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**WELLSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Wellston City School District
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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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wellston City School District, Jackson County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wellston City School District, Jackson County, Ohio as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and ESSER Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis*, and Schedules of the District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension and Other Post-employment Benefit Liabilities/Assets and Pension and Other Post-employment Benefit Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 7, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 7, 2024

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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The discussion and analysis of the Wellston City School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities increased \$1,615,541.
- General revenues accounted for \$16,960,198 in revenue or 70.2 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants, contributions, and interest, and capital grants accounted for \$7,184,378 or 29.8 percent of total revenues of \$24,144,576.
- The School District had \$22,529,035 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$7,184,378 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest. General revenues (primarily property taxes and unrestricted grants) of \$16,960,198 were adequate to cover the remaining expenses.
- Total governmental funds had \$24,104,497 in revenues and \$23,747,653 in expenditures. Total governmental fund balances increased \$361,992.

USING THE 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 Wellston City School District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities and conditions.

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

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

While this document contains information about the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities for students, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2023?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most

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private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, all of the School District's activities are reported as governmental including instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, debt service, and extracurricular activities.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 11. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's only major governmental funds are the General Fund and ESSER Special Revenue Fund.

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

Proprietary Funds – Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise or internal service; the School District has no enterprise funds. The internal service fund is used to account for the financing services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost-reimbursement basis. The internal service fund is used to account for the reimbursement to employees for deductibles on their health insurance.

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The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2023 compared to 2022.

Table 1
 Net Position
 Governmental Activities

	2023	2022	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$17,163,775	\$16,563,845	\$599,930
Net OPEB Asset	1,595,461	1,321,325	274,136
Capital Assets	37,376,488	36,774,218	602,270
Total Assets	56,135,724	54,659,388	1,476,336
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	4,115,933	4,265,450	(149,517)
OPEB	410,808	527,627	(116,819)
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,526,741	4,793,077	(266,336)
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	2,276,543	2,135,440	141,103
Long-term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	525,589	525,050	539
Due in More Than One year:			
Net Pension Liability	17,020,914	10,413,395	6,607,519
Net OPEB Liability	885,836	1,272,706	(386,870)
Other Amounts	3,536,487	3,872,555	(336,068)
Total Liabilities	24,245,369	18,219,146	6,026,223
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	2,780,363	2,777,301	3,062
Pension	1,849,040	8,456,797	(6,607,757)
OPEB	2,435,534	2,262,603	172,931
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	7,064,937	13,496,701	(6,431,764)
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,241,034	33,361,462	879,572
Restricted	2,309,683	2,124,719	184,964
Unrestricted (Deficits)	(7,198,558)	(7,749,563)	551,005
Total Net Position	\$29,352,159	\$27,736,618	\$1,615,541

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the School District at June 30, 2023. 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,

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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 District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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

Total assets of governmental activities increased \$1,476,336. Current assets increased \$599,930, primarily due to increases in intergovernmental receivables and property taxes receivables.

Total liabilities increased \$6,026,223 primarily due to the increase in net pension liability of \$6,607,519 due to the changes in assumptions offset by changes in net investment income.

The School District's deferred inflows of resources decreased \$6,431,764, primarily due to the change in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.

The net effect of changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities resulted in a \$1,615,541 increase in total net position of the School District's governmental activities.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for 2023 and 2022.

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Table 2
Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2023	2022	Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$473,603	\$623,964	(\$150,361)
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	5,769,536	5,680,266	89,270
Capital Grants	941,239	68,415	872,824
Total Program Revenues	<u>7,184,378</u>	<u>6,372,645</u>	<u>811,733</u>
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	3,999,639	2,817,098	1,182,541
Grants and Entitlements	12,733,211	12,760,085	(26,874)
Investment Earnings	191,729	(272,462)	464,191
Gift and Donations	34,880	0	34,880
Miscellaneous	739	16,200	(15,461)
Insurance Recoveries	0	19,749	(19,749)
Total General Revenues	<u>16,960,198</u>	<u>15,340,670</u>	<u>1,619,528</u>
Total Revenues	<u>24,144,576</u>	<u>21,713,315</u>	<u>2,431,261</u>
Program Expenses			
Instruction:			
Regular	8,397,467	8,154,693	242,774
Special	3,643,022	3,062,077	580,945
Vocational	204,596	132,367	72,229
Adult/Continuing	38,777	18,119	20,658
Intervention	1,118,148	100,903	1,017,245
Support Services:			
Pupils	1,087,480	988,094	99,386
Instructional Staff	848,078	809,643	38,435
Board of Education	201,742	191,153	10,589
Administration	1,879,814	1,546,758	333,056
Fiscal	497,131	515,762	(18,631)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,069,565	1,801,403	268,162
Pupil Transportation	977,547	1,185,265	(207,718)
Central	64,688	93,376	(28,688)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	860,772	842,490	18,282
Community Services	72,323	89,332	(17,009)
Extracurricular Activities	453,467	354,531	98,936
Interest and Fiscal Charges	114,418	134,295	(19,877)
Total Expenses	<u>22,529,035</u>	<u>20,020,261</u>	<u>2,508,774</u>
Increase in Net Position	1,615,541	1,693,054	(77,513)
Net Position Beginning of Year	27,736,618	26,043,564	1,693,054
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$29,352,159</u>	<u>\$27,736,618</u>	<u>\$1,615,541</u>

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Total revenues increased \$2,431,261 from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. Program specific revenues increased by \$811,733 in fiscal year 2023 along with the general revenues increasing \$1,619,528.

The DeRolph III decision has not eliminated the dependence on property taxes. The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. Inflation alone will not increase the amount of funds generated by a tax levy. Basically, the mills collected decreased as the property valuation increases thus generating about the same revenue. Property taxes made up approximately 16.6 percent of revenues for governmental activities for the School District in fiscal year 2023.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services, grants, contributions, and interest earnings offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted state entitlements.

Table 3
 Total and Net Cost of Program Services
 Governmental Activities

	2023 Total Cost of Services	2023 Net Cost of Services	2022 Total Cost of Services	2022 Net Cost of Services
Program Expenses				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$8,397,467	\$7,465,142	\$8,154,693	\$6,124,176
Special	3,643,022	1,699,977	3,062,077	1,152,052
Vocational	204,596	89,404	132,367	88,179
Adult/Continuing	38,777	38,777	18,119	18,119
Student Intervention Services	1,118,148	313,825	100,903	52,954
Support Services:				
Pupils	1,087,480	895,596	988,094	919,429
Instructional Staff	848,078	608,771	809,643	508,381
Board of Education	201,742	201,742	191,153	166,381
Administration	1,879,814	1,806,744	1,546,758	1,476,304
Fiscal	497,131	496,624	515,762	459,249
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,069,565	789,755	1,801,403	1,550,968
Pupil Transportation	977,547	591,342	1,185,265	1,018,724
Central	64,688	61,791	93,376	54,333
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	860,772	(6,437)	842,490	(170,634)
Community School Services	72,323	(5,583)	89,332	(10,555)
Extracurricular Activities	453,467	182,769	354,531	105,261
Interest and Fiscal Charges	114,418	114,418	134,295	134,295
Totals	\$22,529,035	\$15,344,657	\$20,020,261	\$13,647,616

The dependence upon tax revenues and State subsidies for governmental activities is apparent. For fiscal year 2023, approximately 68.1 percent of expenses were supported through taxes and other general revenues.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

The School District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$10,693,912, an increase of \$361,992 from fiscal year 2022. In total, governmental funds had total revenues of \$24,104,497 and expenditures of \$23,747,653.

The School District's funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The General Fund's \$76,491 increase in fund balance is due mainly to an increase in investment earnings.

The ESSER Fund at June 30, 2023, had a deficit of \$71,139 mainly due to expenditures not being reimbursed prior to year-end.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal 2023, the School District amended its General Fund estimated revenues and appropriations numerous times. The School District uses a modified site-based budgeting technique which is designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

For the General Fund, the final revenue estimates were \$18,207,156, which represented an increase of \$927,067, or 5.3 percent from original estimates of \$17,280,089. This difference was due mainly to Capacity Aid State Funding, property taxes, and interest. The final expenditure estimate of \$18,500,540 increased by \$167,484 or 0.9 percent from the original estimates of \$18,333,056.

The School District's ending unobligated General Fund balance was \$7,938,005.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2023, the School District had \$37,376,488 invested in land; construction in progress; land improvements; buildings and improvements; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; vehicles; and intangible right to use equipment. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2023 balances compared to 2022.

