

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

**SINGLE AUDIT**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**





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

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

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

**May 09, 2025**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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Cuyahoga County  
4743 Richmond Road  
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To the Members of the Board of Education:

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

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Warrensville Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Warrensville Heights City School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the 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 Warrensville Heights City School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the fiscal 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Warrensville Heights City School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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***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 Warrensville Heights City School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

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***Required Supplementary Information***

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

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Warrensville Heights City School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 23, 2025 on our consideration of the Warrensville Heights City School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Warrensville Heights City School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Warrensville Heights City School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Julian & Grube, Inc.*

Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 23, 2025

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# Warrensville Heights City School District

*Management's Discussion and Analysis  
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The discussion and analysis of the Warrensville Heights City School District's (the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

## **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

- Net position increased in fiscal year 2024 due mainly to (1) an increase in capital assets resulting from current year additions exceeding current year deletions and annual depreciation/amortization, (2) a reduction in long-term debt obligations attributable to the continued pay-down of debt and (3) decreases in current liabilities related to payables on construction projects.
- During fiscal year 2024, the School District's capital asset additions included ongoing construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, various equipment and new vehicles and intangible right to use assets related to copiers.
- The School District actively pursues grants and controls expenses while still maintaining the high academic standards the residents expect of the School District.

## **Using this Annual Financial Report**

This report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Warrensville Heights City School District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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

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

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

While this document contains all of the funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question "How did we perform financially during fiscal year 2024?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. These statements include *all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. Accrual accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenue and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, all of the School District's activities are classified as governmental. The School District's programs and services reported here include instruction, support services, operation of non-instructional services, extracurricular activities and interest.

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

### *Fund Financial Statements*

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins with the discussion of the balance sheet. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus upon the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the general fund and the building capital projects fund.

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

**Fiduciary Funds** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from these funds are not available to support the School District's programs. These funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

## **The School District as a Whole**

You may recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for the current fiscal year compared to the prior fiscal year:

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(Table 1)  
Net Position  
Governmental Activities

	2024	2023	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$109,029,931	\$122,535,471	(\$13,505,540)
Net OPEB Asset	2,031,691	2,748,437	(716,746)
Capital Assets	<u>129,304,085</u>	<u>118,315,669</u>	<u>10,988,416</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>240,365,707</u>	<u>243,599,577</u>	<u>(3,233,870)</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred Charges on Refunding	4,566,170	4,749,228	(183,058)
Pension	6,971,567	8,609,331	(1,637,764)
OPEB	<u>1,445,849</u>	<u>869,185</u>	<u>576,664</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>12,983,586</u>	<u>14,227,744</u>	<u>(1,244,158)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities	6,244,188	9,528,861	3,284,673
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	4,978,640	4,180,319	(798,321)
Due in More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	31,241,689	32,046,260	804,571
Net OPEB Liability	2,542,125	2,101,575	(440,550)
Other Amounts	<u>103,495,844</u>	<u>107,827,330</u>	<u>4,331,486</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>148,502,486</u>	<u>155,684,345</u>	<u>7,181,859</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	19,825,496	24,756,895	4,931,399
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,381,331	3,532,262	1,150,931
Leases	165,000	225,000	60,000
Pension	1,954,815	2,696,272	741,457
OPEB	<u>4,096,819</u>	<u>5,217,140</u>	<u>1,120,321</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>28,423,461</u>	<u>36,427,569</u>	<u>8,004,108</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	35,158,306	32,988,340	2,169,966
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	3,243,802	4,143,864	(900,062)
Debt Service	4,119,018	3,159,436	959,582
OPEB Plans	2,031,691	594,208	1,437,483
Other Purposes	1,827,118	2,012,684	(185,566)
Unrestricted	<u>30,043,411</u>	<u>22,816,875</u>	<u>7,226,536</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$76,423,346</u>	<u>\$65,715,407</u>	<u>\$10,707,939</u>

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The net pension liability (NPL) is one of the largest single liabilities reported by the School District at June 30, 2024. GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the School District is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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

A large portion of the School District’s net position reflects “Net Investment in Capital Assets” (i.e. land, construction in progress, buildings, improvements, furniture, fixtures, equipment and vehicles) less any related debt to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The School District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the School District’s investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Current assets decreased due mainly to a reduction in cash and cash equivalents resulting from the spending down of debt proceeds related to school facilities projects. The increase in capital assets was due to current year additions outpacing current year deletions and annual depreciation/amortization.

