

NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED  
VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO

*SINGLE AUDIT*

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, Tuscarawas County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

February 18, 2025

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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

##### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements 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 District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with 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 Standard* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

##### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

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

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

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

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, required budgetary comparison schedule, and pension and other post-employment benefit schedules be presented to supplement the basic financial statements.

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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 GAAS, 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 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 23, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Rea & Associates, Inc.  
Zanesville, Ohio  
December 23, 2024

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

- In total, net position of governmental activities increased \$662,681 from 2023's net position.
- General revenues accounted for \$12,455,486 in revenue or 71.52% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions accounted for \$4,961,015 or 28.48% of total revenues of \$17,416,501.
- The District had \$16,753,820 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$4,961,015 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and operating grants and contributions. General revenues supporting governmental activities (primarily taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$12,455,486 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The District's major governmental fund is the general fund. The general fund had \$14,073,881 in revenues and \$13,497,647 in expenditures and other financing uses. During fiscal year 2024, the general fund's fund balance increased \$576,234 from a fund balance of \$4,469,288 to \$5,045,522.

### **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 District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *statement of net position* and *statement of activities* provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the District's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the District, the general fund is the only fund reported as major.

### **Reporting the District as a Whole**

#### ***Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities***

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

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

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In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the District's programs and services, including instruction, support services, operations and maintenance, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, and food service operations.

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

***Fund Financial Statements***

The analysis of the District's major governmental funds begins on page 12. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental fund is the general fund.

***Governmental Funds***

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

***Proprietary Funds***

The District maintains a proprietary fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the District's various functions. The District's internal service fund accounts for medical/surgical, vision and dental self-insurance.

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements***

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

***Required Supplementary Information***

The required supplementary information provides detailed information regarding the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset of the retirement systems and a ten year schedule of the District's contributions to the retirement systems to fund pension and OPEB obligations. It also includes budgetary information and a budgetary comparison schedule for the District's general fund.

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**The District as a Whole**

The table below provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

	<b>Net Position</b>	
	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 14,317,258	\$ 14,506,886
Capital assets, net	<u>8,462,375</u>	<u>8,548,926</u>
Total assets	<u>22,779,633</u>	<u>23,055,812</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Pension	2,361,312	2,796,702
OPEB	<u>496,280</u>	<u>292,624</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,857,592</u>	<u>3,089,326</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	1,916,148	1,857,861
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	372,141	356,110
Due in more than one year:		
Net pension liability	11,924,429	12,187,002
Net OPEB liability	881,676	754,268
Other amounts	<u>959,804</u>	<u>1,434,501</u>
Total liabilities	<u>16,054,198</u>	<u>16,589,742</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Property taxes levied for next year	4,070,333	3,854,746
Pension	978,903	1,450,227
OPEB	<u>1,418,953</u>	<u>1,798,266</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,468,189</u>	<u>7,103,239</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	8,139,295	7,656,520
Restricted	2,633,668	2,297,841
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(7,658,125)</u>	<u>(7,502,204)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,114,838</u>	<u>\$ 2,452,157</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27" and the net OPEB liability/asset is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the District's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB and net OPEB asset.

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

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

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

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the 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.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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

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

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At June 30, 2024, the District's liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets plus deferred outflows of resources by \$3,114,838.

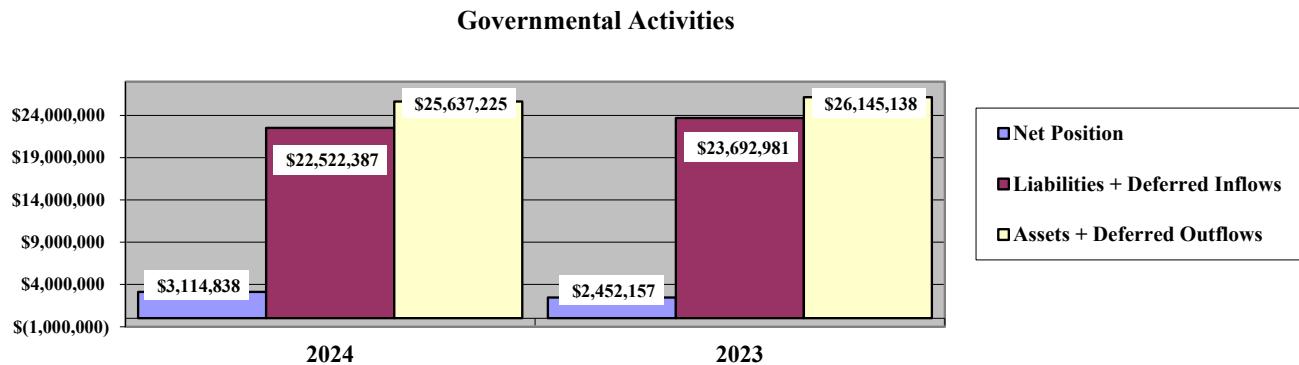
At fiscal year-end, capital assets represented 37.15% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and intangible right to use assets. Net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2024, was \$8,139,295. These capital assets are used to provide services to the students and are not available for future spending. Although the District's net investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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A portion of the District's net position, \$2,633,668, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$7,658,125.

The graph below illustrates the governmental activities assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.



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

<b>Change in Net Position</b>		
	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 578,162	\$ 640,749
Operating grants and contributions	3,948,393	4,943,209
Capital grants and contributions	434,460	602,789
General revenues:		
Property taxes	4,397,578	4,509,272
Grants and entitlements	7,796,829	6,932,901
Investment earnings	219,611	119,317
Other	41,468	45,984
Total revenues	<u>17,416,501</u>	<u>17,794,221</u>

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<b>Change in Net Position (Continued)</b>			
	Governmental Activities 2024	Governmental Activities 2023	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program expenses:			
Instruction:			
Regular	\$ 6,274,639	\$ 5,676,829	
Special	2,452,601	2,471,837	
Vocational	3,278	2,055	
Other	189,749	271,153	
Support services:			
Pupil	791,138	611,252	
Instructional staff	445,478	265,145	
Board of education	26,313	25,468	
Administration	1,697,304	1,516,291	
Fiscal	395,000	343,895	
Operations and maintenance	2,157,874	1,994,977	
Pupil transportation	651,933	576,336	
Central	344,712	311,205	
Operations of non-instructional:			
Food service operations	725,720	657,792	
Other non-instructional services	8,557	7,614	
Extracurricular activities	570,944	533,511	
Interest and fiscal charges	18,580	40,656	
Total expenses	<u>16,753,820</u>	<u>15,306,016</u>	
Change in net position	662,681	2,488,205	
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>2,452,157</u>	<u>(36,048)</u>	
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 3,114,838</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,452,157</u></u>	

**Governmental Activities**

Net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$662,681. Total governmental expenses of \$16,753,820 were offset by program revenues of \$4,961,015 and general revenues of \$12,455,486. Program revenues supported 29.61% of the total governmental expenses.

The primary sources of revenue for governmental activities are derived from property taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements. These revenue sources represent 70.02% of total governmental revenue. Total revenues decreased \$377,720 or 2.12% compared to the prior year. This was due to a decline in program revenues which is mostly as a result of less federal grant funding in fiscal year 2024 and less revenue from local contributions.

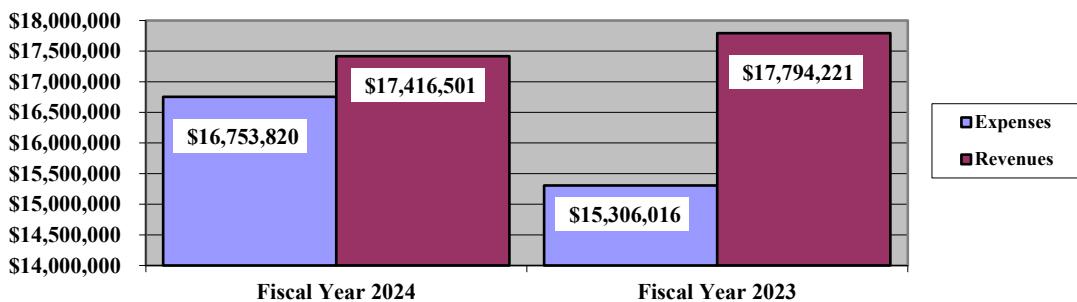
Overall, expenses of the governmental activities increased \$1,447,804 or 9.46%. A large portion of this increase is a direct result of higher operating costs for the District's self insurance program, which provides medical/surgical, vision, and dental benefits to its employees. This program had a net loss of \$1,041,856 in fiscal year 2024 which is a significant change from the net income of \$44,232 reported in the prior year.