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

	2023	2022
Land	\$189,885	\$189,885
Construction in Progress	999,334	68,415
Land Improvements	552,001	572,578
Buildings and Improvements	33,144,330	34,038,410
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	1,467,100	1,156,795
Vehicles	1,023,249	744,587
Intangible Right to Use Equipment	589	3,548
Totals	\$37,376,488	\$36,774,218

For additional information on capital assets, see Note 17 to the basic financial statements.

Debt

At June 30, 2023, the School District had the following outstanding debt:

Table 5
 Outstanding Debt, at Fiscal Year End

	2023	2022
2010 Qualified School Construction Bonds	\$265,000	\$395,000
Financed Purchase	2,600,000	2,980,000
Lease	589	3,548
Totals	\$2,865,589	\$3,378,548

For additional information on debt, see Note 20 to the basic financial statements.

CURRENT ISSUES

The financial future of the School District is not without its challenges. These challenges are external and internal in nature. Thus, management must diligently plan expenses from the modest growth attained, staying carefully within its five-year forecast. Additional revenues from what was estimated must not be treated as a windfall to expand programs but as an opportunity to extend the time horizon of the five-year forecast.

Externally, the School District is largely dependent on the State School Foundation Program. Revenues from the Foundation Program accounts for \$11,653,237, or 48.3 percent of total revenues. State foundation revenue is fundamentally a function of student enrollment and a district's property tax wealth. State revenue growth has shifted toward school districts with low property tax wealth. Future enrollment estimates continue to indicate a declining enrollment which will serve to offset any increase in State funding.

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Although higher per-pupil funding has helped the School District lessen the impact of increased instructional expenses, much of the positive impact has been offset by other negative financial factors that occurred in the past fiscal year (increasing personal services and higher insurance costs). In the long run, the fact remains that as long as the State avoids the complete systematic overhaul the Supreme Court ordered in its initial ruling, all schools in Ohio will be faced with the same problem in the future – either increasing its revenue (passing levies) or decreasing expenses (making budget cuts).

As the preceding information shows, the School District continues to depend upon its taxpayers. Although Wellston City School District has kept spending in line with revenues and carefully watched financial planning, it must keep its revenue to expense ratios improving if the School District hopes to remain on firm financial footing.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Tami Downard, Treasurer at Wellston City School District, One East Broadway Street, Wellston, Ohio 45692.

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Wellston City School District, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$11,808,548
Accounts Receivable	35,809
Intergovernmental Receivable	820,351
Inventory Held for Resale	14,172
Materials and Supplies Inventory	27,432
Property Taxes Receivable	4,416,530
Prepaid Items	40,933
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,189,219
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	36,187,269
Net OPEB Asset	1,595,461
<i>Total Assets</i>	56,135,724
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	4,115,933
OPEB	410,808
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	4,526,741
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	111,744
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,388,087
Contracts Payable	209,377
Retainage Payable	60,488
Accrued Interest Payable	8,738
Vacation Benefits Payable	34,961
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	32,242
Intergovernmental Payable	349,862
Claims Payable	10,707
Unearned Revenue	70,337
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	525,589
Due In More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability	17,020,914
Net OPEB Liability	885,836
Other Amounts	3,536,487
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	24,245,369
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property Taxes	2,780,363
Pension	1,849,040
OPEB	2,435,534
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	7,064,937
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,241,034
Restricted for:	
Debt Service	389,514
Scholarships	34,127
Food Service	270,656
Local Initiatives	65,890
Classroom Facilities	447,500
Athletics	80,564
State Grants	545,961
Federal Grants	47,686
Students	74,319
Pension/OPEB	353,466
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(7,198,558)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$29,352,159

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
					Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$8,397,467	\$244,661	\$687,664	\$0	(7,465,142)
Special	3,643,022	0	1,943,045	0	(1,699,977)
Vocational	204,596	2,008	113,184	0	(89,404)
Adult/Continuing	38,777	0	0	0	(38,777)
Student Intervention	1,118,148	0	804,323	0	(313,825)
Support Services:					
Pupils	1,087,480	0	191,884	0	(895,596)
Instructional Staff	848,078	2,296	237,011	0	(608,771)
Board of Education	201,742	0	0	0	(201,742)
Administration	1,879,814	0	73,070	0	(1,806,744)
Fiscal	497,131	0	507	0	(496,624)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,069,565	2,325	336,246	941,239	(789,755)
Pupil Transportation	977,547	0	386,205	0	(591,342)
Central	64,688	0	2,897	0	(61,791)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	860,772	22,473	844,736	0	6,437
Community Services	72,323	0	77,906	0	5,583
Extracurricular Activities	453,467	199,840	70,858	0	(182,769)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	114,418	0	0	0	(114,418)
Totals	\$22,529,035	\$473,603	\$5,769,536	\$941,239	(15,344,657)
General Revenues					
Property Taxes					3,999,639
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs					12,733,211
Investment Earnings/Interest					191,729
Gifts and Donations					34,880
Miscellaneous					739
<i>Total General Revenues</i>					<u>16,960,198</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>					1,615,541
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>					<u>27,736,618</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>					<u>\$29,352,159</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	General	ESSER	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,959,933	\$0	\$3,522,363	\$11,482,296
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	4,416,530	0	0	4,416,530
Accounts	35,809	0	0	35,809
Intergovernmental	22,607	658,407	139,337	820,351
Interfund	417,319	0	0	417,319
Prepaid Items	39,559	0	1,374	40,933
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	14,172	14,172
Materials and Supplies Inventory	21,009	0	6,423	27,432
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$12,912,766</u>	<u>\$658,407</u>	<u>\$3,683,669</u>	<u>\$17,254,842</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$35,677	\$412	\$75,655	\$111,744
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,209,366	44,545	134,176	1,388,087
Contracts Payable	0	209,377	0	209,377
Retainage Payable	0	60,488	0	60,488
Interfund Payable	0	337,970	79,349	417,319
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	32,242	0	0	32,242
Intergovernmental Payable	307,574	5,615	36,673	349,862
Unearned Revenue	0	0	70,337	70,337
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,584,859</u>	<u>658,407</u>	<u>396,190</u>	<u>2,639,456</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Property Taxes	2,780,363	0	0	2,780,363
Unavailable Revenue	1,030,447	71,139	39,525	1,141,111
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,810,810</u>	<u>71,139</u>	<u>39,525</u>	<u>3,921,474</u>
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable	60,568	0	7,797	68,365
Restricted	0	0	1,977,351	1,977,351
Committed	0	0	13,980	13,980
Assigned	2,386,458	0	1,337,083	3,723,541
Unassigned (Deficit)	5,070,071	(71,139)	(88,257)	4,910,675
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>7,517,097</u>	<u>(71,139)</u>	<u>3,247,954</u>	<u>10,693,912</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$12,912,766</u>	<u>\$658,407</u>	<u>\$3,683,669</u>	<u>\$17,254,842</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
 Net Position of Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2023*

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$10,693,912
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		37,376,488
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds:		
Delinquent Property Taxes	993,770	
Intergovernmental Revenues	110,664	
Tuition and Fees	36,677	1,141,111
Accrued interest payable is recognized for outstanding long-term liabilities with interest accruals that are not expected to be paid with expendable available resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		(8,738)
Vacation Benefits Payable is recognized for earned vacation benefits that are to be used within one year but is not recognized on the balance sheet until due.		(34,961)
The net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability/asset and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the Governmental funds:		
Deferred Outflows - Pension	4,115,933	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(1,849,040)	
Net Pension Liability	(17,020,914)	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	410,808	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(2,435,534)	
Net OPEB Asset	1,595,461	
Net OPEB Liability	(885,836)	(16,069,122)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Lease	(589)	
Financed Purchase	(2,600,000)	
Bonds	(265,000)	
Sick Leave Benefits Payable	(1,196,487)	(4,062,076)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.		315,545
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		\$29,352,159

