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**NEAR WEST INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOL  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Near West Intergenerational School  
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To the Board of Education:

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of the Near West Intergenerational School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School'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 financial position of the Near West Intergenerational School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

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 School, 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 opinion.

### ***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 School'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 opinion. 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 School'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 School'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, 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.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 20, 2025, on our consideration of the School'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 School'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 School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 20, 2025

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**NEAR WEST INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOL**  
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*Management's Discussion and Analysis*  
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The management's discussion and analysis of Near West Intergenerational School's (the "School") financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased by \$601,022 from \$1,988,635 to \$2,589,657.
- The School had operating revenues of \$2,894,698 and operating expenses of \$3,242,498 for fiscal year 2024. The School also had \$950,899 in non-operating revenues during fiscal year 2024 and \$2,077 in non-operating expenses.
- Enrollment decreased from 213 students to 212 students.

### **Using these Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the School's financial activities. The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position provide information about the activities of the School, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations.

### **Reporting the School Financial Activities**

*Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position and the Statement of Cash Flows*

These documents answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2024?" These statements include all assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received.

These statements report the School's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School as a whole, the financial position of the School has improved or diminished.

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The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. These statements can be found on pages 13 and 14 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and is meeting the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 15 of this report.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements, can be found on pages 17-54 of this report.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the School's net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, which can be found on pages 55-66 of this report.

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The table below provides a summary of the School's net position for the fiscal years 2024 and 2023:

<b>Table 1 - Net Position</b>		
	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	\$ 5,080,848	\$ 4,505,006
Net OPEB Asset	183,167	249,240
Capital Assets, Net	64,012	46,928
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>5,328,027</u>	<u>4,801,174</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Pension	537,776	637,476
OPEB	92,761	76,724
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>630,537</u>	<u>714,200</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	318,279	259,456
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	7,310	6,156
Due in more than one year:		
Lease Payable	26,729	-
Net Pension Liability	2,332,676	2,401,863
Net OPEB Liability	88,998	66,902
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,773,992</u>	<u>2,734,377</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Pension	330,734	454,116
OPEB	264,181	338,246
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>594,915</u>	<u>792,362</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,973	40,772
Restricted	211,106	227,330
Unrestricted	2,348,578	1,720,533
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 2,589,657</u>	<u>1,988,635</u>

The net pension liability (NPL), the largest single liability reported by the School at June 30, 2024, the net OPEB liability (NOL) and the net OPEB asset are reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27", and GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions." For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the School's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting net OPEB asset and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

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

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

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

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

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*.

State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans. Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments.

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the School's net position totaled \$2,589,657. Current assets increased from 2023 to 2024 due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents. Current liabilities increased from 2023 due to an increase in account payable. The changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources, net OPEB asset, and net pension and OPEB liability are due to the reporting of GASB 68 and 75 as previously discussed.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 and 75 requires the reader to perform additional calculations to determine the School's Total Net Position at June 30, 2024 without the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 and 75. This is an important exercise, as the State Pension Systems (SERS & STRS) collect, hold, invest, and distribute pensions to our employees, not the School.

Total Net Position including GASB 68 and GASB 75	\$ 2,589,657
Add:	
Net Pension liability	2,332,676
Net OPEB Liability	88,998
Deferred Inflows - Pension	330,734
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	264,181
Less:	
Net OPEB Asset	(183,167)
Deferred Outflows - Pension	(537,776)
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	(92,761)
Total Net Position without GASB 68 and GASB 75	<u><u>\$ 4,792,542</u></u>

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The table below shows the change in net position for the fiscal years 2024 and 2023:

**Table 2 - Change in Net Position**

	2024	2023
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
State Foundation*	\$ 2,874,306	\$ 2,122,623
Other Unrestricted Grants*	13,954	14,162
Extracurricular Activities	6,438	95
Classroom Materials and Fees	-	2,323
Other Operating Revenues	-	81,230
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u>2,894,698</u>	<u>2,220,433</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and Wages	1,788,468	1,524,448
Fringe Benefits	339,208	363,843
Purchased Services	949,610	868,129
Materials and Supplies	110,630	138,648
Depreciation	24,063	17,096
Other	30,519	17,839
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>3,242,498</u>	<u>2,930,003</u>
Operating (Loss) Income	(347,800)	(709,570)
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Interest Income	235,765	107,051
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(2,077)	(513)
Tax Distribution	285,840	332,656
Federal and State Grants	425,267	1,374,452
Contributions and Donations	4,027	15,765
<b>Total Non-operating Revenues</b>	<u>948,822</u>	<u>1,829,411</u>
Change in Net Position	601,022	1,119,841
Net Position - Beginning of Year	1,988,635	868,794
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,589,657</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,988,635</u></u>

\* Certain reclassifications have been made

The revenue generated by community schools is heavily dependent upon per-pupil allotment given by the State foundation program and federal entitlement programs. Foundation payments attributed to 75 percent of total operating and non-operating revenues during fiscal year 2024.