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The graph below presents the District's governmental activities revenue and expenses for fiscal years 2024 and 2023:

**Governmental Activities - Revenues and Expenses**



Fluctuations in the pension expense and OPEB expense reported under GASB 68 and GASB 75, respectively, can make it difficult to compare financial information between years. Pension expense is a component of program expenses reported on the statement of activities. The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for fiscal years 2024 and 2023. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

**Governmental Activities**

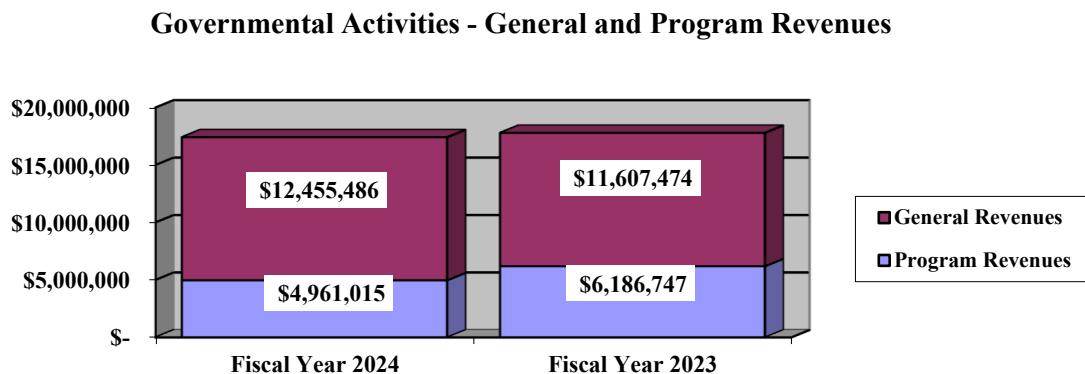
	Total Cost of Services 2024	Net Cost of Services 2024	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost of Services 2023
<b>Program expenses</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 6,274,639	\$ 5,492,105	\$ 5,676,829	\$ 4,775,570
Special	2,452,601	362,493	2,471,837	512,687
Vocational	3,278	3,278	2,055	1,844
Other	189,749	189,749	271,153	271,153
Support services:				
Pupil	791,138	478,793	611,252	16,407
Instructional staff	445,478	408,331	265,145	265,145
Board of education	26,313	26,313	25,468	25,468
Administration	1,697,304	1,697,304	1,516,291	1,516,291
Fiscal	395,000	395,000	343,895	343,895
Operations and maintenance	2,157,874	1,770,789	1,994,977	487,500
Pupil transportation	651,933	651,807	576,336	510,723
Central	344,712	344,712	311,205	296,205
Operation of non-instructional:				
Food service operations	725,720	39,587	657,792	7,897
Other non-instructional services	8,557	-	7,614	6,336
Extracurricular activities	570,944	(86,036)	533,511	41,492
Interest and fiscal charges	18,580	18,580	40,656	40,656
Total expenses	<u>\$ 16,753,820</u>	<u>\$ 11,792,805</u>	<u>\$ 15,306,016</u>	<u>\$ 9,119,269</u>

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The dependence upon tax and other general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 67.80% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues. For all governmental activities, general revenue support is 70.39%. The District's taxpayers and unrestricted grants and entitlements from the State of Ohio as a whole, are by far the primary support for the District's students.

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



**The District's Funds**

The District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$7,670,558 which represents an increase over last year's balance of \$6,475,529. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
General fund	\$ 5,045,522	\$ 4,469,288	\$ 576,234
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>2,625,036</u>	<u>2,006,241</u>	<u>618,795</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,670,558</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,475,529</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,195,029</u></b>

**General Fund**

The District's general fund's fund balance increased by \$576,234.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the revenues of the general fund for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Taxes	\$ 4,363,051	\$ 4,471,435	\$ (108,384)	(2.42) %
Tuition and fees	227,122	221,911	5,211	2.35 %
Earnings on investments	214,436	119,317	95,119	79.72 %
Intergovernmental	9,200,331	8,517,993	682,338	8.01 %
Other revenues	<u>68,941</u>	<u>70,995</u>	<u>(2,054)</u>	<u>(2.89) %</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,073,881</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 13,401,651</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 672,230</u></b>	<b><u>5.02 %</u></b>

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

Overall revenues of the general fund increased \$672,230 or 5.02%. Most of this was a result of higher intergovernmental revenues as the District received a higher allocation of State aid in fiscal year 2024. Earnings on investments also saw a sizeable increase which is due to rising interest rates.

The following table assists in illustrating the general fund's expenditures over the past two fiscal years.

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b>2024 Amount</b>	<b>2023 Amount</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Instruction	\$ 6,861,660	\$ 6,731,286	\$ 130,374	1.94 %
Support services	5,869,689	5,377,663	492,026	9.15 %
Operation of non-instructional services	-	4,221	(4,221)	(100.00) %
Extracurricular activities	302,150	249,998	52,152	20.86 %
Facilities acquisition and construction	13,007	209,096	(196,089)	(93.78) %
Debt service	<u>218,959</u>	<u>272,694</u>	<u>(53,735)</u>	<u>(19.71) %</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,265,465</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,844,958</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 420,507</u></b>	<b><u>3.27 %</u></b>

The overall increase in general fund expenditures of \$420,507 or 3.27% is primarily due to higher operating costs as a result of general inflationary trends. Facilities acquisition and construction was higher in the prior fiscal year due to the District entering into a new lease agreement.

***Budgeting Highlights***

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

During the course of fiscal year 2024, the District amended its general fund budget as needed. Final budgeted revenues and other financing sources were \$14,000,000 which represents no change from the original budget. Actual revenues and other financing sources for fiscal year 2024 were \$14,106,778. This represents a \$106,778 increase over final budgeted revenues.

General fund original appropriations were \$13,453,892 and final appropriations were \$13,819,562. The actual budget basis expenditures and other financing uses for fiscal year 2024 totaled \$13,485,669, which was \$333,893 less than the final budget.

***Capital Assets and Debt Administration***

***Capital Assets***

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the District had \$8,462,375 invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and intangible right to use assets. This entire amount is reported in governmental activities.

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The following table shows June 30, 2024 balances compared to June 30, 2023.

**Capital Assets at June 30  
(Net of Depreciation/Amortization)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	2024	2023
Land	\$ 134,788	\$ 134,788
Construction in progress	340,734	1,412,987
Land improvements	189,300	209,827
Building and improvements	6,652,694	5,507,336
Furniture and equipment	499,403	506,028
Vehicles	535,538	633,331
Intangible right to use - leased equipment	<u>109,918</u>	<u>144,629</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 8,462,375</u>	 <u>\$ 8,548,926</u>

The overall decrease in capital assets of \$86,551 is due to depreciation/amortization expense of \$538,025 exceeding capital asset additions of \$451,474 in the fiscal year.

See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's capital assets.

***Debt Administration***

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$649,209 in general obligation bonds, leases payable, and note obligations outstanding. Of this total, \$322,310 is due within one year and \$326,899 is due in greater than one year.

The following table summarizes the debt outstanding at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

**Outstanding Debt, at Year End**

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2024	2023
General obligation bonds	\$ 326,129	\$ 401,230
Leases payable	112,741	146,094
Notes payable - financed purchase	-	90,992
Note obligations	<u>210,339</u>	<u>368,474</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 649,209</u>	 <u>\$ 1,006,790</u>

There were no new debt issuances in fiscal year 2024 and principal retirement amounted to \$357,581. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for additional information on the District's debt administration.

**Current Financial Related Activities**

The District has committed itself to educational and financial excellence. With leadership from the Board of Education and prudent fiscal planning, resources are allocated to meet the educational goals and challenges of our students. The District has been very frugal and has carefully managed its general fund budget in order to get the maximum value for the tax dollars available for educating the students of the District.

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TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

The District has not been on the ballot for new funding since February 2006 when an 8 mill, five-year emergency levy was passed. The Levy was renewed at the March 2024 election and generates \$750,000 annually.

The District also renewed a current 9.2 mill operating levy in May 2021. This operating levy generates approximately \$826,000 annually.

The District settled a three-year contract on wages and benefits with both the certified and classified associations. The contract expires on June 30, 2025.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information please contact Christie Green, Treasurer, Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District, 702 S. River Street, Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832.

**BASIC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,322,440
Cash with fiscal agent	1,216,997
Receivables:	
Property taxes	4,724,616
Accounts	6,425
Intergovernmental	199,950
Prepayments	6,785
Materials and supplies inventory	2,952
Inventory held for resale	19,497
Net OPEB asset	817,596
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	475,522
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>7,986,853</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>8,462,375</u>
Total assets	<u>22,779,633</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	
Pension	2,361,312
OPEB	<u>496,280</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,857,592</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	45,375
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,282,866
Intergovernmental payable	29,454
Pension obligation payable	202,605
Accrued interest payable	3,848
Claims payable	352,000
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	372,141
Due in more than one year:	
Net pension liability	11,924,429
Net OPEB liability	881,676
Other amounts due in more than one year	<u>959,804</u>
Total liabilities	<u>16,054,198</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	4,070,333
Pension	<u>978,903</u>
OPEB	<u>1,418,953</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,468,189</u>
<b>Net position:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	8,139,295
Restricted for:	
OPEB	817,596
Classroom facilities maintenance	264,621
Debt service	55,371
State funded programs	4,348
Federally funded programs	3,940
Food service operations	123,903
Student activities	88,303
Athletic facilities capital projects	1,275,586
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(7,658,125)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,114,838</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Program Revenues</b>	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>	
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$ 6,274,639	\$ 61,804	\$ 720,730	\$ -	\$ (5,492,105)
Special	2,452,601	167,653	1,922,455	-	(362,493)
Vocational	3,278	-	-	-	(3,278)
Other	189,749	-	-	-	(189,749)
Support services:					
Pupil	791,138	-	312,345	-	(478,793)
Instructional staff	445,478	-	37,147	-	(408,331)
Board of education	26,313	-	-	-	(26,313)
Administration	1,697,304	-	-	-	(1,697,304)
Fiscal	395,000	-	-	-	(395,000)
Operations and maintenance	2,157,874	-	387,085	-	(1,770,789)
Pupil transportation	651,933	-	126	-	(651,807)
Central	344,712	-	-	-	(344,712)
Operation of non-instructional services:					
Food service operations	725,720	126,185	559,948	-	(39,587)
Other non-instructional services	8,557	-	8,557	-	-
Extracurricular activities	570,944	222,520	-	434,460	86,036
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>18,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,580)</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,753,820</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 578,162</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,948,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 434,460</u></b>	<b><u>(11,792,805)</u></b>