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General	ESSER	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$3,981,939	\$0	\$0	\$3,981,939
Intergovernmental	14,254,030	1,985,833	3,133,158	19,373,021
Investment Earnings/Interest	188,368	0	25,449	213,817
Tuition and Fees	230,731	0	0	230,731
Rent	2,325	0	0	2,325
Extracurricular Activities	20,990	0	167,888	188,878
Gifts and Donations	5,107	0	75,631	80,738
Charges for Services	1,393	0	30,916	32,309
Miscellaneous	676	0	63	739
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>18,685,559</u>	<u>1,985,833</u>	<u>3,433,105</u>	<u>24,104,497</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	7,480,894	136,942	238,975	7,856,811
Special	2,431,318	67,025	914,573	3,412,916
Vocational	163,885	0	3,591	167,476
Adult/Continuing	38,777	0	0	38,777
Student Intervention	266,152	799,404	5,907	1,071,463
Support Services:				
Pupils	851,774	0	190,733	1,042,507
Instructional Staff	552,704	13,220	218,559	784,483
Board of Education	178,050	0	24,272	202,322
Administration	1,628,236	0	76,075	1,704,311
Fiscal	511,693	0	1,991	513,684
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,810,863	6,072	405,500	2,222,435
Pupil Transportation	1,116,309	36,574	326,810	1,479,693
Central	53,894	0	2,897	56,791
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	11,642	831	894,156	906,629
Community Services	0	0	74,430	74,430
Extracurricular Activities	293,918	0	240,869	534,787
Capital Outlay	0	930,918	118,072	1,048,990
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	512,959	0	0	512,959
Interest and Fiscal Charges	116,189	0	0	116,189
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>18,019,257</u>	<u>1,990,986</u>	<u>3,737,410</u>	<u>23,747,653</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>666,302</u>	<u>(5,153)</u>	<u>(304,305)</u>	<u>356,844</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	0	0	594,959	594,959
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	5,148	0	0	5,148
Transfers Out	(594,959)	0	0	(594,959)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(589,811)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>594,959</u>	<u>5,148</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	76,491	(5,153)	290,654	361,992
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	7,440,606	(65,986)	2,957,300	10,331,920
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$7,517,097</u>	<u>(\$71,139)</u>	<u>\$3,247,954</u>	<u>\$10,693,912</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$361,992

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation/amortization:

Capital Asset Additions	1,928,230	
Depreciation/Amortization Expense	<u>(1,249,585)</u>	678,645

Governmental funds report only the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the Statement of Activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the amount of the proceeds and the disposal of assets:

Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	(5,148)	
Loss on Sale of Capital Assets	<u>(71,227)</u>	(76,375)

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

Delinquent Property Taxes	17,700	
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,019	
Tuition and Fees	<u>19,360</u>	40,079

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. The net change of the internal service fund is reported with governmental activities.

6,027

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

512,959

Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of activities.

1,771

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows:

Pension	1,538,293	
OPEB	<u>45,291</u>	1,583,584

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability/asset are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities:

Pension	(1,687,572)	
OPEB	<u>325,965</u>	(1,361,607)

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

Vacation Benefits Payable	45,896	
Sick Leave Benefits Payable	<u>(177,430)</u>	(131,534)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$1,615,541

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$2,772,036	\$3,393,537	\$3,393,537	\$0
Intergovernmental	13,987,366	14,326,579	14,257,884	(68,695)
Interest	98,908	228,908	232,738	3,830
Tuition and Fees	394,000	224,554	213,310	(11,244)
Rent	500	6,300	3,100	(3,200)
Miscellaneous	27,279	27,278	0	(27,278)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>17,280,089</u>	<u>18,207,156</u>	<u>18,100,569</u>	<u>(106,587)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	7,503,840	7,487,692	7,462,751	24,941
Special	2,454,398	2,463,522	2,435,834	27,688
Vocational	164,065	161,134	161,486	(352)
Adult/Continuing	42,711	39,647	38,777	870
Student Intervention	246,539	245,624	245,624	0
Support Services:				
Pupils	891,604	896,037	863,908	32,129
Instructional Staff	603,652	608,450	586,053	22,397
Board of Education	194,832	216,345	191,797	24,548
Administration	1,611,414	1,601,845	1,593,125	8,720
Fiscal	520,492	520,305	517,747	2,558
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	2,024,455	2,109,803	1,910,765	199,038
Pupil Transportation	1,333,743	1,174,499	1,156,065	18,434
Central	54,618	54,415	54,415	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Service	11,595	11,552	11,552	0
Extracurricular Activities	45,950	280,522	277,920	2,602
Debt Service				
Principal Retirement	512,959	512,959	512,959	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	116,189	116,189	116,189	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>18,333,056</u>	<u>18,500,540</u>	<u>18,136,967</u>	<u>363,573</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(1,052,967)</u>	<u>(293,384)</u>	<u>(36,398)</u>	<u>256,986</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	1,453	5,148	5,148	0
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	0	0	200	200
Insurance Recoveries	19,749	0	0	0
Transfers Out	(594,959)	(594,959)	(594,959)	0
Advances In	73,344	164,245	164,245	0
Advances Out	(417,319)	(575,000)	(417,319)	157,681
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(917,732)</u>	<u>(1,000,566)</u>	<u>(842,685)</u>	<u>157,881</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(1,970,699)	(1,293,950)	(879,083)	414,867
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	8,453,096	8,453,096	8,453,096	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	363,992	363,992	363,992	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$6,846,389</u>	<u>\$7,523,138</u>	<u>\$7,938,005</u>	<u>\$414,867</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$5,068,744	\$5,067,894	\$1,645,614	(\$3,422,280)
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	199,888	197,889	197,889	0
Special	74,822	68,540	68,540	0
Student Intervention	907,573	904,625	904,625	0
Support Services:				
Pupils	7,571	0	0	0
Instructional Staff	10,500	13,220	13,220	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	6,072	6,072	6,072	0
Pupil Transportation	38,758	35,827	35,827	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	166	997	997	0
Capital Outlay	3,529,112	3,529,111	3,529,111	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	4,774,462	4,756,281	4,756,281	0
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	294,282	311,613	(3,110,667)	(3,422,280)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Advances In	0	31,597	337,970	306,373
Advances Out	(277,704)	(142,515)	(142,515)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	(277,704)	(110,918)	195,455	306,373
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	16,578	200,695	(2,915,212)	(3,115,907)
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	(316,638)	(316,638)	(316,638)	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	316,638	316,638	316,638	0
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	\$16,578	\$200,695	(\$2,915,212)	(\$3,115,907)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio

*Statement of Fund Net Position
Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
June 30, 2023*

	<u>Governmental Activity</u>
	<u>Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund</u>
Current Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$326,252
Current Liabilities	
Claims Payable	<u>10,707</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$315,545</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activity
	Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services	\$216,469
Operating Expenses	
Purchased Services	17,115
Claims	193,327
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	210,442
<i>Operating Income</i>	6,027
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	309,518
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	\$315,545

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activity
	Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Transactions with Other Funds	\$216,469
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(17,115)
Cash Payments for Claims	(214,885)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(15,531)
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i>	341,783
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i>	\$326,252
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$6,027
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Claims Payable	(21,558)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(\$15,531)
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements	

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Wellston City School District, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

Wellston City School District is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The School District operates under a locally elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by State statute and federal agencies. This Board of Education controls the School District's four instructional/support facilities staffed by 65 classified employees, 107 certified teaching personnel, and 19 administrators, who provide services to 1,255 students and other community members.

Reporting Entity

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

The following activity is included within the reporting entity:

Parochial Schools The Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School operates within the School District boundaries. Current State legislation provides funding to this parochial school. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the parochial school by the Treasurer of the School District, as directed by the parochial school. The activity is reflected in a special revenue fund for financial reporting purposes.

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

The School District participates in the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META), the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District, the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools, and the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding, which are defined as jointly governed organizations. The School District also participates in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, which is defined as an insurance purchasing pool. These organizations are presented in Notes 11 and 12.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the Internal Service Fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements usually distinguish between those activities that are governmental (primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues) and those that are considered business-type activities (primarily supported by fees and charges). The School District, however, has no business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department, and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program; grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program; and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund Financial Statements During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The Internal Service Fund is presented on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type; the School District has no fiduciary funds.

B. Fund Accounting

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

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

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

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund This fund accounts for and reports emergency relief grants to the School District in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted or committed to a particular purpose.

Proprietary Funds Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service. The School District reports the following proprietary fund:

Internal Service Fund This fund is used to account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost-reimbursement basis. This Internal Service Fund is used to account for the reimbursement to employees for deductibles on their health insurance.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities accounts for increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position.

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position.

For proprietary funds, the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 8). 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 District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

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 assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported in the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB plans. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 18 and 19.

