

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO

SINGLE AUDIT

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



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Board of Education
Crestline Exempted Village School District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Crestline Exempted Village School District, Crawford 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. The Crestline Exempted Village School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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August 08, 2025

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**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Crestline Exempted Village School District
Crawford County
401 Heiser Court
Crestline, Ohio 44827

To the Members of the Board of Education:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crestline Exempted Village School District, Crawford 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crestline Exempted Village School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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 Crestline Exempted Village 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.

Emphasis of Matter

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the Crestline Exempted Village School District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Crestline Exempted Village 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*, and budgetary comparison information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 budgetary comparison information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are 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 April 10, 2025 on our consideration of the Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
April 10, 2025

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**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 14,902,986
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	12,896,664
Total assets	<u>27,799,650</u>
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	1,094,172
Classroom facilities maintenance	406,580
Debt service	8,687,624
State funded programs	298,864
Federally funded programs	1,493
Food service operations	323,636
Student activities	90,713
Other purposes	64,174
Unrestricted	16,832,394
Total net position	<u>\$ 27,799,650</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

			Program Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 3,410,913	\$ 109,942	\$ 1,087,759	\$ -	\$ (2,213,212)
Special	1,650,597	11,948	1,124,187	-	(514,462)
Vocational	-	-	11,295	-	11,295
Support services:					
Pupil	554,986	-	294,754	-	(260,232)
Instructional staff	179,515	-	59,936	-	(119,579)
Board of education	80,831	-	-	-	(80,831)
Administration	1,054,404	-	361	-	(1,054,043)
Fiscal	456,030	-	-	-	(456,030)
Operations and maintenance	1,348,680	-	297,856	66,666	(984,158)
Pupil transportation	589,203	-	258,254	125,700	(205,249)
Central	103,805	-	-	-	(103,805)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	378,386	14,884	400,723	-	37,221
Other non-instructional services	218,051	-	207,902	-	(10,149)
Extracurricular activities	356,926	78,829	13,959	-	(264,138)
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	200,000	-	-	-	(200,000)
Interest and fiscal charges	282,682	-	-	-	(282,682)
Totals	\$ 10,865,009	\$ 215,603	\$ 3,756,986	\$ 192,366	(6,700,054)
General receipts:					
Property taxes levied for:					
General purposes					2,821,406
Debt service					733,730
Capital projects					138,547
Income taxes levied for:					
General purposes					254,687
Grants and entitlements not restricted					
to specific programs					6,246,711
Investment earnings					526,833
Miscellaneous					80,498
Total general receipts					<u>10,802,412</u>
Change in net position					4,102,358
Net position at beginning of year					<u>23,697,292</u>
Net position at end of year					<u><u>\$ 27,799,650</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief</u>	<u>Bond Retirement</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 13,638,387	\$ (618,842)	\$ 392,168	\$ 1,491,273	\$ 14,902,986
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	-	-	8,295,456	-	8,295,456
Total assets	<u>\$ 13,638,387</u>	<u>\$ (618,842)</u>	<u>\$ 8,687,624</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,273</u>	<u>\$ 23,198,442</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Unclaimed monies	\$ 3,574	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,574
Restricted:					
Debt service	-	-	8,687,624	-	8,687,624
Capital improvements	-	-	-	1,094,172	1,094,172
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	-	-	406,580	406,580
Food service operations	-	-	-	323,636	323,636
Non-public schools	-	-	-	19,846	19,846
State funded programs	-	-	-	279,018	279,018
Federally funded programs	-	-	-	1,493	1,493
Extracurricular	-	-	-	90,713	90,713
Other purposes	-	-	-	57,648	57,648
Committed:					
Staff activities	-	-	-	2,952	2,952
Assigned:					
Student instruction	60,930	-	-	-	60,930
Student and staff support	460,080	-	-	-	460,080
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>13,113,803</u>	<u>(618,842)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(784,785)</u>	<u>11,710,176</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 13,638,387</u>	<u>\$ (618,842)</u>	<u>\$ 8,687,624</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,273</u>	<u>\$ 23,198,442</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2024

Total governmental fund balances	\$	23,198,442
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*Amounts reported for governmental activities on the
statement of net position are different because:*

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.

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Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>27,799,650</u>
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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		(Formerly Nonmajor)			
	General	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	Bond Retirement	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:					
Property taxes	\$ 2,821,406	\$ -	\$ 733,730	\$ 138,547	\$ 3,693,683
Income taxes	254,687	-	-	-	254,687
Intergovernmental	6,922,876	1,710,007	90,428	1,445,771	10,169,082
Investment earnings	103,865	-	289,640	-	393,505
Tuition and fees	127,067	-	-	7,845	134,912
Extracurricular	2,279	-	-	78,359	80,638
Charges for services	1,520	-	-	15,354	16,874
Contributions and donations	1,150	-	-	11,680	12,830
Miscellaneous	77,828	-	-	-	77,828
Total receipts	<u>10,312,678</u>	<u>1,710,007</u>	<u>1,113,798</u>	<u>1,697,556</u>	<u>14,834,039</u>
Disbursements:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	2,563,663	874,553	-	141,600	3,579,816
Special	1,170,582	15,673	-	615,171	1,801,426
Support services:					
Pupil	558,054	1,454	-	26,144	585,652
Instructional staff	115,193	5,526	-	69,619	190,338
Board of education	80,831	-	-	-	80,831
Administration	1,132,368	-	-	838	1,133,206
Fiscal	435,572	-	21,555	11,091	468,218
Operations and maintenance	850,794	257,216	-	278,239	1,386,249
Pupil transportation	401,141	222,360	-	-	623,501
Central	114,628	-	-	-	114,628
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	-	-	-	385,602	385,602
Other non-instructional services	12,064	138,460	-	67,527	218,051
Extracurricular activities	106,890	151,842	-	98,235	356,967
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Interest and fiscal charges	121,098	-	161,584	-	282,682
Total disbursements	<u>7,862,878</u>	<u>1,667,084</u>	<u>183,139</u>	<u>1,694,066</u>	<u>11,407,167</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	<u>2,449,800</u>	<u>42,923</u>	<u>930,659</u>	<u>3,490</u>	<u>3,426,872</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
Transfers (out)	(75,000)	-	-	-	(75,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	2,374,800	42,923	930,659	78,490	3,426,872
Fund balances at beginning of year, as previously reported	11,263,587	-	7,756,965	751,018	19,771,570
Adjustment - changes from nonmajor fund to major fund	-	(661,765)	-	661,765	-
Fund balances (deficit) at beginning of year, as adjusted	11,263,587	(661,765)	7,756,965	1,412,783	19,771,570
Fund balances (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ 13,638,387</u>	<u>\$ (618,842)</u>	<u>\$ 8,687,624</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,273</u>	<u>\$ 23,198,442</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	3,426,872
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*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of activities are different because:*

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 disbursements and the related internal service fund receipts are eliminated. The net receipts (disbursement) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.

