

DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2024

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Defiance City School District, Defiance 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 Defiance City School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

January 29, 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

Defiance City School District
Defiance County
801 South Clinton Street
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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 Defiance City School District, Defiance 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, thereof and for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the management's discussion and analysis but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 4, 2024 on our consideration of the Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 4, 2024

**DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The management's discussion and analysis of the Defiance City School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, within the limitations of the District's modified cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the modified cash-basis financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- The total net cash position of the District increased \$2,198,379 or 12.60% from fiscal year 2023's net cash position.
- General cash receipts accounted for \$30,590,193 or 77.50% of total governmental activities cash receipts. Program specific cash receipts accounted for \$8,881,656 or 22.50% of total governmental activities cash receipts of \$39,471,849.
- The District had \$37,273,470 in cash disbursements related to governmental activities; \$8,881,656 of these cash disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General receipts of \$30,590,193 were sufficient to cover the remaining cash disbursements.
- The District's major fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$32,263,019 in cash receipts and \$29,590,558 in cash disbursements and other financing uses. The general fund's fund cash balance increased \$2,672,461 from a fund cash balance of \$13,596,955 at June 30, 2023 to a fund cash balance of \$16,269,416 at June 30, 2024.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's modified cash basis of accounting.

The Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting an aggregate view of the District's cash basis finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, there is only one major governmental fund, the general fund.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

The Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2024?" These statements include *only net position* using the *modified cash basis of accounting*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year's receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

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

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related receipts (such as accounts receivable and receipt for billed or provided services not collected) and liabilities and their related disbursements (such as accounts payable and disbursements for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued disbursements and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

In the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis the governmental activities include District's programs and services including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental fund is the general fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various District programs.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs.

The District's only fiduciary funds are a custodial fund. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Modified Cash Basis. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the District to finance its operations. The District's fiduciary funds had no activity in fiscal year 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Recall that the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis provides the perspective of the District as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the District's net cash position at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

	Net Position - Modified Cash Basis	
	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 19,642,156	\$ 17,443,777
Total assets	<u>19,642,156</u>	<u>17,443,777</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Restricted	3,523,601	3,541,006
Unrestricted	<u>16,118,555</u>	<u>13,902,771</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 19,642,156</u>	<u>\$ 17,443,777</u>

The total net position of the District increased \$2,198,379 which represents a 12.60% increase from fiscal year 2023. A portion of the District's net position, \$3,523,601, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of government-wide unrestricted net position of \$16,118,555 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

The table below shows the changes in net position on the modified cash basis for fiscal year 2024 and 2023.

	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 1,488,963	\$ 1,508,142
Operating grants, contributions and interest	<u>7,392,693</u>	<u>6,712,324</u>
Total program receipts	<u>8,881,656</u>	<u>8,220,466</u>
General receipts:		
Property taxes	9,181,556	8,270,859
Income taxes	2,271,730	2,473,069
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	18,035,036	16,132,613
Receipts from sale of capital assets		
Receipts in lieu of taxes	54,262	54,262
Investment earnings	997,712	493,926
Miscellaneous	<u>49,897</u>	<u>42,830</u>
Total general receipts	<u>30,590,193</u>	<u>27,467,559</u>
Total receipts	<u>39,471,849</u>	<u>35,688,025</u>

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Change in Net Position - Modified Cash Basis (Continued)

	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
Cash Disbursements:		
Instruction:		
Regular	\$ 14,370,007	\$ 13,582,841
Special	6,293,252	5,788,010
Vocational	539,719	491,110
Student intervention services	13,482	13,136
Other	477,686	560,038
Support services:		
Pupil	2,727,814	2,459,475
Instructional staff	811,777	840,914
Board of education	100,695	113,554
Administration	1,862,008	1,799,636
Fiscal	654,534	607,977
Operations and maintenance	2,939,239	2,994,788
Pupil transportation	1,351,774	1,255,855
Central	272,411	221,122
Operation of non instructional services	1,574,747	1,480,735
Extracurricular	1,256,449	1,242,924
Facilities acquisition and construction	659,198	168,507
Debt service	<u>1,368,678</u>	<u>1,468,739</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>37,273,470</u>	<u>35,089,361</u>
Change in net position	2,198,379	598,664
Net position at beginning of year	<u>17,443,777</u>	<u>16,845,113</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 19,642,156</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,443,777</u></u>

Governmental Activities

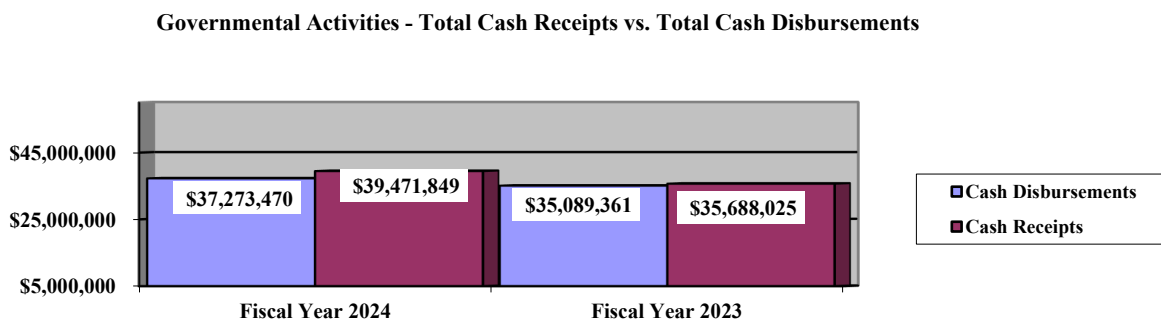
Governmental net position increased by \$2,198,379 in fiscal year 2024 from fiscal year 2023. Total governmental disbursements of \$37,273,470 were offset by program receipts of \$8,881,656 and general receipts of \$30,590,193 were adequate to cover the remaining disbursements. Program receipts supported 23.83% of the total governmental disbursements. The largest governmental disbursement was instructional which totaled \$21,694,146.