**General revenues:**

Property taxes levied for:

4,397,578

    General purposes

7,796,829

    Grants and entitlements not restricted

219,611

        to specific programs

41,468

    Investment earnings

12,455,486

    Miscellaneous

    Total general revenues

662,681

Change in net position

2,452,157

**Net position at beginning of year**

2,452,157

**Net position at end of year**

\$ 3,114,838

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,848,122	\$ 1,474,318	\$ 7,322,440
Cash with fiscal agent	-	1,216,997	1,216,997
Receivables:			
Property taxes	4,724,616	-	4,724,616
Accounts	6,425	-	6,425
Intergovernmental	77,000	122,950	199,950
Prepayments	6,590	195	6,785
Materials and supplies inventory	-	2,952	2,952
Inventory held for resale	-	19,497	19,497
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,662,753</u>	<u>\$ 2,836,909</u>	<u>\$ 13,499,662</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 25,879	\$ 950	\$ 26,829
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,093,546	189,320	1,282,866
Intergovernmental payable	27,366	2,088	29,454
Pension obligation payable	184,377	18,228	202,605
Total liabilities	<u>1,331,168</u>	<u>210,586</u>	<u>1,541,754</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>			
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year	4,070,333	-	4,070,333
Delinquent property tax revenue not available	168,949	-	168,949
Intergovernmental revenue not available	46,781	1,287	48,068
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,286,063</u>	<u>1,287</u>	<u>4,287,350</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>			
Nonspendable:			
Materials and supplies inventory	-	2,952	2,952
Prepays	6,590	195	6,785
Restricted:			
Debt service	-	55,371	55,371
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	264,621	264,621
Food service operations	-	134,062	134,062
State funded programs	-	4,348	4,348
Federally funded programs	-	3,940	3,940
Extracurricular activities	-	88,290	88,290
Athletic facilities capital projects	-	1,276,019	1,276,019
Assigned:			
Student instruction	33,657	-	33,657
Student and staff support	61,308	-	61,308
Extracurricular activities	6,087	-	6,087
Subsequent year's appropriations	260,118	-	260,118
School supplies	29,126	-	29,126
Capital improvements	-	796,525	796,525
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>4,648,636</u>	<u>(1,287)</u>	<u>4,647,349</u>
Total fund balances	<u>5,045,522</u>	<u>2,625,036</u>	<u>7,670,558</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,662,753</u>	<u>\$ 2,836,909</u>	<u>\$ 13,499,662</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO  
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>	\$ 7,670,558
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on 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.	8,462,375
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.	
Property taxes receivable	\$ 168,949
Intergovernmental receivable	48,068
Total	<hr/> 217,017
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position.	(370,546)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.	(3,848)
The net pension/OPEB assets & liabilities are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the assets, liabilities and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds.	
Deferred outflows - pension	2,361,312
Deferred inflows - pension	(978,903)
Net pension liability	(11,924,429)
Deferred outflows - OPEB	496,280
Deferred inflows - OPEB	(1,418,953)
Net OPEB asset	817,596
Net OPEB liability	<hr/> (881,676)
Total	(11,528,773)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Energy conservation bonds	(326,129)
Leases payable	(112,741)
Compensated absences	(682,736)
Notes payable	<hr/> (210,339)
Total	<hr/> (1,331,945)
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<hr/> \$ 3,114,838

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<i>(Formerly major)</i> <b>Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
	<b>General</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 4,363,051	\$ -	\$ 4,363,051
Intergovernmental	9,200,331	2,854,896	12,055,227
Investment earnings	214,436	434,460	648,896
Tuition and fees	227,122	-	227,122
Extracurricular	25,138	197,382	222,520
Charges for services	-	126,185	126,185
Contributions and donations	26,080	-	26,080
Miscellaneous	17,723	-	17,723
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>14,073,881</b>	<b>3,612,923</b>	<b>17,686,804</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	5,064,089	751,603	5,815,692
Special	1,607,322	747,945	2,355,267
Vocational	500	-	500
Other	189,749	-	189,749
Support services:			
Pupil	731,853	29,772	761,625
Instructional staff	361,271	37,147	398,418
Board of education	26,691	-	26,691
Administration	1,610,302	-	1,610,302
Fiscal	358,735	-	358,735
Operations and maintenance	1,919,415	581,354	2,500,769
Pupil transportation	538,459	-	538,459
Central	322,963	-	322,963
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Food service operations	-	690,472	690,472
Other non-instructional services	-	8,557	8,557
Extracurricular activities	302,150	217,460	519,610
Facilities acquisition and construction	13,007	-	13,007
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	199,446	158,135	357,581
Interest and fiscal charges	19,513	3,865	23,378
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>13,265,465</b>	<b>3,226,310</b>	<b>16,491,775</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	808,416	386,613	1,195,029
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>			
Transfers in	-	232,182	232,182
Transfers (out)	(232,182)	-	(232,182)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(232,182)</b>	<b>232,182</b>	<b>-</b>
Net change in fund balances	576,234	618,795	1,195,029
Fund balances (deficit) as previously reported	4,469,288	(310,601)	2,316,842
Adjustments - changes in major fund presentation	-	310,601	(310,601)
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year, adjusted</b>	<b>4,469,288</b>	<b>2,006,241</b>	<b>6,475,529</b>
<b>Fund balances at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 5,045,522</b>	<b>\$ 2,625,036</b>	<b>\$ 7,670,558</b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, 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, 2024**

<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	\$ 1,195,029
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>	
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.	
Capital asset additions	\$ 451,474
Current year depreciation/amortization	<u>(538,025)</u>
Total	(86,551)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
Property taxes	34,527
Intergovernmental	<u>(310,005)</u>
Total	(275,478)
Repayment of principal on long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.	
	357,581
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. The following items resulted in less interest being reported in the statement of activities:	
Decrease in accrued interest payable	4,798
Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.	
Pension	1,140,409
OPEB	<u>39,158</u>
Total	1,179,567
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability/asset are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.	
Pension	(841,902)
OPEB	<u>144,533</u>
Total	(697,369)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
	26,960
An internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.	
	<u>(1,041,856)</u>
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 662,681</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 18,546
Claims payable	<u>352,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>370,546</u>
<b>Net position:</b>	
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u><u>\$ (370,546)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<b>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>	
Sales/charges for services	\$ 2,550,566
<b>Operating expenses:</b>	
Purchased services	515,496
Claims	<u>3,082,101</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,597,597</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,047,031)</u>
<b>Nonoperating revenues:</b>	
Interest revenue	<u>5,175</u>
Change in net position	(1,041,856)
<b>Net position at beginning of year</b>	<u>671,310</u>
<b>Net position (deficit) at end of year</b>	<u>\$ (370,546)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Cash received from interfund services	\$ 2,550,566
Cash payments for purchased services	(496,950)
Cash payments for claims	<u>(2,810,942)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(757,326)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Interest received	<u>5,175</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>5,175</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(752,151)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	752,151
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Operating loss	\$ (1,047,031)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts payable	18,546
Claims payable	<u>271,159</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (757,326)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

The District was established in 1856 through the consolidation of existing land areas and school districts. The District is staffed by 47 non-certified employees, 79 certified full-time teaching personnel and 11 administrative employees who provide services to 833 students and other community members. The District currently operates 4 instructional buildings, 1 administrative building and 1 garage.

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

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

**A. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, “*The Financial Reporting Entity*” as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, “*Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*” and GASB Statement No. 61, “*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*”. The reporting entity is composed of the primary government and component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s Governing Board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; or (3) the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government’s financial statements incomplete or misleading. Based upon the application of these criteria, the District has no component units. The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include only those of the District (the primary government).

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

The following organizations are described due to their relationship to the District:

*JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS*

Buckeye Career Center

The Buckeye Career Center is a separate body politic and corporate, established by the Ohio Revised Code to provide for the vocational and special education needs of the students. The Career Center's Board of Education is comprised of representatives from the Board of Education of each participating school district. The Career Center's Board of Education is responsible for approving its own budgets, appointing personnel, and accounting and finance related activities. The District's students may attend the Career Center. Each participating district's control is limited to its representation on the Career Center's Board of Education. During fiscal year 2024, no monies were paid to the Career Center by the District.

Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency Information Technology Center Regional Council of Governments

The District participates in the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency Information Technology Center Regional Council of Governments (OME-RESA). OME-RESA is a computer service organization whose primary function is to provide information technology services to its member districts with the major emphasis being placed on accounting, payroll and inventory control services. Other areas of service provided by OME-RESA include pupil scheduling, attendance and grade reporting, career guidance services, special education records and test scoring.

OME-RESA is one of 18 regional service organizations serving over 600 public districts in the State of Ohio that make up the Ohio Education Computer Network (OECN). These service organizations are known as Data Acquisition Sites. The OECN is a collective group of Data Acquisition Sites, authorized pursuant to Section 3301.075 of the Ohio Revised Code, and their member districts. Such sites, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW), comprise a statewide delivery system to provide comprehensive, cost-efficient accounting and other administrative and instructional computer services for participating Ohio districts.

Major funding for this network is derived from the State of Ohio. In addition, a majority of the software utilized by the OME-RESA is developed by the ODEW.

OME-RESA is owned and operated by 43 member districts in 11 different Ohio counties. The member districts are comprised of public districts and educational service centers. Each member district pays an annual fee for services provided by OME-RESA. OME-RESA is governed by a Board of Directors, which is selected by the member districts. Each member district has one vote in all matters and each member district's control over budgeting and financing of OME-RESA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Directors. During fiscal year 2024, \$45,664 was paid to OME-RESA by the District for various services. OME-RESA is located at 2230 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio 43952. The Jefferson County Educational Service Center is one of OME-RESA's member districts, and acts in the capacity of fiscal agent for OME-RESA.

