salary increases, including inflation:

Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%

Investment rate of return:

Current measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Prior measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation

Fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted: 2048

Municipal bond index rate:

Current measurement date	3.86%
Prior measurement date	3.69%

Single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense,  
including price inflation:

Current measurement date	4.27%
Prior measurement date	4.08%

Medical trend assumption:

Current measurement date	6.75 to 4.40%
Prior measurement date	7.00 to 4.40%

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In 2023, the following mortality assumptions were used:

**Healthy Retirees** - PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females

**Disabled Retirees** - PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females.

**Contingent Survivors** - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females.

**Actives** - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.

**Mortality Projection** - Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

In the prior measurement date, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years for SERS. The most recent five-year experience study was performed for the period covering fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a long-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00%, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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**NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	0.75 %
US Equity	24.75	4.82
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	5.19
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	5.98
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	2.24
Private Equity	12.00	7.49
Real Estate/Real Assets	17.00	3.70
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.64
Total	100.00 %	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023, was 4.27%. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2023, was 4.08%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the contribution rate of 1.50% of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50% payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted in 2048 by SERS' actuaries. The Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent interest rate for both the June 30, 2022 and the June 30, 2023 total OPEB liability. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index Rate was 3.86% at June 30, 2023 and 3.69% at June 30, 2022.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates** - The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability, what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.27%) and higher (5.27%) than the current discount rate (4.27%). Also shown is what the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%).

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,334,744	\$ 1,044,168	\$ 815,035

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 767,114	\$ 1,044,168	\$ 1,411,301

**Actuarial Assumptions - STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, compared with June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation, are presented below:

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**NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%	0.00%
Discount rate of return	7.00%	7.00%
Blended discount rate of return	N/A	N/A
Health care cost trends		
	Initial	Ultimate
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	4.14%
Medicare	-10.94%	4.14%
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	-11.95%	4.14%
Medicare	1.33%	4.14%

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For the prior measurement date, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

**Assumption Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - The discount rate remained unchanged at 7.00% for the June 30, 2023 valuation.

**Benefit Term Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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**NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00 %	6.60 %
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	1.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

\*\*10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25% and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care fund investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** - The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 942,958	\$ 1,114,121	\$ 1,263,186
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 1,270,103	\$ 1,114,121	\$ 926,243

**NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

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**NOTE 16 – CONTINGENCIES – (Continued)**

**B. Litigation**

The District is a party to legal proceedings. However, the outcome of any legal action is unknown at this time and the District is not able to estimate the financial impact, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

**NOTE 17 - SET-ASIDES**

The District is required by State law to annually set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statutory formula, for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. This amount must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose in future years. Expenditures exceeding the set-aside requirement may not be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

The following cash-basis information describes the change in the fiscal year-end set-aside amount for capital improvements. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital Improvements
Set-aside balance June 30, 2023	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	332,753
Current year offsets	<u>(393,142)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (60,389)</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>

In fiscal year 2017, the District issued \$13,750,000 in capital related bonds and certificates of participation. These proceeds may be used to reduce the capital improvement set-asides for future years. The amount presented for prior year offsets from bond proceeds is limited to the amount needed to reduce the set-aside balance to \$0.

**NOTE 18 - OTHER COMMITMENTS**

The District utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the District's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year - End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 15,823
Capital projects fund	21,781
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>139,985</u>
Total	<u>\$ 177,589</u>



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**NOTE 19 - TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Other governments entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under the Community Urban Redevelopment program and the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (“CRA”) program with the taxing districts of the District. The Community Urban Redevelopment and CRA programs are directive incentive tax exemption programs benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under these programs, the other governments designated areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. Within the taxing districts of the District, the Village of Bellville and the Village of Butler have entered into such agreements. Under these agreements, the District’s property taxes were reduced by \$21,440 through the Village of Bellville and the Village of Butler’s CRA program. The District is not receiving any amounts from these other governments in association with the forgone property tax revenue.