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The school educated 212 students in fiscal year 2024. This was a decrease in student enrollment of 1 over fiscal year 2023. The decrease in federal and state grants is primarily due to decreased reimbursement eligibility for School expenses. The increase in interest income is due to an increase of investment income for Star Ohio. The state foundation payments increased in comparison with the prior fiscal year due to the State of Ohio Biennial Budget increases. Other operating revenues decreased due to changes in Medicaid reimbursements.

The operating expenses increased by \$312,495 in fiscal year 2024. In addition, the decrease in fringe benefits expense was due mainly to a decrease in pension expense. Below is a comparison of fringe benefits expense without GASB 68 and GASB 75.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fringe Benefits	\$ 434,010	\$ 348,000

See Notes 11 and 12 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on GASB 68 and 75.

### **Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2024, the Schools had \$30,702 invested in leasehold improvements, \$33,310 in intangible right-to-use lease - equipment, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization. See Note 8 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on the School's capital assets.

### **Long-Term Debt**

The School had previously entered into a lease agreement for copiers. The School will report an intangible right to use capital asset and corresponding liability for the future scheduled payments under the lease.

See Note 13 in the notes to the basic financial statements for more detail on long-term debt activity.

### **Current Financial Related Activities**

During the 2023-2024 fiscal school year, there were 212 students enrolled in the School. The School relies on the State Foundation Funds, State and Federal Sub-Grants and private donors to provide the monies necessary to operate the School.

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**Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our clients and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Doug Mangen, Treasurer, 3805 Terrett Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 or email [doug@mangen1.com](mailto:doug@mangen1.com).



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*Statement of Net Position*  
*June 30, 2024*

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,865,500
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	188,343
Other	22,227
Prepaid Items	4,778
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>5,080,848</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>	
Net OPEB Asset	183,167
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation/Amortization	64,012
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<u>247,179</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>5,328,027</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension	537,776
OPEB	92,761
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>630,537</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts Payable	104,278
Accrued Wages and Benefits	208,859
Intergovernmental Payable	5,142
Lease Payable	7,310
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>325,589</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>	
Lease Payable	26,729
Net Pension Liability	2,332,676
Net OPEB Liability	88,998
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<u>2,448,403</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,773,992</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension	330,734
OPEB	264,181
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>594,915</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,973
Restricted for:	
State Funded Programs	14,412
Federally Funded Programs	13,527
OPEB	183,167
Unrestricted	2,348,578
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 2,589,657</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*  
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**OPERATING REVENUES**

State Foundation	\$ 2,874,306
Other Unrestricted Grants	13,954
Extracurricular Activities	6,438
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<u>2,894,698</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Salaries and Wages	1,788,468
Fringe Benefits	339,208
Purchased Services	949,610
Materials and Supplies	110,630
Depreciation/Amortization	24,063
Other	30,519
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>3,242,498</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(347,800)</u>

**NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)**

Interest Income	235,765
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(2,077)
Tax Distribution	285,840
Federal and State Grants	425,267
Contributions and Donations	4,027
<b>Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<u>948,822</u>
Change in Net Position	601,022

Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>1,988,635</u>
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,589,657</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Cash Flows*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$ 2,846,760
Cash Received from Other Operations	26,895
Cash Payments for Salaries and Wages	(1,796,502)
Cash Payments for Fringe Benefits	(411,982)
Cash Payments for Purchased Services	(901,206)
Cash Payments for Materials and Supplies	(116,190)
Cash Payments for Other Expenses	(30,520)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>(382,745)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Federal and State Grants	648,610
Tax Distribution	333,653
Contributions and Donations	4,027
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>986,290</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Principal Paid on Long-term Debt	(12,514)
Interest Paid on Long-term Debt	(2,827)
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(15,341)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Interest on Investments	<u>235,765</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>235,765</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	823,969
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>4,041,531</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,865,500</u></u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Operating Loss	\$ (347,800)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation/Amortization	24,063
(Increase) Decrease in Assets and Deferred Outflows:	
Intergovernmental Receivable	(6,710)
Pension Receivable	10,531
Other Receivable	(22,196)
Prepaid Items	(4,654)
Net OPEB Asset	66,073
Deferred Outflows - Pension	99,700
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	(16,037)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities and Deferred Inflows:	
Accounts Payable	22,028
Accrued Wages and Benefits	37,091
Intergovernmental Payable	(296)
Net Pension Liability	(69,187)
Net OPEB Liability	22,096
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(123,382)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(74,065)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (382,745)</u></u>
<b><u>Schedule of Noncash Non-Capital Financing Activities</u></b>	
Leased Asset/Liability	\$ 41,147

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL**

Near West Intergenerational School (the "School") is a nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 3314 and 1702. The School is an approved tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for educational purposes. Management is not aware of any course of action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the School's tax exempt status. The School's mission is to create, connect and guide a multigenerational community of lifelong learners and engaged citizens. The school is currently at grades kindergarten through grade eight. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any School District and is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and all other operations. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School was approved for operation under contract with the Cleveland Municipal School District (the "Sponsor") for a period of three years commencing July 1, 2011. The Sponsor is responsible for evaluating the performance of the School and has the authority to deny renewal of the contract at its expiration or terminate the contract prior to its expiration. On July 1, 2019, the contract has extended for a five-year period.