Current liabilities decreased due to reductions in contracts payable and retainage payable. Long-term liabilities decreased during fiscal year 2024 due to the paydown of long-term debt obligations and to a decrease in the net pension liability. As indicated previously, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension and net OPEB liabilities.

In an effort to promote comparability with other governments, the School District updated its calculation of net position restricted for pension and OPEB plans for fiscal year 2024. This change impacted the amounts presented as net position restricted for OPEB plans and unrestricted net position. GASB 100 does not require amounts prior to those presented in the basic financial statements to be updated for a change in accounting principle.

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In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

(Table 2)  
Changes in Net Position  
Governmental Activities

	2024	2023	Change
<i>Program Revenues</i>			
Charges for Services	\$1,470,996	\$1,279,611	\$191,385
Operating Grants	7,261,211	11,169,768	(3,908,557)
Capital Grants	59,720	58,663	1,057
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>8,791,927</u>	<u>12,508,042</u>	<u>(3,716,115)</u>
<i>General Revenues</i>			
Property Taxes	35,031,605	21,910,753	13,120,852
Grants and Entitlements	11,917,887	10,776,780	1,141,107
Unrestricted Contributions	20,972	44,994	(24,022)
Investment Earnings/Interest	3,111,611	1,026,000	2,085,611
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,381,332	3,532,262	(1,150,930)
Miscellaneous	574,744	459,002	115,742
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>53,038,151</u>	<u>37,749,791</u>	<u>15,288,360</u>
<b><i>Total Revenues</i></b>	<b><u>61,830,078</u></b>	<b><u>50,257,833</u></b>	<b><u>11,572,245</u></b>
<i>Program Expenses</i>			
Instruction	26,934,870	24,107,154	(2,827,716)
Support Services			
Pupil	2,151,803	2,134,104	(17,699)
Instructional Staff	650,283	759,608	109,325
Board of Education	60,717	64,981	4,264
Administration	5,027,722	5,479,713	451,991
Fiscal	1,245,911	1,150,776	(95,135)
Business	833,731	598,838	(234,893)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,576,234	4,983,522	(592,712)
Pupil Transportation	1,873,629	1,754,638	(118,991)
Central	573,279	501,543	(71,736)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	1,666,794	1,363,344	(303,450)
Other Non-Instructional Services	201,667	176,101	(25,566)
Extracurricular Activities	349,510	379,919	30,409
Interest	3,975,989	4,050,355	74,366
<b><i>Total Program Expenses</i></b>	<b><u>51,122,139</u></b>	<b><u>47,504,596</u></b>	<b><u>(3,617,543)</u></b>
Change in Net Position	10,707,939	2,753,237	7,954,702
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>65,715,407</u>	<u>62,962,170</u>	<u>2,753,237</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$76,423,346</u>	<u>\$65,715,407</u>	<u>\$10,707,939</u>

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### ***Governmental Activities***

The unique nature of property taxes in Ohio creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for operating funds. The overall revenue generated by a voted levy does not increase solely as a result of inflation. It increases as a result of new construction or collection from a new voted levy. Although school districts experience inflationary growth in expenses, tax revenue does not keep pace with the increased expenses due to House Bill 920. As an example, a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 and taxed at 1.0 mill would pay \$35.00 annually in taxes. If three years later the home were reappraised and increased to \$200,000 (and this inflationary increase in value is comparable to other property owners) the effective tax rate would become .5 mills and the owner would still pay \$35.00 and the School District would collect the same dollar value the levy generated in the year it passed. The 10 percent rollback on all residential/agricultural property and the 2.5 percent rollback on all owner occupied homes would reduce the amount of taxes paid.