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 assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the School District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pension, OPEB plans, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2023, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2024 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the School District, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, tuition and fees, and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position of Governmental Activities found on page 16. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 18 and 19)

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

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

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

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During fiscal year 2023, the School District's investments were limited to STAR Ohio, negotiable certificates of deposit, money market mutual funds, and federal agency securities, all reported at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Investments of the School District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

During fiscal year 2023, the School District invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The School District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For fiscal year 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is appreciated. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings/interest. Interest revenue is credited to the General Fund; the Food Service, Education Foundation, and Classroom Maintenance Special Revenue Funds; the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund; the Classroom Facilities Capital Projects Fund; and the Hannon Scholarship Private Purpose Trust Fund. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2023 amounted to \$188,368, which includes \$35,087 assigned from other School District funds.

F. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption and donated and purchased commodities held for resale.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2023, 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 expenditure/expense is reported in the fiscal year in which services are consumed.

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. They generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities' column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets, which are discussed below) are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the fiscal year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of infrastructure by back trending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an

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appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition fiscal year or estimated acquisition year). Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of two thousand five hundred dollars. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings and Improvements	50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	10 years
Intangible Right to Use Equipment	5 years

The School District is reporting intangible right to use assets related to lease assets. The lease assets include equipment and represent nonfinancial assets which are being utilized for a period of time through leases from another entity. These intangible right to use assets are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

Leases

The School District serves as a lessee in a noncancellable lease which is accounted for as follows:

Lessee At the commencement of a lease, the School District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

I. Internal Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used aren't eliminated.

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

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J. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The liability for vacation benefits is recorded as "vacation benefits payable", rather than long-term liabilities as the balances for most employees are to be used by employees in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the benefit was earned.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the School District has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at fiscal year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the School District's termination policy. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for employees after fourteen years of service.

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each person upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the accounts "matured compensated absences payable" in the funds from which these payments will be made.

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

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

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

L. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted: The restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors,

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contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education or a School District official delegated that authority by resolution or by State Statute. State statute authorizes the School District's Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The School District's Board of Education assigned fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenues and appropriations for fiscal year 2024's appropriated budget.

Unassigned: The unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report deficit balances.

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

M. Interfund Balances

Interfund receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans or interfund services provided and used are classified as "interfund receivables/payables". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities' column of the statement of net position.

N. Estimates

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

O. Net Position

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

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

P. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability (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.

Q. Budgetary Process

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

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

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

Note 3 - Changes in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2023, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*; GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*; and GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*.

GASB Statement 94 improves financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). The School District did not have any arrangements that met the GASB 94 definition of a PPP or an APA.

GASB Statement 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). The School District did not have any contracts that met the GASB 96 definition of a SBITA.

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GASB Statement 99 addresses various issues including items related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs. The requirements related to PPPs and SBITAs were incorporated with the corresponding GASB 94 and GASB 96 changes identified above.

Note 4 - Fund Deficits

The following funds had deficit fund balances as of June 30, 2023:

Special Revenue Funds:	
ESSER II	\$71,139
Title I	32,035
IDEA Parent Mentor	19,542
Title IV-A	17,806
Improving Teacher Quality Grant	12,072
Public Preschool	3,982
Title I-A	1,528
Handicapped Preschool	1,292
	<u>\$159,396</u>

These deficits are the result of the recognition of payables in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as well as short-term interfund loans from the General Fund needed for operations until the receipt of grant monies. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

Note 5 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

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

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Advances In and Advances Out are operating transactions (budget) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).
5. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the Public-School Support Fund and the Uniform School Supplies Fund are reclassified to the General Fund for GAAP reporting.
6. Prepaid items are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis), not on the budgetary basis.
7. Fair market value changes are reported on the "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance" (GAAP Basis), but not on a budgetary basis.

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The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the General Fund.

	General Fund	ESSER Fund
Net Change in Fund Balance		
GAAP Basis	\$76,491	(\$5,153)
Revenue Accruals	(584,206)	(340,219)
Expenditure Accruals	(4,842)	149,917
Prepaid Items:		
Beginning of Fiscal Year	39,926	0
End of Fiscal Year	(39,559)	0
Fair Market Value:		
Beginning of Fiscal Year	(197,039)	0
End of Fiscal Year	241,409	0
Perspective Difference	(3,487)	0
Advances In	164,245	337,970
Advances Out	(417,319)	(142,515)
Encumbrances	(154,702)	(2,915,212)
Budget Basis	(\$879,083)	(\$2,915,212)

Note 6 - Fund Balances

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

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Fund Balances	General Fund	ESSER Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid Items	\$39,559	\$0	\$1,374	\$40,933
Materials and Supplies Inventory	21,009	0	6,423	27,432
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>60,568</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,797</u>	<u>68,365</u>
Restricted for:				
Food Service	0	0	317,270	317,270
Local Initiatives	0	0	65,890	65,890
State Grants	0	0	545,539	545,539
Federal Grants	0	0	15,015	15,015
Athletics	0	0	80,245	80,245
Debt Service	0	0	398,252	398,252
Classroom Facilities	0	0	447,500	447,500
Students	0	0	73,513	73,513
Scholarships	0	0	34,127	34,127
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,977,351</u>	<u>1,977,351</u>
Committed to:				
Capital Improvements	0	0	6,309	6,309
Scholarships	0	0	7,671	7,671
<i>Total Committed</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,980</u>	<u>13,980</u>
Assigned to:				
Classroom Supplies	123,023	0	0	123,023
Encumbrances	139,437	0	0	139,437
Capital Improvements	0	0	1,337,083	1,337,083
Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations	2,123,998	0	0	2,123,998
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>2,386,458</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,337,083</u>	<u>3,723,541</u>
Unassigned:	5,070,071	(71,139)	(88,257)	4,910,675
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$7,517,097</u>	<u>(\$71,139)</u>	<u>\$3,247,954</u>	<u>\$10,693,912</u>

Note 7 - Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the School District are classified by State statute into three categories.

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

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

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

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

Interim monies held by the School District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

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

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

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

At fiscal year-end, the School District had no undeposited cash on hand which would be included as part of “Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents”.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. As of June 30, 2023, the School District had the following investments:

Investment Type	Value	Maturity	Rating	Percent of Portfolio
<u>Net Asset Value Per Share</u>				
STAR Ohio	\$3,463,828	Average 35.3 Days	AAAm Standard & Poor's	29.96%
<u>Fair Value Level One Inputs</u>				
Money Market Mutual Fund	23,299	Less than five years	Aaa Moody's	0.20%
<u>Fair Value Level Two Inputs</u>				
Federal Agency Securities	5,617,735	Less than five years	Aaa Moody's	48.58%
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	2,048,910	Less than five years	N/A	17.72%
Federal National Mortgage Association	408,783	Less than five years	Aaa Moody's	3.54%
Total Fair Value Level Two Inputs	<u>8,075,428</u>			
	<u>\$11,562,555</u>			<u>100.00%</u>

The School District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above chart identifies the School District’s recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023. The School District’s investments measured at fair value are valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored, which could require the need to acquire further market data. (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses caused by rising interest rates, the School District’s investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in short-term investments maturing within five years from the date of purchase and that the School District’s investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments. Repurchase agreements are limited to 30 days and the market value of the securities must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily.

Credit Risk STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor’s. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk The School District’s investment policy places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

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Note 8 - Property Taxes

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2023 represents collections of calendar year 2022 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2023 were levied after April 1, 2022, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2022, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2023 represents collections of calendar year 2022 taxes. Public utility real property taxes received in calendar year 2023 became a lien December 31, 2021, were levied after April 1, 2022, and are collected in 2023 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Jackson County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2023, are available to finance fiscal year 2024 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2023, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reflected as revenue at fiscal yearend. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2023, was \$642,397 in the General Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2022, was \$53,995 in the General Fund.

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

The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2023 taxes were collected are:

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	2022 Second- Half Collections		2023 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential	\$95,705,700	62.52%	\$96,646,770	46.63%
Commerical/Industrial and Public Utility Real	16,661,150	10.88%	16,589,810	8.00%
Public Utility Personal	40,720,290	26.60%	94,034,010	45.37%
	\$153,087,140	100.00%	\$207,270,590	100.00%
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed	\$20.50		\$20.50	

The School District's tax rate decreased as tax levies associated with a voted bond issue have ceased collection.