**NOTE 20 - COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio’s state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During fiscal year 2024, the District received COVID-19 funding. The District will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>		<b>Actual Amounts</b>	<b>Variance with</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>Final Budget -</b>
			<b>Basis</b>	<b>over (under)</b>
				<b>Actual Amounts</b>
Budgetary revenues and other financing sources	\$ 19,412,000	\$ 19,952,000	\$ 20,957,947	\$ 1,005,947
Budgetary expenditures and other financing uses	20,362,888	20,502,888	19,751,596	(751,292)
Net change in fund balance	(950,888)	(550,888)	1,206,351	1,757,239
<b>Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year</b>	5,474,593	5,474,593	5,474,593	-
<b>Prior year encumbrances appropriated</b>	9,483	9,483	9,483	-
<b>Budgetary fund balance at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 4,533,188</u>	<u>\$ 4,933,188</u>	<u>\$ 6,690,427</u>	<u>\$ 1,757,239</u>

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SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND  
DISTRICT PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>
2024	0.06144880%	\$ 3,395,361	\$ 2,496,186	136.02%	76.06%
2023	0.06114540%	3,307,219	2,352,114	140.61%	75.82%
2022	0.06319890%	2,331,856	2,132,993	109.32%	82.86%
2021	0.06544330%	4,328,558	2,258,971	191.62%	68.55%
2020	0.06539610%	3,912,763	2,211,637	176.92%	70.85%
2019	0.06688190%	3,830,450	2,215,674	172.88%	71.36%
2018	0.06700380%	4,003,329	2,118,893	188.93%	69.50%
2017	0.06985200%	5,112,522	2,216,900	230.62%	62.98%
2016	0.06932120%	3,955,535	2,086,927	189.54%	69.16%
2015	0.07071800%	3,578,998	2,054,921	174.17%	71.70%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ 381,738	\$ (381,738)	\$ -	\$ 2,726,700	14.00%
2023	349,466	(349,466)	-	2,496,186	14.00%
2022	329,296	(329,296)	-	2,352,114	14.00%
2021	298,619	(298,619)	-	2,132,993	14.00%
2020	316,256	(316,256)	-	2,258,971	14.00%
2019	298,571	(298,571)	-	2,211,637	13.50%
2018	299,116	(299,116)	-	2,215,674	13.50%
2017	296,645	(296,645)	-	2,118,893	14.00%
2016	310,366	(310,366)	-	2,216,900	14.00%
2015	275,057	(275,057)	-	2,086,927	13.18%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the District's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

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DISTRICT PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>
2024	0.057285350%	\$ 12,336,364	\$ 7,867,921	156.79%	80.02%
2023	0.056504470%	12,561,015	7,291,021	172.28%	78.88%
2022	0.059790723%	7,644,781	7,444,643	102.69%	87.78%
2021	0.061427880%	14,863,361	7,303,293	203.52%	75.48%
2020	0.062298980%	13,777,045	7,317,750	188.27%	77.40%
2019	0.063916270%	14,053,753	7,444,943	188.77%	77.31%
2018	0.063703410%	15,132,882	6,799,207	222.57%	75.30%
2017	0.063632500%	21,299,716	7,157,014	297.61%	66.80%
2016	0.062223080%	17,196,639	6,491,936	264.89%	72.10%
2015	0.060736810%	14,773,294	6,205,623	238.06%	74.70%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ 1,079,046	\$ (1,079,046)	\$ -	\$ 7,707,471	14.00%
2023	1,101,509	(1,101,509)	-	7,867,921	14.00%
2022	1,020,743	(1,020,743)	-	7,291,021	14.00%
2021	1,042,250	(1,042,250)	-	7,444,643	14.00%
2020	1,022,461	(1,022,461)	-	7,303,293	14.00%
2019	1,024,485	(1,024,485)	-	7,317,750	14.00%
2018	1,042,292	(1,042,292)	-	7,444,943	14.00%
2017	951,889	(951,889)	-	6,799,207	14.00%
2016	1,001,982	(1,001,982)	-	7,157,014	14.00%
2015	908,871	(908,871)	-	6,491,936	14.00%

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SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND  
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SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO

LAST EIGHT AND TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1) (2)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability</b>
2024	0.06338100%	\$ 1,044,168	\$ 2,496,186	41.83%	30.02%
2023	0.06249350%	877,415	2,352,114	37.30%	30.34%
2022	0.06518950%	1,233,765	2,132,993	57.84%	24.08%
2021	0.06774530%	1,472,327	2,258,971	65.18%	18.17%
2020	0.06698200%	1,684,456	2,211,637	76.16%	15.57%
2019	0.06787410%	1,883,011	2,215,674	84.99%	13.57%
2018	0.06803900%	1,825,988	2,118,893	86.18%	12.46%
2017	0.07063314%	2,013,306	2,216,900	90.82%	11.49%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ 43,573	\$ (43,573)	\$ -	\$ 2,726,700	2.00%
2023	47,142	(47,142)	-	2,496,186	1.89%
2022	40,667	(40,667)	-	2,352,114	1.73%
2021	41,986	(41,986)	-	2,132,993	1.97%
2020	42,740	(42,740)	-	2,258,971	1.89%
2019	51,772	(51,772)	-	2,211,637	2.34%
2018	47,846	(47,846)	-	2,215,674	2.16%
2017	37,294	(37,294)	-	2,118,893	1.76%
2016	35,079	(35,079)	-	2,216,900	1.58%
2015	52,466	(52,466)	-	2,086,927	2.51%

