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**MIAMI TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAYETTE COUNTY
JUNE 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Miami Trace Local School District, Fayette County, Ohio (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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 financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Miami Trace Local School District, Fayette County, Ohio as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 12, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and 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 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
March 12, 2025

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Miami Trace Local School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

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

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities increased \$2,580,345 which represents a 6% increase from 2023.
- General revenues accounted for \$34,362,386 in revenue or 79% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$9,113,994 or 21% of total revenues of \$43,476,380.
- The District had \$40,896,035 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$9,113,994 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, and operating grants and contributions. General revenues of \$34,362,386 were also used to provide for these programs.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts – management discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide a more detailed look at financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. The General, Debt Service, and Classroom Facilities Maintenance Funds are the major funds of the District.

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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These two statements report the District's *net position* and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, both financial and non-financial. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Government-wide Financial Statements, the District consists of one activity:

- **Governmental Activities** – Most of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, extracurricular activities and interest and fiscal charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's major funds is presented in the Fund Financial Statements (see Table of Contents). Fund financial statements 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.

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

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary Funds are used to account for resources held for the benefits of parties outside the government. 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. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

The District as a Whole

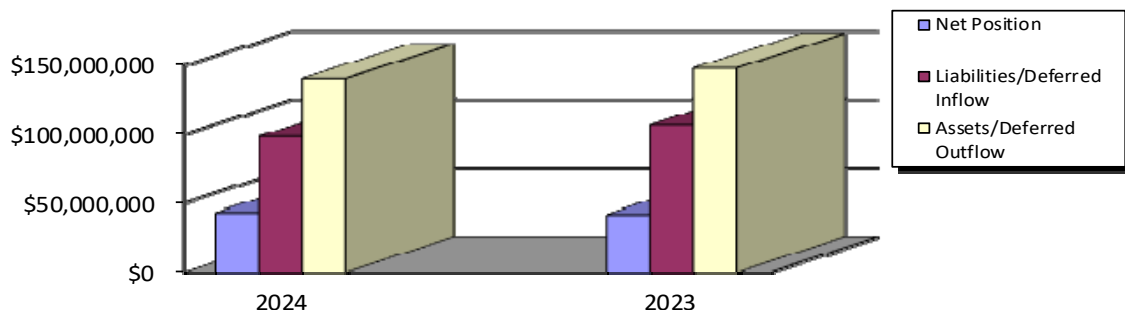
As stated previously, the Statement of Net Position looks at the District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position for fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023:

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Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Assets:		
Current and Other Assets	\$60,340,793	\$58,517,306
Net OPEB Asset	1,968,540	2,662,491
Capital Assets, Net	69,233,647	71,079,390
Total Assets	131,542,980	132,259,187
Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Deferred Charge on Refunding	1,698,066	1,822,371
OPEB	1,417,190	973,924
Pension	6,048,902	7,587,468
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	9,164,158	10,383,763
Liabilities:		
Other Liabilities	4,045,782	5,004,830
Long-Term Liabilities	79,674,779	82,752,171
Total Liabilities	83,720,561	87,757,001
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Property Taxes	7,453,306	6,828,257
Scholarship	107,333	98,067
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	554,578	314,375
OPEB	3,668,685	4,495,987
Pension	2,430,557	2,957,490
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	14,214,459	14,694,176
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	24,844,861	24,702,845
Restricted	19,041,455	19,160,810
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,114,198)	(3,671,882)
Total Net Position	\$42,772,118	\$40,191,773



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Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2024, the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$42,772,118.

At year-end, capital assets represented 53% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, and equipment. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at June 30, 2024, were \$24,844,861. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the District's net position, \$19,041,455, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they must be used. The external restriction will not affect the availability of fund resources for future use.

Current and Other Assets increased slightly mainly due an increase in cash and investments. Total assets for the District decreased mainly due to the decrease in net depreciable capital assets. Capital assets decreased slightly due to depreciation expense and disposals exceeding current year additions. Long-Term Liabilities decreased mainly due to the decrease in net pension liability.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

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Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$1,998,142	\$2,194,992
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,115,852	5,619,244
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	18,779,592	17,988,972
Grants and Entitlements	12,403,542	12,719,840
Other	3,179,252	3,284,302
Total Revenues	43,476,380	41,807,350
Program Expenses:		
Instruction	20,965,254	22,778,914
Support Services:		
Pupil and Instructional Staff	4,873,127	4,511,254
School Administrative, General		
Administration, Fiscal and Business	4,620,995	4,679,650
Operations and Maintenance	3,057,177	2,932,251
Pupil Transportation	3,164,376	3,402,808
Central	172,720	169,803
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,577,499	1,554,521
Extracurricular Activities	1,040,574	1,066,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,424,313	1,464,220
Total Program Expenses	40,896,035	42,559,421
Change in Net Position	2,580,345	(752,071)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	40,191,773	40,943,844
Net Position - End of Year	\$42,772,118	\$40,191,773

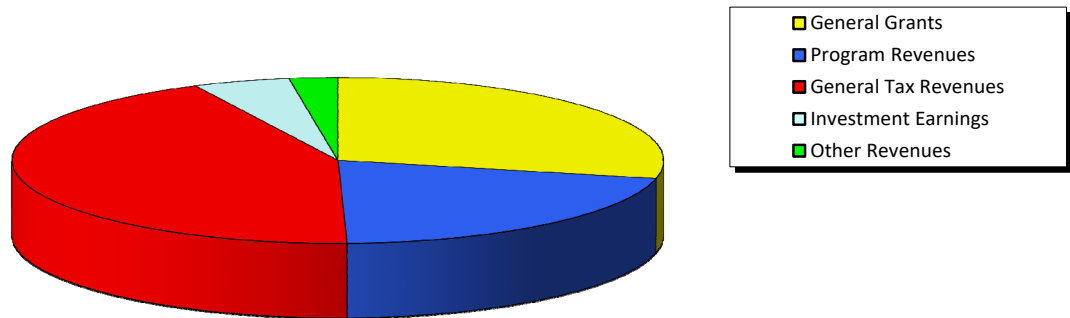
The District revenues are mainly from two sources. Property taxes levied for general, capital maintenance, debt service purposes, and capital projects purposes and grants and entitlements (not restricted) comprised 72% of the District's revenues for governmental activities.

The District depends greatly on property taxes as a revenue source. The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. The overall revenues generated by a levy will not increase solely as a result of inflation. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay \$35.00.

Thus, Ohio districts do not receive additional property tax revenue from increases in appraisal values and must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service. Property taxes made up 43% of revenue for governmental activities for the District in fiscal year 2024.

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	2024	Percentage
General Grants	\$12,403,542	29%
Program Revenues	9,113,994	21%
General Tax Revenues	18,779,592	43%
Investment Earnings	2,103,291	5%
Other Revenues	1,075,961	2%
	<u>\$43,476,380</u>	<u>100.0%</u>



Instruction comprises 51% of governmental program expenses. Support services expenses were 39% of governmental program expenses. All other expenses including interest and fiscal charges were 10%. Interest expense was attributable to the outstanding bond and borrowing for capital projects.

Overall revenues increased due to an increase in operating grants and contributions and property tax revenues the District received in 2024 when compared to 2023. Overall, expenses decreased due to changes in assumptions and benefits by the Statewide pension systems.

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for government activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

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Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Instruction	\$20,965,254	\$22,778,914	(\$16,281,872)	(\$18,581,606)
Support Services:				
Pupil and Instructional Staff	4,873,127	4,511,254	(3,959,298)	(3,581,686)
School Administrative, General				
Administration, Fiscal and Business	4,620,995	4,679,650	(4,280,781)	(4,489,751)
Operations and Maintenance	3,057,177	2,932,251	(2,631,822)	(2,781,147)
Pupil Transportation	3,164,376	3,402,808	(2,550,700)	(3,189,555)
Central	172,720	169,803	(148,944)	(164,403)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,577,499	1,554,521	(82,702)	(35,416)
Extracurricular Activities	1,046,906	1,066,000	(421,609)	(457,401)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,424,313	1,464,220	(1,424,313)	(1,464,220)
Total Expenses	<u>\$40,902,367</u>	<u>\$42,559,421</u>	<u>(\$31,782,041)</u>	<u>(\$34,745,185)</u>

The District's Funds

The District has three major governmental funds: the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund. Assets of the major funds comprised \$53,490,704 (88%) of the total \$60,890,823 governmental fund assets.

General Fund: Fund balance at June 30, 2024 was \$27,854,997, an increase in fund balance of \$1,044,188 from 2023. The fund balance increased during the fiscal year due to revenues being more than expenditures.

Debt Service Fund: Fund balance at June 30, 2024 was \$5,081,141, a decrease in fund balance of \$34,474 from 2023. The fund balance decreased due to revenues being less than expenditures in 2024.

Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund: Fund balance at June 30, 2024 was \$8,885,103, an increase in fund balance of \$752,761 from 2023. The fund balance increased during the fiscal year due to revenues being more than expenditures.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal year 2024, the District amended its General Fund budget when needed. The District uses site-based budgeting and the budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management. During the course of the year, the District revised the budget in an attempt to deal with changes in revenues and expenditures.

For the General Fund, final budgeted revenue was \$31,405,096, compared to original budgeted estimates of \$29,044,840. Of the \$2,360,256 difference, most was changes to circumstances for tax, tuition and fees,

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and intergovernmental revenue. Actual budget basis revenue was \$31,831,475, compared to final budgeted revenue was \$31,405,096. Of the \$426,379 difference, most was due to changes in circumstances for taxes and intergovernmental revenue.

Actual budget basis expenditures were \$30,523,729, compared to final budgeted expenditures of \$31,382,749. Of the \$859,020 difference, most was due to changes in circumstances in instruction expenditures. Final budgeted expenditures were \$31,382,749, compared to original budgeted expenditures of \$29,817,236. Of the \$1,565,513 difference, most was due to changes in circumstances in instruction expenditures.