Tuscarawas County Tax Incentive Review Council

The Tuscarawas County Tax Incentive Review Council (TCTIRC) is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to State statutes. TCTIRC has 55 members, consisting of three members appointed by the County Commissioners, 22 members appointed by municipal corporations, 18 members appointed by township trustees, one member from the county auditor's office, and 11 members appointed by Boards of Education located within the county. TCTIRC reviews and evaluates the performance of each Enterprise Zone Agreement. This body is advisory in nature and cannot directly impact an existing Enterprise Zone Agreement; however, the TCTIRC can make written recommendations to the legislative authority which approved the agreement. There is no cost associated with being a member of the TCTIRC. The continued existence of the TCTIRC is not dependent on the District's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

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

The District does not retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility with any of these organizations. During fiscal year 2024, no monies were paid to the TCTIRC by the District.

**Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools**

The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (Coalition) is a jointly governed organization including numerous school districts in Ohio. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of no more than nineteen members, not including ex-officio members. The board members are composed of the Dean of the College of Education and two additional members from Ohio University appointed by the Dean, one elected member from each of the eight multi-county regions, and eight additional members appointed by each of the elected members, one from each multi-county region. Elected and appointed members, other than those representing Ohio University, must be an active school superintendent from a member school district. The Coalition provides various in-service for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding conditions of education 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 Board exercises total control over the operations of the Coalition including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the Board. During fiscal year 2024, the District paid \$400 to the Coalition for membership and advocacy services.

***PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS***

**Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program**

The District participates in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (the "Plan") was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as a group purchasing pool. The Plan'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 Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

**The Jefferson Health Plan**

The District participates in The Jefferson Health Plan (the "Plan"), a council of governments of school districts and other political subdivisions organized and existing as a joint self-insurance program pursuant to Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code to provide healthcare and related insurance benefits to over ninety member organizations. The Plan's business affairs are conducted by a Board of Directors elected from member organizations and composed of one representative from each county served and a career center representative. Each member organization pays a monthly premium based on its claims history and a monthly administration fee.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The District has no fiduciary funds.

***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 plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance.

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

The following is the District's 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.

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

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

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

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

***PROPRIETARY FUND***

Proprietary funds are used to account for the District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The District has no enterprise funds. The following is a description of the District's internal service fund:

*Internal service fund* - The internal service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The only internal service fund of the District accounts for a self-insurance program which provides medical/surgical, vision and dental benefits to employees.

**C. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Focus**

*Government-Wide Financial Statements* - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. Internal service fund operating activity is eliminated to avoid overstatement of revenues and expenses.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the governmental activities of the District. 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 amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net position.

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

*Fund Financial Statements* - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column, and all nonmajor funds are aggregated into one column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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

Like the government-wide statements, the internal service fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets, all deferred outflows of resources, all liabilities and all deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of fund net position. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenue of the District's internal service fund is charges for services. Operating expenses for the internal service fund include claims expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**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 are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, 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 6).

Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

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 of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources* - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will 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. See Notes 12 and 13 for deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on debt refunding.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements 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 as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2024, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources 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. Unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

See Notes 12 and 13 for deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively. These deferred inflows of resources are only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

*Expenses/Expenditures* - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances as an expenditure with a like amount reported as intergovernmental revenue.

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

**E. Budgets**

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

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

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

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

*TAX BUDGET*

On July 25, 2002, the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission voted to waive the requirement that school districts adopt a tax budget as required by Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, by January 15 and the filing by January 20. In order to complete other necessary documents, the Budget Commission now requires certain information to be filed by May 1. Information required includes the general fund five-year forecast submitted to the Department of Education, projected revenues and expenditures line items for all levy funds, projected revenues and debt requirements (principal and interest) and amortization schedules for the debt service fund, and balances and total anticipated activity for all other funds.

*ESTIMATED RESOURCES*

The Board of Education accepts, by formal resolution, the tax rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and receives the Commission's certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to July 1, the District must revise its budget so that total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the appropriation measure. On or about July 1, the certificate is amended to include any unencumbered cash balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District Treasurer. The amounts reported in the budgetary schedules reflect the amounts in the original and final certificates of estimated resources issued during fiscal year 2024.

*APPROPRIATIONS*

Upon receipt from the County Auditor of an amended certificate of estimated resources based on final assessed values and tax rates or a certificate saying no new certificate is necessary, the annual appropriations resolution must be legally enacted by the Board of Education at the fund level of expenditures for all funds, which is the legal level of budgetary control. Prior to the passage of the annual appropriations resolution, the Board of Education may pass a temporary appropriation measure to meet the ordinary expenses of the District. The appropriations resolution must be within the estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission and the total of expenditures and encumbrances may not exceed the appropriation totals at any level of control. Any revisions that alter the appropriations at the legal level of control must be approved by the Board of Education.

The Board of Education may pass supplemental fund appropriations so long as the total appropriations by fund do not exceed the amounts set forth in the most recent certificate of estimated resources. Supplemental appropriations were legally enacted by the Board of Education during fiscal year 2024.

The budget figures, which appear in the schedules of budgetary comparisons, represent the original and final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds other than custodial funds, consistent with statutory provisions.

*LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS*

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

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

**F. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the District's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements.

During fiscal year 2024, the District maintained depository accounts at financial institutions and invested in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). The District is also reporting \$1,216,997 in assets as cash held by a fiscal agent during fiscal year 2024. This amount relates to funds deposited in the Thomas R. Little Memorial Trust for the purpose of investing the monies until needed.

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

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

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. By policy of the Board of Education, investment earnings are assigned to the general fund. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2024 amounted to \$214,426, which includes \$50,546 assigned from other District funds.

**G. Prepayments**

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

**H. Inventory**

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their fair value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption, donated food and purchased food.

**I. Capital Assets**

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary fund. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These 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.

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and deductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value. The District maintains two capitalization thresholds: \$15,000 for land and building improvements and \$5,000 for all other potential assets. 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. The District does not possess infrastructure.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	20 years	
Buildings and improvements	25 - 40 years	
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years	
Vehicles	10 years	
Intangible right to use - leased equipment	5 years	

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

**J. Interfund Balances**

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans from the general fund to other governmental funds are classified as "interfund loans receivable/payable" or "due to/from other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental type activities columns of the statement of net position.

**K. Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences of the District consist of vacation leave and sick leave to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and the employee.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "*Accounting for Compensated Absences*", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. A liability for sick leave is accrued using the vesting method; i.e., the liability is based on the sick leave accumulated at June 30, 2024, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future, all employees at least 50 years of age with 10 years of service or any age with at least 20 years of service, were considered expected to become eligible to retire in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at June 30, 2024 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus any applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

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

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

**L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences, claims and judgements, net pension liability and net OPEB liability 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 year. Bonds, notes and lease agreements are recognized as a liability on the 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.

**M. Fund Balance**

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

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

*Restricted* - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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

*Assigned* - Amounts in the assigned 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 nor 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 policies of the District Board of Education, which includes giving the Treasurer the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

*Unassigned* - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

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

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

**N. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The net position component “net investment in capital assets,” consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

**O. Estimates**

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

**P. Interfund Activity**

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

**Q. Unamortized Bond Premium and Discount/Issuance Costs/Unamortized Accounting Gain or Loss**

Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds.

On fund financial statements and the government wide financial statements, issuance costs are expensed/expended in the fiscal year they occur.

For bond refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt reported in the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as a deferred outflow of resources. No activity is reported for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, bond issuance costs and bond premiums are recognized in the current period.

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

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, net OPEB asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related 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.

**S. Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2024.

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**A. Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2024, the District has implemented certain paragraphs from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, "Omnibus 2022", GASB Statement No. 100, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62" and Implementation Guide No. 2023-1.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on balances previously report by the District.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

GASB Statement No. 100 is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. These changes have been incorporated into the fiscal year 2024 financial statements.

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

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**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)**

**B. Deficit Fund Balances**

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

<u>Nonmajor governmental funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Title I	\$ 76
Title I-A	261
Title IV-A	950

The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS**

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

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

Inactive deposits are public deposits 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 or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the fair value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS - (Continued)**

6. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance for a period not to exceed one-hundred-eighty days and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed two-hundred-seventy days, respectively, from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed forty percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time, provided that the investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer does not exceed in the aggregate five percent of interim monies available for investment at the time of purchase; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**A. Cash with Fiscal Agent**

The balance of the District's Education Foundation Fund is invested through the Thomas R. Little Memorial Fund. The Education Foundation was established under Ohio Rev. Code 3315.40, which exempts the investments held from the requirements of Chapter 135 of the Ohio Rev. Code. The amount held by the Custodian at June 30, 2024 was \$1,216,997. This amount is not included in the "deposits" or "investments" reported below.

**B. Deposits with Financial Institutions**

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of all District deposits was \$3,776,570 and the bank balance of all District deposits was \$4,164,502. Of the bank balance, \$1,458,539 was covered by the FDIC, and \$2,705,963 was potentially exposed to custodial credit risk as discussed below.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the District and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose fair value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total fair value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. For 2024, the District's financial institutions pledged eligible securities as collateral for deposits whose fair value was at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS - (Continued)**

**C. Investments**

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

<u>Investment Maturities</u>		
<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>6 months or less</u>
<i>Net Asset Value:</i>		
STAR Ohio	<u>\$ 3,545,870</u>	<u>\$ 3,545,870</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is one day.