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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>4,102,358</u></u>
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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Assets:	
Cash and investments with fiscal agent	<u>\$ 4,601,208</u>
Net position:	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$ 4,601,208</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Operating receipts:	
Sales/charges for services	\$ 1,912,395
Other	59,606
Total operating receipts	<u>1,972,001</u>
Operating disbursements:	
Purchased services	620,888
Claims	808,955
Total operating disbursements	<u>1,429,843</u>
Operating income	<u>542,158</u>
Nonoperating receipts:	
Interest	<u>133,328</u>
Change in net position	675,486
Net position at beginning of year	<u>3,925,722</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 4,601,208</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Crestline Exempted Village 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, five member Board and lies entirely within Crawford and Richland Counties. The District provides educational services as authorized by its charter or further mandated by state and/or federal agencies.

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Crestline Exempted Village 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 organizations’ 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 governments financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, Crestline Exempted Village District has no component units.

The following activities are included within the reporting entity:

Parochial Schools – Within the District’s boundaries are parochial schools that are operated through the Catholic Diocese. Current state legislation provides funding to these parochial schools. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial schools by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial schools. The fiduciary responsibility of the District for these monies is reflected in a special revenue fund for financial reporting purposes.

The District is associated with one jointly governed organization, an insurance pool, and a related entity. These organizations include the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEONet), the Jefferson Health Plan, and the Crestline Public Library. Information about these organizations is presented in Notes 12, 13 and 14 of the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in this note, these financial statements are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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

Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Accounting

Although required by Ohio Administrative Code Sections 117-2-03(B) to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The statements include all funds of the District except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is also eliminated to avoid "doubling up" receipts and disbursements.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department, and therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the District with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general resources of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts, fees charged for goods or services and other non-exchange receipts.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. The focus of governmental financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Fund financial statements of the District are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitutes its assets, fund equity, receipts and disbursements. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

Governmental Funds/Governmental Activities

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Bond Retirement Fund – The Bond Retirement Fund is used to account for property tax revenues to pay principal and interest of the District's bonds.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund – The ESSER fund is used to account for grants received from the federal government to provide emergency relief to school districts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Proprietary Fund Types

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. Internal service funds are 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, prescription and dental benefits to employees.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into the following four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) 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 has certain characteristics. Custodial Funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. The District did not have any fiduciary funds.

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C. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

All funds, other than custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at these levels may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

Advances in and advances out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

Tax Budget

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 disbursements and the means of financing for all funds. Public hearings are publicized and conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. The express purpose of this budget document is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

By no later than January 20, the Board-adopted budget is filed with the Crawford County Budget Commission for rate determination.

Estimated Resources

Prior to April 1, the Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the commission's certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected receipts of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated disbursements 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 the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the original and final amended certificate of estimated resources during the fiscal year.

Appropriations

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an amended certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriation resolution is enacted by the Board of Education. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriation measure, the Board may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the District. The appropriation resolution, 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 at the legal level of control. Any revisions that alter the fund level must be approved by the Board of Education.

The Board may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources.

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The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations may not exceed estimated revenues. The amounts reported as the original budget amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior year. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the original and final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the year.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the disbursement of monies are recorded as the equivalent of disbursements on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. Disbursements plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations. Encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end are reported as an assigned or restricted fund balance for subsequent-year disbursements of governmental funds.

Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriation. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and are not reappropriated.

D. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, all cash received by the District is pooled in a central bank account. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this account or used to purchase investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District accounting records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the basic financial statements. The District's self-insurance and bond sinking fund account fund cash are presented as "Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agents."

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are presented on the financial statements as "equity in pooled cash and investments." Investments with an original maturity of more than three months that are not made from the pool are reported as "investments."

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2024 were \$103,865, which includes \$4,761 assigned from other District funds.

An analysis of the District's cash and investments is provided in Note 4 of the basic financial statements.

E. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements. Depreciation is not recorded on these capital assets.

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F. Accumulated Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the modified cash basis of accounting used by the District.

G. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of governmental funds is not reported as a liability on the modified cash basis financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported when cash is received and payment of principal and interest are reported as disbursements when paid. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use) when entering into a lease, financed purchase transaction, or Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments, financed purchase payments, and SBITA payments are reported when paid.

H. Leases

The District is the lessee in various leases related to equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease payables are not reflected under the District's cash basis of accounting. Lease disbursements are recognized when paid.

I. Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

The District has Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) under noncancelable arrangements. SBITA payables are not reflected under the District's cash basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

J. Intergovernmental Receipts

Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues received on the basis of entitlement are recorded as receipts when the entitlement is received. Federal and State reimbursement type grants are recorded as receipts when the grant is received.

K. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets, but as disbursements in the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements.

L. Interfund Transactions

The District reports interfund loans as advances in and advances out as other financing sources/uses and after nonoperating receipts/cash disbursements in proprietary funds. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies 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 receipts/cash disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

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M. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes disbursements for employer contributions to cost-sharing plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for post-employment health care benefits.

N. Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in separate components:

1. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for capital improvements, Federal and State grants restricted to disbursements for specific purposes and food services. As of June 30, 2024, the District did not have any net position restricted by enabling legislation.
2. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted.” The District’s policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as 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 governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable - The nonspendable classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.
2. Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.
3. Committed - The committed classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the 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.

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4. Assigned - Amounts in the assigned classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or 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 the Board of Education. The Board of Education has by resolution authorized the Treasurer to assign fund balance. The Board of Education may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget.
5. 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 used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

As mentioned earlier, the District first applies restricted resources when, a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balances, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned and then unassigned amounts when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

O. Receipts and Disbursements

Program Receipts

In the Statement of Activities, receipts that are derived directly from each activity or from parties outside the District's taxpayers are reported as program receipts. The District has the following program receipts: charges for service, sales, operating and capital grants, contributions and interest.

All other governmental receipts are reported as general. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.

Operating Receipts and Disbursements

Operating receipts and disbursements for proprietary funds result from providing services. They also include all receipts and disbursements not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are considered nonoperating.

P. Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability/asset, 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 respective retirement plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of member contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The retirement plans report investments at fair value.