The General Fund's ending unobligated cash balance was \$19,410,798.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At fiscal year end, the District had \$69,233,647 invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements and equipment. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2024 balances compared to fiscal year 2023:

Table 4
Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Land	\$1,527,254	\$1,527,254
Construction in Progress	0	0
Land Improvements	2,325,491	1,825,642
Buildings and Improvements	62,531,560	65,277,368
Equipment	2,849,342	2,449,126
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$69,233,647</u>	<u>\$71,079,390</u>

The decrease in capital assets from the prior year is due depreciation expense and disposals exceeding current year additions.

See Note 6 to the basic financial statements for further details on the District's capital assets.

Debt

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$46,647,213 in bonds payable, \$1,551,838 due within one year. Table 5 summarizes bonds outstanding at year end.

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Table 5
Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	2024	2023
Governmental Activities:		
General Obligation Bonds Payable:		
2022 Refunding Bonds:		
Current Interest - 2.11-4.00%	\$20,350,000	\$20,520,000
Capital Appreciation	174,620	174,620
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest	135,571	70,466
Premium	2,921,466	3,022,206
2020 Refunding Bonds	8,055,000	8,705,000
Premium	954,880	1,050,368
2013 School Improvement Bonds:		
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	0	0
Capital Appreciation	1,838	1,838
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest	393,375	240,259
2015 Refunding Bonds:		
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	1,225,000	1,605,000
Premium	124,866	166,488
2015 Refunding Bonds:		
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	75,000	100,000
Capital Appreciation	189	189
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest	20,065	12,197
Premium	13,358	17,810
2015 Refunding Bonds:		
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	615,000	760,000
Capital Appreciation	107	107
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest	11,350	6,899
Premium	59,088	78,785
2016 School Improvement Bonds	10,855,000	11,305,000
Premium	661,440	691,505
	<u>\$46,647,213</u>	<u>\$48,528,737</u>

See Note 7 in the notes to the basic financial statements for further details on the District's outstanding debt.

For the Future

The District has committed itself to financial excellence. With careful planning and monitoring of the District's finances and state and local financial support, management is confident that the District can continue to provide a quality education for its students and provide a secure financial future.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a

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general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Treasurer/CFO at Miami Trace Local School District, 3818 SR 41 NW, Washington C. H., Ohio 43160.

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Miami Trace Local School District
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$37,995,362
Restricted Cash and Investments	1,981,184
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent	992,627
Receivables (Net):	
Taxes	17,861,968
Accounts	17,292
Intergovernmental	1,439,477
Prepays	32,664
Inventory	20,219
Net OPEB Asset	1,968,540
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,527,254
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	67,706,393
Total Assets	131,542,980
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	1,698,066
Pension	6,048,902
OPEB	1,417,190
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	9,164,158
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	239,008
Accrued Wages and Benefits	3,245,907
Accrued Interest Payable	116,029
Claims Payable	403,500
Unearned Revenue	41,338
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	1,831,984
Due In More Than One Year	
Net Pension Liability	29,333,284
Net OPEB Liability	2,275,341
Other Amounts	46,234,170
Total Liabilities	83,720,561
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Property Taxes	7,453,306
Sponsorship	107,333
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	554,578
Pension	2,430,557
OPEB	3,668,685
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	14,214,459
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	24,844,861
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	5,031,364
Locally Funded Programs	7,150
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	8,900,056
Student Activities	392,549
State Funded Programs	1,290,886
Federally Funded Programs	1,572
Food Service	428,806
Net OPEB Asset	1,968,540
Other Purposes	1,020,532
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,114,198)
Total Net Position	\$42,772,118

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for	Operating Grants	
	Expenses	Services and Sales	and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$15,184,954	\$214,760	\$1,040,284	(\$13,929,910)
Special	4,357,397	512,661	1,378,483	(2,466,253)
Vocational	193,628	0	0	(193,628)
Other	1,229,275	0	1,537,194	307,919
Support Services:				
Pupil	3,143,690	0	817,575	(2,326,115)
Instructional Staff	1,729,437	0	96,254	(1,633,183)
General Administration	27,897	0	0	(27,897)
School Administration	3,520,320	0	320,312	(3,200,008)
Fiscal	1,059,700	0	19,902	(1,039,798)
Business	13,078	0	0	(13,078)
Operations and Maintenance	3,057,177	10,021	415,334	(2,631,822)
Pupil Transportation	3,164,376	49,341	564,335	(2,550,700)
Central	172,720	0	23,776	(148,944)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,577,499	593,085	901,712	(82,702)
Extracurricular Activities	1,040,574	618,274	691	(421,609)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,424,313	0	0	(1,424,313)
Totals	<u>\$40,896,035</u>	<u>\$1,998,142</u>	<u>\$7,115,852</u>	<u>(31,782,041)</u>
General Revenues:				
Property Taxes Levied for:				
				14,819,822
				628,259
				2,791,592
				539,919
				12,403,542
				641,694
				42,129
				2,103,291
				392,138
				34,362,386
				2,580,345
				40,191,773
				\$42,772,118

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General	Classroom Facilities Maintenance	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$20,050,269	\$8,520,110	\$3,457,991	\$5,966,992	\$37,995,362
Restricted Cash and Investments	1,981,184	0	0	0	1,981,184
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent	992,627	0	0	0	992,627
Receivables (Net):					
Taxes	13,796,207	649,340	2,862,655	553,766	17,861,968
Accounts	13,646	0	0	3,646	17,292
Intergovernmental	458,860	18,056	110,237	852,324	1,439,477
Interfund	550,030	0	0	0	550,030
Prepays	29,492	0	0	3,172	32,664
Inventory	0	0	0	20,219	20,219
Total Assets	37,872,315	9,187,506	6,430,883	7,400,119	60,890,823
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	107,375	1,365	0	130,268	239,008
Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,909,816	0	0	336,091	3,245,907
Compensated Absences	54,781	0	0	0	54,781
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	550,030	550,030
Claims Payable	403,500	0	0	0	403,500
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	41,338	41,338
Total Liabilities	3,475,472	1,365	0	1,057,727	4,534,564
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Property Taxes	6,099,080	282,982	1,239,505	239,923	7,861,490
Sponsorship	0	0	0	107,333	107,333
Grants	0	0	0	367,735	367,735
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	426,285	18,056	110,237	0	554,578
Accounts Receivable	16,481	0	0	0	16,481
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	6,541,846	301,038	1,349,742	714,991	8,907,617
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable	29,492	0	0	3,172	32,664
Restricted	0	8,885,103	5,081,141	3,160,742	17,126,986
Committed	1,981,184	0	0	2,831,222	4,812,406
Assigned	2,879,910	0	0	0	2,879,910
Unassigned	22,964,411	0	0	(367,735)	22,596,676
Total Fund Balances	27,854,997	8,885,103	5,081,141	5,627,401	47,448,642
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances	\$37,872,315	\$9,187,506	\$6,430,883	\$7,400,119	\$60,890,823

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to
Net Position of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balance		\$47,448,642
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets used in the operation of Governmental Funds		69,233,647
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		
Delinquent Property Taxes	408,184	
Intergovernmental	367,735	
Other Receivables	16,481	
		792,400
In the statement of net position interest payable is accrued when incurred; whereas, in the governmental funds interest is reported as a liability only when it will require the use of current financial resources.		
		(116,029)
Some liabilities reported in the statement of net position do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.		
Compensated Absences		(1,364,160)
Deferred charge on refunding associated with long-term liabilities that are not reported in the funds.		
		1,698,066
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEBs are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	6,048,902	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(2,430,557)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	1,417,190	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(3,668,685)	
		1,366,850
Long-term liabilities and net OPEB assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net OPEB Asset	1,968,540	
Net Pension Liability	(29,333,284)	
Net OPEB Liability	(2,275,341)	
Other Amounts	(46,647,213)	
		(76,287,298)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$42,772,118</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Classroom Facilities Maintenance	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property and Other Taxes	\$14,824,515	\$628,542	\$2,791,975	\$539,997	\$18,785,029
Tuition and Fees	826,359	0	0	0	826,359
Investment Earnings	1,164,419	475,095	211,963	251,814	2,103,291
Intergovernmental	14,243,142	68,786	163,446	5,048,212	19,523,586
Extracurricular Activities	42,576	0	0	538,792	581,368
Charges for Services	1,407	0	0	597,252	598,659
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	513,400	18,057	110,237	0	641,694
Other Revenues	142,514	0	0	233,708	376,222
Total Revenues	31,758,332	1,190,480	3,277,621	7,209,775	43,436,208
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	12,898,745	0	0	682,455	13,581,200
Special	3,822,582	0	0	301,418	4,124,000
Vocational	11,961	0	0	0	11,961
Other	325,004	0	0	899,370	1,224,374
Support Services:					
Pupil	2,505,067	0	0	417,481	2,922,548
Instructional Staff	1,282,867	0	0	350,363	1,633,230
General Administration	28,210	0	0	0	28,210
School Administration	2,965,187	0	65,592	265,440	3,296,219
Fiscal	1,008,218	14,892	0	36,105	1,059,215
Business	9,527	0	0	0	9,527
Operations and Maintenance	2,464,462	422,827	0	482,066	3,369,355
Pupil Transportation	2,690,773	0	0	430,645	3,121,418
Central	166,866	0	0	5,854	172,720
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0	1,573,807	1,573,807
Extracurricular Activities	448,654	0	0	610,417	1,059,071
Capital Outlay	42,500	0	0	1,154,088	1,196,588
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	0	0	1,820,000	0	1,820,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	1,426,503	0	1,426,503
Total Expenditures	30,670,623	437,719	3,312,095	7,209,509	41,629,946
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,087,709	752,761	(34,474)	266	1,806,262
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	3,611	0	0	0	3,611
Transfers In	0	0	0	47,132	47,132
Transfers (Out)	(47,132)	0	0	0	(47,132)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(43,521)	0	0	47,132	3,611
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,044,188	752,761	(34,474)	47,398	1,809,873
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	26,810,809	8,132,342	5,115,615	5,580,003	45,638,769
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$27,854,997	\$8,885,103	\$5,081,141	\$5,627,401	\$47,448,642

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds \$1,809,873

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital asset additions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of the difference between capital asset additions and depreciation in the current period.