Note 9 - Tax Abatements

The School District's property taxes were reduced as follows under enterprise zone agreements entered into by overlapping governments:

Overlapping Government	Amount of Fiscal Year 2023 Taxes Abated
<i>Enterprise Zone Tax Exemptions:</i>	
City of Wellston	\$639

Note 10 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2023, consisted of property taxes, intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements and shared revenues, interfund, and accounts (billings for service). All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. All receivables, except for delinquent property taxes, are expected to be collected within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year. Delinquent property taxes amounted to \$993,770 as of June 30, 2023.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

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Governmental Activities	Amounts
ARP ESSER	\$582,265
ESSER II	76,142
Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	47,241
IDEA-B Special Education	30,164
Title I Non-Competitive Foundation	22,758
Early Childhood Education	16,810
Title V-B Rural and Low Income	14,668
Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction	13,202
School Quality Improvement	5,981
ARP Special Education	2,544
ARP IDEA Early Childhood Special Education	1,024
Parent Mentor	829
Title IV-A	562
Miscellaneous	364
Total	\$820,351

Note 11 - Jointly Governed Organizations

A. Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META)

The School District participates in the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META), formed from the merger of the Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC) and the Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC) during fiscal year 2016, which is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. META operates as, and has all the powers of, a data acquisition site/information technology center pursuant to applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The organization was formed for the purpose of identifying, developing, and providing to members and nonmembers innovative educational and technological services and products, as well as expanded opportunities for cooperative purchasing. The General Assembly of META consists of one delegate from every member school district. The delegate is the superintendent of the school district or the superintendent’s designee. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the General Assembly. The General Assembly exercises total control over the operation of META including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. During fiscal year 2023, the School District paid \$37,298 for services with META/MEC/SEOVEC. Financial information can be obtained from Metropolitan Educational Technology Association at 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

B. Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District

The Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board consisting of five representatives from the various City and County Boards within Gallia, Jackson, and Vinton Counties. The Board possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. During fiscal year 2023, the School District paid \$20,646 to the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District. To obtain financial information write to the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District, Stephanie Rife who serves as Treasurer, P.O. Box 157, Rio Grande, Ohio, 45674.

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C. Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) is a jointly governed organization composed of over 130 school districts and other educational institutions in the 29-county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The Coalition is operated by a board which is composed of seventeen members. One elected and one appointed from each of the seven regions into which the 29 Appalachian counties are divided; and three from Ohio University College of Education. The board exercised total control over the operations of CORAS including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. The Coalition provides various in-service training programs for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding the level of education provided to children in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2023, the School District made a payment of \$325 for the fiscal year 2023 membership fee. Financial information may be obtained from the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools at Lindley Hall Room 200, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

D. Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding

The Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding includes over 500 school districts throughout the State of Ohio. Member school districts and joint vocational schools pay dues annually in the amount of \$.50 per pupil, and educational service centers pay dues of \$.05 per pupil. The Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding is organized as a council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Coalition was organized in 1990 to challenge the constitutionality of the Ohio school funding system. The Coalition is governed by a Steering Committee of 90 school district representatives. Though most of the members are superintendents, some treasurers, board members and administrators also serve. Several persons serve as ex officio members. Steering Committee members serve without stipend or expense reimbursement from the Coalition. For fiscal year 2023, the School District made a payment of \$2,514 for a membership fee.

Note 12 - Insurance Purchasing Pool

Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

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

Note 13 - Interfund Activity

A. Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$569,959 to the Capital Projects Special Revenue Fund and \$25,000 was transferred to the Athletics Special Revenue Fund. The transfers were made to use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance the programs accounted for in the other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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B. Internal Balances

Interfund balances at June 30, 2023, arise from the provision of cash flow resources from the General Fund until the receipt of grant monies or other program revenues by the Special Revenue Funds.

	Receivables	Payables
General Fund	\$417,319	\$0
Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief	0	337,970
Other Governmental Funds:		
Title I	0	29,134
Title IV-A	0	18,122
Title VI-B	0	12,964
Title II-A	0	12,010
Public Preschool	0	3,580
School Improvement	0	1,678
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	0	1,611
Early Childhood	0	250
Total Other Governmental Funds	0	79,349
Total All Funds	\$417,319	\$417,319

Note 14 - Contingencies

A. Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2023, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

B. Litigation

The School District is not a party to any legal proceedings which will have a material effect on the financial statements.

C. School Foundation

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2023 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2023 financial statements is not determinable, at this time. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or a liability of, the School District.

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Note 15 - Significant Commitments

A. Contractual Commitments

As of June 30, 2023, the School District's contractual purchase commitments are as follows:

Project	Fund	Contract Amount	Amount Expended	Balance at 06/30/23
HVAC Elementary	ESSER	\$2,001,037	\$905,681	\$1,095,356
Weightroom	ESSER	1,988,807	93,653	1,895,154
Total Contractual Commitments		<u>\$3,989,844</u>	<u>\$999,334</u>	<u>\$2,990,510</u>

B. Encumbrances

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

Fund	Amount
General	\$154,702
ESSER	2,915,212
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>653,988</u>
Total	<u>\$3,723,902</u>

Note 16 - Risk Management

A. Property and Liability

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of; damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2023, the School District contracted with Saunders Insurance Agency LLC for coverage:

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Property	Deductible	Limits of Coverage
Building and Contents - Replacement Cost	\$1,000	\$350,000,000
General Liability:		
Each Occurrence		15,000,000
Aggregate Limit		17,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit		15,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - Each Offense		15,000,000
Employers' Liability:		
Each Occurrence		15,000,000
Disease - Each Employee		15,000,000
Disease - Policy Limit		15,000,000
Employee Benefits Liability:		
Each Occurrence		15,000,000
Aggregate Limit		15,000,000
Vehicles:		
Bodily Injury:		
Per Accident		15,000,000
Uninsured Motorist:		
Per Accident		1,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The School District reviewed its various policies and made modifications were deemed appropriate.

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2023, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program (GRRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 12). The intent of the GRRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgewick Claims Management Services provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRRP.

C. Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan

The School District has a Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan, Max 105, to reimburse eligible employees (those that are participating in the School District's health plan) for the portion of their and their dependents' health claims. The Max 105 program is a combination of benefits that are provided by the School District, Medical Mutual, and Patrick Benefits Administrators. The School District's health plan with Medical Mutual covers the employees' major medical costs.

The policy is a high deductible plan. The Max 105 program covers the difference between the high deductible plan with Medical Mutual and the employees' personal deductible.

The purpose of the Max 105 program is to reimburse employees covered under the Max 105 program for a portion of the uninsured medical expenses they incur each year while they are employed with the School District and the Max 105 remains in effect. It is intended to assist employees and their dependents in receiving medical care needed in the most cost-effective manner possible.

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The claims paid are those submitted after the employee’s deductible amount has been reached, but before the employer’s health plan deductible with Medical Mutual has been reached. Claims covered are for amounts applied to the medical deductible and co-insurance expenses incurred during the plan year, up to the employer’s health plan annual deductible amount with Medical Mutual.

Changes in claims activity for the current and preceding fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year Claims	Claims Payments	Balance at End of Fiscal Year
2022	\$26,172	\$224,141	\$218,048	\$32,265
2023	32,265	193,327	214,885	10,707

Note 17 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance at 6/30/22	Additions	Deductions	Balance at 6/30/23
Capital Assets:				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$189,885	\$0	\$0	\$189,885
Construction in Progress	68,415	930,919	0	999,334
Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	258,300	930,919	0	1,189,219
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land Improvements	979,339	2,500	0	981,839
Buildings and Improvements	48,337,245	0	0	48,337,245
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5,375,664	525,031	(655,318)	5,245,377
Vehicles	1,300,957	469,780	(160,307)	1,610,430
Intangible Right to Use: Equipment	5,714	0	0	5,714
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	55,998,919	997,311	(815,625)	56,180,605
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization:				
Land Improvements	(406,761)	(23,077)	0	(429,838)
Buildings and Improvements	(14,298,835)	(894,080)	0	(15,192,915)
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(4,218,869)	(206,830)	647,422	(3,778,277)
Vehicles	(556,370)	(122,639)	91,828	(587,181)
Intangible Right to Use: Equipment **	(2,166)	(2,959)	0	(5,125)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	(19,483,001)	(1,249,585) *	739,250	(19,993,336)
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	36,515,918	(252,274)	(76,375)	36,187,269
Capital Assets, Net	\$36,774,218	\$678,645	(\$76,375)	\$37,376,488

*Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

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Instruction:	
Regular	\$634,198
Special	256,776
Vocational	26,748
Intervention	26,748
Support Services:	
Pupils	53,591
Instructional Staff	48,146
Administration	106,990
Fiscal	16,049
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	74,989
Central	<u>5,350</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u><u>\$1,249,585</u></u>

** Of the current year depreciation total of \$1,249,585, \$2,959 is presented as general government expense on the Statement of Activities related to the School District’s intangible asset of copier machines, which is included as an Intangible Right to Use Lease. With the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases*, a lease meeting the criteria of this statement requires the lessee to recognize the lease liability and an intangible right to use asset.