Q. 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. There were no special or extraordinary items during fiscal year 2024.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2024, the District has implemented certain paragraphs of 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 the financial statements of 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 is reflected 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. Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its basic financial statements on a modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying basic financial statements omit assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(C) mandates that minutes of both regular and special meetings of any public office must be promptly prepared, filed, maintained, and made available for public inspection. The District did not prepare, file or maintain minutes for either regular or special meetings for fiscal year 2024 from July 2023 through February 2024. As a result, the District is noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(C).

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38(B) provides that a Board of Education shall pass its annual appropriation measure by the first day of October. Annual appropriations were not passed until June 27, 2024, which is after the October 1 deadline. The District is noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38(B).

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 in part, requires subdivisions to request increased or reduced amended certificates of estimated resources upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the last certified amended certificate. The District did not request timely amended certificates throughout the fiscal year upon notice of increased or decreased resources in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46 requires competitive bidding for certain contracts that exceed \$50,000. The District had three separate qualifying contracts that were not competitively bid in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46.

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 requires that a subdivision's total appropriations from each fund should not exceed total estimated resources. The District had total appropriations exceeding total estimated resources in multiple funds at June 30, 2024 in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.39.

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A)(4) states that upon a determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected by the subdivision will be less than the amount included in an official certificate and that the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the level of current appropriations, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the deficiency to the commission, and the commission shall certify an amended certificate reflecting the deficiency. The District had appropriations in excess of actual resources, which consists of actual revenues and beginning unencumbered fund balance, in multiple funds at June 30, 2024 in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.36(A)(4).

C. Deficit Fund Balances

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

<u>Nonmajor governmental funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Public School Preschool	\$ 133,693
IDEA, Part B	180,159
School Improvement Stimulus A	6,871
Title I	320,855
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	25,738
Improving Teacher Quality	109,038
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	8,431

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.10(I) requires money paid into any fund shall be used only for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another fund. The District had negative cash fund balances in various funds at the fiscal year end June 30, 2024 in noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.10(I).

Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.20, the District may maintain negative cash balances in certain special revenue funds if three criteria are met: (1) the general fund must have available and unencumbered funds to cover the negative amounts; (2) a reimbursement request must have been submitted by the fiscal year-end; and (3) there is a reasonable likelihood that the request for payment will be made. The funds above did not meet requirement two, as a result the entire \$784,785 negative cash balance at June 30, 2024 is considered unallowable.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statute classifies 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 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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 or by savings 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 or 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 fair value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2% 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 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 acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one-hundred-eighty days and two-hundred-seventy days, respectively, from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed forty percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time, if training requirements are met.

Protection of the 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.

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. 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 qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

A. Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agents

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 \$4,601,208. This amount is not included in the “deposits” or “investments” reported below.

The District is also setting aside monies in a Sinking Fund investment account with U.S. Bank that will be used to fund the scheduled balloon payment on their long-term obligations described in Note 7. These amounts are included in “investments” below and had a balance of \$8,295,456 at June 30, 2024.

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$10,706,060 and the bank balance of all District deposits was \$11,216,609. Of the bank balance, \$10,652,541 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below because those deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized and \$564,068 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 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. OPCS requires the total fair value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. For fiscal year 2024, the District’s financial institutions were approved for a collateral rate of 60 percent through the OPCS. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

C. Investments

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

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>13 to 18 months</u>	<u>19 to 24 months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
Commercial paper	\$ 529,505	\$ 529,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FFCB	2,336,205	-	-	-	61,468	2,274,737
FHLB	4,436,151	550,000	200,000	-	835,022	2,851,129
FHLMC	347,309	-	148,725	98,559	-	100,025
FNMA	150,000	-	-	-	-	150,000
Negotiable CDs	1,946,782	549,160	-	432,112	492,259	473,251
Money Market	49,530	49,530	-	-	-	-
US Treasury bills	357,256	-	357,256	-	-	-
US Treasury notes	2,339,644	-	-	-	359,272	1,980,372
Total	<u>\$ 12,492,382</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,195</u>	<u>\$ 705,981</u>	<u>\$ 530,671</u>	<u>\$ 1,748,021</u>	<u>\$ 7,829,514</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 2.00 years.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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 and Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The money market and negotiable CDs were not rated. The negotiable CDs were fully covered by the FDIC. The District's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond requiring the District to only invest in securities authorized by State statute. The District's investments in US Treasury bills were rated P-1 and A-1 by Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poors, respectively. The commercial paper is rated P-1 and A-1/A-1+ by Moody's and S&P, respectively.

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 and U.S. Treasury notes 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.

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:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	
	<u>Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
Commercial paper	\$ 529,505	4.24
FFCB	2,336,205	18.70
FHLB	4,436,151	35.51
FHLMC	347,309	2.78
FNMA	150,000	1.20
Negotiable CDs	1,946,782	15.58
Money Market	49,530	0.40
U.S. Treasury bills	357,256	2.86
U.S. Treasury notes	2,339,644	18.73
Total	<u>\$ 12,492,382</u>	<u>100.00</u>

D. 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:

Cash and investments per note

Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 10,706,060
Cash with fiscal agent - 024	4,601,208
Cash and investments with fiscal agent - sinking fund	8,295,456
Investments	<u>4,196,926</u>
Total	<u>\$ 27,799,650</u>

Cash and investments per statement of net position

Governmental activities	<u>\$ 27,799,650</u>
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NOTE 5 - 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 and public utility property located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law 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 revenue received in calendar 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2023 became a lien December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023 and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The District receives property taxes from Crawford and Richland County. The County Auditor periodically advances 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 2024 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

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	\$ 69,138,060	86.22	\$ 73,430,570	86.45
Public utility personal	<u>11,046,610</u>	<u>13.78</u>	<u>11,504,570</u>	<u>13.55</u>
Total	<u>\$ 80,184,670</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 84,935,140</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$74.90		\$76.60	

NOTE 6 - INCOME TAX

On May 5, 2009, the District's voters approved a 0.25 percent earned income tax on individuals residing within the District. The tax became effective on January 1, 2010, and is a continuing tax. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. The District income tax is credited to the general fund and is used for current operating disbursements.

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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations of the District at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

Description	Balance 06/30/23	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/24	Amount Due in One Year	Amount Due After One Year
Ohio School Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds, Series 2009	\$ 9,913,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,913,151	\$ -	\$ 9,913,151
Direct Placements						
Notes Payable - Finance						
Purchase Obligation	2,672,000	-	(200,000)	2,472,000	207,000	2,265,000
Total debt obligations	\$ 12,585,151	\$ -	\$ (200,000)	\$ 12,385,151	\$ 207,000	\$ 12,178,151

Ohio Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds – On November 24, 2009, the District issued facilities construction and improvement bonds, series 2009 (taxable tax credit-qualified school construction bonds) in order to fund the local share required under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). These bonds are general obligations of the District, for which its full faith and credit is pledged for repayment.

Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund. The source of payment is an 8.9 mill property tax levy passed in May 2009. The bonds have an interest rate of 1.63 percent and mature September 15, 2026. Interest payments on the bonds are due on June 1 and December 1 of each year and totaled \$161,584 for fiscal year 2024. The entire principal amount is due at the final maturity date. The District is setting aside monies toward this future payment in a sinking fund, described in Note 4 as “Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agents.”

A required sinking fund payment of \$615,000 was paid in fiscal year 2024. Future sinking fund requirements are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2025	\$ 625,000
2026	670,000
2027	414,982
	<u>\$ 1,709,982</u>

Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ -	\$ 161,584	\$ 161,584
2026	-	161,584	161,584
2027	9,913,151	46,680	9,959,831
Total	<u>\$ 9,913,151</u>	<u>\$ 369,848</u>	<u>\$ 10,282,999</u>

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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

OASBO (Ohio Association of School Business Officials) Capital Pool 1 – On August 13, 2009, the District entered into a \$4,337,000 notes payable - finance purchase agreement with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to finance a portion of the District's facilities construction project. Capital assets acquired by the finance purchase have not been capitalized in the modified cash basis financial statements. Fiscal year 2024 the principal and interest payments of \$170,000, and \$111,901, respectively, were paid from the general fund. The maturity date for the OASBO Capital Pool 1 is June 1, 2035.

OASBO Capital Pool 2 – On March 31, 2010, the District entered into a \$315,000 finance purchase agreement with the Columbus Regional Airport authority to pay for the issuance costs and fees related to the District's bond issue. The agreement required the District to establish an escrow account with US Bank. The District draws down funds from these accounts as needed in order to cover expenses incurred. Fiscal year 2024, principal and interest payments of \$30,000 and \$3,154, respectively, were paid from the general fund. The maturity date for the OASBO Capital Pool is June 1, 2026.

The District facilities collateralize the finance purchase agreements. In the event of default, the finance purchase agreement may be terminated, at the District's expense, with forfeiture of the constructed facility. The District may be liable for all applicable finance purchase payments due during the then-current finance purchase terms to the effective date or sale, finance purchase or sub-finance purchase and for the difference between the purchase price, rental and other amounts paid by the purchaser, lessee or sublessee pursuant to such sale, lease or sublease.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the finance purchase obligations at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Finance Purchase Obligations		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 207,000	\$ 106,637	\$ 313,637
2026	215,000	97,926	312,926
2027	192,000	88,865	280,865
2028	200,000	80,551	280,551
2029	209,000	71,891	280,891
2030 - 2034	1,182,000	216,049	1,398,049
2035	<u>267,000</u>	<u>11,661</u>	<u>278,661</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,472,000</u>	<u>\$ 673,580</u>	<u>\$ 3,145,580</u>

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, the District retained property insurance coverage, boiler and machinery coverage, and inland marine floaters in the blanket amount of \$54,867,856 with 100 percent coinsurance, replacement cost endorsement and a \$1,000 deductible for property damage. Vehicles are also covered and hold a \$250 deductible for comprehensive and a \$500 deductible for collision, busses area \$1,000 deductible for both. Automobile liability has a \$5,000,000 limit of liability for bodily injury per person, per occurrence, and property damage. Hylant Administrative Services, LLC, provides general liability coverage with a \$5,000,000 single occurrence limit and a \$7,000,000 aggregate limit. The general liability insurance does not carry a deductible.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from last fiscal year, nor have there been any claims in excess of coverage limits in any of the past three years.

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NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

B. Workers' Compensation

The District uses the firm of Sheakley to provide administrative support for claims processing, and to assist the District in compliance with Bureau of Workers Compensation and Industrial Commission regulations. The District purchases its workers' compensation coverage from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. The District's Managed Care Organization (MCO) is Sheakley UniComp. The District's Third Party Administrator (TPA) is Comp Management.

C. Employee Dishonesty Bonds

The District carries employee dishonesty bonds for the Superintendent, Treasurer, and all Board Members, in the amount of \$20,000, and for the Treasurer in the amount of \$100,000.

D. Life Insurance

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to all regular contracted employees through Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META) in the amount of \$50,000. Administrative staff is insured as follows:

Superintendent	\$	230,000
Treasurer		74,000
High School Principal		88,000
Elementary Principal		80,000
Middle School Principal		85,000
Assistant Principal		72,000
Director of Special Ed		83,000
Director Building Grounds/Transportation		50,000
AD/Dean of Students		63,000
Director of EMIS/Food Service		50,000
Director of Technology		40,000

Life insurance is provided in full, regardless of contracted hours. All employees (except bus drivers driving one AM and PM route) must be contracted for at least 6 hours a day for 180 days to be eligible to receive medical, dental and life insurance benefits.

E. Employee Group Medical and Dental Insurance

The District offers medical, prescription, and dental insurance to employees through a self-insurance program. The District has established a self-insurance internal service fund to account for this activity. The District is a member of the Jefferson Health Plan self-insurance plan, a claims servicing pool, consisting of over fifty members, in which monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent who in turn pays the claims on the District's behalf. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center is fiscal agent for the Jefferson Health Plan self-insurance plan.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability/Asset

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.

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 net pension/net OPEB liability (asset) are not reported on the face of the financial statements, but rather are disclosed in the notes because of the use of the cash basis framework.

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 10 for the required OPEB disclosures.

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 under Employers/Audit Resources.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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.

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 \$192,519 for fiscal year 2024.

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.

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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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. 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 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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.

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 9.53% 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 Ohio. The remaining 4.47% 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 \$437,424 for fiscal year 2024.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Net Pension Liability

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.

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.032617700%	0.023128780%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.030488800%</u>	<u>0.021908350%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.002128900%</u>	<u>-0.001220430%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,684,663	\$ 4,717,950	\$ 6,402,613

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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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)

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 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 return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the SERS' Statement of Investment Policy. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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%.

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	\$ 2,486,477	\$ 1,684,663	\$ 1,009,288

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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:

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	100.00 %	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

****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	\$ 7,255,162	\$ 4,717,950	\$ 2,572,162

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.

NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability/Asset

See Note 9 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. 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 under Employers/Audit Resources.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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 \$23,112.

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 \$23,112 for fiscal year 2024.