Capital assets used in governmental activities	2,184,829	
Depreciation Expense	(3,999,748)	
		(1,814,919)

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. The amount of the proceeds must be removed and the gain or loss on the disposal of capital assets must be recognized. This is the amount of the difference between the proceeds and the gain or loss.

(30,824)

Governmental funds report District pension contributions as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employer contributions is reported as pension and OPEB expense.

District pension contributions for pension	2,667,319	
Pension Expense	(2,354,585)	
District pension contributions for OPEB	89,767	
OPEB Expense	284,496	
		686,997

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Delinquent Property Taxes	(5,437)	
Intergovernmental	29,128	
Other Receivable	16,481	
		40,172

Repayment of bond principal and accreted interest is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

1,820,000

In the statement of activities interest expense is accrued when incurred; whereas, in governmental funds an interest expenditure is reported when due.

64,971

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated Absences	66,856	
Amortization of Bond Premium	292,064	
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(124,305)	
Bond Accretion	(230,540)	
		4,075

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$2,580,345

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Custodial Fund
Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$0
Total Assets	0
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	0
Total Liabilities	0
Net Position:	
Held in Trust	0
Total Net Position	\$0

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Custodial Fund
Additions:	
Extracurricular Collections for OHSAA	<u>\$6,332</u>
Total Additions	<u>6,332</u>
Deductions:	
Extracurricular Distributions to OHSAA	<u>6,332</u>
Total Deductions	<u>6,332</u>
Change in Net Position	0
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>0</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$0</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Miami Trace Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 - Description of the District

July 1, 1955 was a historical date in Fayette County. The Miami Trace School District (the "District") was officially formed when the eight school districts of Concord, Green, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Perry, Union and Wayne merged. On January 1, 1956, with the addition of the districts of Bloomingburg, Jefferson and Paint, Miami Trace Local and Fayette County School Districts became one district encompassing almost all of Fayette County exclusive of the Washington Court House City School District. On February 10, 1958, after receiving a petition signed by almost 95% of the voters of the New Holland School District, the State Board of Education transferred the New Holland District into Miami Trace completing the consolidation of the twelve local districts that now make up Miami Trace.

Miami Trace covers 401 square miles, much of which is reputed to be among the most productive farmland in the state. The District's geographical size ranks among the top five in Ohio. At the present time, approximately 2,524 students attend one elementary school, one middle school and one comprehensive high school.

The District operates under a locally elected five-member board form of government and provides educational services as authorized by its charter or further mandated by state and/or federal agencies. This board controls the District's instructional and support facilities staffed by 140 non-certificated personnel and 176 certificated teaching and administrative personnel to provide services to students and other community members.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, which consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. This includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

There are no component units combined with the District for financial statement presentation purposes, and it is not included in any other governmental reporting entity. Consequently, the District's financial statements include only the funds of those organizational entities for which its elected governing body is financially accountable. The District's major operations include education, pupil transportation, food service, and maintenance of District facilities.

The District is associated with four jointly governed organizations. These organizations are discussed in Note 11 to the basic financial statements. These organizations are:

MVECA
South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium
Region 14-Hopewell Center
Great Oaks Career Campuses

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

Miami Trace Local School District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net position. Fiduciary Funds are not included in government-wide statements.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the District are grouped into the categories governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

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

Miami Trace Local School District
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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 for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund –A fund used to account for the proceeds of a levy for the maintenance of facilities.

Debt Service Fund – A fund provided for the retirement of serial bonds and short term notes and loans. All revenue derived from general or special levies, either within or exceeding the 10 mill limitation, which is levied for debt charges on bonds, notes or loans shall be paid in the future.

Fiduciary Funds

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

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows/outflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, included property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: property taxes available for advance, grants, and other taxes.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the District, deferred outflows of resources includes pension, other post employment benefits, and deferred charge on refunding. These amounts are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. For more pension related information and OPEB, see Notes 8 and 9.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time. For the District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, sponsorship, grants, revenue in lieu of taxes, accounts receivable, pension, and OPEB. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2024, but which were levied to finance year 2025 operations. Property taxes, sponsorship, and revenue in lieu of taxes have been recorded as deferred inflows on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Grants are reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. Deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. For more pension and OPEB related information, see Notes 8 and 9.

Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue.

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

Equity In Pooled Cash Investments

Cash received by the District is pooled for investment purposes. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments" on the financial statements.

The District participates in a self funded health insurance program that pays employees health insurance claims on the District's behalf. The balance of the District's funds held by the claims administrator and the fiscal agent at June 30, 2024 is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent" on the balance sheet.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Monies for all funds were maintained in various bank accounts or were temporarily used to purchase short-term cash equivalent investments. Under existing Ohio statutes, earnings accrue to the general fund except those specifically related to agency funds, certain trust funds, food service and those funds individually authorized by board resolution.

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.

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

Following Ohio statutes, the Board has, by resolution specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue during fiscal year 2024 amounted to \$1,164,419 for the General Fund, \$211,963 for the Debt Service Fund, \$475,095 for the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund, and \$251,814 for Other Governmental Funds.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and expenditures/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the purchase method on the fund level statements and using the consumption method on the government-wide statements.

Capital Assets

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	5-25 years
Buildings and Improvements	20-40 years
Equipment	3-15 years

Pension/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

Compensated Absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time, when earned, for all employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, the expenditures for unpaid compensated absences are recognized when due. The related liability is recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. Compensated absences are reported in governmental funds only if they have matured.

The District's policies regarding compensated absences are determined by the state laws and/or negotiated agreements. In summary, the policies are as follows:

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<u>Vacation</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Administrators</u>	<u>Non-Certificated</u>
How Earned	Not Eligible	10-20 days for each service year depending on length of service; superintendents and treasurer per contract	10-20 days for each service year depending on length of service
Maximum Accumulation for Retirement Payout	Not Eligible	3 years accrual	40 days
Vested	Not Eligible	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Termination Entitlement	Not Applicable	Paid upon Termination	Paid upon Termination

Sick Leave

How Earned	1 1/4 days per month of employment (15 days per year)	1 1/4 days per month of employment (15 days per year)	1 1/4 days per month of employment (15 days per year)
Maximum Accumulation	229 days	Per Contract Days	229 days
Termination Entitlement	Per Contract	Per Contract	Per Contract

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. Of the District's \$19,041,455 in restricted net position, none was restricted by enabling legislation.

Interfund Activity

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

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On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “Interfund Receivables” and “Interfund Payables.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities columns of the statement of net position.

As a general rule the effect of interfund (internal) activities has been eliminated from the government-wide statement of activities. The interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the District classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. The following categories are used:

Nonspendable – resources that are not in spendable form or have legal or contractual requirements to maintain the balance intact.

Restricted – resources that have external purpose restraints imposed on them by providers, such as creditors, grantors, or other regulators.

Committed – resources that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government at its highest level of decision making authority, the Board of Education. Formal action by the Board of Education is needed to commit or rescind resources.

Assigned – resources that are intended to be used for specific purposes as approved through the District’s formal purchasing procedure by the Treasurer.

Unassigned – residual fund balance within the General Fund that is not restricted, committed, or assigned. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from incurred expenses for specific purposes exceeding amounts which had been restricted, committed or assigned for said purposes.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are 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 expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

During fiscal year 2014 and 2017 the Board of Education passed fiscal policies that state:

- Reservation of Fund Balance for Fiscal Stabilization at fiscal year-end pursuant to O.R.C. Section 5705.13 equal to 5% of prior fiscal year general fund revenues (excluding other financing sources). This reservation includes two reserves 001–SCC 9991 with a year-end balance of \$1,319,566 and 001–SCC 9108 with a year-end balance of \$159,256. Fund 001–SCC 9991 is for fiscal stabilization, while 001–SCC 9108 is specifically for health insurance.
- Fiscal policy to maintain a minimum carryover balance for the succeeding fiscal year an unencumbered and unassigned general fund balance equal to two months of prior fiscal year average monthly general fund expenditures (excluding other financing uses).

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- The District also passed a motion that stated it will maintain a minimum balance of \$500,000 at fiscal year end in Fund 035 for termination and retirement benefits. The balance at fiscal year 2024 is \$502,362.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the General Fund represent equity in pooled cash and investments set aside to establish a health insurance budget stabilization for health and prescription drug benefits for the District. Restricted assets in the other funds are for retainage on construction projects.

Estimates

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

Note 3 – Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

The District maintains a cash and investment pool used by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments."

State statute requires the classification of monies held by the District into three categories:

Active Monies – Those monies required to be kept in a "cash" or "near cash" status for immediate use by the District. Such monies must by law be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in depository accounts payable or withdrawable on demand.

Inactive Monies – Those monies not required for use within the current two year period of designated depositories. Ohio law permits inactive monies to be deposited or invested as certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designated depositories, or as savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim Monies – Interim monies held by the District can 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, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities.

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3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and 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.
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).
8. Certain bankers' acceptances for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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

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

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits 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. As of June 30, 2024, \$11,081,538 of the District's bank balance of \$11,331,538 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized.

The District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105% of the deposits being secured; or

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Merchants National Bank does not participate in OPCS, but has issued a letter of credit to the District for \$12,000,000 which is irrevocable and unconditional. The letter of credit is transferrable subject to prior approval.

Investments

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

	Value	Fair Value Hierarchy	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
Star Ohio	\$28,640,028	N/A	0.13
	<u>\$28,640,028</u>		
Portfolio Weighted Average Maturity			0.13

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using pricing sources, as provided by the investment managers. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above table identifies the District’s recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024. STAR Ohio is reported at its share price (Net Asset value per share).

Interest Rate Risk – In accordance with the investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to three years.

Credit Risk – It is the District’s policy to limit its investments that are not obligations of the U.S. Government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government to investments which have a credit quality rating of the top 2 ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. Investments in STAR Ohio were rated AAAm by Standard & Poor’s.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The District’s investment policy allows investments in Federal Agencies or Instrumentalities. The District has invested 100% in STAR Ohio.