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Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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DISTRICT OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST EIGHT AND TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1) (2)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/(Asset)</b>
2024	0.057285350%	\$ (1,114,121)	\$ 7,867,921	14.16%	168.52%
2023	0.056504470%	(1,463,089)	7,291,021	20.07%	230.73%
2022	0.059790723%	(1,260,639)	7,444,643	16.93%	174.73%
2021	0.061427880%	(1,079,595)	7,303,293	14.78%	182.10%
2020	0.062298980%	(1,031,820)	7,317,750	14.10%	174.74%
2019	0.063916270%	(1,027,069)	7,444,943	13.80%	176.00%
2018	0.063703410%	2,485,472	6,799,207	36.56%	47.10%
2017	0.063632500%	3,403,083	7,157,014	47.55%	37.30%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,707,471	0.00%
2023	-	-	-	7,867,921	0.00%
2022	-	-	-	7,291,021	0.00%
2021	-	-	-	7,444,643	0.00%
2020	-	-	-	7,303,293	0.00%
2019	-	-	-	7,317,750	0.00%
2018	-	-	-	7,444,943	0.00%
2017	-	-	-	6,799,207	0.00%
2016	-	-	-	7,157,014	0.00%
2015	-	-	-	6,491,936	0.00%

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**NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS**

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The schedule of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis); and
- (d) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis is as follows:

**Net Change in Fund Balance**

	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 1,206,351
Net adjustment for revenue and other financing sources accruals	(455,519)
Net adjustment for expenditure and other financing uses accruals	89,587
Funds budgeted elsewhere	15,709
Adjustments for encumbrances	<u>15,823</u>
GAAP Basis	<u><u>\$ 871,951</u></u>

As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund. This includes the public school support fund.



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**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**PENSION**

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, SERS changed from a fixed 3% annual increase to a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on the changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), with a cap of 2.5% and a floor of 0%.
- For fiscal year 2019, with the authority granted the Board under Senate Bill 8, the Board has enacted a three year COLA delay for future benefit recipients commencing benefits on or after April 1, 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, SERS changed from a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.5% to 2.0%.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2016.
- For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates and 110% of female rates, (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement and (h) the discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.50%.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2018.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation decreased from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) future salary increases changed from 3.50%-18.20% to 3.25%-13.58%, (c) investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.00%, (d) discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.00% and (e) mortality tables changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar mortality table to the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table.

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**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2024.

*STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, STRS decreased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to zero.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Changes in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%, (b) the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (c) the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00%, (d) total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25% due to lower inflation, (e) the healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016 and (f) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00% and (b) the discount rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: the projected salary increases went from 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65 to varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2024.

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**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
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**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

**OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) rates of withdrawal, retirement, and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to the following: RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five-year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries was updated to the following: RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates, (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to the following: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement, (h) the municipal bond index rate increased from 2.92% to 3.56% and (i) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 2.98% to 3.63%.
- For fiscal year 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate increased from 3.63% to 3.70%, (b) the health care cost trend rates for Medicare were changed from a range of 5.50%-5.00% to a range of 5.375%-4.75% and Pre-Medicare were changed from a range of 7.50%-5.00% to a range of 7.25%-4.75%, (c) the municipal bond index rate increased from 3.56% to 3.62% and (d) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 3.63% to 3.70%.
- For fiscal year 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate decreased from 3.70% to 3.22%, (b) the health care cost trend rates for Medicare were changed from a range of 5.375%-4.75% to a range of 5.25%-4.75% and Pre-Medicare were changed from a range of 7.25%-4.75% to a range of 7.00%-4.75%, (c) the municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.62% to 3.13% and (d) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.70% to 3.22%.
- For fiscal year 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate decreased from 3.22% to 2.63% and (b) the municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.13% to 2.45%, and (c) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.22% to 2.63%.

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**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation decreased from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) future salary increases changed from 3.50%-18.20% to 3.25%-13.58%, (c) investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.00%, (d) discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.00% and (e) mortality tables changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar mortality table to the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) municipal bond index rate went from 1.92% to 3.69%, (b) single equivalent interest rate when from 2.27% to 4.08% and (c) medical trend assumptions went from 5.125% to 4.40% Medicare and 6.75% to 4.40% Pre-Medicare to 7.00% to 4.40%.
- For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumptions affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) municipal bond index rate went from 3.69% to 3.86%, (b) single equivalent interest rate when from 4.08% to 4.27% and (c) medical trend assumptions went from 7.00% to 4.40% to 6.75% to 4.40%.

**STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, STRS reduced the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients from 2.1% to 1.9% per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2019.
- For fiscal year 2019, STRS increased the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients from 1.9% to 1.944% per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.
- For fiscal year 2020, STRS increased the subsidy percentage from 1.944% to 1.984% effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.
- For fiscal year 2021, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.
- For fiscal year 2022, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055% to 2.100%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in CY2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2024.

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**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
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**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.26% to 4.13% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB), (b) the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%, (c) valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified, (d) the percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased and (e) the assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.
- For fiscal year 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability/asset since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13% to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB) and (b) decrease in health care cost trend rates from 6.00%-11.00% initial; 4.50% ultimate down to Medical Pre-Medicare 6.00% and Medicare 5.00% initial; 4.00% ultimate and Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare 8.00% and Medicare (5.23%) initial; 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2020, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 6.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 5.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate; medical Medicare from 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 4.93% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 8.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 7.73% initial - 4.00% ultimate and (5.23%) initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 9.62% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2021, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 5.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate; medical Medicare from 4.93% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to -6.69% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 7.73% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 6.50% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug Medicare from 9.62% initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 11.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%, (b) the discount rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00% and (c) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical Medicare from -6.69% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to -16.18% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug Medicare from 11.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 29.98% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) projected salary increase went from 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65 to varies by services from 2.50% to 8.50% and (b) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate; medical Medicare from -16.18% initial - 4.00% ultimate to -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 6.50% initial - 4.00% ultimate to 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate; Medicare from 29.98% initial - 4.00% ultimate to -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 4.14% ultimate; medical Medicare from -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -10.94% initial - 4.14% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -11.95% initial - 4.14% ultimate; Medicare from -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 1.33% initial - 4.14% ultimate.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM/CLUSTER TITLE</b>	<b>ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER</b>	<b>PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER / ADDITIONAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
<b>Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	\$ 77,935
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	303,988
National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	2024	53,815
<b>Total National School Lunch Program</b>			357,803
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			435,738
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			435,738
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</b>			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management</i>			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - School Safety Round #2	21.027	COVID-19	38,080
<b>Total U.S. Department of Treasury</b>			38,080
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	233,202
<b>Special Education Cluster (IDEA)</b>			
Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2023	164,753
COVID-19 - Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - ARP	84.027X	COVID-19, 84.027X, 2023	68,860
Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2024	289,476
<b>Total Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)</b>			523,089
Special Education-Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	84.173A, 2024	2,762
<b>Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)</b>			525,851
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2023	7,053
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2024	56,090
<b>Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants</b>			63,143
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	84.424A, 2024	11,734
COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Fund	84.425D	COVID-19, 84.425D, 2023	54,659
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2024	54,038
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund - State Activity Supplement	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2024	746,616
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund - Homeless Targeted Support	84.425W	COVID-19, 84.425W, 2024	9,245
<b>Total Education Stabilization Fund (ESF)</b>			864,558
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			1,698,488
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			\$ 2,172,306

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
*2 CFR § 200.510(b)(6)*  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, or changes in net position, or cash flows of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be limited as to reimbursement.

**NOTE 2 – DE MINIMIS COST RATE**

CFR Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The Clear Fork Valley Local School District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 3 – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

The Clear Fork Valley Local School District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the Clear Fork Valley Local School District assumes it expends federal monies first.

**NOTE 4 – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

The Clear Fork Valley Local School District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The Clear Fork Valley Local School District allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.



**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other  
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With  
*Government Auditing Standards***

Clear Fork Valley Local School District  
Richland County  
211 School Street  
Bellville, Ohio 44813

To the Members of the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 29, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Clear Fork Valley Local School District  
Richland County

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 29, 2025

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Clear Fork Valley Local School District  
Richland County  
211 School Street  
Bellville, Ohio 44813

To the Members of the Board of Education:

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Clear Fork Valley Local School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, the Clear Fork Valley Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's federal programs.

Clear Fork Valley Local School District  
Richland County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Clear Fork Valley Local School District  
Richland County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 29, 2025

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>1. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS</b>		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinions</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	None reported
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	None reported
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program(s) (listed):</i>	Education Stabilization Fund (ALN: 84.425)
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: >\$750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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