The School operates under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract, which include but are not limited to, State-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards and qualifications of teachers. The Board of Trustees controls the School's one instructional/support facility staffed by 6 non-certified and 28 certificated full time teaching personnel who provide services to 212 students.

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

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

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

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School's basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position, and cash flows.

**B. Measurement Focus**

Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded upon the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. 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 fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred inflows.

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

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

*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 represent a consumption of net asset that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. For the School, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

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 asset that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the School, deferred inflows of resources include pension and OPEB. The deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

**D. Budgetary Process**

Community schools are statutorily required to adopt a budget by Ohio Revised Code 3314.032(C). However, unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow the specific budgetary process and limits set forth in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the contract between the School and its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does not require the School to follow the provisions Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705; therefore, no budgetary information is presented in the basic financial statements.

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All monies received by the School are accounted for by the School's fiscal agent. All cash is received and deposited by the School. Separate accounts are maintained in the School's name. Monies for the School are maintained in these accounts.

During fiscal year 2024, investments were limited to investments in State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). The School's investment in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes.

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

**E. Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)**

STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and is recognized as an external investment pool by the School.

The School measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For the fiscal year 2024, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows and the presentation on the statement of net position, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

**F. Capital Assets**

All capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and reductions during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value on the date donated. The School does not have any infrastructure. The School maintains a capitalization threshold at \$5,000. 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 capitalized. All reported capital assets are depreciated/amortized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the remaining useful life of the related capital assets. Building Improvements are depreciated over 30 years, leasehold improvements are depreciated over 20 years and furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated over five years.

The School is reporting intangible right to use assets related to leased copiers. The intangible assets are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner of the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.



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

**G. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

**H. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources compared to 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 through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

**I. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity. For the School, these revenues are payments from the State Foundation Program, classroom materials and fees, and other revenues. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide goods or services that are the primary activities of the School. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

**J. Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit fiscal years 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 an expense is reported in the fiscal year ended in which services are consumed.

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

**K. Intergovernmental Revenue**

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Basic Aid, Title I, Title II-A, IDEA-B, ESSER, ARPA, Nutrition, and various State and Federal Grants. The State Foundation Basic Aid (which includes casino and facilities revenue) is recognized as operating revenue. All of the other grant revenues received from these programs are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility includes timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts recognized under the above named programs for the 2024 fiscal school year totaled \$3,313,527.

**L. Estimates**

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

**M. Compensated Absences**

Vacation for teaching staff is to be taken in a manner that corresponds with the school calendar. Accordingly, the School does not accrue vacation time as a liability. Vacation benefits for non-teaching staff 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 School will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned. Sick time and other paid time off (PTO) are not payable if this PTO is not taken. The unused PTO cannot be carried over into the next school year. Therefore, no liability was recorded.

**N. Contributions and Donations**

Non-cash contributions and donations are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated. Contributions and donations recognized for the 2024 fiscal school year totaled \$4,027.

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

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

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, OPEB asset, 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.

**NOTE 3 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

During the fiscal year, the School implemented the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements and Guides:

*GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Change and Error Corrections – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62.* GASB 100 will improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. In turn, more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information will be provided to financial statement users for making decisions or assessing accountability. In addition, the display and note disclosure requirements will result in more consistent, decision useful, understandable, and comprehensive information for users about accounting changes and error corrections. The implementation of the GASB pronouncement did not have any impact on beginning net position or fund balance.

**NOTE 4 – SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

The School entered into an agreement with the Cleveland Municipal School District for a period of three years commencing July 1, 2011, which was extended every three years through fiscal year 2019. On July 1, 2019, the contract has extended for a five year period with the same sponsor. Sponsorship fees are calculated as 2.0% of the fiscal year 2024 foundation payments received by the School, from the State of Ohio. The total amount due from the School for fiscal year 2024 was \$44,015, of which \$20,255 remained outstanding as of June 30, 2024 as is recorded as a liability. Sponsorship fees are recorded as professional and technical services within the purchased service expense on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

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**NOTE 5 – DEPOSITS**

**Deposits with Financial Institutions**

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of all School's deposits was \$197,118. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, as of June 30, 2024, the total amount of the School's bank balance of \$260,376 was covered by FDIC.

**Investments**

STAR Ohio is measured at net asset value per share. The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The below tables identify the School's recurring fair value measurement as of June 30, 2024.

As previously discussed, Star Ohio is reported at its net asset value.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Net Asset</u>	<u>Investment</u>
	<u>Value</u>	<u>Maturities</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 4,668,382	6 months or less \$ 4,668,382

**Interest Rate Risk:** Interest rate risk arises as potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the School's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

**Credit Risk:** The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio as of June 30, 2024 is 46.5 days and carries a rating of AAAm by S&P Global Ratings. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond requiring the School to only invest in securities authorized by State statute.

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**NOTE 5 – DEPOSITS (Continued)**

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

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Net Asset Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>\$ 4,668,382</u>	<u>100%</u>

**NOTE 6 – RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consisted of intergovernmental receivables arising from grants and entitlements, pension receivable, tax distribution, and other receivable. Intergovernmental receivables are considered collectible in full due to the current year guarantee of federal funds and the stable condition of state programs.