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. All of the District’s securities are either insured and registered in the name of the District or at least registered in the name of the District.

Note 4 – Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis. Second half distributions occur in a new fiscal year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility, and tangible personal (certain) property located in the District. Real property taxes are levied after April 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Public utility property taxes attached as a lien on December 31 of the prior year, were levied April 1 and are collected with real property taxes. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued every six years.

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Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, 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. The District receives property taxes from Fayette County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2024, are available to finance fiscal year 2025 operations. The amount available for advance can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real property and public utility taxes that became measurable as of June 30, 2024. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount available as an advance at June 30 is intended to finance current fiscal year operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2024, was \$7,697,127 in the General Fund, \$366,358 in Classroom Facilities Maintenance, \$1,623,150 in Debt Service Fund, and \$313,843 in Other Governmental Funds.

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

	<u>2024 Amount</u>
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$489,253,840
Public Utility Personal	<u>155,999,500</u>
Total	<u><u>\$645,253,340</u></u>

Note 5 – Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consisted of taxes, accounts, interfund, and intergovernmental. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

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Note 6 – Capital Assets

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
<i>Capital Assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$1,527,254	\$0	\$0	\$1,527,254
Construction in Progress	0	0	0	0
<i>Capital Assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land Improvements	3,821,352	748,396	0	4,569,748
Buildings and Improvements	95,529,929	454,949	0	95,984,878
Equipment	6,488,599	981,484	211,791	7,258,292
Totals at Historical Cost	<u>107,367,134</u>	<u>2,184,829</u>	<u>211,791</u>	<u>109,340,172</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	1,995,710	248,547	0	2,244,257
Buildings and Improvements	30,252,561	3,200,757	0	33,453,318
Equipment	4,039,473	550,444	180,967	4,408,950
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>36,287,744</u>	<u>3,999,748</u>	<u>180,967</u>	<u>40,106,525</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$71,079,390</u>	<u>(\$1,814,919)</u>	<u>\$30,824</u>	<u>\$69,233,647</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$1,911,073
Special	342,392
Vocational	181,667
Support Services:	
Pupil	228,275
Instructional Staff	125,056
School Administration	388,238
Fiscal	13,302
Business	3,991
Operations and Maintenance	452,033
Pupil Transportation	335,703
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	12,546
Extracurricular Activities	5,472
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$3,999,748</u>

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Note 7 - Long-Term Liabilities

	Maturity Dates	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due In One Year
Governmental Activities:						
General Obligation Bonds Payable:						
2013 School Improvement Bonds:						
Capital Appreciation		\$1,838	\$0	\$0	\$1,838	\$1,838
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest		240,259	153,116	0	393,375	0
2015 Refunding Bonds:						
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	12/01/2036	1,605,000	0	380,000	1,225,000	400,000
Premium		166,488	0	41,622	124,866	0
2015 Refunding Bonds:						
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	12/01/2032	100,000	0	25,000	75,000	25,000
Capital Appreciation		189	0	0	189	0
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest		12,197	7,868	0	20,065	0
Premium		17,810	0	4,452	13,358	0
2015 Refunding Bonds:						
Current Interest - 1.00-4.00%	12/01/2031	760,000	0	145,000	615,000	185,000
Capital Appreciation		107	0	0	107	0
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest		6,899	4,451	0	11,350	0
Premium		78,785	0	19,697	59,088	0
2016 School Improvement Bonds:						
Current Interest - 2.00-5.00%	12/01/2052	11,305,000	0	450,000	10,855,000	470,000
Premium		691,505	0	30,065	661,440	0
2020 Refunding Bonds:						
Principal - 3.00-4.00%		8,705,000	0	650,000	8,055,000	290,000
Premium		1,050,368	0	95,488	954,880	0
2022 Refunding Bonds:						
Current Interest - 2.11-4.00%	12/01/2052	20,520,000	0	170,000	20,350,000	180,000
Capital Appreciation		174,620	0	0	174,620	0
Capital Appreciation Accreted Interest		70,466	65,105	0	135,571	0
Premium		3,022,206	0	100,740	2,921,466	0
Subtotal Bonds		48,528,737	230,540	2,112,064	46,647,213	1,551,838
Compensated Absences		1,492,796	204,564	278,419	1,418,941	280,146
Subtotal Bonds and Other Amounts		50,021,533	435,104	2,390,483	48,066,154	1,831,984
Net Pension Liability		30,657,652	0	1,324,368	29,333,284	0
Net OPEB Liability		2,072,986	202,355	0	2,275,341	0
Total Long-Term Obligations		\$82,752,171	\$637,459	\$3,714,851	\$79,674,779	\$1,831,984

General obligation bonds will be paid from the debt service fund. Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the person is paid. Bonds were issued for the purpose of paying the District's local share of the building construction and improvements under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability; however, employer pension and OPEB contributions are made from the fund benefitting from their service.

Refundings

On December 3, 2021 the District issued \$20,904,620 in Various Purpose Refunding Bonds with an interest rate between 2.11% and 4.00%, which was used to partially refund \$2,140,000 of the District's outstanding 2015 Schools Improvements Bonds, \$3,685,000 of the District's outstanding 2015 School Improvement Bonds and \$15,410,000 of the District's 2016 Schools Improvement Bonds with various interest rates between 1.00% and 5.00%. The net proceeds of \$24,027,567 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the three bond issues. As a result, \$21,235,000 of the 2015 and 2016 School Improvements Bonds are

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considered to be defeased and the related liability for those bonds have been removed from the Statement of Net Position. The 2015 and 2016 School Improvements Bonds were defeased by placing the proceeds of the new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included on the District's financial statements.

The District refunded 2015 and 2016 School Improvements Bonds to reduce its total debt service payments by \$3,278,356 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$2,391,886.

On March 3, 2020 the District issued \$10,060,000 in Serial Bonds with an interest rate between 3.00% and 4.00%, which was used to partially refund \$11,070,000 of the outstanding 2013 and 2014 School Improvements Bonds with an interest rate between 1.00% and 4.00%. The net proceeds of \$11,396,832 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the three bond issues. As a result, \$11,070,000 of the 2013 and 2014 School Improvements Bonds are considered to be defeased and the related liability for those bonds have been removed from the Statement of Net Position. The 2013 and 2014 School Improvements Bonds were defeased by placing the proceeds of the new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included on the District's financial statements. On June 1, 2020, the total amount of the bonds escrow amount was paid.

The District refunded 2013 and 2014 School Improvements Bonds to reduce its total debt service payments by \$1,236,158 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$1,102,730.

On November 3, 2014 the District issued \$1,305,000 in Current Interest Bonds with an interest rate between 1.00% and 4.00% and \$10,542 in Capital Appreciation Bonds all of which was used to partially advance refund \$1,315,542 of the outstanding 2008 General Obligation Bonds with an interest rate between 4.00% and 5.25%. The net proceeds of \$1,716,245 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the three bond issues. As a result, \$1,315,542 of the 2008 General Obligation Bonds are considered to be defeased and the related liability for those bonds have been removed from the Statement of Net Position.

The District advance refunded 2008 General Obligation Bonds to reduce its total debt service payments by \$61,026 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$47,164.

On December 4, 2014 the District issued \$6,225,000 in Current Interest Bonds with an interest rate between 1.00% and 4.00% and \$49,994 in Capital Appreciation Bonds all of which was used to partially advance refund \$6,274,994 of the outstanding 2008 General Obligation Bonds with an interest rate between 4.00% and 5.25%. The net proceeds of \$7,256,084 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the three bond issues. As a result, \$6,274,994 of the 2008 General Obligation Bonds are considered to

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be defeased and the related liability for those bonds have been removed from the Statement of Net Position.

The District advance refunded 2008 General Obligation Bonds to reduce its total debt service payments by \$407,949 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$288,579.

On December 4, 2014 the District issued \$2,260,000 in Current Interest Bonds with an interest rate between 1.00% and 4.00% and \$24,994 in Capital Appreciation Bonds all of which was used to partially advance refund \$2,285,000 of the outstanding 2009 General Obligation Bonds with an interest rate between 4.00% and 5.25%. The net proceeds of \$2,680,710 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the three bond issues. As a result, \$2,285,000 of the 2009 General Obligation Bonds are considered to be defeased and the related liability for those bonds have been removed from the Statement of Net Position.

The District advance refunded 2009 General Obligation Bonds to reduce its total debt service payments by \$126,737 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$99,371.

Principal and interest requirements to retire general obligation debt outstanding at year end are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Current Interest Bonds			Capital Appreciation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$1,550,000	\$2,076,753	\$3,626,753	\$1,838	\$503,162	\$505,000
2026	2,050,000	2,011,003	4,061,003	0	0	0
2027	2,130,000	1,931,378	4,061,378	0	0	0
2028	2,220,000	1,842,477	4,062,477	0	0	0
2029	2,345,000	1,752,703	4,097,703	0	0	0
2030-2034	10,855,000	7,127,540	17,982,540	47,743	1,219,345	1,267,088
2035-2039	3,315,000	1,185,219	4,500,219	127,173	889,276	1,016,449
2040-2044	5,135,000	3,508,797	8,643,797	0	0	0
2045-2049	6,030,000	2,189,011	8,219,011	0	0	0
2050-2053	5,545,000	350,221	5,895,221	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$41,175,000</u>	<u>\$23,975,102</u>	<u>\$65,150,102</u>	<u>\$176,754</u>	<u>\$2,611,783</u>	<u>\$2,788,537</u>

Note 8 - 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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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.

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

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

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 9 for the required OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description

District 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, 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:

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	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or 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 Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

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

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent 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. 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. The COLA is indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The Retirement Board approved a 2.5 percent COLA for calendar year 2023.

Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14 percent 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 percent for plan members and 14 percent 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 percent. 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 \$737,023 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount \$0 is reported as accrued wages and benefits.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description

District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee 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 Web site at www.strsoh.org.