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. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting 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 Liability/Asset

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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset prior measurement date	0.033488400%	0.023128780%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.031402100%</u>	<u>0.021908350%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.002086300%</u>	<u>-0.001220430%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 517,333	\$ -	\$ 517,333
Proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ -	\$ (426,087)	\$ (426,087)

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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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

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%

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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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:

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	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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	\$ 661,299	\$ 517,333	\$ 403,809

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 380,066	\$ 517,333	\$ 699,229

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:

	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	Initial	Ultimate
Medical				
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	4.14%	7.50%	3.94%
Medicare	-10.94%	4.14%	-68.78%	3.94%
Prescription Drug				
Pre-Medicare	-11.95%	4.14%	9.00%	3.94%
Medicare	1.33%	4.14%	-5.47%	3.94%

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

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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:

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	100.00 %	

* 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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 360,627	\$ 426,087	\$ 483,096
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 485,741	\$ 426,087	\$ 354,235

NOTE 11 - STATUTORY RESERVES

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a 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 fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. These amounts must be carried forward and used for the same purposes in future years.

The following cash basis information identifies the changes in the fund balance reserves for capital improvements during fiscal year 2024.

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2023	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	115,559
Current year offsets	<u>(151,690)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (36,131)</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2025	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>

Although the District had current year offsets during the fiscal year that reduced the set aside amount to below zero for the capital maintenance reserve, this amount may not be used to reduce the set aside requirement of future years. This negative balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future years.

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NOTE 12 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet)

NEOnet was established as a jointly governed organization among sixteen school districts and the Summit County Educational Service Center that was formed July 1, 1995. NEOnet was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to improve administrative and instructional functions of member districts. NEOnet has since been restructured and organized as a council of governments (COG) under Ohio Revised Code 3301.075 and Chapter 167. The new COG is called the Metropolitan Regional Service Council (Council). The Council serves several program functions for the 30 school district members, such as NEOnet ITC functions and as a collaborative purchasing agent. The Council is self-supporting and conducts its fiscal services in house with a licensed treasurer.

The Council employs an Executive Director who works cooperatively with a nine-member Board of Directors consisting of four superintendents, the Portage Lakes Career Center superintendent, three members of the treasurers' committee and one member of the technology committee. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the assembly, which elects the board of directors, who exercises total control over the operation of NEOnet including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. All revenues are generated from State funding and an annual fee per student to participating districts. The Metropolitan Regional Services Council and NEOnet are located at 700 Graham Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. During fiscal year 2024, the District contributed \$52,182 to NEOnet.

NOTE 13 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

Jefferson Health Plan – The District is a participant with several other Districts in an insurance purchasing pool to operate the Jefferson Health Plan. The Health Plan was formed for the purpose of providing insurance. The Health Plan is governed by a board of directors consisting of the superintendents and treasurers of the member Districts. The degree of control exercised by any participating District is limited to its representation on the Board.

NOTE 14 - RELATED ENTITY

Crestline Public Library (the "Library")

The District appoints the Governing Board of the Library; however, the District cannot influence the Library's operation, nor does the Library represent a potential financial benefit for or burden on the District. The District serves in a ministerial capacity as the taxing authority for the Library. Once the Library Board determines to present a levy to the voters, including the determination of its rate and duration, the District must place the levy on the ballot. The Library may not issue debt.

The Library determines its own budget.

NOTE 15 - ENCUMBRANCE 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:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$ 453,992
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)	411,767
Other Governmental	415,890
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 1,281,649</u>

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NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2024, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

B. Litigation

The District is not party to any claims or lawsuits that would, in the District's opinion, have a material effect of the basic financial statements.

NOTE 17 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

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>
Nonmajor governmental fund	\$ 75,000

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 transfer of \$75,000 from the general fund to the district managed student activity fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) was to correct a negative balance.

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.

NOTE 18 - 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>Final Budget -</u>
			<u>Basis</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
				<u>Actual Amounts</u>
Budgetary receipts and other financing sources	\$ -	\$ 9,615,603	\$ 10,305,223	\$ 689,620
Budgetary disbursements and other financing uses	-	9,776,272	8,378,750	(1,397,522)
Net change in fund balance	-	(160,669)	1,926,473	2,087,142
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year	10,809,394	10,809,394	10,809,394	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	377,936	377,936	377,936	-
Budgetary fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 11,187,330</u>	<u>\$ 11,026,661</u>	<u>\$ 13,113,803</u>	<u>\$ 2,087,142</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>Final Budget -</u>
			<u>Basis</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
				<u>Actual Amounts</u>
Budgetary receipts and other financing sources	\$ -	\$ 3,022,223	\$ 1,710,007	\$ (1,312,216)
Budgetary disbursements and other financing uses	-	2,641,231	2,078,851	(562,380)
Net change in fund balance	-	380,992	(368,844)	(749,836)
Budgetary fund balance (deficit) at beginning of year	(1,462,996)	(1,462,996)	(1,462,996)	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	801,231	801,231	801,231	-
Budgetary fund balance (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ (661,765)</u>	<u>\$ (280,773)</u>	<u>\$ (1,030,609)</u>	<u>\$ (749,836)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund and the elementary and secondary school emergency relief (ESSER) fund are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the modified cash basis are as follows:

1. Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as a cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (modified cash basis).
2. Some funds are included in the general fund (modified cash basis) but have separate legally adopted budgets (budgetary basis).

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the budgetary basis to the modified cash basis are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>ESSER Fund</u>
Budgetary basis	\$ 1,926,473	\$ (368,844)
Revenue Accrual	(1)	-
Expenditure Accrual	1	-
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(5,665)	-
Encumbrances	<u>453,992</u>	<u>411,767</u>
Modified cash basis	<u>\$ 2,374,800</u>	<u>\$ 42,923</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 uniform school supplies fund, public school support fund, and unclaimed monies fund.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM CLUSTER TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER/ ADDITIONAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION	TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	\$ 123,236
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	93,511
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2023	149,327
COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program	10.555	COVID-19, 2024	19,529
National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	2024	15,466
Total National School Lunch Program			277,833
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			401,069
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	2024	6,681
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	2023	2,901
Total Child and Adult Care Food Program			9,582
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			410,651
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management</i>			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - School Safety Round #4	21.027	COVID-19, 2024	60,138
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			60,138
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	34,655
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	297,866
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Expanding Opportunities For Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	8,035
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Expanding Opportunities For Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	15,519
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Title I Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	250
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			356,325
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2023	21,264
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2024	172,136
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - ARP	84.027X	COVID-19, 84.027X, 2023	72
Total Special Education Grants to States			193,472
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			193,472
Title V-B Rural and Low-Income	84.358B	84.358B, 2024	2,740
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2024	48,349
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	84.424A, 2023	200
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	84.424A, 2024	25,737
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program			25,937
COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Fund	84.425D	COVID-19, 84.425D, 2023	730,934
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2023	326,311
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2024	609,839
Total Education Stabilization Fund			1,667,084
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,293,907
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 2,764,696

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3 – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE 4 – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The Crestline Exempted Village School District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The Crestline Exempted Village 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***

Crestline Exempted Village School District
Crawford County
401 Heiser Court
Crestline, Ohio 44827

To the Members of the Board of Education:

We have audited, 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, the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Crestline Exempted Village School District, Crawford 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 10, 2025, wherein we noted the Crestline Exempted Village School District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2024-002 through 2024-005 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Crestline Exempted Village School District

Crawford 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2024-001 through 2024-003 and 2024-005 through 2024-009.