*Interest Rate Risk:* Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. The District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring the consideration of cash flow requirements and market conditions in determining the term of an investment and limiting investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

*Credit Risk:* STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAA by Standard & Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond requiring the District to only invest in securities authorized by State statute.

*Custodial Credit Risk:* For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

*Concentration of Credit Risk:* The District's investment policy addresses concentration of credit risk by requiring investments to be diversified in order to reduce the risk of loss resulting from the over concentration of assets in a specific type of security, the erosion of fair value, or by default. However, the District's investment policy does not place any limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer.

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	<u>\$ 3,545,870</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS - (Continued)**

**D. Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to the Statement of Net Position**

The following is a reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents as reported in the note above to cash and cash equivalents as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2024:

<u>Cash and cash equivalents per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 3,776,570
Investments	3,545,870
Cash with fiscal agent	<u>1,216,997</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,539,437</u>

<u>Cash and cash equivalents per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 8,539,437</u>

**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

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

<u>Transfers from the general fund to:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 232,182</u>

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. All transfers made in fiscal year 2024 were in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property and public utility property located within the District's parameters. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2024 represent the collection of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised fair value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established. Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2024 represent the collection of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and personal property taxes received in calendar year 2024 became a lien on December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)**

The District receives property taxes from Tuscarawas, Guernsey and Coshocton Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2024, are available to finance fiscal year 2024 operations. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were:

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General fund	\$ 485,334	\$ 545,598

The amount of second-half real property taxes available for advance at fiscal year-end can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property, public utility property and delinquent tangible personal property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2024 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 reported as revenue at fiscal year-end. The portion of the receivable not levied to finance current fiscal year operations is offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources.

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

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

	2023 Second Half Collections		2024 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 125,406,780	78.30	\$ 125,511,110	76.20
Public utility personal	34,749,680	21.70	39,192,700	23.80
Total	<u>\$ 160,156,460</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 164,703,810</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:	\$47.30		\$47.20	

**NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2024 consisted of property taxes, accounts (fees and charges for services), and intergovernmental grants and entitlements. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds. Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected in the subsequent year.

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**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	<u>Balance 6/30/23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/24</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:</i>				
Land	\$ 134,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,788
Construction in progress	<u>1,412,987</u>	<u>386,924</u>	<u>(1,459,177)</u>	<u>340,734</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	<u>1,547,775</u>	<u>386,924</u>	<u>(1,459,177)</u>	<u>475,522</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:</i>				
Land improvements	1,890,075	-	-	1,890,075
Buildings and improvements	13,623,337	1,469,094	-	15,092,431
Furniture and equipment	2,207,118	54,633	-	2,261,751
Vehicles	1,301,379	-	-	1,301,379
Intangible right to use - leased assets	<u>173,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,555</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	<u>19,195,464</u>	<u>1,523,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,719,191</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation/amortization</i>				
Land improvements	(1,680,248)	(20,527)	-	(1,700,775)
Buildings and improvements	(8,116,001)	(323,736)	-	(8,439,737)
Furniture and equipment	(1,701,090)	(61,258)	-	(1,762,348)
Vehicles	(668,048)	(97,793)	-	(765,841)
Intangible right to use - leased assets	<u>(28,926)</u>	<u>(34,711)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(63,637)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(12,194,313)</u>	<u>(538,025)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,732,338)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,548,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,372,626</u>	<u>\$ (1,459,177)</u>	<u>\$ 8,462,375</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

**Instruction:**

Regular	\$ 222,029
Special	23,686
Vocational	2,778

**Support services:**

Pupil	3,594
Instructional staff	24,849
Administration	16,587
Fiscal	9,120
Operations and maintenance	33,523
Pupil transportation	89,805

**Operation of non-instructional services:**

Food service operations	23,117
Extracurricular	<u>88,937</u>
Total depreciation/amortization expense	<u>\$ 538,025</u>

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

**A.** During fiscal year 2024, the following changes occurred in governmental activities' long-term obligations.

<b><u>Governmental activities:</u></b>	<b>Balance 06/30/23</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Balance 06/30/24</b>	<b>Amount Due Within One Year</b>	
					<b>General obligation bonds</b>	<b>77,563</b>
Energy conservation bonds - series 2017	\$ 401,230	\$ -	\$ (75,101)	\$ 326,129	\$ 77,563	
Leases payable	146,094	-	(33,353)	112,741	34,408	
Notes payable - financed purchase	90,992	-	(90,992)	-	-	
Note obligation	368,474	-	(158,135)	210,339	210,339	
Net pension liability	12,187,002	37,772	(300,345)	11,924,429	-	
Net OPEB liability	754,268	127,408	-	881,676	-	
Compensated absences	783,821	49,831	(150,916)	682,736	49,831	
<b>Total long-term obligations</b>	<b>\$ 14,731,881</b>	<b>\$ 215,011</b>	<b>\$ (808,842)</b>	<b>\$ 14,138,050</b>	<b>\$ 372,141</b>	

**Net Pension Liability:** The District's net pension liability is described in Note 12. The District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service.

**Net OPEB Liability:** The District's net OPEB liability is described in Note 13. The District pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service.

**Compensated Absences:** The District pays compensated absences from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid which, for the District, primarily includes the general fund, the food service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), the special education fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), and the Title I fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

**B. Series 2017 Energy Conservation Improvement Bonds**

During fiscal year 2018, the District issued energy conservation bonds in the amount of \$750,000 to provide for energy improvements to various District buildings. The improvements were not considered to be capital improvements and therefore have not been included in the District's capital assets. The bonds bear an interest rate of 3.25%. The primary source of repayment of this obligation is through energy savings as a result of the improvements. Payments of principal and interest are due semi-annually on February 12 and August 12, with the final maturity on February 12, 2028 and are recorded as expenditures in the general fund.

The following is a summary of the District's future debt service requirements to maturity for the energy conservation bonds:

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>Series 2017 Energy Conservation Bonds</b>		
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 77,563	\$ 10,124	\$ 87,687
2026	80,166	7,521	87,687
2027	82,826	4,860	87,686
2028	85,574	2,112	87,686
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 326,129</b>	<b>\$ 24,617</b>	<b>\$ 350,746</b>

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

**C. Leases Payable**

The District has entered into lease agreements for the right to use copier equipment. The lease payments will be paid from the general fund.

The District has entered into lease agreements for copier equipment at terms as follows:

Description	Lease Commencement		Years	Lease End Date	Payment Method
	Date				
Copier Equipment	2023		5	2028	Monthly

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Leases Payable		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 34,408	\$ 3,028	\$ 37,436
2026	35,497	1,939	37,436
2027	36,621	816	37,437
2028	6,215	24	6,239
Total	\$ 112,741	\$ 5,807	\$ 118,548

**D. Notes Payable - Financed Purchase Agreement**

The District entered into a financed-purchase agreement for the acquisition of school buses. The payments have been recorded as expenditures in the general fund, and the final payment was made in fiscal year 2024.

**E. Note Obligation - Lee Stadium Field House Loan Agreement**

On March 12, 2019, the District signed a promissory note with First Federal Community Bank for \$1,000,000. The note proceeds were used for the construction of an athletic fieldhouse. On April 8, 2021, the District paid off this note and signed a new promissory note with First Federal Community Bank for \$603,250 for the purpose of refinancing the previous note. The note carries an interest rate of 2.99% and annual payments of principal and interest are made each April 8 and are paid from the Vernon and Edith Lee Trust fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Future principal and interest requirements to retire the promissory note outstanding at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Promissory Note		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 210,339	\$ 2,967	\$ 213,306

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

**F. Legal Debt Margin**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligation debt of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that unvoted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The code additionally states that unvoted indebtedness related to energy conservation debt shall not exceed 9/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District. The assessed valuation used in determining the District's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the District's legal debt margin calculation excluded tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The effects of these debt limitations at June 30, 2024, are a voted debt margin of \$14,878,714 (including available funds of \$55,371) and an unvoted debt margin of \$164,704.

**NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**A. Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Certified, classified, administration and support staff employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 255 days for certified, administration and support staff employees and 240 days for classified employees.

Employees with ten years of service with the District may, at the time of their retirement from service with the District, may elect to receive partial payment for their unused accumulated sick leave in the form of a severance payment. Certified, administration and support staff employees can request 1/4 of their sick leave up to a maximum of 60 days for severance payment. Classified employees can request 1/3 of their sick leave up to a maximum of 60 days for severance payment.

**B. Life Insurance**

The District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to employees through Unum Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$30,000.

**NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, the District contracted with Ohio School Plan for property insurance, for fleet insurance, liability insurance, and inland marine coverage. Coverages provided by Ohio School Plan are as follows:

Building and contents - replacement cost (\$1,000 deductible)	\$88,098,193
Automobile liability (Buses, \$1,000 deductible; Other, \$250/\$500 deductible)	5,000,000
Professional liability:	
Per occurrence	5,000,000
Per aggregate	7,000,000

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Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years and there has been no reduction in coverage.

**B. Workers' Compensation**

For fiscal year 2024, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (See Note 2.A.). The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. 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 Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the state based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgwick provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan.

**C. Employee Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance**

The District provides employee medical, dental, and vision benefits through a self-insured plan and maintains a self-insurance internal service fund to account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss in this program. Major medical expense coverage includes a \$350 individual and \$700 family deductible followed by a 10% employee co-payment. The District is a member organization of The Jefferson Health Plan, a public entity group purchasing trust organized under the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 as a Council of Governments. The District purchases stop loss protection through the Jefferson Health Plan with a \$75,000 specific deductible and a \$215,000 aggregating specific deductible. The specific deductible applies to cumulative medical and drug claim payments made on behalf of plan participants covered under an approved benefit program during the current period July 1 through June 30. Cumulative claim payments, which are found to be in excess of the applicable deductible, made on behalf of a covered plan participant during a policy year are covered through The Jefferson Health Plan's Large Claim Reimbursement Program. Cumulative claim payments made on behalf of a covered plan participant during a policy year, which are found to exceed \$1,500,000, are eligible for reimbursement from The Jefferson Health Plan's excess stop loss insurance policy, currently placed through Sun Life. A third-party administrator, MedBen, reviews all claims, which are then funded by Jefferson Health Plan.