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New members have a choice of three retirement plans: a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined 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 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 3 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2023, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 1 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2024 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2019. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3307.67(E) the STRS Ohio Retirement Board may adjust the COLA upon a determination by the board's actuary that a change will not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the system or is necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 34 years of service credit at any age.

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

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 11.09 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 2.91 percent of the 14 percent 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 percent of the 14 percent member rate is deposited into the member's DC account and the remaining 2 percent 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 at age fifty 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.

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

Funding Policy

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

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,930,296 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount \$321,716 is reported as accrued wages and benefits.

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

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$7,536,167	\$21,797,117	\$29,333,284
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.13638850%	0.10121746%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.14419960%</u>	<u>0.10282540%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00781110%	-0.00160794%	
Pension Expense	\$598,517	\$1,756,068	\$2,354,585

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

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	SERS	STRS	Total
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$323,921	\$794,677	\$1,118,598
Changes of assumptions	53,383	1,795,111	1,848,494
Changes in employer proportionate share of net pension liability	34,030	380,461	414,491
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	737,023	1,930,296	2,667,319
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$1,148,357</u>	<u>\$4,900,545</u>	<u>\$6,048,902</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$48,368	\$48,368
Changes of assumptions	0	1,351,202	1,351,202
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	105,927	65,327	171,254
Changes in employer proportionate share of net pension liability	305,554	554,179	859,733
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$411,481</u>	<u>\$2,019,076</u>	<u>\$2,430,557</u>

\$2,667,319 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2025	(\$19,223)	(\$231,230)	(\$250,453)
2026	(396,134)	(733,272)	(1,129,406)
2027	409,597	2,098,809	2,508,406
2028	5,613	(183,134)	(177,521)
Total	<u>(\$147)</u>	<u>\$951,173</u>	<u>\$951,026</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). 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.

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

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

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.40%	2.40%
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25% to 13.58%	3.25% to 13.58%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2%, on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement	2%, on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement
Investment Rate of Return	7% net of system expenses	7% net of system expenses
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

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 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent 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 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

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

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' Statement of Investment Policy. 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 an arithmetic 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. As of June 30, 2023:

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%	

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Discount Rate

The total pension liability for 2023 was calculated using the discount rate of 7 percent. 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 for fiscal year 2023 was 14 percent. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7 percent). 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 percent.

Sensitivity of the 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 percent, 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 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 6%	Current Discount Rate 7%	1% Increase 8%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$11,122,998	\$7,536,167	\$4,514,946

Changes Between the Measurement Date and the Report Date

Governor DeWine signed HB33 in July 2023 authorizing SERS to implement a Contribution Based Benefit Cap beginning August 1, 2024. Any effect on the net pension liability is unknown.

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation compared to those used in the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation are presented below:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Projected Salary Increases	From 2.50% to 8.50% based on service	From 2.50% to 8.50% based on age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00% net of investments expense, including inflation	7.00% net of investments expense, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7%	7%
Payroll Increases	3%	3%
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0%	0%

Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent 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 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-

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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 Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00%	6.60%
International Equity	22.00%	6.80%
Alternatives	19.00%	7.38%
Fixed Income	22.00%	1.75%
Real Estate	10.00%	5.75%
Liquidity Reserves	1.00%	1.00%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

* Final target weights reflected October 1, 2022.

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7 percent 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 rate increases described above. 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 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8 percent) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease 6%	Current Discount Rate 7%	1% Increase 8%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$33,519,142	\$21,797,117	\$11,883,492

Changes Between the Measurement Date and the Report Date

In March 2024, the STRS Board made the eligibility rule requiring 34 years of service for an unreduced retirement permanent, effective June 1, 2024. Eligibility for a reduced retirement benefit has been lowered from 30 to 29 years of service. The effect of these changes on the net pension liability is currently unknown.

Note 9 - Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 8 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Health Care Plan Description

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

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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 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2024, no allocation was made to 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 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the District's surcharge obligation was \$89,767.

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 \$89,767 for fiscal year 2024.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description

The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. 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. All benefit recipients 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 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

Net OPEB Liabilities (Assets), OPEB Expense (Income), and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

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

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	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$2,275,341	\$0	\$2,275,341
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)	0	(1,968,540)	(1,968,540)
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:			
Current Measurement Date	0.13811330%	0.10121746%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.14764750%	0.10282540%	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00953420%	-0.00160794%	
OPEB Expense	(\$196,635)	(\$87,860)	(\$284,495)

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$4,739	\$3,069	\$7,808
Changes of assumptions	769,360	289,994	1,059,354
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	17,635	3,513	21,148
Changes in employer proportionate share of net OPEB liability	215,654	23,459	239,113
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	89,767	0	89,767
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$1,097,155</u>	<u>\$320,035</u>	<u>\$1,417,190</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,173,478	\$300,254	\$1,473,732
Changes of assumptions	646,219	1,298,815	1,945,034
Changes in employer proportionate share of net OPEB liability	249,258	661	249,919
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$2,068,955</u>	<u>\$1,599,730</u>	<u>\$3,668,685</u>

\$89,767 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability (adjustment to net OPEB asset) in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2025	(\$300,836)	(\$564,197)	(\$865,033)
2026	(274,643)	(262,545)	(537,188)
2027	(187,247)	(99,534)	(286,781)
2028	(127,624)	(135,451)	(263,075)
2029	(89,285)	(124,266)	(213,551)
Thereafter	(81,932)	(93,702)	(175,634)
Total	<u>(\$1,061,567)</u>	<u>(\$1,279,695)</u>	<u>(\$2,341,262)</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

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

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.40%	2.40%
Future Salary Increases, Including Inflation	3.25% to 13.58%	3.25% to 13.58%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00% net of investment expense	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Fiduciary Net Position is Projected to be Depleted	2048	2044
Municipal Bond Index Rate:		
Measurement Date	3.86%	3.69%
Prior Measurement Date	3.69%	1.92%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR), net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:		
Measurement Date	4.27%	4.08%
Prior Measurement Date	4.08%	2.27%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	6.75% to 4.40%	7.00% to 4.40%

Mortality rates among healthy retirees 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 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to

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2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Mortality rates for contingent survivors were based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5 percent for males and adjusted 122.5 percent for females. Mortality rates for actives is based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table. Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a long-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7 percent, 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. As of June 30, 2023:

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023, was 4.27 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2023, was 4.08 percent. 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 percent of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was 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

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return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index Rate was 3.86 percent at June 30, 2023, and 3.69 percent at June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of the 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 of SERS, what SERS' 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 SERS' 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.

	1% Decrease (3.27%)	Current Discount Rate (4.27%)	1% Increase (5.27%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$2,908,536	\$2,275,341	\$1,776,040
	1% Decrease (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%)	Current Trend Rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%)	1% Increase (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,671,614	\$2,275,341	\$3,075,360

Changes Between Measurement Date and Reporting Date

In September 2023, the SERS Board changed minimum compensation to \$30,000 from \$25,000 for purposes of the surcharge. Any effect on the net OPEB liability is unknown.

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation compared to the prior year are presented below:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
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%
Discount Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Health Care Cost Trends:		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50% initial, 4.14% ultimate	7.50% initial, 3.94% ultimate
Medicare	-10.94% initial, 4.14% ultimate	-68.78% initial, 3.94% ultimate
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	-11.95% initial, 4.14% ultimate	9.00% initial, 3.94% ultimate
Medicare	1.33% initial, 4.14% ultimate	-5.47% initial, 3.94% ultimate

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

Healthy retirees post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent 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 percent 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.

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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation *</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return **</u>
Domestic Equity	26%	6.60%
International Equity	22%	6.80%
Alternatives	19%	7.38%
Fixed Income	22%	1.75%
Real Estate	10%	5.75%
Liquidity Reserves	1%	1.00%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7 percent 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 these 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 plan investments of 7 percent was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the 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 percent, 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 percent) or one percentage point higher (8 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using

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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 (6%)	Current Discount Rate (7%)	1% Increase (8%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	(\$1,666,111)	(\$1,968,540)	(\$2,231,923)
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	(\$2,244,145)	(\$1,968,540)	(\$1,636,578)

Changes Between the Measurement Date and the Reporting date

In March, 2024, the STRS Board made changes to the eligibility for the maximum health care premium subsidy, going into effect initially with the January 2025 benefit. In May, 2024, the Board aligned the eligibility for the health care premium subsidy with the changes to pension eligibility made in March 2024. The effect on the net OPEB liability (asset) is unknown at this time.

Note 10 - Contingent Liabilities

School Foundation

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2024 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2024 financial statements is not determinable, at this time. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or a liability of, the School District.

Grants

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

Litigation

The District's attorney estimates that all other potential claims against the District not covered by insurance resulting from all litigation would not materially affect the financial statements of the District.

Note 11 - Jointly Governed Organizations

The District is a participant in the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association (MVECA) which is a computer consortium A-site used by the District. MVECA is an association of 31 public school districts in a geographic area determined by the Ohio Department of Education. MVECA 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 districts. MVECA is governed by a board of

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directors consisting of superintendents and treasurers of the member school districts. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the board. The District paid \$235,182 to MVECA during the fiscal year. Complete financial statements can be obtained from MVECA located at 330 East Enon Road, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387.

The South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC) is a Regional Council of Governments organized under the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. The SCOIC's primary purpose and objective is establishing and carrying out a cooperative health program for its member organizations. The governing board consists of the superintendent or other designee appointed by each of the members of the SCOIC. The District does not have an ongoing financial interest in or ongoing financial responsibility for the SCOIC other than claims paid on behalf of the District for District employees. Financial information can be obtained from the offices of the Consortium's fiscal agent, Treasurer, Bloom-Carroll Local School District, 5240 Plum Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112.

The Hopewell Special Education Regional Resource Center (Hopewell-Region 14) is a jointly governed organization created by the Ohio Department of Education at the request of the participating school districts to offer direct and related services to low incidence handicapped students of the region. Eighteen local, city and exempted village school districts receive services from Hopewell. Hopewell is operated under regulations and policies established by the Ohio Department of Education and its own governing board. The governing board is made up of superintendents from seventeen school districts, plus County Board of Education, Board of Developmental Disabilities, and joint vocational school superintendents, as well as three parents of handicapped children in the region. The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center acts as fiscal agent. Hopewell receives funding from contracts with each of the member school districts and federal and state grants. To obtain financial information write to the Center's fiscal agent, Southern Ohio Educational Service Center, 3321 Airborne Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177.