Crestline Exempted Village School District's Responses to the Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Crestline Exempted Village School District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The Crestline Exempted Village School District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.

April 10, 2025

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

Crestline Exempted Village School District
Crawford County
401 Heiser Court
Crestline, Ohio 44827

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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village School District's federal programs.

Crestline Exempted Village School District
Crawford 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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 Crestline Exempted Village 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.

Crestline Exempted Village School District
Crawford 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.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

Julian & Grube, Inc.
April 10, 2025

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	Yes
<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>	Yes
<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 §200.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program(s) (listed):</i>	COVID-19 – 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>	No

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS	
Finding Number	2024-001

Noncompliance - Annual Financial Report

Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 provides each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38. Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The District prepares its financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting in a report format similar to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. This presentation differs from GAAP. There would be variances on the financial statements between this accounting practice and GAAP that, while presumably material, cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

Failure to prepare proper GAAP financial statements may result in the District being fined or other administrative remedies.

The District should prepare its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding Number	2024-002
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Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Fund Balances

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.10(I) requires that money paid into a fund must be used only for the purposes for which such fund has been established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another fund. However, Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.20 provides an allowable exception for school districts, if all the following have been met:

- The school district has a request for payment pending with the state sufficient to cover the amount of the deficit.
- The unspent and unencumbered balance in the school district's General Fund is greater than the aggregate of deficit amounts in all of the school district's special funds.
- There is a reasonable likelihood that the request for payment will be made.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS – (Continued)

Finding Number	2024-002 - (Continued)
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At fiscal year end, the District had negative fund balances in the Public School Preschool Fund, IDEA Part B Fund, School Improvement Stimulus A Fund, Title I Fund, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program Fund, Improving Teacher Quality Fund, and Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund that did not meet the above exceptions as requests for payments were not submitted by the fiscal year end and/or did not cover the amount of the deficit.

By having a negative fund balance, these funds have spent other funds' balances. This could indicate insufficient monitoring of appropriations and related expenditures and continual review of cash management. Also, not requesting grant receipts in a timely manner could indicate insufficient monitoring of grant activity.

We recommend the District monitor the cash balances within its grant funds and draw down monies to meets its immediate cash needs. If funds are anticipated, but not yet received and expenditures are necessary, the District should advance or transfer funds from the General Fund with proper Board of Education approval. We also recommend the District utilize its accounting software program to its fullest and continually review relevant reports to assist in preventing negative fund balances. The District should continue to review available guidance or inquire of its auditors to ensure grant funds are requested timely in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding Number	2024-003
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Material Weakness/Noncompliance - Budgetary

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38(B) requires that the Board of Education adopt its annual appropriation measure by October 1.

The District has not provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate that either temporary or permanent appropriations were adopted by the Board of Education, due to the absence of meeting minutes (see Finding 2024-005). The District did, however, pass an appropriation measure on June 27, 2024.

The failure to adopt permanent appropriations in accordance with Board approval constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B), which prohibits expenditures unless they have been duly appropriated. This lack of proper appropriation increases the risk of overspending beyond available funds, potentially leading to negative fund balances.

To address this issue, we recommend that the Board of Education ensure that permanent appropriations are adopted by October 1 and that this action is documented in the Board meeting minutes. Additionally, subsequent appropriation amendments should also be approved by the Board and documented within the meeting minutes.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS – (Continued)	
Finding Number	2024-004

Material Weakness - Financial Statement Presentation

Management is responsible for preparing complete and accurate financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. Control and monitoring activities typically associated with the period-end financial reporting process include reviewing and approving manual journal entries, consolidating entries, and any entries that are recorded directly to the financial statements.

Certain audit adjustments were made to correct misstatements identified in the audit of the District's financial statements. It was necessary to post an adjustment to decrease the Miscellaneous receipts line item on the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Modified Cash Basis – Governmental Funds by \$615,000 and decrease Interest and Fiscal Charges disbursements line item for the same amount, for the bond retirement fund. The audited financial statements, including the government-wide Statement of Activities, were updated for the misstatements identified during the audit.

A lack of proper policies and procedures for control and monitoring activities associated with the period-end financial reporting process could lead to financial statement and note disclosure adjustments, which if uncorrected, could lead to a misrepresentation of the District's activity. Additionally, without a review of the completed unaudited financial statements by management prior to filing with the Hinkle system, financial information could be misrepresented.

We recommend the District review the adjustments posted to the current fiscal year audit report and implement additional control procedures that enable management to more timely prevent or detect and correct potential misstatements in the financial statements prior to presenting them to its auditors. Further, we recommend the District designate an individual to review future unaudited reports prior to their Hinkle submission to ensure all financial activity is accurately reflected.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding Number	2024-005
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Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Ohio Open Meetings Act

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(C) mandates that minutes of both regular and special meetings of any public office must be promptly prepared, filed, maintained, and made available for public inspection.

It was observed that the District did not prepare, file, or maintain minutes for either regular or special meetings from July 2023 through February 2024.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS – (Continued)	
Finding Number	2024-005 – (Continued)

The absence of these minutes impedes the ability to verify whether resolutions or ordinances, including critical items such as the budget, advances, and contracts, were properly passed by the Board of Education. Consequently, this lack of documentation raises concerns regarding the validity and approval of these transactions. By not having filed minutes, it is possible that a person may file an action in a common pleas court to compel the public body to obey the Ohio Open Meetings Act. If the court issue an injunction, the public body must correct its actions and pay court costs, a fine of \$500, and attorney fees.

We recommend that the District promptly prepare and file minutes for all regular and special meetings immediately upon their conclusion to ensure compliance with the Ohio Open Meetings Act and to maintain transparency and accountability.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

Finding Number	2024-006
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Noncompliance – Amending Certificates of Estimated Resources

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 in part, requires subdivisions to request increased or reduced amended certificates of estimated resources upon determination by the fiscal officer that revenue to be collected will be greater or less than the amount in the last certified amended certificate.

The District did not request timely amended certificates throughout the fiscal year upon notice of increased or decreased resources.

The District is not properly certifying its most current estimated resources to the appropriate authorities and thus causing appropriations to exceed estimated resources, throughout the fiscal year and at fiscal year-end.