A summary of the principal items of receivables follows:

	<u>Receivables</u>
Intergovernmental	
Title I	\$ 26,471
IDEA B	8,987
ARP Homeless	2,132
Title IV	3,396
Title II	2,896
Food	3685
Medicaid	113,398
FTE	<u>27,378</u>
Total Intergovernmental	188,343
Other Receivable	<u>22,227</u>
Total Receivables	<u>\$ 210,570</u>

**NOTE 7 – TAX DISTRIBUTION**

Near West Intergenerational School participates in a partnership with the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) for a property tax levy of 1 mill based on the assessed real property value within the CMSD. The levy is for four years and was passed in November 2012 and started collection in January 2013. On November 8, 2016 this levy was renewed for an additional four years. On November 3, 2020, this levy was renewed for a period of 10 years (2021-2030) at a rate of 1.5 mills of the assessed real property value within the School District.

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**NOTE 8 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024
<b>Capital Assets:</b>				
<u>Depreciable/Amortized Capital Assets:</u>				
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 94,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,964
Furniture, Equipment, and Computers	8,704	-	-	8,704
Intangible Right-to-use Lease - Equipment	17,577	41,147	(17,577)	41,147
Total Depreciable/Amortized Capital Assets	<u>121,245</u>	<u>41,147</u>	<u>(17,577)</u>	<u>144,815</u>
<u>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization:</u>				
Leasehold Improvements	(54,764)	(9,498)	-	(64,262)
Furniture, Equipment, and Computers	(7,835)	(869)	-	(8,704)
Intangible Right-to-use Lease - Equipment	(11,718)	(13,696)	17,577	(7,837)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(74,317)</u>	<u>(24,063)</u>	<u>17,577</u>	<u>(80,803)</u>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<u>\$ 46,928</u>	<u>\$ 17,084</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 64,012</u>

**NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Insurance Coverage**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For the fiscal year ended 2024, the School contracted with the O'Neill Group with the following insurance coverage:

Commercial General Liability per Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability Aggregate	3,000,000
Umbrella Coverage per Occurrence	5,000,000
Umbrella Coverage per Aggregate	5,000,000
Automotive Liability	1,000,000
Commercial Property (\$5,000 Deductible)	1,000,000
Crime Coverage (\$1,000 Deductible) Each Employee	100,000
Cybersecurity Coverage (\$1,000 Deductible)	25,000
Employee Benefits Liability (\$1,000 Deductible) Each Employee	1,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability (\$1,000 Deductible) Aggregate	1,000,000
Employers Stop Gap Liability	1,000,000
School Board Legal Liability per Aggregate (\$2,500 Deductible)	3,000,000
School Board Legal Liability per Occurrence (\$2,500 Deductible)	1,000,000
Sexual Misconduct Liability per Occurrence/Aggregate	1,000,000
Student Accident per Aggregate (\$500 Deductible)	250,000
Crisis Management	25,000

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**NOTE 9– RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

Settled claims have not exceeded the coverage in any of the past three years, nor has there been any significant reduction in insurance coverage during the year. The School owns no property, but leases a facility located at 3805 Terrett Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113. Refer to Note 15 for additional information.

**B. Workers' Compensation**

The School makes premium payments to the Ohio Workers' Compensation System for employee injury coverage. The premium is calculated by multiplying the monthly total gross payroll by a factor that is calculated by the State.

**C. Employees Medical, Dental, Vision, Life and Disability Benefits**

The Intergenerational Schools contracted through independent carriers to offer health insurance and ancillary benefits to all eligible, fulltime employees working 30 or more hours per week.

It is anticipated that similar benefits will be maintained for 2025. Employees have a choice of two medical plans for themselves and their eligible dependents. The schools subsidize more of the premium percentage-wise for an employee only medical plan as compared to a family medical plan. Each school subsidizes between 48% and 72% of the Point of Service (PPO) \$250/\$500 in-network deductible plan premium and between 47% and 80% of the Health Savings Account (HSA) \$3,200/\$6,400 in-network deductible plan premium. Employees who select the HSA plan also receive a \$500 contribution to their HSA account from their school.

Employees can elect dental insurance and the schools subsidize between 51% and 61% of the monthly premium. Employees can elect vision insurance and the schools subsidize between 26%-36% of the monthly premium. In addition, voluntary life insurance benefits are available at the sole expense of the employee. All eligible, full-time employees receive long term disability insurance, short term disability insurance and group term life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage equal to 1X their annual base salary. The premium for these benefits is paid entirely by the schools.

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**NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

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

**B. Litigation**

The School is not involved in any litigation that, in the opinion of management, would have material effect on the financial statements.

**C. State Foundation Funding**

School foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. However, there is an important nexus between attendance and enrollment for Foundation funding purposes. Community schools must provide documentation that clearly demonstrates students have participated in learning opportunities. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) 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.

Under Ohio Rev. Code Section 3314.08, ODEW may also perform a FTE review for the fiscal year that may result in an additional adjustment to the enrollment information as well as claw backs of Foundation funding due to a lack of evidence to support student participation and other matters of noncompliance. As of the date of this report, ODEW has not performed an FTE review on the School for fiscal year 2024.