Great Oaks Career Campuses (Great Oaks), a jointly governed organization, is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board. Each district must appoint a representative to the Great Oaks board; the representative does not have to be a school board member, but must meet certain criteria per law. The Board possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority as a separate body politic and corporate, established by the Ohio Revised Code. Great Oaks was formed for the purpose of providing vocational education opportunities to the students of the member school districts, which includes the students of the District. The District has neither ongoing financial interest in nor responsibility for Great Oaks. To obtain financial information, write to Great Oaks at 3254 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241.

Note 12 – Insurance Pool

The District participates in a group retrospective rating plan for workers' compensation, as established under Section 4123-17-73 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The Ohio SchoolComp Group Retrospective Rating Plan was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO). The Executive Directors of the OSBA and OASBO, or their designees, serve as coordinators of the group retrospective rating program. Each year, the participating school districts pay an enrollment fee to the program to cover the costs of administering the program. Districts continue to pay their individual premium directly to the Ohio BWC. Participation in the Group Retrospective Rating Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the programs selection criteria. The intent of the program is to reward participants that have been able to keep their claims costs low. Sedgwick provides third party administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the program.

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The District pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Note 13 - Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage to or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries, and natural disasters. The District addresses these risks by maintaining a comprehensive risk management program through the precast of various types of liability, inland marine, and property insurance as a member of a school district risk-sharing pool (SORSA).

General liability insurance is maintained in the amount of \$15,000,000 for each occurrence and \$17,000,000 in the general aggregate. Other liability insurance includes \$15,000,000 for fleet liability, and \$1,000,000 uninsured motorist coverage.

In addition, the District maintains replacement cost insurance on buildings and contents in the blanket amount of \$130,443,526.

The District pays all elected and appointed officials' bonds by statute.

As a benefit for employees of the Miami Trace Local School District, the District makes available health, dental, vision, and term life insurance for all qualifying employees who desire coverage. The District pays for a portion of the health, dental, and vision insurances. The District pays 100% of the term life insurance. The District pays 100% of single dental and vision. The employee is responsible for the difference between a single and family plan. The District pays 100% of both single and family hospitalization for employees hired before September 1992 and 82% for employees hired after September 1992. The balance remaining on all employees' benefits are deducted through payroll.

The District provides a limited medical, surgical, prescription drug, and life insurance program for its employees through a self insured program. Claims are paid by the District to the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC). SCOIC contracts with Care Factor (formerly Employee Benefits Management Corporation (EBMC)) to service the claims up to \$500,000 per individual. The District has a stop loss coverage insurance policy through Jefferson Health Plan (OME-RESA) which covered individual claims in excess of \$500,000 per employee per year for medical claims. The District had shared risk pool coverage with the internal pool of the SCOIC which covered individual claims in excess of \$100,000 up to \$500,000 per employee per year for medical claims.

The claims liability of \$403,500 reported in the general fund at June 30, 2024 is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements and the amounts of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Changes in the fund's claims liability amount for the past two years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Payments	End of Year Balance
2023	(499,100)	4,136,803	(2,631,903)	1,005,800
2024	(1,005,800)	7,789,889	(6,380,589)	403,500

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There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverages from coverages in the prior year. In addition, settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 14 - Set-Asides

The District is required by State law to set aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined into various reserves. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the reserve activity (cash-basis) was as follows:

	Capital Maintenance Reserve
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$0
Amount from Prior Years which Exceeded Required Set-Aside	0
Required Set-Aside	530,856
Qualifying Expenditures	(73,167)
Current Year Offsets	(1,285,357)
Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u><u>(\$827,668)</u></u>

Expenditures for capital activity during the year totaled \$73,167 which did not exceed the amount required for set-aside. The District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the year that reduced the set-aside amount for capital acquisitions to below zero, these extra amounts are not to reduce the set-aside requirement for capital acquisitions in succeeding fiscal years.

Note 15 - Interfund Transactions

Interfund transactions at June 30, 2024, consisted of the following interfund receivables and interfund payables and transfers in and transfers out:

	Interfund		Transfers	
	Receivable	Payable	In	Out
General Fund	\$550,030	\$0	\$0	\$47,132
Other Governmental Funds	0	550,030	47,132	0
Total All Funds	<u><u>\$550,030</u></u>	<u><u>\$550,030</u></u>	<u><u>\$47,132</u></u>	<u><u>\$47,132</u></u>

Interfund balance/transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budget authorizations; to segregate and to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed.

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Note 16 – Accountability

The following individual fund had a deficit in fund balance at year end:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Other Governmental Funds:	
Special Education	\$98,840
Title I	143,501
Drug Free Schools	19,271
IDEA Preschool Grant	840
Esser	103,064

The deficit in fund balance was primarily due to accruals in GAAP. The general fund is liable for any deficit in this fund and will provide transfers when cash is required not when accruals occur.

Note 17 – Fund Balances

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

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Fund Balances	General	Debt Service	Classroom Facilities Maintenance	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nondspendable:					
Prepays	\$29,492	\$0	\$0	\$3,172	\$32,664
Total Nondspendable	29,492	0	0	3,172	32,664
Restricted for:					
Local Grants	0	0	0	7,150	7,150
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	0	0	8,885,103		8,885,103
Student Activity	0	0	0	197,432	197,432
Data Communication	0	0	0	138	138
Special Trust	0	0	0	1,020,532	1,020,532
Student Wellness and Success	0	0	0	1,290,748	1,290,748
Debt Service Payments	0	5,081,141	0		5,081,141
Food Service	0	0	0	449,625	449,625
Student Activity	0	0	0	195,117	195,117
Total Restricted	0	5,081,141	8,885,103	3,160,742	17,126,986
Committed to:					
Health Insurance Budget Stabilization	159,256	0	0	0	159,256
Maintain Minimum Carryover	1,319,566	0	0	0	1,319,566
Termination and Retirement Benefits	502,362	0	0	0	502,362
Permanent Improvements	0	0	0	2,831,222	2,831,222
Total Committed	1,981,184	0	0	2,831,222	4,812,406
Assigned to:					
Budgetary	2,337,240	0	0	0	2,337,240
Encumbrances	488,008	0	0	0	488,008
Public School	54,662	0	0	0	54,662
Total Assigned	2,879,910	0	0	0	2,879,910
Unassigned	22,964,411	0	0	(367,735)	22,596,676
Total Fund Balance	\$27,854,997	\$5,081,141	\$8,885,103	\$5,627,401	\$47,448,642

Note 18 – Construction and Other Commitments

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

Description	Remaining Commitment
General	\$590,679
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	232,288
Other Governmental	814,813

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Note 19 – Sponsorships

The District has entered in sponsorship agreements in which the District and entities enter into a purchased naming rights sponsorship package for the football stadium at Miami Trace High School. As of year end, the District has the following sponsorships:

<u>Sponsorships</u>	<u>Total Sponsorship Agreement</u>	<u>Deferred Inflow Sponsorship</u>
Tomlinson Ins.	\$10,000	\$0
Hinderer Motor Company	40,000	0
Quali-Tee Design	120,000	10,000
Adena Health System	250,000	25,000
Epifano, LLC	44,000	8,000
TW Fabrication	150,000	10,000
Parrett Insurance	20,000	6,333
Herron Financial Group	10,000	2,000
Valero Renewables	20,000	4,000
Vermeer	20,000	4,000
M&M Fasteners	10,000	2,000
Doug Marine All Brands	10,000	4,000
Kirk's Furniture	20,000	8,000
Fayette Veterinary Hospital	20,000	8,000
First State Bank	20,000	4,000
Melvin Stone	10,000	4,000
Pettit's	20,000	8,000
Total	<u>\$794,000</u>	<u>\$107,333</u>

Note 20 – Tax Abatements Entered Into By Other Governments

Other governments entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") program with the taxing districts of the District. The CRA program is a directive incentive tax exemption program benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under this program, the other governments designated areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. Within the taxing districts of the District, Fayette County has entered into such an agreement. Under this agreement the District's property taxes were reduced by approximately \$1,241,219. The District will receive \$37,500 from these other governments in association with the forgone property tax revenue.

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Note 21 – Implementation of New Accounting Principles

New Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2024, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections; and portions of GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022.

GASB Statement No. 100 enhances 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 Statement No. 99 addresses a variety of topics and includes clarification of provisions related to accounting and reporting of leases under GASB Statement No. 87, provides extension of the period which the London Interbank Offered Rate is considered appropriate benchmark interest rate, guidance on disclosure of nonmonetary transaction, accounting for pledges of future revenues when resources are not received by the pledging government under GASB Statement No. 48, and terminology updates related to certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 63 and No. 53. These topics under GASB Statement No. 99 provisions were implemented in a prior year.