The primary sources of receipts for governmental activities are derived from taxes, and unrestricted grants and entitlements. These receipt sources represent 74.71% of total governmental receipts. Real estate property is reappraised every six years. Overall, program receipts increased as a result of increased grants in fiscal year 2024.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities cash receipts and cash disbursements for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.



The statement of activities – modified cash basis shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal years 2024 and 2023. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax receipts, unrestricted State grants and entitlements, and other general cash receipts.

Governmental Activities

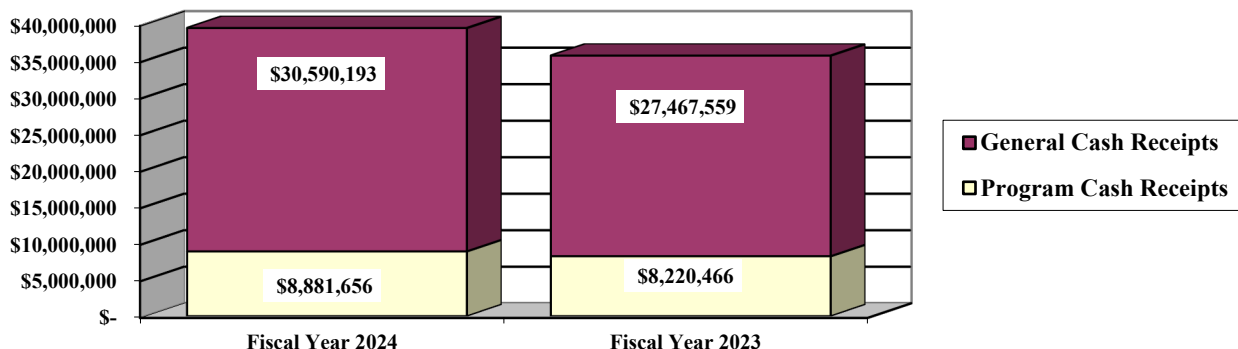
	Total Cost of Services 2024	Net Cost of Services 2024	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost of Services 2023
Program disbursements				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 14,370,007	\$ 13,358,041	\$ 13,582,841	\$ 12,674,566
Special	6,293,252	2,207,627	5,788,010	2,146,128
Vocational	539,719	407,759	491,110	368,788
Student intervention services	13,482	13,482	13,136	13,136
Other	477,686	477,686	560,038	557,041
Support services:				
Pupil	2,727,814	2,104,097	2,459,475	1,928,008
Instructional staff	811,777	768,422	840,914	815,337
Board of education	100,695	100,695	113,554	113,554
Administration	1,862,008	1,747,339	1,799,636	1,664,350
Fiscal	654,534	586,347	607,977	527,021
Operations and maintenance	2,939,239	2,758,232	2,994,788	2,638,463
Pupil transportation	1,351,774	1,007,013	1,255,855	986,497
Central	272,411	261,028	221,122	211,024
Operation of non-instructional services	1,574,747	(123,237)	1,480,735	(138,251)
Extracurricular activities	1,256,449	689,407	1,242,924	725,987
Facilities acquisition and construction	659,198	659,198	168,507	168,507
Debt service	1,368,678	1,368,678	1,468,739	1,468,739
Total program disbursements	\$ 37,273,470	\$ 28,391,814	\$ 35,089,361	\$ 26,868,895

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The dependence upon general cash receipts for governmental activities is apparent; with only 23.83% of cash disbursements supported through program cash receipts during 2024.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Cash Receipts



Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The District's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified cash basis of accounting.

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$19,642,156, which is \$2,198,379 more than last year's total of \$17,443,777. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023, for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Fund Cash Balance June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Fund Cash Balance June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Increase (decrease)</u>
General	\$ 16,269,416	\$ 13,596,955	\$ 2,672,461
Other Nonmajor Governmental	<u>3,372,740</u>	<u>3,846,822</u>	<u>(474,082)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,642,156</u>	<u>\$ 17,443,777</u>	<u>\$ 2,198,379</u>

General Fund

The District's only major fund is the general fund. The general fund had cash receipts of \$32,263,019 and cash disbursements and other financing uses of \$29,590,558 in 2024. The general fund's fund balance increased \$2,672,461 or 19.65% from 2023 to 2024.

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the cash receipts of the general fund.

	<u>2024</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>			
Taxes	\$ 10,023,158	\$ 9,124,175	9.85 %
Tuition and fees	597,245	616,646	(3.15) %
Receipts in lieu of taxes	54,262	54,262	- %
Earnings on investments	997,712	493,926	102.00 %
Extracurricular	22,590	12,516	80.49 %
Other local revenues	83,558	63,254	32.10 %
Intergovernmental	<u>20,484,494</u>	<u>18,297,677</u>	11.95 %
 Total	 <u>\$ 32,263,019</u>	 <u>\$ 28,662,456</u>	 12.56 %

Overall, general fund cash receipts was higher than the previous year, with an increase of 12.56%. The decrease in tuition and fees of \$19,401 or 3.15% was due to a decrease in open enrollment. Higher interest rates on investments resulted in an increase in earnings on investments. The District intends to hold investments to their maturity reducing the interest rate risk. Extracurricular receipts increased due to more after-school activities being offered. Other local receipts increased due to more rental income received during the fiscal year.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the disbursements of the general fund.