The School's September 13 and November 14, 2024 foundation settlements included the FTE adjustments for fiscal year 2024. The September 13, 2024 adjustment as an increase of \$27,193 and the November 14, 2024 adjustment was an increase of \$185. Both amounts were included in the financial statements as an intergovernmental receivable as of June 30, 2024.



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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**A. Net Pension Liability**

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

The net pension liability represents the School's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability 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 this estimate annually.

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

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable*.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

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

**Plan Description** –School non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information, and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire 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. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. The COLA is indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0.0 percent. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The Retirement Board approved a 2.5% COLA for calendar year 2023 and 2024.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**B. Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (Continued)**

***Funding Policy*** – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School 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 the entire 14.0 percent.

The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$43,887 for fiscal year 2024.

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

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined 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. 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 34years of service credit at any age. Eligibility changes for DB plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023 when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60 or 30 years of service credit regardless of age.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**C. Plan Description State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (Continued)**

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 11.09 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. 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, 12.0 of the 14.0 percent member rates goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2.0 percent goes 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 services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

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 in the GASB 68 schedules of employer allocation and pension amounts by employer.

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. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. 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.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**C. Plan Description State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (Continued)**

**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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The School was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2024 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School's contractually required contributions to STRS was \$206,731 for fiscal year 2024.

**D. 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 School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School'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:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Prior Measurement Date	0.0048453%	0.00962564%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability			
Current Measurement Date	0.0055112%	0.00941797%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.0006659%	-0.00020767%	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension			
Liability	\$ 304,522	\$ 2,028,154	\$ 2,332,676
Pension Expense	\$ 2,430	\$ 155,319	\$ 157,749

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**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 13,090	\$ 73,944	\$ 87,034
Changes of assumptions	2,156	167,029	169,185
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	25,284	5,655	30,939
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	43,887	206,731	250,618
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 84,417</u>	<u>\$ 453,359</u>	<u>\$ 537,776</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Changes of assumptions	-	125,724	125,724
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	4,279	6,079	10,358
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	34,850	155,302	190,152
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 39,129</u>	<u>\$ 291,605</u>	<u>\$ 330,734</u>

\$250,618 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (23,067)	\$ (79,552)	\$ (102,619)
2026	(2,069)	(135,532)	(137,601)
2027	26,311	191,215	217,526
2028	226	(21,108)	(20,882)
Total	<u>\$ 1,401</u>	<u>\$ (44,977)</u>	<u>\$ (43,576)</u>

**E. 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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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS (Continued)**

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, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.0 percent, on and after April 1, 2018, COLA's for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of System expenses
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females.

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

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2020.



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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS (Continued)**

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined 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 a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	2.00 %	(0.45) %
US Equity	24.75	5.37
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	6.22
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	8.22
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	1.20
Private Equity	11.00	10.05
Real Estate/Real Assets	16.00	4.87
Multi-Asset Strategies	4.00	3.39
Private Debt/Private Credit	3.00	5.38
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent. 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 rate of fiscal year 2023 was 14 percent. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.00 percent).

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions - SERS (Continued)**

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 School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 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 (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 449,459	\$ 304,522	\$ 182,440

**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation.

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0.0 percent

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**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)**

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

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

STRS Ohio's 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 Real Rate of Return **</u>
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	<u>1.00</u>	1.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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

\*\* 10-Year -Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25% and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS Ohio's investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes 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.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)**

Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,118,852	\$ 2,028,154	\$ 1,105,722

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

**A. Net OPEB Liability/Asset**

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

The net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset represent the School's proportionate share of each OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset calculations are 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 School's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, the School does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable*.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)**

***Health Care Plan Description*** - The School contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage.

In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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

***Funding Policy*** - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2024, there was no contribution made to health care. A 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.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (Continued)**

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.

The surcharge, is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$3,493 for fiscal year 2024, and is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

**C. 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. Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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

**D. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Asset, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

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

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**D. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Asset, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/asset			
Prior Measurement Date	0.0047651%	0.00962564%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/asset			
Current Measurement Date	<u>0.0054022%</u>	<u>0.00941797%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.0006371%</u>	<u>-0.00020767%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 88,998	\$ -	\$ 88,998
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset	\$ -	\$ (183,167)	\$ (183,167)
OPEB Expense	\$ (2,082)	\$ 3,642	\$ 1,560

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**D. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Asset, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 187	\$ 285	\$ 472
Changes of assumptions	30,091	26,984	57,075
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	688	327	1,015
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	18,048	12,658	30,706
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,493	-	3,493
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 52,507</u>	<u>\$ 40,254</u>	<u>\$ 92,761</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 45,901	\$ 27,933	\$ 73,834
Changes of assumptions	25,278	120,850	146,128
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	43,998	221	44,219
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 115,177</u>	<u>\$ 149,004</u>	<u>\$ 264,181</u>

\$3,493 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability or an increase to the net OPEB asset in the year ending June 30, 2025.