Other topics in GASB Statement No. 99 includes classification of other derivative instruments within the scope of GASB Statement No. 53, clarification of provisions related to accounting and reporting of Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships under GASB Statement No. 94, and clarification of provisions to accounting and reporting of subscription-based information technology arrangements under GASB Statement No. 96. These topics under GASB Statement No. 99 provisions were implemented and did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

Year	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.13638850%	\$7,536,167	\$5,410,893	139.28%	76.06%
2023	0.14419960%	7,799,436	5,386,671	144.79%	75.82%
2022	0.14234150%	5,251,989	5,109,979	102.78%	82.86%
2021	0.14478970%	9,576,696	4,879,293	196.27%	68.55%
2020	0.13574920%	8,122,113	4,656,963	174.41%	70.85%
2019	0.12808250%	7,335,522	4,396,319	166.86%	71.36%
2018	0.12745940%	7,615,418	4,166,936	182.76%	69.50%
2017	0.12532710%	9,172,787	3,817,029	240.31%	62.98%
2016	0.12088550%	6,897,844	3,967,466	173.86%	69.16%
2015	0.11665900%	5,904,046	3,424,127	172.42%	71.70%

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of the District's Contributions for Net Pension Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year	District's Contractually Required Contribution	District's Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	District's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	District's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$737,023	(\$737,023)	\$0	\$5,264,450	14.00%
2023	757,525	(757,525)	0	5,410,893	14.00%
2022	754,134	(754,134)	0	5,386,671	14.00%
2021	715,397	(715,397)	0	5,109,979	14.00%
2020	683,101	(683,101)	0	4,879,293	14.00%
2019	628,690	(628,690)	0	4,656,963	13.50%
2018	593,503	(593,503)	0	4,396,319	13.50%
2017	583,371	(583,371)	0	4,166,936	14.00%
2016	534,384	(534,384)	0	3,817,029	14.00%
2015	522,912	(522,912)	0	3,967,466	13.18%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

Year	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.10121746%	\$21,797,117	\$13,776,514	158.22%	80.02%
2023	0.10282540%	22,858,216	13,602,171	168.05%	78.88%
2022	0.10533643%	13,468,209	12,256,971	109.88%	87.78%
2021	0.10097761%	24,432,989	12,489,429	195.63%	75.48%
2020	0.10192369%	22,539,812	12,164,743	185.29%	77.40%
2019	0.10074027%	22,150,523	11,586,086	191.18%	77.30%
2018	0.09902356%	23,523,259	10,962,429	214.58%	75.30%
2017	0.09886061%	33,091,626	10,534,029	314.14%	66.80%
2016	0.09860816%	27,252,411	10,368,257	262.84%	72.10%
2015	0.09842014%	23,939,184	10,829,346	221.06%	74.70%

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

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Miami Trace Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Contributions for Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year	District's Contractually Required Contribution	District's Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	District's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	District's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$1,930,296	(\$1,930,296)	\$0	\$13,787,829	14.00%
2023	1,928,712	(1,928,712)	0	13,776,514	14.00%
2022	1,904,304	(1,904,304)	0	13,602,171	14.00%
2021	1,715,976	(1,715,976)	0	12,256,971	14.00%
2020	1,748,520	(1,748,520)	0	12,489,429	14.00%
2019	1,703,064	(1,703,064)	0	12,164,743	14.00%
2018	1,622,052	(1,622,052)	0	11,586,086	14.00%
2017	1,534,740	(1,534,740)	0	10,962,429	14.00%
2016	1,474,764	(1,474,764)	0	10,534,029	14.00%
2015	1,451,556	(1,451,556)	0	10,368,257	14.00%

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Miami Trace Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Eight Fiscal Years (1) (2)

Year	District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2024	0.13811330%	\$2,275,341	\$5,410,893	42.05%	30.02%
2023	0.14764750%	2,072,986	5,386,671	38.48%	30.34%
2022	0.14368370%	2,719,332	5,109,979	53.22%	24.08%
2021	0.14518230%	3,155,287	4,879,293	64.67%	18.17%
2020	0.13836520%	3,479,594	4,656,963	74.72%	15.57%
2019	0.13078310%	3,628,276	4,396,319	82.53%	13.57%
2018	0.12986240%	3,485,166	4,166,936	83.64%	12.46%
2017	0.12705419%	3,621,514	3,817,029	94.88%	11.49%

(1) The schedule is intended to show information for the past 10 years and the additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available. Information prior to 2017 is not available.

(2) Amounts presented as of the District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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Miami Trace Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Contributions for Net OPEB Liability
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Nine Fiscal Years (1) (2)

Year	District's Contractually Required Contribution (2)	District's Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	District's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	District's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$89,767	(\$89,767)	\$0	\$5,264,450	1.71%
2023	88,928	(88,928)	0	5,410,893	1.64%
2022	97,456	(97,456)	0	5,386,671	1.81%
2021	78,041	(78,041)	0	5,109,979	1.53%
2020	69,309	(69,309)	0	4,879,293	1.42%
2019	97,685	(97,685)	0	4,656,963	2.10%
2018	96,381	(96,381)	0	4,396,319	2.19%
2017	73,186	(73,186)	0	4,166,936	1.76%
2016	64,498	(64,498)	0	3,817,029	1.69%

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(2) Includes surcharge.

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Miami Trace Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Eight Fiscal Years (1) (2)

Year	District's Proportion of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB (Asset)/Liability
2024	0.10121746%	(\$1,968,540)	\$13,776,514	(14.29%)	168.52%
2023	0.10282540%	(2,662,491)	13,602,171	(19.57%)	230.73%
2022	0.10533643%	(2,220,933)	12,256,971	(18.12%)	174.73%
2021	0.10097761%	(1,774,681)	12,489,429	(14.21%)	182.13%
2020	0.10192369%	(1,688,101)	12,164,743	(13.88%)	174.74%
2019	0.10074027%	(1,618,793)	11,586,086	(13.97%)	176.00%
2018	0.09902356%	3,863,534	10,962,429	35.24%	47.10%
2017	0.09886061%	5,287,091	10,534,029	50.19%	37.30%

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(2) Amounts presented as of the District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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Miami Trace Local School District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Contributions for Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Nine Fiscal Years (1)

Year	District's Contractually Required Contribution	District's Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	District's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	District's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,787,829	0.00%
2023	0	0	0	13,776,514	0.00%
2022	0	0	0	13,602,171	0.00%
2021	0	0	0	12,256,971	0.00%
2020	0	0	0	12,489,429	0.00%
2019	0	0	0	12,164,743	0.00%
2018	0	0	0	11,586,086	0.00%
2017	0	0	0	10,962,429	0.00%
2016	0	0	0	10,534,029	0.00%

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Miami Trace Local School District
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$13,631,660	\$14,739,403	\$14,939,516	\$200,113
Tuition and Fees	783,596	847,273	858,776	11,503
Investment Earnings	938,337	1,014,588	1,028,363	13,775
Intergovernmental	13,094,337	14,158,416	14,350,641	192,225
Extracurricular Activities	11,279	12,195	12,361	166
Charges for Services and Sales	1,284	1,388	1,407	19
Other Revenues	584,347	631,833	640,411	8,578
Total Revenues	29,044,840	31,405,096	31,831,475	426,379
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	12,336,524	12,984,237	12,628,828	355,409
Special	3,745,244	3,941,883	3,833,984	107,899
Vocational	11,684	12,298	11,961	337
Other	335,558	353,176	343,509	9,667
Support Services:				
Pupil	2,386,949	2,512,273	2,443,506	68,767
Instructional Staff	1,250,154	1,315,791	1,279,775	36,016
General Administration	27,557	29,004	28,210	794
School Administration	2,883,630	3,035,031	2,951,955	83,076
Fiscal	995,439	1,047,703	1,019,025	28,678
Business	9,502	10,001	9,727	274
Operations and Maintenance	2,576,555	2,711,833	2,637,604	74,229
Pupil Transportation	2,633,392	2,771,655	2,695,788	75,867
Central	174,567	183,732	178,703	5,029
Extracurricular Activities	438,270	461,280	448,654	12,626
Capital Outlay	12,211	12,852	12,500	352
Total Expenditures	29,817,236	31,382,749	30,523,729	859,020
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(772,396)	22,347	1,307,746	1,285,399
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	3,295	3,563	3,611	48
Advances In	43,333	46,855	47,491	636
Advances (Out)	(118,166)	(124,370)	(120,966)	3,404
Transfers In	35,367	38,241	38,760	519
Transfers (Out)	(240,573)	(253,204)	(246,273)	6,931
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(276,744)	(288,915)	(277,377)	11,538
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,049,140)	(266,568)	1,030,369	1,296,937
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	18,380,429	18,380,429	18,380,429	0
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$17,331,289	\$18,113,861	\$19,410,798	\$1,296,937

See accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information.

Miami Trace Local School District
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance from Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$455,750	\$591,976	\$635,465	\$43,489
Investment Earnings	340,734	442,581	475,095	32,514
Intergovernmental	49,333	64,078	68,786	4,708
Other Revenues	12,950	16,821	18,057	1,236
Total Revenues	858,767	1,115,456	1,197,403	81,947
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Support Services:				
Fiscal	12,103	12,103	14,892	(2,789)
Operations and Maintenance	531,454	531,454	653,898	(122,444)
Total Expenditures	543,557	543,557	668,790	(125,233)
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	315,210	571,899	528,613	(43,286)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	215,158	279,469	300,000	20,531
Transfers (Out)	(243,824)	(243,824)	(300,000)	(56,176)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(28,666)	35,645	0	(35,645)
Net Change in Fund Balance	286,544	607,544	528,613	(78,931)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year (includes prior year encumbrances appropriated)	7,759,214	7,759,214	7,759,214	0
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$8,045,758	\$8,366,758	\$8,287,827	(\$78,931)

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For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 – Budgetary Process

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the appropriations resolution and the certificate of estimated resources, which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount that the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriation resolution is Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Board. The legal level of control has been established by Board at the fund level of expenditures. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements 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 statements reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during the fiscal year 2024.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment by the Board throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by Board during the year.

While the District is reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures for all funds (budget basis) rather than as an assignment of fund balance for governmental fund types (GAAP basis).
4. Advances in and advances out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions.
5. Some funds are reported as part of the general fund (GAAP basis) as opposed to the general fund being reported alone (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis to the budgetary basis for the general fund and classroom facilities maintenance.

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Net Change in Fund Balance

	General	Classroom Facilities Maintenance
GAAP Basis	\$1,044,188	\$752,761
Revenue Accruals	66,811	6,923
Expenditure Accruals	743,905	1,217
Transfers In	38,760	300,000
Transfers (Out)	(199,141)	(300,000)
Advances In	47,491	0
Advances (Out)	(120,966)	0
Encumbrances	(590,679)	(232,288)
Budget Basis	<u>\$1,030,369</u>	<u>\$528,613</u>

Note 2 - Net Pension Liability

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Changes in Benefit Terms:

2023-2024: There were no changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement period.

2022: Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) increased from 0.50% to 2.50%.

2020-2021: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for this fiscal year.