	<u>2024</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
Instruction	\$ 18,782,780	\$ 18,093,709	3.81 %
Support services	9,708,737	9,329,192	4.07 %
Extracurricular	714,661	704,247	1.48 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	372,019	56,539	557.99 %
Debt service	<u>9,883</u>	<u>38,467</u>	(74.31)
 Total	 <u>\$ 29,588,080</u>	 <u>\$ 28,222,154</u>	 4.84 %

Overall disbursements increased 4.84% from fiscal year 2023. Instruction disbursements increased \$689,071, or 3.81%, due to increased regular instruction disbursements. Support services disbursements increased \$379,545, or 4.07%, due to increased pupil disbursements. Facilities acquisition and construction disbursements increased due to more payments towards improvements during fiscal year 2024. Debt service disbursements decreased due to the District paying down its debt obligations.

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Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

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

For the general fund, final budgetary basis receipts and other financing sources of \$32,220,228 were higher than the original budget estimates of \$28,089,000. Actual cash receipts of \$32,205,068 were lower than final budget estimates by \$15,160.

The final and original budgetary basis disbursements and other financing uses were \$32,258,001 and \$32,416,967, respectively. The actual budgetary basis disbursements and other financing uses of \$29,908,813 were \$2,349,188 less than the final budget estimates.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District does not record capital assets in the accompanying cash basis basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as disbursements. The District had \$659,198 in facilities acquisition and construction disbursements during fiscal year 2024.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$19,225,000 in general obligation bonds. Of this total \$860,000 is due within one year and \$18,365,000 is due in more than one year. The following table summarizes the obligations outstanding.

	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
2015 Refunding bonds	4,605,000	4,650,000
2020 Refunding bonds	14,620,000	15,340,000
Notes payable financed purchase	-	12,987
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 19,225,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,002,987</u>

Refer to Note 12 to the basic financial statements for further detail.

Current Financial Related Activities

The District continues to be extremely responsible in spending of the taxpayer dollars and all other funds for the District. The challenges of the ever-changing economy and state funding continue to be a challenge and the District remains a strong service provider to the students of the Defiance area.

The citizens of the Defiance City Schools' community continue to show strong support of the District by passing levies when needed. The District has just completed building a new Middle School/High School in conjunction with OFCC. This complex was co-funded by the state at 71%, leaving only 29% to be paid by the District. The District was sensitive to the need to have two separate wings for the complex and there are separate entrances for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. The location of the new school brings all students in the District together on one large campus by having a connector road linking the two buildings.

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

The Superintendent, Treasurer, Administrators, Staff and Board of Education continue to aggressively market the District to local and area students to increase enrollment. The all-day kindergarten services, as well as developmental kindergarten and school-wide programs to help combat the outgoing enrollment, are excellent examples of the hard-working staff. The addition of an outstanding Outdoor Complex will also increase the desire of local students to continue the stellar education they receive at the District.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to reflect the District's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Cheryl Swisher, CFO/Treasurer, Defiance City School District, 801 S. Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

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

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	<u><u>\$ 19,642,156</u></u>
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	436,854
Classroom facilities maintenance	393,926
Debt service	1,143,615
State funded programs	99,166
Food service operations	1,194,215
Student activities	219,749
Other purposes	36,076
Unrestricted	<u>16,118,555</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 19,642,156</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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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	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 14,370,007	\$ 149,199	\$ 862,767	\$ (13,358,041)
Special	6,293,252	448,046	3,637,579	(2,207,627)
Vocational	539,719	-	131,960	(407,759)
Student intervention services	13,482	-	-	(13,482)
Other	477,686	-	-	(477,686)
Support services:				
Pupil	2,727,814	-	623,717	(2,104,097)
Instructional staff	811,777	-	43,355	(768,422)
Board of education	100,695	-	-	(100,695)
Administration	1,862,008	2,729	111,940	(1,747,339)
Fiscal	654,534	-	68,187	(586,347)
Operations and maintenance	2,939,239	33,661	147,346	(2,758,232)
Pupil transportation	1,351,774	-	344,761	(1,007,013)
Central	272,411	4,744	6,639	(261,028)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	1,428,943	367,517	1,154,500	93,074
Other non-instructional services	145,804	1,249	174,718	30,163
Extracurricular activities	1,256,449	481,818	85,224	(689,407)
Facilities acquisition and construction	659,198	-	-	(659,198)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	777,987	-	-	(777,987)
Interest and fiscal charges	590,691	-	-	(590,691)
Total governmental activities	\$ 37,273,470	\$ 1,488,963	\$ 7,392,693	(28,391,814)
General receipts:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				7,751,428
Debt service				1,321,957
Classroom facilities maintenance				108,171
Payments in lieu of taxes				54,262
Income taxes levied for:				
General purposes				2,271,730
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				18,035,036
Investment earnings				997,712
Miscellaneous				49,897
Total general receipts				30,590,193
Change in net position				2,198,379
Net position at beginning of year				17,443,777
Net position at end of year				\$ 19,642,156