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**D. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Asset, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$ (15,816)	\$ (43,529)	\$ (59,345)
2026	(19,276)	(23,302)	(42,578)
2027	(13,980)	(9,213)	(23,193)
2028	(9,058)	(12,615)	(21,673)
2029	(7,038)	(11,485)	(18,523)
Thereafter	(995)	(8,606)	(9,601)
Total	<u>\$ (66,163)</u>	<u>\$ (108,750)</u>	<u>\$ (174,913)</u>

**E. 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.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)**

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, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investments expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.69 percent
Prior Measurement Date	1.92 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	4.08 percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.27 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	7.00 to 4.40 percent
Prior Measurement Date	

Base Mortality: Healthy Retirees - PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Disabled Retirees - PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Contingent Survivors - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females. Actives - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)**

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 2015 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board in 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 log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. 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 target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2020 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	2.00 %	(0.45) %
US Equity	24.75	5.37
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	6.22
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	8.22
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	1.20
Private Equity	11.00	10.05
Real Estate/Real Assets	16.00	4.87
Multi-Asset Strategy	4.00	3.39
Private Debt/Private Credit	3.00	5.38
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (Continued)**

**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 state statute contribution rate of 1.50 percent of projected covered employee 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 is used in the determination for the SEIR for both the June 30, 2022 and the June 30, 2023 total OPEB liability. The Municipal Bond Index rate is the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index rate is 3.86% at June 30, 2023 and .69% at June 30, 2022.

**Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates** The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability 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 (6.75% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate (.75% decreasing to 4.40%).

	1% Decrease (3.27%)	Current Discount Rate (4.27%)	1% Increase (5.27%)
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 113,765	\$ 88,998	\$ 69,469

  

	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%)
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 65,384	\$ 88,998	\$ 120,290

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

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

Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	
Payroll Increases	3 percent	
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0 percent	
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	
Health Care Cost Trends	Initial	Ultimate
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent	3.94 percent
Medicare	-68.78 percent	3.94 percent
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	9.00 percent	3.94 percent
Medicare	5.47 percent	3.94 percent

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

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

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

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)**

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	100.00 %	

\* Target allocation percentage is effective July 1, 2022. Target weights were phased in over a 3-month period concluding October 1, 2022.

\*\* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include 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 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio 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. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

**Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 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 (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current assumption.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN (Continued)**

**F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (Continued)**

Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (155,026)	\$ (183,167)	\$ (207,673)
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (208,811)	\$ (183,167)	\$ (152,278)

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

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**NOTE 13 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

The changes in the School's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

	Balance as of 6/30/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance as of 6/30/2024	Due within One Year
Net Pension Liability:					
STRS	\$ 2,139,791	\$ -	\$ (111,637)	\$ 2,028,154	\$ -
SERS	262,072	42,450	-	304,522	-
Total Net Pension Liability	2,401,863	42,450	(111,637)	2,332,676	-
Net OPEB Liability - SERS	66,902	22,096	-	88,998	-
Leases Payable	6,156	40,397	(12,514)	34,039	7,310
Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$ 2,474,921</u>	<u>\$ 104,943</u>	<u>\$ (124,151)</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,713</u>	<u>\$ 7,310</u>

There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability. For additional information related to the net pension liability and net OPEB liability see Notes 11 and 12.

In previous years Breakthrough Public Schools entered into a copier lease with Comdoc that was assigned to the School based on the copiers located at and used by the School. The School makes monthly payments of \$335 and has a term of 60 months with the maturity date of June 30, 2024.

In fiscal year 2024 Breakthrough Public Schools entered into a copier lease with Comdoc that was assigned to the School based on the copiers located at and used by the School. The School makes monthly payments of \$750 and has a term of 63 months with the maturity date of September 2028.

The following is a schedule of future lease payments under the lease agreements:

Fiscal Year Ending	Leases Payable		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 7,310	\$ 1,690	\$ 9,000
2026	7,723	1,277	9,000
2027	8,158	842	9,000
2028	8,618	382	9,000
2029	2,230	20	2,250
Total	<u>\$ 34,039</u>	<u>\$ 4,211</u>	<u>\$ 38,250</u>

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**NOTE 14 – PURCHASED SERVICES**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, purchased service expenses were payments for services rendered by various vendors, and are as follows:

Professional and Technical Services	\$ 656,252
Property Services	140,864
Travel Mileage/Meeting	554
Communications	34,457
Contracted Craft or Trade Service	92,877
Pupil Transportation	24,150
Other	456
Total	<u>\$ 949,610</u>

**NOTE 15 – BUILDING LEASE**

In August 2013, the School moved into a building located at 3805 Terrett Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44113, which is leased by Friends of Breakthrough from Cleveland Municipal School District for a two-year period. The School entered into a sublease with Friends of Breakthrough for the same two-year period. As of July 1, 2017, this lease was assigned to the Cleveland Municipal School District and has been extended through July 1, 2025.

The base rent for fiscal year 2024 was \$35,000. In addition, full reimbursements for the cost of all improvements to the premises and 50 percent of the costs related to custodial staff provided by the Cleveland Municipal School District will be paid to the Friends of Breakthrough as additional rent charges. Rent and related expenses under the lease was \$35,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Due to the lease payments that are applicable being below market value, GASB Statement No. 87 did not apply and the School did not report a lease payable and corresponding intangible right-to-use leased asset.

**NOTE 16 – FISCAL AGENT**

The Academic and Business Services Agreement states Mangel 12 LLC (M12) shall be responsible and accountable for the following financial functions:

- Provision of a licensed fiscal officer (treasurer);
- Payment of school expenditures with school funds;
- Maintenance of adequate cash balances to cover payroll and payments to vendors; and
- Payroll.