2019: With the authority granted the Board under Senate Bill 8, the Board has enacted a three year COLA delay for future benefit recipients commencing benefits on or after April 1, 2018.

2018: SERS changed from a fixed 3.00% annual increase to a Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) based on the changed in the Consumer Price Index Index (CPI-W), with a cap of 2.50% and a floor of 0.00%.

2014-2017: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for these fiscal years.

Changes in Assumptions:

2023-2024: The following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- (1) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) was increased from 2.00% to 2.50% for calendar year 2024.

2022: The following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- (1) The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.00% to 2.40%,
- (2) Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 3.50% to 1.75%,
- (3) Assumed real wage growth was increased from 0.50% to 0.85%,
- (4) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) was reduced from 2.50% to 2.00%,
- (5) The discount rate was reduced from 7.50% to 7.00%,
- (6) Rates of withdrawal, compensation, participation, spouse coverage assumption, retirement, and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, and,
- (7) Mortality among active members, service retirees and beneficiaries, and disabled members were updated.

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2018-2021: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for these fiscal years.

2017: The following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- (1) The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%,
- (2) Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%,
- (3) Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%,
- (4) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience,
- (5) Mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females,
- (6) Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates,
- (7) Mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement, and
- (8) The discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.50%.

2014-2016: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for these fiscal years.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Changes in Benefit Terms:

2019-2024: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for these fiscal years.

2018: STRS decreased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to zero.

2014-2017: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for these fiscal years.

Changes in Assumptions:

2024: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for these fiscal years.

2023: The following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- (1) Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table:
 - a. Adjusted 110.0% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020
- (2) Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table:
 - a. Adjusted 95.0% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020
- (3) Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table:
 - a. Projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020
- (4) Projected salary increases changed from 2.50% to 12.50% to 2.50% to 8.50%

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2022: There were changes in assumptions since the prior measurement date, which the discount rate was adjusted to 7.00% from 7.45%.

2019-2021: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for these fiscal years.

2018: The following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- (1) The long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%,
- (2) The inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%,
- (3) The payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00%,
- (4) Total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25% due to lower inflation,
- (5) The healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016, and
- (6) Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

2014-2017: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for these fiscal years.

Note 3 - Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability

School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Changes in Benefit Terms:

2024: Effective January 1, 2024, the non-Medicare disability health care subsidy amounts will change to reflect amounts equal to that of service retirees by years of service.

2017-2023: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for these fiscal years.

Changes in Assumptions:

2024: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:

Prior Measurement Date	4.08%
Measurement Date	4.27%
- (2) Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Prior Measurement Date	3.69%
Measurement Date	3.86%
- (3) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:

Prior Measurement Date	4.08%
Measurement Date	4.27%
- (4) The assumption for percent of pre-Medicare eligible retirees who choose the Wraparound plan increased from 10% to 20%.
- (5) The health care trend assumption on retiree premiums was updated to not apply trend to the \$35 surcharge.

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- (6) The morbidity factors were updated based on the Society of Actuaries' June 2013 research report Health Care Costs—From Birth to Death by Dale Yamamoto and from the ASOP 6 practice note developed by the American Academy of Actuaries.
- (7) An assumption was added to assume that 15% of pre-65 retirees who waive will elect coverage upon Medicare eligibility.

2023: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:

Prior Measurement Date	2.27%
Measurement Date	4.08%
- (2) Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Prior Measurement Date	1.92%
Measurement Date	3.69%
- (3) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:

Prior Measurement Date	2.27%
Measurement Date	4.08%
- (4) Health care trend rates were updated.

2022: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:

Prior Measurement Date	2.63%
Measurement Date	2.27%
- (2) Investment Rate of Return:

Prior Measurement Date	7.50%
Measurement Date	7.00%
- (3) Assumed Rate of Inflation:

Prior Measurement Date	3.00%
Measurement Date	2.40%
- (4) Payroll Growth Assumption:

Prior Measurement Date	3.50%
Measurement Date	1.75%
- (5) Assumed Real Wage Growth:

Prior Measurement Date	0.50%
Measurement Date	0.85%
- (6) Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Prior Measurement Date	2.45%
Measurement Date	1.92%
- (7) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:

Prior Measurement Date	2.63%
Measurement Date	2.27%
- (8) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- (9) Rate of health care participation for future retirees and spouses was updated to reflect recent.
- (10) Mortality among active members was updated to the following:
 - a. PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.
- (11) Mortality among service retired members was updated to the following:

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- a. 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.
- (12) Mortality among beneficiaries was updated to the following:
 - a. 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.
- (13) Mortality among disabled member was updated to the following:
 - a. 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.
- (14) Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

2021: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.22%
 - Measurement Date 2.63%
- (2) Municipal Bond Index Rate:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.13%
 - Measurement Date 2.45%
- (3) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.22%
 - Measurement Date 2.63%

2020: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.70%
 - Measurement Date 3.22%
- (2) Municipal Bond Index Rate:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.62%
 - Measurement Date 3.13%
- (3) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.70%
 - Measurement Date 3.22%

2019: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.63%
 - Measurement Date 3.70%
- (2) Municipal Bond Index Rate:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.56%
 - Measurement Date 3.62%
- (3) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:
 - Prior Measurement Date 3.63%
 - Measurement Date 3.70%

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For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

2018: Amounts reported for the fiscal year incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

- (1) Discount Rate:

Fiscal Year 2018	3.63%
Fiscal Year 2017	2.98%
- (2) Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Fiscal Year 2018	3.56%
Fiscal Year 2017	2.92%
- (3) Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:

Fiscal Year 2018	3.63%
Fiscal Year 2017	2.98%

2017: The following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- (1) The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%,
- (2) Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%,
- (3) Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%,
- (4) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience,
- (5) Mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females,
- (6) Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates, and
- (7) Mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Changes in Benefit Terms:

2024: Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024. The change in the subsidy percentage and the base amount for all retiree Non-Medicare Eligible (NME) participants, from 2.2% per year in last year's valuation to 2.5% per year, capped at 75%, as well as the unfreezing of the NME subsidy, the removal of the 6% cap on the year over year subsidy increase for Medicare Eligible (ME) participants, the changes in deductible and office visits copays for Aetna's Medicare Advantage plan, and updates in the medical and PBM vendor contracts. In addition, there were benefit changes related to the change in eligibility for unreduced Pension benefits.

2023: Salary increase rates were updated based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021 and were changed from age based to service based. Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience.

2022: The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055% to 2.100%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in CY2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

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2021: There was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year end 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

2020: There was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020 from 1.944% to 1.984% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

2019: The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.900% to 1.944% per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020. The Board is extending the current Medicare Part B partial reimbursement program for one year. Under this program, benefit recipients currently enrolled in the STRS Ohio Health Care Program and Medicare Part B receive \$29.90 per month to reimburse a portion of the Medicare Part B premium. The reimbursement was set to be reduced to \$0 beginning January 1, 2020. This impacts about 85,000 benefit recipients.

2018: The subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.10% to 1.90% per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2019.

2017: There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for this fiscal year.

Changes in Assumptions:

2024: Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024. The change in the subsidy percentage and the base amount for all retiree Non-Medicare Eligible (NME) participants, from 2.2% per year in last year's valuation to 2.5% per year, capped at 75%, as well as the unfreezing of the NME subsidy, the removal of the 6% cap on the year over year subsidy increase for Medicare Eligible (ME) participants, the changes in deductible and office visits copays for Aetna's Medicare Advantage plan, and updates in the medical and PBM vendor contracts. In addition, there were benefit changes related to the change in eligibility for unreduced Pension benefits.

2023: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for these fiscal years.

2022: There were changes in assumptions since the prior measurement date, which the discount rate was adjusted to 7.00% from 7.45%.

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2021: There were changes in assumptions during the measurement year, which decreased the total OPEB liability by approximately \$0.26 billion. The assumption changes included changes in healthcare costs and trends.

2020: There were changes in assumptions during the measurement year, which increased the total OPEB liability by approximately \$0.04 billion. The assumption changes included changes in healthcare costs and trends.

2019: The discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13% to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB). Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated.

2018: The discount rate was increased from 3.26% to 4.13% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB) and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

2017: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for this fiscal year.

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**MIAMI TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAYETTE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce:</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	3L60	\$71,391
Cash Assistance:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	3L70	160,540
COVID - 19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	3L60	65,569
National School Lunch Program	10.555	3L60	595,415
Total - National School Lunch Program			<u>660,984</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>892,915</u>
COVID - 19 State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Administrative Costs Grant	10.649	3HF0	625
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>893,540</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce:</i>			
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education-Grants to States	84.027	3M20	667,901
COVID-19 Special Education-Grants to States	84.027X	3IA0	14,155
Special Education-Preschool Grants	84.173	3C50	17,527
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>699,583</u>
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	3HS0	2,403,928
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	3M00	723,201
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	3Y60	97,739
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	3HI0	33,060
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>3,957,511</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY</u>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Facilities Construction Commission:</i>			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	5CV3	200,000
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>200,000</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u><u>\$5,051,051</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**MIAMI TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAYETTE COUNTY
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Miami Trace Local School District (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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 District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

NOTE F – TRANSFERABILITY

During fiscal year 2024, the District made allowable transfers of \$27,920 from the Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality (84.367) program to the Title I (84.010) program. The Schedule shows the District spent \$97,738 on the Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality program. The amounts reported for the Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality program on the Schedule exclude the amounts transferred to the Title I program. The amounts transferred to the Title I program are included as Title I expenditures when disbursed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Miami Trace Local School District
Fayette County
3818 State Route 41 NW
Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Miami Trace Local School District, Fayette County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 12, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
March 12, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Miami Trace Local School District
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To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Miami Trace Local School District's, Fayette County, (District) 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 Miami Trace Local School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024. Miami Trace Local School District's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Miami Trace Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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 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 the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The District's 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 District's federal programs.

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 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 GAAS, *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 District's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *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 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 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 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 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.

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 this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
March 12, 2025

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**MIAMI TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAYETTE COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	Yes

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

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

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MIAMI TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FAYETTE 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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