We recommend that the District review its available resources versus its appropriations throughout the fiscal year and file amended certificates when necessary. This will facilitate the District's appropriation process.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

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

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

Finding Number	2024-007
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Noncompliance – Appropriations in Excess of Estimated Resources

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 requires that a subdivision's total appropriations from each fund should not exceed total estimated resources.

The District had total appropriations exceeding total estimated resources in the following funds at June 30, 2024:

<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Estimated Resources</u>	<u>Excess</u>
District Managed Activity	129,633	120,015	9,618
Public School Preschool	230,064	(11,362)	241,426
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	1,839,999	1,559,226	280,773
Improving Teacher Quality	116,830	50,271	66,559

With appropriations exceeding estimated resources, the District may spend more funds than in the Treasury or in process of collection and cause fund deficits.

We recommend the District comply with the Ohio Revised Code and Auditor of State Bulletin 97-010 and continually monitor appropriations versus estimated resources records. If it is determined that estimated resources will be different than initially anticipated, the District should amend its estimated resources and also amend the appropriations as necessary; however, appropriations should not exceed estimated resources.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

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Noncompliance – Appropriations in Excess of Actual Resources

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 (A)(4) states that upon a determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected by the subdivision will be less than the amount included in an official certificate and that the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the level of current appropriations, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the deficiency to the commission, and the commission shall certify an amended certificate reflecting the deficiency.

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2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS – (Continued)	
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The District had appropriations in excess of actual resources, which consists of actual revenues and beginning unencumbered fund balance, in the following funds at June 30, 2024:

Governmental Funds	Appropriations	Actual Resources	Excess
Public School Preschool	230,064	4,638	225,426
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	1,839,999	247,011	1,592,988
Improving Teacher Quality	116,830	(33,419)	150,249

By appropriating more funds than actual resources, the District is at risk of spending more money than is available; this may result in negative fund balances.

We recommend the District monitor estimated resources in comparison with actual resources and appropriations, and if necessary, obtain a decreased amended certificate and amend appropriations accordingly. Further guidance may be found in Auditor of State bulletin 97-010.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

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Noncompliance – Competitive Bidding

Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46 requires that boards of education of city school districts, local school districts, exempted village school districts, cooperative education school districts, and joint vocational school districts, as well as governing boards of educational service centers, must advertise for bids when the cost of a project exceeds \$50,000. The bids must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for at least two consecutive weeks prior to the date specified for receiving bids.

The District did not comply with the competitive bidding requirements for three separate projects as stipulated in Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46. Specifically, the District failed to advertise for bids in a newspaper of general circulation for the required period.

Failure to comply with the competitive bidding requirements may result in the District not obtaining the best possible price for these projects and potentially engaging contractors who do not meet the necessary standards.

We recommend that the District adhere to the competitive bidding requirements outlined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46 for all future projects. The District should ensure that all bids are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation for at least two consecutive weeks prior to the date specified for receiving bids.

Officials Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

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3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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Finding Number	Year Initially Occurred	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2023-001	Unknown	<u>Noncompliance – Annual Financial Report</u> - Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). However, the District prepares its financial statements on a modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP.	Not Corrected	Finding repeated as 2024-001 as the District did not prepare its annual financial report in accordance with GAAP.
2023-002	2021	<u>Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Fund Balances</u> – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.10(I) requires that money paid into a fund must be used only for the purposes for which such fund has been established. However, it was noted that several fund balances at year-end were negative which indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses for another fund.	Not Corrected	Finding repeated as 2024-002 as the District had negative fund balances at fiscal year end.
2023-003	2022	<u>Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Late Hinkle Submission Filing</u> – Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Auditor of State Bulletin 2015-007, requires entities filing on a cash-basis must file annual reports with the Auditor of State, via the Hinkle Annual Financial Data Reporting System within 60 days of the fiscal year end. The District's filing for fiscal year ended 2023 was completed March 27, 2024, which was past the 60-day deadline of August 29, 2023.	Partially Corrected	Finding reissued as a Management Letter Comment.
2023-004	2022	<u>Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Unauditable</u> – Ohio Revised Code Section 117.41 states, a public office may be declared unauditable if it is unable to be audited due to improper maintenance of its accounts, records, files, or reports. On February 23, 2024, the District was officially declared unauditable for fiscal year 2023 by the Office of the Auditor of State. This declaration resulted from the District's failure to timely submit the unaudited financial statements to the Hinkle system (see 2023-003).	Corrective Action Taken and Finding is Fully Corrected	N/A

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2023-005	2022	<u>Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Ohio Open Meetings Act</u> – Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(C) mandates that minutes of both regular and special meetings of any public office must be promptly prepared, filed, maintained, and made available for public inspection. It was observed that the District did not prepare, file, or maintain minutes for either regular or special meetings.	Not Corrected	Finding repeated as 2024-005 as the District did not prepare, file, or maintain minutes for either regular or special meetings for fiscal year 2024 from July 2023 through February 2024.
2023-006	2022	<u>Material Weakness/Noncompliance – Budgetary</u> – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38(B) requires that the Board of Education adopt its annual appropriation measure by October 1. The District has not provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate that either temporary or permanent appropriations were adopted by the Board of Education, due to the absence of meeting minutes (see Finding 2023-005).	Not Corrected	Finding repeated as 2024-003 as the District did not provide documentation to demonstrate that either temporary or permanent appropriations were adopted by the Board of Education until June 27, 2024.
2023-007	2023	<u>Material Weakness – Financial Statement Presentation</u> - Management is responsible for preparing complete and accurate financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. Control and monitoring activities typically associated with the period-end financial reporting process include reviewing and approving manual journal entries, consolidating entries, and any entries that are recorded directly to the financial statements. Certain audit adjustments were made to correct misstatements identified in the audit of the District's financial statements.	Not Corrected	Finding repeated as 2024-004 as the District's financial statements required audit adjustments to correct misstatements.