The claims liability of \$352,000 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2024, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*", as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, "*Risk Financing Omnibus*", which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred, but not reported claims, be accrued at the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims.

Changes in claims activity for the past two fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Claims Incurred</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2024	\$ 80,841	\$ 3,082,101	\$ (2,810,942)	\$ 352,000
2023	177,235	2,193,919	(2,290,313)	80,841

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

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

***Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability/Asset***

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/asset reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively.

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

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

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

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

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 13 for the required OPEB disclosures.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension/OPEB liability (asset)* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

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

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

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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. A three-year COLA suspension was in effect for all benefit recipients for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Upon resumption of the COLA, it will be indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5% and with a floor of 0%. In 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees and beneficiaries in 2024.

**Funding Policy** - Plan members are required to contribute 10.00% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14.00% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10.00% for plan members and 14.00% for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.00%. For fiscal year 2024, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$304,392 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$18,498 is reported as a liability.

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

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

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

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The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.20% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

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

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 9.53% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 4.47% of the 14% employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

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

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

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

Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$836,017 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$142,232 is reported as a liability.

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

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.052389600%	0.042075180%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.051966400%</u>	<u>0.042038750%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.000423200%</u>	<u>-0.000036430%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,871,409	\$ 9,053,020	\$ 11,924,429
Pension expense	\$ 223,601	\$ 618,301	\$ 841,902

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 123,419	\$ 330,055	\$ 453,474
Changes of assumptions	20,340	745,564	765,904
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	-	1,525	1,525
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>304,392</u>	<u>836,017</u>	<u>1,140,409</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 448,151</u>	<u>\$ 1,913,161</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,312</u>

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 20,089	\$ 20,089
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	40,359	27,131	67,490
Changes of assumptions	-	561,196	561,196
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	<u>52,345</u>	<u>277,783</u>	<u>330,128</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 92,704</u>	<u>\$ 886,199</u>	<u>\$ 978,903</u>

\$1,140,409 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from 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, 2025.

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2025	\$ (22,043)	\$ (206,938)	\$ (228,981)
2026	(112,208)	(433,095)	(545,303)
2027	183,166	889,368	1,072,534
2028	<u>2,140</u>	<u>(58,390)</u>	<u>(56,250)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 51,055</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 190,945</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 242,000</u></b>

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2137.

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

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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

Wage inflation:

Current measurement date	2.40%
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Prior measurement date	2.40%
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Future salary increases, including inflation:

Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
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Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
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COLA or ad hoc COLA:

Current measurement date	2.00%
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Prior measurement date	2.00%
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Investment rate of return:

Current measurement date	7.00% net of system expenses
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Prior measurement date	7.00% net of system expenses
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Discount rate:

Current measurement date	7.00%
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Prior measurement date	7.00%
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Actuarial cost method

	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)
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In 2023, mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

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

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

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

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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

**Discount Rate** - Total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 21-year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarially determined contribution rate of fiscal year 2023 was 14%. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return, 7.00%. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability. The annual money weighted rate of return, calculated as the internal rate of return on pension plan investments, for fiscal year 2023 was 6.90%.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%), or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,238,056	\$ 2,871,409	\$ 1,720,273

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***Actuarial Assumptions - STRS***

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation are presented below:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount rate of return	7.00%	7.00%
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%	0.00%

For the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

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

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with the rates described previously. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following table represents the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption:

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 13,921,539	\$ 9,053,020	\$ 4,935,583

**Assumption and Benefit Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date** - The discount rate remained at 7.00% for June 30, 2023 valuation. Demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

***Net OPEB Liability/Asset***

See Note 12 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

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

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2024, this amount was \$30,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the District's surcharge obligation was \$39,158.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$39,158 for fiscal year 2024, which is reported as a liability.

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

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

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

***Net OPEB Liabilities/Assets, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

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

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset prior measurement date	0.053722400%	0.042075180%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.053517800%</u>	<u>0.042038750%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.000204600%</u>	<u>-0.000036430%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 881,676	\$ -	\$ 881,676
Proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ -	\$ (817,596)	\$ (817,596)
OPEB expense	\$ (116,603)	\$ (27,930)	\$ (144,533)

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

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,836	\$ 1,277	\$ 3,113
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	6,832	1,456	8,288
Changes of assumptions	298,121	120,444	418,565
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	18,298	8,858	27,156
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>39,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,158</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 364,245</u>	<u>\$ 132,035</u>	<u>\$ 496,280</u>
 <b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 454,710	\$ 124,701	\$ 579,411
Changes of assumptions	250,407	539,436	789,843
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions/ change in proportionate share	49,107	592	49,699
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 754,224</u>	<u>\$ 664,729</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,953</u>

\$39,158 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability/asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	SERS	STRS	Total
2025	\$ (152,696)	\$ (232,008)	\$ (384,704)
2026	(134,004)	(110,169)	(244,173)
2027	(78,123)	(41,831)	(119,954)
2028	(41,210)	(56,884)	(98,094)
2029	(27,184)	(52,021)	(79,205)
Thereafter	<u>4,080</u>	<u>(39,781)</u>	<u>(35,701)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ (429,137)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (532,694)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (961,831)</u></b>

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

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

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

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

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

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

Wage inflation:

Current measurement date	2.40%
Prior measurement date	2.40%

Future salary increases, including inflation:

Current measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%
Prior measurement date	3.25% to 13.58%

Investment rate of return:

Current measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Prior measurement date	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation

Municipal bond index rate:

Current measurement date	3.86%
Prior measurement date	3.69%

Single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation:

Current measurement date	4.27%
Prior measurement date	4.08%

Medical trend assumption:

Current measurement date	6.75 to 4.40%
Prior measurement date	7.00 to 4.40%

In 2023, the following mortality assumptions were used:

**Healthy Retirees** - PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females.

**Disabled Retirees** - PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females.

**Contingent Survivors** - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females.

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

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

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

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 is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years for SERS. The most recent five-year experience study was performed for the period covering fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a long-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00%, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

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

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

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

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

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,127,035	\$ 881,676	\$ 688,201
	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 647,737	\$ 881,676	\$ 1,191,678

***Actuarial Assumptions - STRS***

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, compared with June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation, are presented below:

	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
	Initial	Ultimate	Initial	Ultimate
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%		
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%		
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation		
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%		
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%	0.00%		
Discount rate of return	7.00%	7.00%		
Blended discount rate of return	N/A	N/A		
Health care cost trends				
Medical				
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	4.14%	7.50%	3.94%
Medicare	-10.94%	4.14%	-68.78%	3.94%
Prescription Drug				
Pre-Medicare	-11.95%	4.14%	9.00%	3.94%
Medicare	1.33%	4.14%	-5.47%	3.94%

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

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

For the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

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

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

***Assumption Changes Since the Prior Measurement Date*** - The discount rate remained unchanged at 7.00% for the June 30, 2023 valuation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)**

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

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 691,988	\$ 817,596	\$ 926,987
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 932,063	\$ 817,596	\$ 679,722

**NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, State and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the District.

**B. Litigation**

The District is not party to legal proceedings which, in the opinion of District management, will have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District.

**C. Foundation Funding**

Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Traditional districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the District, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, ODEW has finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2024 Foundation funding for the District; however, the final adjustment was immaterial and has not been included in the financial statements.

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**NOTE 15 - SET-ASIDES**

The District is required by State law to annually set-aside certain general fund revenue amounts, as defined by statutory formula, for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at fiscal year-end. This amount must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose in future years. Expenditures exceeding the set-aside requirement may not be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

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

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2023	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	187,481
Current year offsets	<u>(207,165)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (19,684)</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>

In prior fiscal years, the District issued \$3,037,000 in general obligation bonds. These proceeds may be used to reduce the capital improvements set-aside amount to zero for future years. The amount presented for prior year offset from bond proceeds is limited to an amount needed to reduce the capital improvements set-aside balance to \$0. The District is responsible for tracking the amount of bond proceeds that may be used as an offset in future periods, which was \$1,548,697 at June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 16 - OTHER COMMITMENTS**

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 77,084

**NOTE 17 - TAX ABATEMENTS**

Under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.63, the Board of County Commissioners, with the consent of the legislative authority of each affected Township and Municipal Corporation, may designate enterprise zones. An Enterprise Zone is a designated area of land in which businesses can receive tax incentives in the form of tax exemptions on qualifying new investment. The local legislative authority negotiates the terms of the Enterprise Zone Agreement (the "Agreement") with the business, which may include tax sharing with the Board of Education. Legislation must then be passed to approve the Agreement. All Agreements must be finalized before the project begins and may contain provisions for the recoupment of taxes should the individual or entity fail to perform. Once the Department of Taxation approves the agreement, the amount of the abatement is deducted from the business's property tax bill by removing the valuation from the taxable parcel and listing the associated assessed value on the exempt tax list. Tuscarawas County has jointly entered into agreements with the Village of Newcomerstown to abate property taxes through this program.