Note 18 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability

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

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

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

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the

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form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a *net OPEB asset* or long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 19 for the required OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. New benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. The COLA is indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5 percent and with a floor of 0 percent. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The Retirement Board approved a 2.5 percent COLA for calendar year 2023.

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Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2023, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2023, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$322,203 for fiscal year 2023. Of this amount, \$24,456 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, an ad-hoc COLA of 3 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.53 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 4.47 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.

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2023 employer and employee contribution rate of 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2023, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The School District’s contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,216,090 for fiscal year 2023. Of this amount, \$199,397 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District’s share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	SERS	STRS	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.06144560%	0.061616650%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.06506190%	0.062669043%	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00361630%	-0.00105239%	
			Total
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$3,323,455	\$13,697,459	\$17,020,914
Pension Expense	\$132,713	\$1,554,859	\$1,687,572

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At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$134,603	\$175,345	\$309,948
Changes of assumptions	32,793	1,639,175	1,671,968
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	476,642	476,642
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	8,851	110,231	119,082
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>322,203</u>	<u>1,216,090</u>	<u>1,538,293</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$498,450</u>	<u>\$3,617,483</u>	<u>\$4,115,933</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$21,818	\$52,397	\$74,215
Changes of assumptions	0	1,233,827	1,233,827
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	115,974	0	115,974
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>132,105</u>	<u>292,919</u>	<u>425,024</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$269,897</u>	<u>\$1,579,143</u>	<u>\$1,849,040</u>

\$1,538,293 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year-ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2024	(\$44,465)	\$47,964	\$3,499
2025	(76,242)	(143,031)	(219,273)
2026	(165,672)	(471,827)	(637,499)
2027	<u>192,729</u>	<u>1,389,144</u>	<u>1,581,873</u>
Total	<u>(\$93,650)</u>	<u>\$822,250</u>	<u>\$728,600</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

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

	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.4 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent 2.0 percent, on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs 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 (Level Percent of Payroll)

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

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

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

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<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	<u>3.00</u>	5.38
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate The total pension liability for 2022 was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.00 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 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:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$4,891,969	\$3,323,455	\$2,002,005

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2022; actuarial valuation are presented below:

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	From 2.5 percent to 12.5 percent based on age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

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For 2022, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For 2021, post-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates, thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

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

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

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

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

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2022. 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, 2022.

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Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the School District'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 District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.00 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 District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$20,691,874	\$13,697,459	\$7,782,349

Note 19 - Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 18 for a description of the net pension liability.

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

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

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 2023, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2023, this amount was \$25,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a

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health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer’s SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2023, the School District’s surcharge obligation was \$45,291.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$45,291 for fiscal year 2023, and this amount is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2022, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the School District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	SERS	STRS	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset):			
Current Measurement Date	0.06309320%	0.061616650%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.06724700%	0.062669043%	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00415380%	-0.00105239%	
			Total
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$885,836	\$0	\$885,836
Net OPEB (Asset)	\$0	(\$1,595,461)	(\$1,595,461)
OPEB Expense	(\$51,124)	(\$274,841)	(\$325,965)

At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$7,447	\$23,128	\$30,575
Changes of assumptions	140,904	67,961	208,865
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	4,604	27,773	32,377
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	63,430	30,270	93,700
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>45,291</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,291</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$261,676</u>	<u>\$149,132</u>	<u>\$410,808</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$566,645	\$239,607	\$806,252
Changes of assumptions	363,642	1,131,335	1,494,977
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>114,120</u>	<u>20,185</u>	<u>134,305</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$1,044,407</u>	<u>\$1,391,127</u>	<u>\$2,435,534</u>

\$45,291 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year-ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2024	(\$168,773)	(\$353,259)	(\$522,032)
2025	(170,429)	(367,796)	(538,225)
2026	(157,324)	(168,004)	(325,328)
2027	(111,516)	(71,146)	(182,662)
2028	(82,467)	(93,179)	(175,646)
Thereafter	<u>(137,513)</u>	<u>(188,611)</u>	<u>(326,124)</u>
Total	<u>(\$828,022)</u>	<u>(\$1,241,995)</u>	<u>(\$2,070,017)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

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

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

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

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

	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation Wage Increases	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Fiduciary Net Position is Projected to be Depleted	2044
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
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Medicare	5.125 to 4.40 percent
Pre-Medicare	6.75 to 4.40 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	7.00 to 4.40 percent

Mortality rates among healthy retirees were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Mortality rates for contingent survivors were based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5 percent for males and adjusted 122.5 percent for females. Mortality rates for actives is based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.

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

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The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2016 through 2020 and was adopted by the Board 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 long-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 SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 18.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2022, was 4.08 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2021, was 2.27 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the contribution rate of 1.50 percent of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current System members by SERS actuaries. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is used in the determination of the SEIR for both the June 30, 2022, and the June 30, 2021, 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 3.69 percent at June 30, 2022, and 1.92 percent at June 30, 2021.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.08%) and higher (5.08%) than the current discount rate (4.08%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (8.00% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.08%)	Current Discount Rate (4.08%)	1% Increase (5.08%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,100,221	\$885,836	\$712,768
	1% Decrease (6.00% decreasing to 3.40%)	Current Trend Rate (7.00% decreasing to 4.40%)	1% Increase (8.00% decreasing to 5.40%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$683,138	\$885,836	\$1,150,591

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Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2022; actuarial valuation are presented below:

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	Varies by age from 2.5 percent to 12.50 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	7.00 percent
Health Care Cost Trends		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate	5.00 percent initial 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-68.78 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate	-16.18 percent initial 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	9.00 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate	6.50 percent initial 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-5.47 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate	29.98 percent initial 4 percent ultimate

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

For 2022, healthy retirees’ post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For 2021, healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates, thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 18.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan

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members as of June 30, 2022. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2022, 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. 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 District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$1,474,961)	(\$1,595,461)	(\$1,698,678)

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$1,654,880)	(\$1,595,461)	(\$1,520,457)

Note 20 - Long-Term Obligations

Changes in long-term obligations of the School District during fiscal year 2023 were as follows:

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/22	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/23	Amounts Due Within One Year
Direct Placements:					
2010 6.50% Qualified School Construction Bonds	\$395,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$265,000	\$130,000
Financed Purchase from Direct Borrowing	2,980,000	0	380,000	2,600,000	395,000
Net Pension Liability:					
STRS	8,012,800	5,684,659	0	13,697,459	0
SERS	2,400,595	922,860	0	3,323,455	0
Total Net Pension Liability	10,413,395	6,607,519	0	17,020,914	0
Net OPEB Liability - SERS	1,272,706	0	386,870	885,836	0
Lease Payable	3,548	0	2,959	589	589
Sick Leave Benefits	1,019,057	177,430	0	1,196,487	0
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$16,083,706	\$6,784,949	\$899,829	\$21,968,826	\$525,589

Sick leave benefits will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. These funds include the General Fund and the Food Service, Title VI-B Idea, Title I, and the Improving Teacher Quality Special Revenue Funds. There are no repayment schedules for the net pension and net OPEB liabilities;

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however, employer pension contributions are made from the following funds: General Fund and the Lunchroom, Athletics, Auxiliary, Public Preschool, IDEA, Title I, Handicapped Preschool, and Improving Teacher Quality Special Revenue Funds. For additional information related to the net pension and net OPEB liabilities, see Notes 18 and 19.

Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) On October 19, 2010, the School District issued \$1,690,000 of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), in accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These bonds were issued for the purpose of improving and reducing energy consumption in each of the School District’s instructional facilities. The QSCB was issued through a series of lease agreements and trust indentures in accordance with Section 3313.375 of the Ohio Revised Code.

In accordance with the lease terms, the project assets are leased to the All Points Capital Corporation, and then subleased back to the School District. The lease contains provisions that in an event of default, (1) the School District will promptly return possession of the personal property or allow the lessor to remove any or all of the property, at the fiscal agent’s option; or (2) the lessor can sell or lease its interest in the property; or (3) the total remaining lease payments will be paid immediately.