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 16,269,416	\$ 3,372,740	\$ 19,642,156
Fund balances:			
Restricted:			
Debt service	\$ -	\$ 1,143,615	\$ 1,143,615
Capital improvements	-	436,854	436,854
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	393,926	393,926
Food service operations	-	1,194,215	1,194,215
Non-public schools	-	49,779	49,779
State funded programs	-	49,387	49,387
Extracurricular	-	219,749	219,749
Other purposes	-	36,076	36,076
Committed:			
Capital improvements	-	177,841	177,841
Assigned:			
Student instruction	84,608	-	84,608
Student and staff support	341,336	-	341,336
Extracurricular activities	296	-	296
Facilities acquisition and construction	11,480	-	11,480
Subsequent year's appropriations	2,356,799	-	2,356,799
School supplies	15,082	-	15,082
Unassigned (deficit)	13,459,815	(328,702)	13,131,113
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 16,269,416</u>	<u>\$ 3,372,740</u>	<u>\$ 19,642,156</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:			
Property taxes	\$ 7,751,428	\$ 1,430,128	\$ 9,181,556
Income taxes	2,271,730	-	2,271,730
Intergovernmental	20,484,494	4,783,979	25,268,473
Investment earnings	997,712	53,630	1,051,342
Tuition and fees	597,245	-	597,245
Extracurricular	22,590	466,677	489,267
Rental income	33,661	173	33,834
Charges for services	5,884	368,617	374,501
Contributions and donations	23,519	60,121	83,640
Payment in lieu of taxes	54,262	-	54,262
Miscellaneous	20,494	45,505	65,999
Total receipts	<u>32,263,019</u>	<u>7,208,830</u>	<u>39,471,849</u>
Disbursements:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	13,438,502	931,505	14,370,007
Special	4,343,022	1,950,230	6,293,252
Vocational	510,088	29,631	539,719
Student intervention services	13,482	-	13,482
Other	477,686	-	477,686
Support services:			
Pupil	2,649,381	78,433	2,727,814
Instructional staff	763,837	47,940	811,777
Board of education	100,695	-	100,695
Administration	1,737,518	124,490	1,862,008
Fiscal	555,224	99,310	654,534
Operations and maintenance	2,521,901	417,338	2,939,239
Pupil transportation	1,115,109	236,665	1,351,774
Central	265,072	7,339	272,411
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Food service operations	-	1,428,943	1,428,943
Other non-instructional services	-	145,804	145,804
Extracurricular activities	714,661	541,788	1,256,449
Facilities acquisition and construction	372,019	287,179	659,198
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	9,740	768,247	777,987
Interest and fiscal charges	143	590,548	590,691
Total disbursements	<u>29,588,080</u>	<u>7,685,390</u>	<u>37,273,470</u>
Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>2,674,939</u>	<u>(476,560)</u>	<u>2,198,379</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	2,478	2,478
Transfers (out)	(2,478)	-	(2,478)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,478)</u>	<u>2,478</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	2,672,461	(474,082)	2,198,379
Fund balances at beginning of year	13,596,955	3,846,822	17,443,777
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 16,269,416</u>	<u>\$ 3,372,740</u>	<u>\$ 19,642,156</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

Defiance City School District (the “District”) is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by state and federal guidelines.

It is staffed by 139 classified employees and 190 certified teaching personnel who provide services to 2,413 students and other community members. The District currently operates three instructional/support buildings and a preschool in conjunction with the Northwest Education Service Center.

Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the Defiance City District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the District authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes or determines the budget if there is also the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units.

The District’s reporting entity includes non-public schools. Within the District’s boundaries, the Holy Cross Catholic School and St. John Lutheran School are operated as private schools. Current State legislation provides funding to the parochial schools. The monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial schools by the Treasurer of the District, as directed by the parochial schools. The activity is reflected in a special revenue fund of the District.

The District participates in jointly governed organizations and insurance pools. These organizations are the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, the Northern Buckeye Education Council, the Four County Career Center, the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., the Northern Buckeye Health Plan/OHI, and the Northern Buckeye Health Plan’s Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 14 and 15 to the basic financial statements.

The District’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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). GAAP 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. Following are the more significant of the District’s accounting policies.

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

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. 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 restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are 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 disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a modified cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

During the fiscal 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. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Fund Accounting

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

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, receipts, or disbursements of that individual governmental or proprietary fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
2. Total assets, receipts, or disbursements of the individual governmental fund or proprietary fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and proprietary funds combined.

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

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

Governmental Funds

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The District's major governmental fund is the general fund.

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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

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

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

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

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds are distinguished from custodial funds by the existence of a trust agreement or equivalent arrangements that have certain characteristics. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund.

The District had no trust funds. The District's custodial fund accounts for monies collected by the District for the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). During fiscal year 2024, the District's custodial fund had no activity.

C. Basis of Accounting

The District's financial statements are prepared using the *modified* cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the District are described in the appropriate section in this note.

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

The District also reports long-term investments as assets, with some valued at cost and some at fair value. See Note 2.E. for further detail.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related receipts (such as accounts receivable and receipt for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related disbursements (such as accounts payable and disbursements for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued disbursements and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. The District reports investments at fair value rather than cost.

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

D. 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. All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. 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.

The legal level of budgetary control established by the Board is at the fund level for all funds. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all funds, are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary schedules reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary schedules reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

Tax Budget

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by January 20 of each year, for the period July 1 to June 30 of the following fiscal year.

Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission certifies its actions to the District by March 1. As part of this certification, the District receives the official certificate of estimated resources which states the projected receipts of each fund. On or about July 1 this certificate is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding fiscal year. Prior to June 30, the District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated disbursements from a fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. Budget receipts as shown in the accompanying financial statements do not include July 1, 2023 unencumbered fund balances. However, those fund balances are available for appropriations.

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

Appropriations

A temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about July 1 of each year for the period July 1 to September 30. An annual appropriation measure must be passed by October 1 of each year for the period July 1 to June 30. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board of Education during the fiscal year.

Encumbrances

The District is required to use the encumbrance method of accounting by virtue of Ohio law. Under this system, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the disbursement of funds are recorded in order to reserve the portion of the applicable appropriation. Disbursements plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations.

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 appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and need not be re-appropriated.

E. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled and invested. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments" on the financial statements.