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2024-001	<p>The District acknowledges the noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2- 03(B) regarding the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP.</p> <p>To address this issue, the District will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assess Resources: Evaluate the financial and personnel resources required to transition to full GAAP reporting.2. Consult with Financial Experts: Engage with financial professionals, including auditors and accounting consultants, to develop a compliance plan.3. Training and Development: Provide training for finance staff on GAAP reporting requirements and best practices.4. Implementation Plan: Establish a phased approach to transition from the modified cash basis to GAAP-compliant financial reporting, considering budgetary constraints.5. Monitor Compliance: Regularly review financial reporting processes to ensure alignment with GAAP and maintain communication with the Auditor of State's office regarding progress. <p>This corrective action plan will be reviewed annually to assess feasibility and compliance progress.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer

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2024-002	<p>The District acknowledges the material weakness and noncompliance related to negative fund balances and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhanced Monitoring: Establish a process to regularly review fund balances and ensure expenditures align with available resources.2. Timely Grant Drawdowns: Improve the timeliness of grant receipt requests to prevent deficits, ensuring funds are drawn down as needed to cover expenditures.3. Use of Accounting Software: Fully utilize the district's accounting system to generate real-time reports, monitor grant fund activity, and prevent negative balances.4. Board-Approved Transfers/Advances: If necessary, advance or transfer funds from the General Fund with proper Board of Education approval to cover short-term deficits.5. Training and Compliance: Provide training for finance personnel on grant fund management, monitoring requirements, and compliance with Ohio Revised Code and applicable grant guidelines. <p>The District will conduct periodic reviews to ensure compliance and prevent future negative fund balances.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	Treasurer

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2024-003	<p>The District acknowledges the material weakness and noncompliance related to budgetary requirements and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Timely Adoption of Appropriations: Ensure that the Board of Education adopts permanent appropriations by October 1 each year, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.38(B).2. Meeting Documentation: Maintain detailed and accurate Board meeting minutes that clearly document the adoption of appropriations and any amendments.3. Internal Review Process: Implement an internal review process to verify that appropriations are properly approved and recorded before expenditures occur.4. Board and Staff Training: Provide training to Board members and financial staff on budgetary compliance requirements and proper documentation practices.5. Ongoing Monitoring: Regularly review budgetary practices to ensure compliance with Ohio Revised Code and prevent future findings. <p>The District will establish accountability measures to ensure appropriations are properly documented and approved in a timely manner.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	Treasurer

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2024-004	<p>The District acknowledges the material weakness in financial statement presentation and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhanced Review Process: Implement a formal review process where management reviews all unaudited financial statements before submission to the Hinkle system to ensure accuracy and completeness.2. Internal Controls: Strengthen internal controls over financial reporting, including detailed review and approval of manual and consolidating journal entries before financial statements are finalized.3. Training for Finance Staff: Provide training for finance personnel on proper financial reporting procedures and error detection to minimize misstatements.4. Designated Review Responsibility: Assign a designated individual or team to review financial statements and note disclosures for accuracy prior to submission and audit.5. Audit Adjustments Monitoring: Maintain a record of audit adjustments and ensure that corrective actions are implemented to prevent recurring misstatements in future financial reports. <p>The District will monitor and review financial reporting practices regularly to ensure compliance and improve the accuracy of financial statements.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer.

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2024-005	<p>The District acknowledges the material weakness and noncompliance with the Ohio Open Meetings Act and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Timely Preparation and Filing: Ensure that minutes for all regular and special meetings are promptly prepared, reviewed, and filed immediately following each meeting.2. Designated Responsibility: Assign a designated individual or team to oversee the preparation, filing, and maintenance of meeting minutes to ensure compliance.3. Board Approval and Transparency: Require Board approval of meeting minutes at the next scheduled meeting and make them publicly available for inspection in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(C).4. Record-Keeping System: Implement a standardized process for securely maintaining meeting minutes, including both physical and digital records for accessibility and historical reference.5. Training and Compliance Monitoring: Provide training to Board members and administrative staff on the requirements Open Meetings Act and establish regular internal compliance checks. <p>The District will conduct periodic reviews to ensure adherence to these corrective actions and maintain full compliance with open meeting requirements.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer.

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2024-006	<p>The District acknowledges the noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36 and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Regular Revenue Monitoring: Establish a process to routinely compare actual revenues to estimated resources throughout the fiscal year.2. Timely Amended Certificates: Ensure that amended certificates of estimated resources are requested promptly when revenue fluctuations are identified.3. Improved Coordination: Strengthen communication between the Treasurer's Office and the appropriate authorities to facilitate accurate certification of estimated resources.4. Compliance Tracking: Implement a tracking system to monitor the timing and accuracy of amended certificates and prevent appropriations from exceeding estimated resources.5. Staff Training: Provide training to finance personnel on the legal requirements and best practices for managing estimated resources and filing amendments. <p>The District will review compliance periodically to ensure ongoing compliance and avoid fund deficits.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer.

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2024-007	<p>The District acknowledges the noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.39 and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Regular Budget Monitoring: Establish a process for continuous review of appropriations versus estimated resources to prevent over-appropriation.2. Timely Amendments: Ensure that when estimated resources change, the District promptly amends both estimated resources and appropriations to maintain compliance.3. Internal Controls: Strengthen internal controls to prevent appropriations from exceeding available resources, including enhanced oversight by the Treasurer's Office.4. Compliance Tracking: Implement a tracking system to monitor budget adjustments and ensure all appropriations align with certified estimated resources.5. Training and Guidance: Provide training to finance personnel on budgetary compliance, including proper certification of estimated resources and appropriation adjustments. <p>The District will conduct periodic reviews to ensure ongoing compliance and avoid fund deficits.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer.

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2024-008	<p>The District acknowledges the noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36(A)(4) and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhanced Monitoring: Regularly compare estimated resources to actual revenues and fund balances to ensure appropriations do not exceed available resources.2. Timely Certification of Deficiencies: Promptly certify revenue shortfalls to the appropriate commission and request amended certificates when actual resources fall below appropriated amounts.3. Appropriation Adjustments: Revise appropriations as needed to align with updated estimated resources and prevent negative fund balances.4. Internal Controls: Strengthen oversight by the Treasurer's Office to ensure compliance with budgetary requirements and avoid over-appropriation.5. Staff Training: Provide training to finance personnel on budgetary laws and best practices for monitoring and adjusting appropriations. <p>The District will conduct periodic budget reviews to maintain compliance and financial stability.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer.

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2024-009	<p>The District acknowledges the noncompliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46 and will implement the following corrective measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with Bidding Requirements: Ensure that all projects exceeding \$50,000 adhere to competitive bidding procedures, including proper advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation for the required duration. Internal Review Process: Establish a review and approval process to verify that bidding requirements are met before proceeding with any project. Documentation and Record-Keeping: Maintain detailed records of bid advertisements, including publication dates and copies of advertisements, to ensure compliance. Training for Staff: Provide training to procurement and administrative staff on competitive bidding laws and procedures to prevent future noncompliance. Oversight and Accountability: Assign a designated individual or team to oversee bidding compliance and conduct periodic audits to confirm adherence to Ohio Revised Code requirements. <p>The District will monitor bidding practices regularly to ensure full compliance and transparency in procurement.</p>	Fiscal Year 2025	The Board of Education and Treasurer.

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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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