The QSCB was issued through a series of annual leases with an initial lease term of fifteen years which includes the right to renew for fifteen successive one-year leases through December 1, 2024, subject to annual appropriations. To satisfy trustee requirements, the School District is required to make annual base rent payments, subject to lease terms and appropriations, annually. On February 15, 2012, an additional \$500,000 was issued through the use of an addendum to the agreement between the School District and All Points Capital Corporation.

Annual base rent requirements to retire the Qualified School Construction Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$130,000	\$13,000	\$143,000
2025	135,000	4,388	139,388
	\$265,000	\$17,388	\$282,388

The bonds were subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, if an extension negotiated with the IRS, on a credit allowance date that occurred on or before September 27, 2013, in authorized denominations, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the bonds called for redemption plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, in an amount equal to the unexpended proceeds of the sale of the bonds held by the School District, but only to the extent that the School District failed to expend all of the proceeds of the bonds within three years of issuance thereof and no extension of the period for expenditure has been granted by the IRS.

Upon a determination of Loss of Qualifies School Construction Bond status, the Tax Credit bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their fixed maturity date, in whole, on the date designated by the School District, which date shall be a date prior to the January 15 following the next succeeding August 1, after a Determination of Loss of Qualified School Construction Bond status, at a redemption price equal to (i) the principal amount of the Tax Credit Bonds called for redemption, plus (ii) the redemption premium, plus (iii) accrued interest on the principal amount of the Tax Credit Bonds called for redemption plus the interest owed from the supplemental coupon from the Tax Credit Allowance Date immediately preceding the redemption date, to the date of redemption.

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As part of the ARRA Act of 2009, issuers of QSCBs are eligible to receive direct payments from the federal government which offset interest payments on the bonds. As an alternate, QSCBs may be issued as tax credit bonds under which bond holders receive federal tax credits in lieu of interest as a means to significantly reduce the issuer's interest cost. The School District, under agreement with the federal government, has chosen to receive a thirty-five percent semi-annual direct payment from the federal government to help offset interest expense on the QSCBs.

As part of the Qualified School Construction Bonds issuance, the School District, pursuant to Section 3317.18, Ohio Revised Code, and Section 3301-8-01, Ohio Administrative Code, participated in the Ohio Credit Enhancement Program, and was assigned a rating of AA/Negative from Standard & Poor's for the bond issuance. In the event the School District is unable to make sufficient debt service payments and the payment will not be made by a credit enhancement facility, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce will make the sufficient payment.

Financed Purchase

The School District has entered into financed purchases agreements for buildings where ownership of the underlying asset transfers to the School District by the end of the contract. The School District disbursed \$4,000,000 to pay these costs for the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2019. Future financed purchases payment are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$395,000	\$80,964	\$475,964
2025	410,000	67,400	477,400
2026	425,000	53,331	478,331
2027	440,000	38,756	478,756
2028 - 2029	930,000	31,679	961,679
	<u>\$2,600,000</u>	<u>\$272,130</u>	<u>\$2,872,130</u>

The School District's overall legal debt margin was \$16,178,278, with an unvoted debt margin of \$207,271 at June 30, 2023.

Lease Payable

The School District has an outstanding agreement to lease copiers. The future lease payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the lease or using the School District's incremental borrowing rate. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the lease. A summary of the principal and interest amounts to be paid from the General fund for the remaining leases is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$589	\$23	\$612

Note 21 - Set-Aside Calculation

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the General Fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by fiscal year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future fiscal years.

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

	Capital Improvements
Set-Aside Balance as of as of June 30, 2022	\$0
Current Fiscal Year Set-Aside Requirement	287,373
Qualifying Expenditures	(376,930)
Totals	(\$89,557)
Set-Aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	\$0

The School District had qualifying expenditures during the fiscal year that reduced the capital improvements set-aside amount below zero. This extra amount represents excess qualifying disbursements and may not be carried forward.

Note 24 - COVID 19

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

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

	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.06144560%	0.06506190%	0.06437370%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$3,323,455	\$2,400,595	\$4,257,812
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,315,136	\$2,218,021	\$2,183,750
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	143.55%	108.23%	194.98%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.82%	82.86%	68.55%

*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.06318930%	0.06165280%	0.05962150%	0.05836320%	0.06055170%	0.06041000%	0.06041000%
\$3,780,727	\$3,530,970	\$3,562,254	\$4,271,646	\$3,455,139	\$3,057,317	\$3,592,390
\$2,182,185	\$2,045,622	\$1,937,036	\$1,816,379	\$1,826,328	\$1,768,182	\$1,646,298
173.25%	172.61%	183.90%	235.17%	189.19%	172.91%	218.21%
70.85%	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.061616650%	0.062669043%	0.06331427%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$13,697,459	\$8,012,800	\$15,319,800
School District's Covered Payroll	\$8,283,564	\$7,751,393	\$7,674,893
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	165.36%	103.37%	199.61%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%

*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.06317352%	0.05997878%	0.06165539%	0.05902342%	0.05896678%	0.06055354%	0.06055354%
\$13,970,444	\$13,187,987	\$14,646,370	\$19,756,918	\$16,296,693	\$14,728,717	\$17,544,751
\$7,268,121	\$7,352,557	\$6,590,829	\$6,216,579	\$6,147,750	\$6,168,177	\$6,131,700
192.22%	179.37%	222.22%	317.81%	265.08%	238.79%	286.13%
77.40%	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.06309320%	0.06724700%	0.06689350%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$885,836	\$1,272,706	\$1,453,815
School District's Covered Payroll	\$2,315,136	\$2,218,021	\$2,183,750
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	38.26%	57.38%	66.57%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	30.34%	24.08%	18.17%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each fiscal year.

*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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2020	2019	2018	2017
0.06497440%	0.06251290%	0.06073630%	0.05924340%
\$1,633,970	\$1,734,277	\$1,630,003	\$1,688,656
\$2,182,185	\$2,045,622	\$1,937,036	\$1,816,379
74.88%	84.78%	84.15%	92.97%
15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
*Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.061616650%	0.062669043%	0.06331427%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$1,595,461)	(\$1,321,325)	(\$1,112,747)
School District's Covered Payroll	\$8,283,564	\$7,751,393	\$7,674,893
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-19.26%	-17.05%	-14.50%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability (Asset)	230.70%	174.70%	182.10%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each fiscal year.

*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the School District's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year end.

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2020	2019	2018	2017
0.06317352%	0.05997878%	0.06165539%	0.05902342%
(\$1,046,305)	(\$963,798)	\$2,405,566	\$3,156,588
\$7,268,121	\$7,352,557	\$6,590,829	\$6,216,579
-14.40%	-13.11%	36.50%	50.78%
174.70%	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

Wellston City School District, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the School District Contributions
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Pension Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$322,203	\$324,119	\$310,523	\$305,725
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(322,203)</u>	<u>(324,119)</u>	<u>(310,523)</u>	<u>(305,725)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$2,301,450	\$2,315,136	\$2,218,021	\$2,183,750
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	\$45,291	\$42,556	\$43,937	\$43,414
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(45,291)</u>	<u>(42,556)</u>	<u>(43,937)</u>	<u>(43,414)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>1.97%</u>	<u>1.84%</u>	<u>1.98%</u>	<u>1.99%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	<u>15.97%</u>	<u>15.84%</u>	<u>15.98%</u>	<u>15.99%</u>

(1) The School District's covered payroll is the same for Pension and OPEB.

(2) Includes Surcharge

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2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$294,595	\$276,159	\$271,185	\$254,293	\$240,710	\$245,070
(294,595)	(276,159)	(271,185)	(254,293)	(240,710)	(245,070)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$2,182,185	\$2,045,622	\$1,937,036	\$1,816,379	\$1,826,328	\$1,768,182
13.50%	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%	13.86%
\$51,590	\$43,850	\$34,186	\$30,401	\$47,455	\$33,560
(51,590)	(43,850)	(34,186)	(30,401)	(47,455)	(33,560)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.36%	2.14%	1.76%	1.67%	2.60%	1.90%
15.86%	15.64%	15.76%	15.67%	15.78%	15.76%

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Schedule of the School District Contributions
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Pension Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$1,216,090	\$1,159,699	\$1,085,195	\$1,074,485
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,216,090)</u>	<u>(1,159,699)</u>	<u>(1,085,195)</u>	<u>(1,074,485)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll	\$8,686,357	\$8,283,564	\$7,751,393	\$7,674,893
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability/Asset				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

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2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$1,017,537	\$1,029,358	\$922,716	\$870,321	\$860,685	\$801,863
<u>(1,017,537)</u>	<u>(1,029,358)</u>	<u>(922,716)</u>	<u>(870,321)</u>	<u>(860,685)</u>	<u>(801,863)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$7,268,121	\$7,352,557	\$6,590,829	\$6,216,579	\$6,147,750	\$6,168,177
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$61,682
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(61,682)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

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Net Pension Liability

Changes in Assumptions – SERS

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, on each anniversary of the initial retirement, the allowance of all retirees and survivors may be increased by the annual rate of increase in the CPI-W measured as of the June preceding the beginning of the applicable calendar year. The annual rate of increase shall not be less than 0 percent nor greater than 2.5 percent. The COLA was suspended for 2018-2020. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3 percent was used.