During fiscal year 2024, investments were limited to negotiable certificates of deposit (negotiable CD's), U.S. Treasury Notes, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) securities, Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) securities, U.S. government money market mutual funds, and investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

Under the District's modified cash basis of accounting, the District reports negotiable CD's, U.S. Treasury Notes, FHLMC securities, FHLB securities, and U.S. government money market mutual funds at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. STAR Ohio is reported at net asset value.

In fiscal year 2024, the District invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

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

For fiscal year 2024, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours notice in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million is appreciated. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Total interest receipts credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2024 was \$997,712, which includes \$117,336 assigned from other funds.

Investments of the District's 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 cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased 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 receipt), respectively.

F. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets. Depreciation is not recorded on these capital assets.

G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

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

H. Accumulated Leave

Certain 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.

I. Interfund Receivable/Payable

The District reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities on the accompanying financial statements.

J. Interfund Transactions

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

K. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as cash when received and payment of principal and interest are reported as disbursements when paid. The District's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use) when entering into a 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 disbursement is reported at inception. Financed purchase payments are reported when paid.

L. Intergovernmental Receipts

Unrestricted intergovernmental receipts received on the basis of entitlement are recorded as receipts when the entitlement is received.

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 postretirement health care benefits.

N. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

O. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes includes resources restricted for special trusts. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

P. 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 use of the resources in governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

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.

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 or other governments, or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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

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.

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 has, by resolution, authorized the Treasurer to assign fund balances for encumbrances outstanding at year-end and subsequent appropriations.

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.

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 balance, 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.

Q. 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 received/paid.

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.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

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

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

B. 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 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.

C. Deficit Fund Balances

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

<u>Nonmajor governmental funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency	\$ 200,819
IDEA Part B	66,054
School Improvement Stimulus A	1
Title I	50,925
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	303
Supporting Effective Instruction	<u>10,600</u>
Total	<u>328,702</u>

The deficit fund balances resulted from a lag between disbursements made by the District and reimbursements from grantors and are allowable under Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.20. The General Fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides transfers and/or advances when cash is required.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit, or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes debentures, or any other obligation or security 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, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing 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 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 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 division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; and
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and,
8. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one-hundred-eighty days and two-hundred-seventy days, respectively, in an amount not to exceed forty percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. Except as notes above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash on Hand

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$10,500 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the financial statements of the District as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments".

B. Deposits

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$11,100,450 and the bank balance of all District deposits was \$11,516,226. Of the bank balance, \$11,516,226 was covered by the FDIC or the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS).

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 2024, certain District financial institutions were approved for a collateral rate of 102 percent or 50 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:

Measurement/ Investment type	Measurement Value	Investments Maturities	
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 5 Years
Fair Value:			
Negotiable CD's	\$ 2,771,252	\$ 1,429,452	\$ 1,341,800
US Treasury Note	1,075,017	122,971	952,046
FHLMC	195,050	195,050	-
FHLB	1,046,165	618,164	428,001
U.S. government money market mutual funds	57,243	57,243	-
Net Asset Value:			
STAR Ohio	3,386,479	3,386,479	-
Total	\$ 8,531,206	\$ 5,809,359	\$ 2,721,847

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The weighted average maturity of investments is 0.66 years.

D. Fair Value Measurements

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP as applied to the District's modified cash basis of accounting. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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

E. Interest Rate Risk

The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. Interest rate risk arises because potential purchase of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The District's policy indicates that the investments must mature within five years, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District.

F. Credit Risk

The FHLMC, FHLB, and U.S. Treasury notes securities were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned the U.S. government money market mutual fund and STAR Ohio a AAAM money market rating. The negotiable CD's were not rated but are fully insured by the FDIC. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

G. 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 District's investments in FHLMC and FHLB securities are exposed to custodial credit risk as they are uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. The District has no investment policy dealing with custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute which prohibit payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

H. Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer, however State statute limits investments in commercial paper and bankers' acceptances to 40% of the interim monies available for investment at any one time. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2024:

<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
<i>Fair Value:</i>		
Negotiable CD's	\$ 2,771,252	32.48
US Treasury Notes	1,075,017	12.60
FHLMC	195,050	2.29
FHLB	1,046,165	12.26
U.S. government money market mutual funds	57,243	0.67
<i>Net Asset Value:</i>		
STAR Ohio	<u>3,386,479</u>	<u>39.70</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,531,206</u>	<u>100.00</u>

I. 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 disclosure above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position:

<u>Cash and investments per note disclosure</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 11,100,450
Investments	8,531,206
Cash on hand	<u>10,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,642,156</u>
<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 19,642,156</u>

NOTE 5 - INCOME TAXES

The District levies a voted tax of 0.5% for general operations on the income of residents and of estates. The tax was effective on January 1, 1992 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. Income tax receipts are credited to the general fund.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the area served by the District. Real property tax receipts received in calendar year 2024 represent the collection calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35% of appraised fair 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 2024 became a lien December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023 and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35% of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The District receives property taxes from Defiance and Paulding Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the counties 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 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	\$ 272,337,430	92.89	\$ 345,312,200	94.31
Public utility personal	<u>20,839,990</u>	<u>7.11</u>	<u>20,830,460</u>	<u>5.69</u>
Total	<u>\$ 293,177,420</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 366,142,660</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$48.25		\$46.15	

NOTE 7 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

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

<u>Transfers from the general fund to:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nonmajor Governmental Fund	<u>\$ 2,478</u>

Transfers are used to move receipts 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 receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

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NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Employee Insurance Benefits Program

The District participates in the Optimal Health Initiative Consortium (OHI), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities within Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties and other eligible governmental entities. The District pays monthly premiums to the OHI for the benefits offered to its employees including medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. The OHI is responsible for the management and operations of the Program. The agreement for the program provides for additional assessments to all participants if the premiums are insufficient to pay the program costs for the fiscal year. Upon withdrawal from the Program, a participant is responsible for any claims not processed and paid and any related administrative costs.