The District's property taxes were reduced by approximately \$3,410 in calendar year 2024 under various Enterprise Zone tax abatement agreements entered into by the Village of Newcomerstown.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>		<b>Actual Amounts</b> <b>Budgetary Basis</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget - over (under) Actual Amounts</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>		
Budgetary revenues and other financing sources	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 14,106,778	\$ 106,778
Budgetary expenditures and other financing uses	13,453,892	13,819,562	13,485,669	(333,893)
Net change in fund balance	546,108	180,438	621,109	440,671
<b>Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year</b>	5,072,089	5,072,089	5,072,089	-
<b>Prior year encumbrances appropriated</b>	19,562	19,562	19,562	-
<b>Budgetary fund balance at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 5,637,759</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,089</u>	<u>\$ 5,712,760</u>	<u>\$ 440,671</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND  
DISTRICT PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>
2024	0.051966400%	\$ 2,871,409	\$ 2,112,150	135.95%	76.06%
2023	0.052389600%	2,833,637	1,917,107	147.81%	75.82%
2022	0.054487200%	2,010,420	1,879,671	106.96%	82.86%
2021	0.054610600%	3,612,060	1,709,907	211.24%	68.55%
2020	0.056341400%	3,371,005	2,044,963	164.84%	70.85%
2019	0.054572800%	3,125,485	1,876,637	166.55%	71.36%
2018	0.054264500%	3,242,184	1,801,729	179.95%	69.50%
2017	0.053030000%	3,881,307	1,651,464	235.02%	62.98%
2016	0.051519300%	2,939,741	1,551,002	189.54%	69.16%
2015	0.050133000%	2,537,203	1,456,775	174.17%	71.70%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>		<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ 304,392	\$ (304,392)	\$ -	\$ 2,174,229	14.00%
2023	295,701	(295,701)	-	2,112,150	14.00%
2022	268,395	(268,395)	-	1,917,107	14.00%
2021	263,154	(263,154)	-	1,879,671	14.00%
2020	239,387	(239,387)	-	1,709,907	14.00%
2019	276,070	(276,070)	-	2,044,963	13.50%
2018	253,346	(253,346)	-	1,876,637	13.50%
2017	252,242	(252,242)	-	1,801,729	14.00%
2016	231,205	(231,205)	-	1,651,464	14.00%
2015	204,422	(204,422)	-	1,551,002	13.18%

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

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND  
DISTRICT PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<b>Fiscal Year (1)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>
2024	0.042038750%	\$ 9,053,020	\$ 5,647,850	160.29%	80.02%
2023	0.042075180%	9,353,365	5,415,343	172.72%	78.88%
2022	0.043472916%	5,558,403	5,536,929	100.39%	87.78%
2021	0.044252970%	10,707,644	5,317,471	201.37%	75.48%
2020	0.044077750%	9,747,530	5,137,986	189.71%	77.40%
2019	0.044250530%	9,729,698	5,109,143	190.44%	77.31%
2018	0.042957410%	10,204,625	4,753,214	214.69%	75.30%
2017	0.042081020%	14,085,786	4,483,164	314.19%	66.80%
2016	0.041541110%	11,480,748	4,394,536	261.25%	72.10%
2015	0.041195270%	10,020,115	4,209,023	238.06%	74.70%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ 836,017	\$ (836,017)	\$ -	\$ 5,971,550	14.00%
2023	790,699	(790,699)	-	5,647,850	14.00%
2022	758,148	(758,148)	-	5,415,343	14.00%
2021	775,170	(775,170)	-	5,536,929	14.00%
2020	744,446	(744,446)	-	5,317,471	14.00%
2019	719,318	(719,318)	-	5,137,986	14.00%
2018	715,280	(715,280)	-	5,109,143	14.00%
2017	665,450	(665,450)	-	4,753,214	14.00%
2016	627,643	(627,643)	-	4,483,164	14.00%
2015	615,235	(615,235)	-	4,394,536	14.00%

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**SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND  
DISTRICT OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

LAST EIGHT AND TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1) (2)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability</b>
2024	0.053517800%	\$ 881,676	\$ 2,112,150	41.74%	30.02%
2023	0.053722400%	754,268	1,917,107	39.34%	30.34%
2022	0.053166500%	1,006,220	1,879,671	53.53%	24.08%
2021	0.052752200%	1,146,478	1,709,907	67.05%	18.17%
2020	0.055531300%	1,396,495	2,044,963	68.29%	15.57%
2019	0.055595400%	1,542,367	1,876,637	82.19%	13.57%
2018	0.054941700%	1,474,491	1,801,729	81.84%	12.46%
2017	0.053684200%	1,530,198	1,651,464	92.66%	11.49%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>			<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
		<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	
2024	\$ 39,158	\$ (39,158)	\$ -	\$ 2,174,229	1.80%
2023	39,361	(39,361)	-	2,112,150	1.86%
2022	51,899	(51,899)	-	1,917,107	2.71%
2021	20,255	(20,255)	-	1,879,671	1.08%
2020	15,362	(15,362)	-	1,709,907	0.90%
2019	33,774	(33,774)	-	2,044,963	1.65%
2018	40,445	(40,445)	-	1,876,637	2.16%
2017	29,370	(29,370)	-	1,801,729	1.63%
2016	26,925	(26,925)	-	1,651,464	1.63%
2015	37,853	(37,853)	-	1,551,002	2.44%

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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF  
THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/(ASSET) AND  
DISTRICT OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

LAST EIGHT AND TEN FISCAL YEARS

<b>Fiscal Year (1) (2)</b>	<b>District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/(Asset)</b>
2024	0.042038750%	\$ (817,596)	\$ 5,647,850	14.48%	168.52%
2023	0.042075180%	(1,089,466)	5,415,343	20.12%	230.73%
2022	0.043472916%	(916,591)	5,536,929	16.55%	174.73%
2021	0.044252970%	(777,746)	5,317,471	14.63%	182.10%
2020	0.044077750%	(730,033)	5,137,986	14.21%	174.74%
2019	0.044250530%	(711,061)	5,109,143	13.92%	176.00%
2018	0.042957410%	1,676,040	4,753,214	35.26%	47.10%
2017	0.042081020%	2,250,504	4,483,164	50.20%	37.30%

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,971,550	0.00%
2023	-	-	-	5,647,850	0.00%
2022	-	-	-	5,415,343	0.00%
2021	-	-	-	5,536,929	0.00%
2020	-	-	-	5,317,471	0.00%
2019	-	-	-	5,137,986	0.00%
2018	-	-	-	5,109,143	0.00%
2017	-	-	-	4,753,214	0.00%
2016	-	-	-	4,483,164	0.00%
2015	-	-	-	4,394,536	0.00%

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**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

**NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS**

While 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 and disbursements.

The schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis); and
- (d) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis is as follows:

**Net Change in Fund Balance**

	<u>General fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 621,109
Net adjustment for revenue and other financing sources accruals	(58,160)
Net adjustment for expenditure and other financing uses accruals	(43,642)
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(25,191)
Adjustments for encumbrances	<u>82,118</u>
GAAP Basis	<u><u>\$ 576,234</u></u>

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

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

**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**PENSION**

*SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, SERS changed from a fixed 3% annual increase to a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on the changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), with a cap of 2.5% and a floor of 0%.
- For fiscal year 2019, with the authority granted the Board under Senate Bill 8, the Board has enacted a three year COLA delay for future benefit recipients commencing benefits on or after April 1, 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, SERS changed from a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.5% to 2.0%.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2016.
- For fiscal year 2017, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries was updated to the following RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates and 110% of female rates, (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement and (h) the discount rate was reduced from 7.75% to 7.50%.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2018.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation decreased from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) future salary increases changed from 3.50%-18.20% to 3.25%-13.58%, (c) investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.00%, (d) discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.00% and (e) mortality tables changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar mortality table to the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table.

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2024.

*STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO*

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, STRS decreased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to zero.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2023.

*Changes in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2015.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2016.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%, (b) the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (c) the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00%, (d) total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25% due to lower inflation, (e) the healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016 and (f) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2021.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00% and (b) the discount rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumption affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: the projected salary increases went from 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65 to varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%.
- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2024.

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

**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

**OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SERS) OF OHIO**

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for fiscal year 2024.

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%, (b) payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.00% to 3.50%, (c) assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75% to 0.50%, (d) rates of withdrawal, retirement, and disability were updated to reflect recent experience, (e) mortality among active members was updated to the following: RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five-year age set-back for both males and females, (f) mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries was updated to the following: RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120% of male rates, and 110% of female rates, (g) mortality among disabled members was updated to the following: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90% for male rates and 100% for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement, (h) the municipal bond index rate increased from 2.92% to 3.56% and (i) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 2.98% to 3.63%.
- For fiscal year 2019, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate increased from 3.63% to 3.70%, (b) the health care cost trend rates for Medicare were changed from a range of 5.50%-5.00% to a range of 5.375%-4.75% and Pre-Medicare were changed from a range of 7.50%-5.00% to a range of 7.25%-4.75%, (c) the municipal bond index rate increased from 3.56% to 3.62% and (d) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation increased from 3.63% to 3.70%.
- For fiscal year 2020, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate decreased from 3.70% to 3.22%, (b) the health care cost trend rates for Medicare were changed from a range of 5.375%-4.75% to a range of 5.25%-4.75% and Pre-Medicare were changed from a range of 7.25%-4.75% to a range of 7.00%-4.75%, (c) the municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.62% to 3.13% and (d) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.70% to 3.22%.
- For fiscal year 2021, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate decreased from 3.22% to 2.63% and (b) the municipal bond index rate decreased from 3.13% to 2.45%, and (c) the single equivalent interest rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation decreased from 3.22% to 2.63%.