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*Schedule of School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*School Employee Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0055112%	0.0048453%	0.0067645%	0.0067501%	0.0072143%	0.0065248%	0.0043054%	0.0041328%	0.0043576%	0.001956%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 304,522	\$ 262,072	\$ 249,590	\$ 446,466	\$ 431,643	\$ 373,686	\$ 257,238	\$ 302,484	\$ 248,650	\$ 98,992
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 211,643	\$ 188,000	\$ 233,493	\$ 236,643	\$ 247,489	\$ 240,096	\$ 135,557	\$ 128,350	\$ 131,191	\$ 56,847
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	143.88%	139.40%	106.89%	188.67%	174.41%	155.64%	189.76%	235.67%	189.53%	174.14%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	76.06%	75.82%	82.86%	68.55%	70.85%	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%

Amounts presented as of the School's measurement date which is the prior fiscal period end.

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*Schedule of School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00941797%	0.00962564%	0.01018388%	0.01084457%	0.01069758%	0.00946111%	0.00798106%	0.00759201%	0.00701210%	0.00507976%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,028,154	\$ 2,139,791	\$ 1,302,101	\$ 2,623,999	\$ 2,365,706	\$ 2,080,285	\$ 1,895,918	\$ 2,541,274	\$ 1,937,938	\$ 1,235,573
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,272,071	\$ 1,251,379	\$ 1,256,621	\$ 1,308,771	\$ 1,255,936	\$ 1,075,571	\$ 902,100	\$ 798,829	\$ 735,500	\$ 519,008
School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	159.44%	170.99%	103.62%	200.49%	188.36%	193.41%	210.17%	318.13%	263.49%	238.06%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.00%	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%	77.40%	77.31%	75.29%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

Amounts presented as of the School's measurement date  
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*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of School Contributions - Pension*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 43,887	\$ 29,630	\$ 26,320	\$ 32,689	\$ 33,130	\$ 33,411	\$ 32,413	\$ 18,978	\$ 17,969	\$ 17,291
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(43,887)</u>	<u>(29,630)</u>	<u>(26,320)</u>	<u>(32,689)</u>	<u>(33,130)</u>	<u>(33,411)</u>	<u>(32,413)</u>	<u>(18,978)</u>	<u>(17,969)</u>	<u>(17,291)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School Covered Payroll	\$ 313,479	\$ 211,643	\$ 188,000	\$ 233,493	\$ 236,643	\$ 247,489	\$ 240,096	\$ 135,557	\$ 128,350	\$ 131,191
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%

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*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 206,731	\$ 178,090	\$ 175,193	\$ 175,927	\$ 183,228	\$ 175,831	\$ 150,580	\$ 126,294	\$ 111,836	\$ 102,970
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(206,731)</u>	<u>(178,090)</u>	<u>(175,193)</u>	<u>(175,927)</u>	<u>(183,228)</u>	<u>(175,831)</u>	<u>(150,580)</u>	<u>(126,294)</u>	<u>(111,836)</u>	<u>(102,970)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School Covered Payroll	\$ 1,476,650	\$ 1,272,071	\$ 1,251,379	\$ 1,256,621	\$ 1,308,771	\$ 1,255,936	\$ 1,075,571	\$ 902,100	\$ 798,829	\$ 735,500
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability*  
*School Employee Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Eight Fiscal Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
School's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.0054022%	0.0047651%	0.0062589%	0.0064459%	0.0070564%	0.0066178%	0.0043723%	0.0041971%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 88,998	\$ 66,902	\$ 118,453	\$ 140,092	\$ 177,454	\$ 183,594	\$ 117,341	\$ 119,632
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 211,643	\$ 188,000	\$ 233,493	\$ 236,643	\$ 247,489	\$ 240,096	\$ 135,557	\$ 128,350
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	42.05%	35.59%	50.73%	59.20%	71.70%	76.47%	86.56%	93.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	30.02%	30.34%	24.08%	18.17%	15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available. Schedule is intended to show ten years of information, and additional information will be displayed as it becomes available.

Amounts presented as of the School's measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year end.

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*Schedule of School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Eight Fiscal Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
School's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.00941797%	0.00962564%	0.01018388%	0.01084457%	0.01069758%	0.00946111%	0.00798106%	0.00759201%
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	\$ (183,167)	\$ (249,240)	\$ (214,718)	\$ (190,594)	\$ (177,177)	\$ (152,032)	\$ 311,391	\$ 406,023
School's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,272,071	\$ 1,251,379	\$ 1,256,621	\$ 1,308,771	\$ 1,255,936	\$ 1,075,571	\$ 902,100	\$ 798,829
School's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.40%	-19.92%	-17.09%	-14.56%	-14.11%	-14.14%	34.52%	50.83%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/Asset	168.52%	230.73%	174.73%	182.13%	174.74%	176.00%	47.11%	37.30%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available. Schedule is intended to show ten years of information, and additional information will be displayed as it becomes available.