B. Workers' Compensation Group Program

The District participates in the Northern Buckeye Health Plan, Northern Division of OHI (NBHP) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (The Plan), an insurance purchasing pool. The Plan is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participants is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. The Executive Director of the NBHP coordinates the management and administration of the program.

C. Comprehensive

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 contracted for the following insurance coverage:

	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>
School of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (S.O.R.S.A):	
Building & Business Personal Property	\$350,000,000
Employee Dishonesty Liability	1,000,000
Automobile Liability	15,000,000
Uninsured Motorist	1,000,000
Medical Payments – per occurrence/aggregate	10,000/25,000
General District Liability – per occurrence	15,000,000
General District Liability - aggregate	17,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years, and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 modified 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.

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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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 \$584,020 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.

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

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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 \$2,114,794 for fiscal year 2024.

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.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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	0.106748600%	0.111202770%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.102775600%</u>	<u>0.107757580%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.003973000%</u>	<u>-0.003445190%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,678,879	\$ 23,205,527	\$ 28,884,406

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

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

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

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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 as of June 30, 2023 is summarized in the following table:

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

Discount Rate - Total pension liability for 2023 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	\$ 8,381,739	\$ 5,678,879	\$ 3,402,239

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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	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

* 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 disbursements. 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	\$ 35,684,966	\$ 23,205,527	\$ 12,651,338

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).

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2024, this amount was \$30,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the District's surcharge obligation was \$72,053.

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 \$72,053 for fiscal year 2024.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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	0.109018900%	0.111202770%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.104898200%</u>	<u>0.107757580%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.004120700%</u>	<u>-0.003445190%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,728,140	\$ -	\$ 1,728,140
Proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ -	\$ (2,095,736)	\$ (2,095,736)

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.

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

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

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

Wage inflation:	
Current measurement date	2.40%
Prior measurement date	2.40%
Future salary increases, including inflation:	
Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Investment rate of return:	
Current measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Prior measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

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

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

The long-term expected rate of return is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years for SERS. The most recent five-year experience study was performed for the period covering fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a long-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment disbursement 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
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>	

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 2,209,058	\$ 1,728,140	\$ 1,348,917
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,269,605	\$ 1,728,140	\$ 2,335,762

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB 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 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.

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.

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NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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 disbursements. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

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

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

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 1,773,766	\$ 2,095,736	\$ 2,376,138
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 2,389,149	\$ 2,095,736	\$ 1,742,325

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NOTE 11 - OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits, is derived from negotiated agreements and State Laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per fiscal year, depending upon length of service. Unused vacation time can be carried forward with special permission and is limited to one year's accumulation. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of two hundred fifty-six days for all employees. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued, but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of fifty-nine days for all employees.

Health Care Benefits

The District provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance to most employees through the Optimal Health Initiative Consortium Insurance Benefits Program.

NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. Changes in the District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

	Balance Outstanding 06/30/23	Additions	Reductions	Balance Outstanding 06/30/24	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental activities:					
2015 Refunding Bonds					
Serial Bonds - 1.0 - 4.0%	3,860,000	-	-	3,860,000	-
Term Bonds - 3.25%	615,000	-	(45,000)	570,000	45,000
Capital Appreciation Bonds - 8.90%	175,000	-	-	175,000	-
Interest Accretion	183,199	32,584	-	215,783	-
2020 Refunding bonds					
Serial Bonds - 4.0%	1,670,000	-	-	1,670,000	815,000
Term Bonds - 2.07 - 4.0%	13,240,000	-	(720,000)	12,520,000	-
Capital Appreciation Bonds - 2.32 - 24.40%	430,000	-	-	430,000	-
Interest Accretion	395,258	209,405	-	604,663	-
Notes payable financed purchase:					
2018 Copiers	12,987	-	(12,987)	-	-
Total notes payable financed purchase	12,987	-	(12,987)	-	-
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 20,581,444</u>	<u>\$ 241,989</u>	<u>\$ (777,987)</u>	<u>\$ 20,045,446</u>	<u>\$ 860,000</u>

2015 Refunding Bonds

On May 11, 2015, the District issued \$4,990,000 in voted general obligation bonds for retiring bonds previously issued. The bond issued included serial, capital appreciation and term bonds in the amounts of \$4,200,000, \$175,000 and \$615,000, respectively. The bonds are being retired with a voted property tax levy from the debt service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The serial bonds were issued for a nineteen-fiscal year period with final maturity on December 1, 2033. The remaining principal amount to be redeemed as of June 30, 2024, is \$3,860,000. The serial bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2026 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirement</u>
2024	\$ 45,000
2025	50,000
2026	<u>475,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 570,000</u>

The capital appreciation bonds will mature December 1, 2027. Interest on the bonds will accrue from the date of delivery until maturity at the stated interest. Interest on the capital appreciation bonds will compound semiannually but will be payable only at maturity.

2020 Refunding Bonds

On July 16, 2020, the District issued general obligation bonds (Series 2020 Refunding Bonds) to refund the callable portion of the Series 2014 Various Purpose Bonds (principal \$16,030,000; interest rate of 1.50% to 5.00%). Issuance proceeds of \$17,940,399 were used to purchase securities which were placed in an irrevocable trust to provide resources for the debt service payment due on December 1, 2020 when the refunded debt was called.

The refunding issue is comprised of serial, capital appreciation and term bonds, par value \$1,670,000, \$430,000 and \$13,930,000, respectively. Payments of principal and interest relating to the Series 2020 refunding bonds are recorded as disbursements in the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). Payments are due on June 1 and December 1 each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is December 1, 2046.