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

**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation decreased from 3.00% to 2.40%, (b) future salary increases changed from 3.50%-18.20% to 3.25%-13.58%, (c) investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.00%, (d) discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.00% and (e) mortality tables changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar mortality table to the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) municipal bond index rate went from 1.92% to 3.69%, (b) single equivalent interest rate went from 2.27% to 4.08% and (c) medical trend assumptions went from 5.125% to 4.40% Medicare and 6.75% to 4.40% Pre-Medicare to 7.00% to 4.40%.
- For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumptions affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) municipal bond index rate went from 3.69% to 3.86%, (b) single equivalent interest rate went from 4.08% to 4.27% and (c) medical trend assumptions went from 7.00% to 4.40% to 6.75% to 4.40%.

**STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO**

*Change in benefit terms:*

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, STRS reduced the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients from 2.1% to 1.9% 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 2019.
- For fiscal year 2019, STRS increased the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients from 1.9% to 1.944% per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.
- For fiscal year 2020, STRS increased the subsidy percentage from 1.944% to 1.984% effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.
- For fiscal year 2021, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984% to 2.055% per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1% for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.
- For fiscal year 2022, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055% to 2.100%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in CY2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts previously reported for fiscal year 2024.

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO**

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

**NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)**

*Change in assumptions:*

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for fiscal year 2017.
- For fiscal year 2018, the following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.26% to 4.13% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB), (b) the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%, (c) valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified, (d) 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 and (e) 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 following changes of assumptions affected the total OPEB liability/asset since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13% to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB) and (b) decrease in health care cost trend rates from 6.00%-11.00% initial; 4.50% ultimate down to Medical Pre-Medicare 6.00% and Medicare 5.00% initial; 4.00% ultimate and Prescription Drug Pre-Medicare 8.00% and Medicare (5.23%) initial; 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2020, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 6.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 5.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate; medical Medicare from 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 4.93% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 8.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 7.73% initial - 4.00% ultimate and (5.23%) initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 9.62% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2021, health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical pre-Medicare from 5.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate; medical Medicare from 4.93% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to -6.69% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug pre-Medicare from 7.73% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to 6.50% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug Medicare from 9.62% initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 11.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2022, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00%, (b) the discount rate of return was reduced from 7.45% to 7.00% and (c) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: medical Medicare from -6.69% initial - 4.00% ultimate down to -16.18% initial - 4.00% ultimate; prescription drug Medicare from 11.87% initial - 4.00% ultimate up to 29.98% initial - 4.00% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2023, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) projected salary increase went from 12.50% at age 20 to 2.50% at age 65 to varies by services from 2.50% to 8.50% and (b) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 5.00% initial - 4.00% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate; medical Medicare from -16.18% initial - 4.00% ultimate to -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 6.50% initial - 4.00% ultimate to 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate; Medicare from 29.98% initial - 4.00% ultimate to -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate.
- For fiscal year 2024, the following changes of assumption affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) health care cost trend rates were changed to the following: Pre-Medicare from 7.50% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 7.50% initial - 4.14% ultimate; medical Medicare from -68.78% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -10.94% initial - 4.14% ultimate; prescription drug Pre-Medicare from 9.00% initial - 3.94% ultimate to -11.95% initial - 4.14% ultimate; Medicare from -5.47% initial - 3.94% ultimate to 1.33% initial - 4.14% ultimate.



To the Board of Education  
Newcomerstown Exempted Village School  
Tuscarawas County, Ohio  
702 S. River Street  
Newcomerstown, OH 43832

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance  
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with  
*Government Auditing Standards***

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*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newcomerstown Exempted Village School, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2024.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on

Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements

Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

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### **Report On Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **District's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Zanesville, Ohio

December 23, 2024

To the Board of Education  
Newcomerstown Exempted Village School  
Tuscarawas County, Ohio  
702 S. River Street  
Newcomerstown, OH 43832

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

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Newcomerstown Exempted Village School's, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

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

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

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

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

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and

Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Zanesville, Ohio

December 23, 2024

**Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District  
Tuscarawas County, Ohio**

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<b>Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal AL Number</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education &amp; Workforce</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution)				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	\$ 12,327	\$ -
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	28,762	-
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution) Subtotal			41,089	-
Cash Assistance: U.S.D.A.				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	144,433	-
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	337,587	-
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	27,182	-
Total National School Lunch Program			364,769	-
U.S.D.A. Cash Assistance Subtotal			509,202	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			550,291	-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>550,291</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Facilities Construction Commission</i>				
COVID-19 Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Round Two from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2024	7,910	-
COVID-19 Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Round Four from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2024	100,948	-
Total Ohio K-12 School Safety Grants from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds			108,858	-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Treasury</b>			<b>108,858</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education &amp; Workforce</i>				
Title I Expanding Opportunities for Each Child (EOEC)	84.010A	2023	842	-
Title I Expanding Opportunities for Each Child (EOEC)	84.010A	2024	58,072	-
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)	84.010A	2023	53,610	-
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)	84.010A	2024	308,672	-
Title I Supplemental School Improvement Grants	84.010A	2023	8,748	-
Title I Supplemental School Improvement Grants	84.010A	2024	92,770	-
Total Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies			522,714	-
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education - Grants to States (Idea Part B)	84.027A	2023	38,080	-
Special Education - Grants to States (Idea Part B)	84.027A	2024	203,748	-
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Special Education - Grants to States (ARP IDEA)	84.027X	2023	2,790	-
Special Education Grants to States Subtotal			244,618	-
Special Education - Preschool Grants Consortium Allocation	84.173A	2024	5,245	-
Total Special Education Cluster			249,863	-
Title III Language Instruction for English Learners Consortium Allocation	84.365A	2024	1,114	-
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	2023	15,912	-
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	2024	28,750	-
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment			44,662	-
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II)	84.425D	2023	38,286	-
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	2023	436,037	-
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	2024	817,062	-
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency (ARP ESSER HTS)	84.425W	2023	8,557	-
Total ESSER Cares Funding			1,299,942	-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<b>2,118,295</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<b>\$ 2,777,444</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

**NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District (the District), under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

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

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in 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 District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

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

**NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

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

**NOTE F – CONSORTIUM GRANT EXPENDITURES**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District passed/transferred grant fund allocations to the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center for Special Education Preschool Grants totaling \$5,245 and to the Stark County Educational Service Center for Title III Language Instruction for English Learners totaling \$1,114.

**NOTE G - 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 District transferred the following amounts from 2023 to 2024 programs:

ARP ESSER	84.425U	1,100,903
ARP Homeless Round II	84.425W	8,557
Title I-A	84.010A	17,333
Title II-A	84.367A	2,061
Title IV-A	8.424A	6,943
IDEA B	84.027A	22,482

**Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District**  
**Tuscarawas County, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*  
*2 CFR Section 200.515*  
*June 30, 2024*

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

(d) (1) (i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d) (1) (ii)	Were there any material control 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)?	Yes
(d) (1) (iii)	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any material control weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d) (1) (iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	None Reported
(d) (1) (v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d) (1) (vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d) (1) (vii)	Major Programs (list):  COVID-19: Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER II) COVID-19: Education Stabilization Fund (ARP ESSER) COVID-19: Education Stabilization Fund (ARP ESSER HTS)	ALN:  84.425D 84.425 U  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?	Yes

**Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District**  
**Tuscarawas County, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)*  
*2 CFR Section 200.515*  
*June 30, 2024*

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

**Finding Number: 2024-001**

**Significant Deficiency – Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

**Criteria:** The AICPA establishes auditing standards generally accepted in the United States that certified public accountants and government auditors must follow in conducting audits of state and local governments. AU-C 265 establishes standards, responsibilities and guidance for auditors during a financial statement audit engagement for identifying and evaluating a client's internal control over financial reporting. This standard requires the audit to report in writing to management and the governing body any control deficiencies found during the audit that are considered significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses. To this end, AU-C 265 lists specific control deficiencies that should be regarded as at least a significant deficiency and a strong indicator of a material weakness in internal control.

**Condition:** There were audit adjustments and reclassifications made to the financial statements presented for audit. Misstatements identified during the audit and posted to the financial statements presented for audit include:

- Claims Expense, Purchased Services Expense, Charges for Services and Interest Revenue and Accounts Payable were understated in the Internal Service Fund in the following amounts:
  - Claims Expense \$1,723,095
  - Purchased Service Expense \$515,496
  - Charges for Services \$1,939,299
  - Interest Revenue \$5,175
  - Accounts Payable \$18,546
- Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents was overstated in the Internal Service fund by \$275,571.

**Cause:** The District switched to the Jefferson Health Plan in September of 2023 but did not record any of the activity into the internal service fund, thus resulting in all activity being omitted from the financial statements. The internal controls over the final review of the financial statements did not identify potential misstatements.

**Effect:** The financial statements presented for audit contained misstatements.

**Recommendation:** To ensure the District's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the District should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the statements and notes by the Treasurer to identify and correct errors and omissions. We further recommend management implement procedures to ensure all Jefferson Health Plan activity is properly recorded on the Financial Statements.

**Management's Response/ Corrective Action:** See Corrective Action Plan.

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

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**Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District**  
**Tuscarawas County, Ohio**  
*Corrective Action Plan*  
*2 CFR Section 200.511(c)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Planned Corrective Action</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Responsible Contact Person</b>
<b>2024-001</b>	The District will implement procedures to ensure all Jefferson Health Plan activity is properly recorded on the Financial Statements.	6/30/2025	Christie Green, Treasurer

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



NEWCOMERSTOWN EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

## AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 3/4/2025

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