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*Schedule of School Contributions - OPEB*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution (1)	\$ 3,493	\$ 2,498	\$ 2,144	\$ 714	\$ 1,499	\$ 3,965	\$ 4,726	\$ 2,843	\$ 2,162	\$ 1,076
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(3,493)	(2,498)	(2,144)	(714)	(1,499)	(3,965)	(4,726)	(2,843)	(2,162)	(1,076)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Covered Payroll	\$ 313,479	\$ 211,643	\$ 188,000	\$ 233,493	\$ 236,643	\$ 247,489	\$ 240,096	\$ 135,557	\$ 128,350	\$ 131,191
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (1)	1.11%	1.18%	1.14%	0.31%	0.63%	1.60%	1.97%	2.10%	1.68%	0.82%

(1) Includes Surcharge

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*Schedule of School Contributions - OPEB*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School Covered Payroll	\$ 1,476,650	\$ 1,272,071	\$ 1,251,379	\$ 1,256,621	\$ 1,308,771	\$ 1,255,936	\$ 1,075,571	\$ 902,100	\$ 798,829	\$ 735,500
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

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***Net Pension Liability***

***Changes of benefit terms- SERS***

There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2017 and 2019-2024.

The following changes were made to the benefit terms in 2018 as identified: The COLA was changed from a fixed 3.00% to a COLA that is indexed to CPI-W not greater than 2.5% with a floor of 0% beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, with the authority granted the Board under HB 49, the Board has enacted a three-year COLA suspension for benefit recipients in calendar years 2018-2020.

***Changes in assumptions- SERS***

There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2016, 2018-2021, and 2024. For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates and (g) mortality among disable member 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 (h) change in discount rate from 7.75% to 7.5%. For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.% to 0.85%, (c) Cost-of-Living-Adjustments was reduced from 2.50% to 2.00% (d) Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality amount active members, service retirees and beneficiaries, and disabled members were updated (i) change in discount rate from 7.50% to 7.00%. For fiscal year 2023, Cost-of-Living-Adjustments were increased from 2.00% to 2.50%.

***Changes in benefit terms – STRS***

There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2014-2024.

***Changes in assumptions – STRS***

There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal years 2014-2017, 2019-2021, and 2024. For fiscal year 2018,

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the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) inflation assumption lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (b) investment return assumption lowered from 7.75% to 7.45%, (c) total salary increases rates lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, as well as by 0.25% due to lower inflation, (d) payroll growth assumption lowered to 3.00%, (e) updated the healthy and disable mortality assumption to the “RP-2014” mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016, (f) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience. For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) investment return assumption lowered from 7.45% to 7.00%, (b) discount rate of return reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%. For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) projected salary increases changed from, 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65, to, varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50% (b) 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.

***Net OPEB Liability***

***Changes of benefit terms- SERS***

There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal years 2018-2024.

***Changes in Assumptions – SERS***

Amounts reported for fiscal years 2018-2023 incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

**Municipal Bond Index Rate:**

Fiscal year 2024	3.86 percent
Fiscal year 2023	3.69 percent
Fiscal year 2022	1.92 percent
Fiscal year 2021	2.45 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.13 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.62 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.56 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.92 percent

Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense,  
including price inflation

Fiscal year 2024	4.27 percent
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Fiscal year 2023	4.08 percent
Fiscal year 2022	2.27 percent
Fiscal year 2021	2.63 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.22 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.98 percent
<b>Medicare Trend Assumption</b>	
<b>Medicare</b>	
Fiscal year 2024	6.75 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent
Fiscal year 2023	7.00 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent
Fiscal year 2022	5.125 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent
Fiscal year 2020	5.25 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2019	5.375 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2018	5.50 percent decreasing to 5.00 percent
<b>Pre – Medicare</b>	
Fiscal year 2024	7.00 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent
Fiscal year 2023	7.00 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent
Fiscal year 2022	6.75 percent decreasing to 4.40 percent
Fiscal year 2020	7.00 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2019	7.25 percent decreasing to 4.75 percent
Fiscal year 2018	7.50 percent decreasing to 5.00 percent

***Changes in Assumptions – STRS***

For fiscal year 2018, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent 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 percent to 7.45 percent. 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.

For fiscal year 2019, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45.

For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the health care cost trend rates were modified.

For fiscal year 2022, the discount rate was decreased from 7.45 percent to 7.00 percent. The health care cost trend rates modified.

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For fiscal year 2023, projected salary increases changed from, 12.50% at age to 2.50% at age 65, to, varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%. The health care cost trend rates were modified.

For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 4.14% ultimate; medical Medicare from -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -10.94% initial - 4.14% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -11.95% initial - 4.14% ultimate; Medicare from -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 1.33% initial - 4.14% ultimate.

***Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS***

For fiscal year 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent 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 2020.

For fiscal year 2019, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent 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.

For fiscal year 2020, claims 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.

For fiscal year 2021, 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.

There were no benefit term changes from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2022-2024



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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**

Near West Intergenerational School  
Cuyahoga County  
3805 Terrett Avenue  
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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 Near West Intergenerational School, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the School) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2025.

***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School'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 School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School'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 School'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 School'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 School'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 School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 20, 2025



# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**NEAR WEST INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOL (NWIS)**

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## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 4/8/2025**

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