The serial bonds were issued for a five year period with final maturity on December 1, 2025. The remaining principal amount to be redeemed as of June 30, 2024, is \$1,670,000. The serial bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2032 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of the redemption, on December 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirement</u>
2032	590,000
2033	<u>605,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,195,000</u>

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2035 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of the redemption, on December 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirement</u>
2034	650,000
2035	670,000
2036	<u>690,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,010,000</u>

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2040 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of the redemption, on December 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirement</u>
2037	\$ 750,000
2038	775,000
2039	800,000
2040	785,000
2041	<u>810,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,920,000</u>

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2046 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at redemption price of 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of the redemption, on December 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mandatory Sinking Fund Requirement</u>
2042	\$ 835,000
2043	860,000
2044	885,000
2045	910,000
2046	940,000
2047	965,000
Total	<u>\$ 5,395,000</u>

The capital appreciation bonds will mature December 1, 2030. Interest on the bonds will accrue from the date of delivery until maturity at the stated interest. Interest on the capital appreciation bonds will compound semiannually but will be payables only at maturity.

Notes Payable Financed Purchase

On December 18, 2018, the District entered into a five-year note payable financed purchase for the acquisition of copiers. The note bears an interest rate of 5.00% and matured on December 18, 2023. Principal and interest payments are made from the General Fund, Food Service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), and the District Managed Student Activities Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

B. Future Debt Service Requirements

Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term obligations outstanding at fiscal year-end are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Serial & Term Bonds</u>			<u>Capital Appreciation Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 860,000	\$ 558,338	\$ 1,418,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2026	905,000	523,395	1,428,395	-	-	-
2027	475,000	497,764	972,764	120,000	395,000	515,000
2028	-	490,045	490,045	280,000	795,000	1,075,000
2029	535,000	480,683	1,015,683	80,000	470,000	550,000
2030 - 2034	5,170,000	2,010,190	7,180,190	125,000	1,015,000	1,140,000
2035 - 2039	3,685,000	1,295,577	4,980,577	-	-	-
2040 - 2044	4,175,000	740,403	4,915,403	-	-	-
2045 - 2047	2,815,000	128,453	2,943,453	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 18,620,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,724,848</u>	<u>\$ 25,344,848</u>	<u>\$ 605,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,675,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,280,000</u>

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NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

C. Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2024, are a voted debt margin of \$15,476,454 (including available funds of \$1,143,615) and an unvoted debt margin of \$366,143.

NOTE 13 - SET ASIDE REQUIREMENTS

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 describes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts for capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2023	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	516,289
Current year offsets	<u>(516,289)</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance carried forward to fiscal year 2025	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE 14 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association

The District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (“NWOCA”), which is a computer consortium. NWOCA is an association of educational entities within the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member educational entities.

The NWOCA Assembly consists of the superintendent from each participating educational entity and a representative from the fiscal agent. The Assembly elects the governing council of two representatives from each of the six counties in which member educational entities are located and the representative from the member educational entity serving as fiscal agent for NWOCA. The degree of control exercised by any participating educational entity is limited to its representation on the Governing Council. During fiscal year 2024, the District paid \$226,420 to NWOCA for various services. Financial information can be obtained from Tammy Butler, who serves as Treasurer, 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

B. Northern Buckeye Education Council

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (the “NBEC”) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected board consisting of two representatives from each of the four counties in which the member educational entities are located. The Board is elected from an assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. Financial information can be obtained from the Northern Buckeye Education Council, Tammy Butler, who serves as Treasurer, 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

C. Four County Career Center

The Four County Career Center is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of five representatives from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center – one each from the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams and one additional representative; one representative from each of the city Districts; one representative from each of the exempted village Districts. The Four County Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information write to the Four County Career Center, Homer Hendricks, who serves as Treasurer, 22-900 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

D. Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc.

The Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc. (NWOERC) is a jointly governed organization formed to bring educational entities into a better understanding of their common educational problems, facilitate and conduct practical educational research, coordinate educational research among members, provide a means for evaluating and disseminating the results of research, serve as a repository for research and legislative materials and provide opportunities for training. The NWOERC serves a twenty-five county area of Northwest Ohio. The Board of Directors consists of superintendents from two educational service centers, two exempted village school districts, five local school districts, and five city school districts, as well as representatives from two private or parochial schools and three institutions of higher education. Each active member is entitled to one vote on all issues addressed by the Board of Directors. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., P.O. Box 456, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

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NOTE 15 - GROUP PURCHASING POOLS

A. Employee Insurance Benefits Program

The District participates in a group health insurance pool through the Northern Buckeye Health Plan (NBHP), Northwest Division of Optimal Health Initiative Consortium (OHI) Insurance Benefits Program. NBHP is a joint self-insurance arrangement created pursuant to the authority vested in Ohio Rev. Code Section 9.833. NBHP is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. NBHP is governed by OHI and its participating members.

The District contributed a total of \$4,097,444 to Northern Buckeye Health Plan, Northwest Division of OHI for all employee insurance plans. Financial information for the period can be obtained from Jenny Jostworth, Treasurer, at 10999 Reed Hartman Highway, Suite 304E, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

B. Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The District participates in a group-rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Northern Buckeye Health Plan, Northern Division of OHI (NBHP) Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (WCGRP) is an insurance purchasing pool. The group was formed to create a workers' compensation group rating plan which would allow employers to group together to achieve a potentially lower premium rate than they may otherwise be able to acquire as individual employers. NBH has created a workers' compensation group rating and risk management program which will potentially reduce the workers' compensation premiums for the District.