Amounts reported in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by SERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented below:

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Years 2021-2017	Fiscal Year 2016 and Prior
Wage Inflation	2.4 percent	3.00 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent	4.00 percent to 22.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.0 percent net of system expenses	7.50 percent net of investments expense, including inflation	7.75 percent net of investments expense, including inflation

Beginning in 2022, amounts reported use mortality rates based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

Amounts report for 2017 through 2021 use mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Amounts reported for fiscal year 2016 and prior, use mortality assumptions that are based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables were used for the period after disability retirement.

Changes in Assumptions - STRS

Beginning with fiscal year 2022, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by STRS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal years 2018-2021 and fiscal year 2017 and prior are presented below:

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	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Years 2021-2018	Fiscal Year 2017 and Prior
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.50 percent	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent	3.5 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Beginning with fiscal year 2022, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees were based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

For fiscal year 2017 and prior actuarial valuation, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022—Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males’ ages are set-back two years through age 89 and no set-back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89, and no set back from age 90 and above.

Changes in Benefit Term – STRS Pension

For fiscal year 2023, the Board approved a one-time 3 percent COLA effective on the anniversary of a benefit recipient’s retirement date for those eligible during fiscal year 2023 and eliminated the age 60 requirement to receive unreduced retirement that was scheduled to go into effect August 1, 2026.

Net OPEB Liability

Changes in Assumptions – SERS

Beginning with fiscal year 2022, amounts reported incorporate changes in assumptions and changes in benefit terms used by SERS in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in fiscal year 2021 and prior are presented below:

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2022	2021 and Prior
Inflation	2.40 percent	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation		
Wage Increases	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investment expense, including inflation	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation

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

Municipal Bond Index Rate:

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 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

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 year 2022, the discount rate was decreased from 7.45 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.00.

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For fiscal year 2023, the projected salary increases were changed from age based (2.5 percent to 12.50 percent) to service based (2.5 percent to 8.5 percent.)

Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS OPEB

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, there was no change to the claim's costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020, from 1.944 percent to 1.984 percent 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 percent for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

For fiscal year 2021, there was no change to the claim's costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, premium based on June 30, 2020, enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021, from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent 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 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

For fiscal year 2022, there was no change to the claim's costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, premium based on June 30, 2021, enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022, from 2.055 percent to 2.1 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D Subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in calendar year 2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

For fiscal year 2023, healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):	10.555	2022/2023	\$66,437
National School Lunch Program			
Cash Assistance			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2021/2022	42,653
National School Lunch	10.555	2021/2022	110,416
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2022/2023	213,672
National School Lunch	10.555	2022/2023	437,438
COVID-19 Supply Chain Funds	10.555	2023	35,463
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>839,642</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			906,079
Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649	2022	<u>3,135</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			909,214
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	2022	91,579
	84.010A	2023	551,242
Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	2022	220
	84.010A	2023	21,589
Supplemental School Improvement	84.010A	2023	60,798
School Quality Improvement Grant	84.010A	2022	45,209
	84.010A	2023	8,594
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>779,231</u>
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	2022	48,910
	84.027A	2023	349,443
Special Education - ARP	84.027X	2022	1,821
	84.027X	2023	36,309
Total Special Education - Grants to States			<u>436,483</u>
Special Education - Preschool Grant	84.173A	2022	885
	84.173A	2023	5,756
Special Education - Preschool Grant - ARP	84.173X	2023	995
Total Special Education - Preschool Grant			<u>7,636</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			444,119
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	2023	100,000
Rural Education	84.358B	2022	2,981
	84.358B	2023	32,518
Total Rural Education			<u>35,499</u>
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	2022	10,209
	84.367A	2023	63,709
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants			<u>73,918</u>
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	2022	3,681
	84.424A	2023	47,382
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment			<u>51,063</u>
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	2023	680,072
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	2023	1,147,777
American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	2023	13,220
Total COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund			<u>1,841,069</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			3,324,899
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Facilities Construction Commission</i>			
Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	OFCC-SS1-34298	114,388
	21.027	OFCC-SS3-34378	99,378
Total Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds			<u>213,766</u>
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			213,766
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$4,447,879</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

**WELLSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Wellston City School District (the School District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School District.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

NOTE F - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS

Federal regulations require schools to obligate certain federal awards by June 30. However, with ODE’s consent, schools can transfer unobligated amounts to the subsequent fiscal year’s program. The School District transferred the following amounts from 2022 to 2023 programs:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>AL Number</u>	<u>Amt.</u> <u>Transferred</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	\$ 12,674
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	25,926
Rural Education	84.358B	9,591
Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367A	3,156
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	5,416
Education Stabilization	84.425U	2,069,365
Education Stabilization	84.425W	11,910

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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

Wellston City School District
Jackson County
1 East Broadway Street
Wellston, Ohio 45692

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wellston City School District, Jackson County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 7, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 7, 2024

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

Wellston City School District
Jackson County
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To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited Wellston City School District's, Jackson County, Ohio (the School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Wellston City School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Wellston City School District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Qualified Opinion on Education Stabilization Fund AL #84.425

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions* section of our report, Wellston City School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Education Stabilization Fund for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, Wellston City School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major federal programs identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

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

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

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Education Stabilization, AL # 84.425

As described in Finding 2023-001 in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, the School District did not comply with requirements regarding Equipment and Real Property Management applicable to its Education Stabilization Fund AL #84.425 major federal program.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the School District to comply with requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2023-001, to be a material weakness.

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

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Corrective Action Plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 7, 2024

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**WELLSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
June 30, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Qualified opinion on Education Stabilization Fund - AL #84.425D, #84.425U and #84.425W Unmodified opinion on Child Nutrition Cluster AL #10.553 and #10.555 and Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies – AL #84.010A
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Nutrition Cluster – AL #10.553 and #10.555 • Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - AL #84.010A • Education Stabilization Fund – AL #84.425D, #84.425U and #84.425W 	
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	Yes

**WELLSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
June 30, 2023
(Continued)**

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

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

1. Inventory

Finding Number:	2023-001
Assistance Listing Number and Title:	AL # 84.425D/U Education Stabilization Fund
Federal Award Identification Number / Year:	2023
Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Compliance Requirement:	Equipment and Real Property Management
Pass-Through Entity:	Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
Repeat Finding from Prior Audit?	No
Prior Audit Finding Number:	N/A

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

2 C.F.R. § 3474.1 gives regulatory effect to the Department of Education for 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(d)(1) which states, that property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the Federal award identification number), who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sales price of the property.

School District Policy po7450 states that "equipment" shall mean a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus, or a set of articles which retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable, costs at least \$300 to replace as a single unit and does not lose its identity when incorporated into a more complex unit. When defining supplies for inventory purposes, no items will be counted whose total value is less than \$500.

The School District purchased 93 BenQ boards totaling \$ 247,456; shelving set units totaling \$5,792; and table and stools in the amount of \$2,180 using their American Rescue Plan Education Stabilization Fund AL #84.425U federal funding. The purchase was coded to supplies instead of equipment and thus was not flagged in the system to add to inventory. Due to lack of proper internal controls over Federal Grants management, the School District failed to flag and record these purchases in their capital asset records.

The Treasurer should ensure all capital acquisitions are added to the capital asset listing and include all required information in the listing, noting the assets were purchased with federal funds.

Officials' Response: The large purchase of equipment has been resolved with the items added to the inventory system. The grant guidelines classified the purchases as supplies due to the item cost which is how they were originally missed being reported. A large purchase of this type is an anomaly for the District. However, we have added reviewing federal supply purchases to our year-end inventory checklist.



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 CFR § 200.511(c)
JUNE 30, 2023

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Anticipated Completion Date:	02/28/2024
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