NBHP has retained Sheakley Uniservice as the servicing agent to perform administrative, actuarial cost control, claims, and safety consulting services and unemployment claims services for program participants

NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Federal and State Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2024.

B. Litigation

The District is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

NOTE 17 - DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Defiance City School Foundation (the "Foundation") is a non-profit organization established to solicit funds from the general public to maintain, develop, increase, and extend the facilities and services of the Defiance City School. It also provides educational service opportunities to its students, staff, and faculty. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees which is appointed by the Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possess its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the District for operational subsidies. In 2024, the Foundation contributed \$17,110 to the District for miscellaneous grant reimbursements.

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NOTE 18 - COMMITMENTS

Encumbrances

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 384,862
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>363,568</u>
Total	<u>\$ 748,430</u>

NOTE 19 - TAX ABATEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Other governments have entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under Enterprise Zone Agreements ("EZAs") and the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") program within taxing districts of the District. The EZAs and CRA program are directive incentive tax exemption programs benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under these programs, the other governments have designated areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures.

The District has incurred a reduction in property tax receipts due to agreements entered into by other governments. During fiscal year 2024, the District's property tax receipts were reduced under agreements entered into by other governments as follows:

<u>Government Entering Into Agreement</u>	<u>Tax Abatement Program</u>		<u>District Taxes Foregone</u>
	<u>CRA</u>	<u>Ezone</u>	
Defiance County	\$ -	\$ 102,944	\$ 102,944
City of Defiance	<u>51,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,572</u>
Total	<u>\$ 51,572</u>	<u>\$ 102,944</u>	<u>\$ 154,516</u>

The District received \$54,262 in compensation payments for the forgone property taxes.

NOTE 20 - COVID-19

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**DEFIANCE CITY 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	\$ 28,089,000	\$ 32,220,228	\$ 32,205,068	\$ (15,160)
Budgetary disbursements and other financing uses	32,416,967	32,258,001	29,908,813	(2,349,188)
Net change in fund balance	(4,327,967)	(37,773)	2,296,255	2,334,028
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year	13,286,984	13,286,984	13,286,984	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	233,373	233,373	233,373	-
Budgetary fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 9,192,390</u>	<u>\$ 13,482,584</u>	<u>\$ 15,816,612</u>	<u>\$ 2,334,028</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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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 is 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>
Budgetary basis	\$ 2,296,255
Funds budgeted elsewhere	1,692
Encumbrances	<u>374,514</u>
Modified cash basis	<u><u>\$ 2,672,461</u></u>

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

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS THROUGH 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	\$ 204,234
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	896,955
COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program	10.555	COVID-19, 2024	79,197
National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	2024	133,476
Total National School Lunch Program			1,109,628
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,313,862
COVID-19 - State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Administrative Costs Grant	10.649	COVID-19, 2023	3,135
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			1,316,997
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	61,059
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	6,733
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Supplemental School Improvement	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	5,406
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	484,470
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	18,939
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Supplemental School Improvement	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	43,106
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			619,713
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2023	66,132
COVID-19 - Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - ARP	84.027X	COVID-19, 84.027X, 2023	2,478
Special Education-Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2024	548,262
Total Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)			616,872
<i>Consortium Amount Passed/Transferred to Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center</i>			
Special Education-Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	84.173A, 2024	21,783
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			638,655
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	84.287A, 2024	133,595
<i>Consortium Amount Passed/Transferred to Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center</i>			
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365A	84.365A, 2024	3,528
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2023	14,431
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2024	74,248
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants			88,679
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	84.424A, 2024	40,191
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2023	309,410
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund - Homeless Round II	84.425W	COVID-19, 84.425W, 2023	677
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2024	1,521,478
Total Education Stabilization Fund (ESF)			1,831,565
Total U.S. Department of Education			3,355,926
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 4,672,923

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, or changes in net position of the Defiance City School District. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be limited to 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 Defiance City School District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3 - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE 4 - FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

NOTE 5 – PASS THROUGH FUNDS

The Defiance City School District was awarded federal program allocations to be administered on their behalf by an area Educational Service Center (ESC). For fiscal year 2024, the Defiance City School District's allocations are as follows:

<u>Grant/Program Name</u>	<u>ALN</u>	<u>Reallocated to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center	\$ 21,783
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365A	Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center	\$ 3,528

**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***

Defiance City School District
Defiance County
801 South Clinton Street
Defiance, Ohio 43512

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 Defiance City School District, Defiance 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 Defiance City School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2024, wherein we noted the Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Defiance City School District

Defiance 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 Defiance City 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001.

Defiance City School District's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Defiance City School District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the corrective action plan. The Defiance City School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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



Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 4, 2024

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

Defiance City School District
Defiance County
801 South Clinton Street
Defiance, Ohio 43512

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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City School District's federal programs.

Defiance City School District
Defiance 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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 Defiance City 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.

Defiance City School District
Defiance 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian & Grube, Inc.".

Julian & Grube, Inc.
December 4, 2024

**DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE 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>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	None reported
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	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 (listed):</i>	Child Nutrition Cluster, 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

**DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEFIANCE 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 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).

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
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None

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS 2 CFR 200.511(b) JUNE 30, 2024

Finding Number	Year Initially Occurred	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2023-001	2007	<u>Noncompliance</u> - Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) required the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with GAAP, however, the District prepared its annual financial report with the modified cash basis of accounting in a report format similar to the requirements in GASB Statement No. 34.	Not Corrected	Repeated as finding 2024-001 as the District prepared its financial report on the modified cash basis of accounting.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

2 CFR 200.511(c)
JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>Planned Corrective Action</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>	<u>Responsible Contact Person</u>
2024-001	Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.	N/A	Cheryl Swisher, CFO/Treasurer

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEFIANCE COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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