Thus school districts dependent upon property taxes are hampered by a lack of revenue growth and must regularly return to the voters to maintain a constant level of service.

Revenue is divided into two major components: program revenues and general revenues. Program revenues are defined as fees, restricted grants and charges for services that are program specific. General revenues include taxes and unrestricted grants such as State Foundation support.

Program revenues decreased for governmental activities in fiscal year 2024. Operating grants decreased mainly due to a decrease in ESSER funding. General revenues increased in fiscal year 2024 largely attributable to a significant increase in property tax revenues due to the timing of tax advance settlements as well as to an increase in assessed values.

Instruction composes the most significant portion of governmental program expenses. Program expenses went up due mainly to increases in salaries and benefits, purchased services and materials and supplies related instruction.

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

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(Table 3)  
Total and Net Cost of Program Services  
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2024	Net Cost of Services 2024	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost of Services 2023
Instruction	\$26,934,870	\$21,399,838	\$24,107,154	\$17,435,020
Support Services:				
Pupil and Instructional Staff	2,802,086	2,099,739	2,893,712	2,143,084
Board of Education and Administration	5,088,439	4,991,490	5,544,694	4,176,020
Fiscal and Business	2,079,642	2,079,642	1,749,614	1,749,614
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,576,234	5,425,959	4,983,522	3,379,959
Pupil Transportation	1,873,629	1,430,163	1,754,638	1,304,069
Central	573,279	573,279	501,543	501,543
Operation of Food Service	1,666,794	117,753	1,363,344	(63,501)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	201,667	57,598	176,101	76,484
Extracurricular Activities	349,510	178,762	379,919	243,907
Interest	3,975,989	3,975,989	4,050,355	4,050,355
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$51,122,139</u>	<u>\$42,330,212</u>	<u>\$47,504,596</u>	<u>\$34,996,554</u>

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent from Table 3. The majority of expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

## The School District's Funds

Information regarding the School District's major funds starts with the balance sheet. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. For fiscal year 2024, the School District had two major funds, the general fund and the building capital projects fund. In the general fund, revenues primarily consisting of property tax collections, payments in lieu of taxes and intergovernmental revenues continue to outpace expenditures and the subsidy of other funds. The building capital projects fund had a decrease in fund balance due to the continued spending of debt proceeds on school facilities.

## General Fund Budgeting Highlights

Information about the School District's budget is prepared in accordance with 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 main operating fund of the School District, the general fund. The School District uses site-based budgeting and the budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

During the course of fiscal year 2024, the School District amended its general fund budget several times by the end of the fiscal year. For the general fund, the final budget basis revenue estimate was lower than the original budget estimate. The change was attributed to a decrease in projected revenues as funding sources became more apparent throughout the fiscal year. The final budget appropriations were higher than the original budget appropriations of the general fund due to increases in estimate for instructional activities and support services, as a more accurate picture of the fiscal year was realized. Actual revenue came in slightly higher than the final budget basis revenue due mainly to greater than anticipated interest

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earned on investments. Actual expenditures were less than final appropriations due mainly to the diligence of management to keep costs low while still providing the services the School District citizens expect.

## **Capital Assets**

During fiscal year 2024, the School District's capital asset additions included construction related to the new middle and high school building, land improvements, completion of the early childhood building, the purchase of various equipment and vehicles and intangible right to use assets for copiers. For more information about the School District's capital assets, see Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

## **Debt**

On March 12, 2015, the School District issued general obligation bonds, in the amount of \$13,790,000, to currently refund a portion of the 2007 school improvement refunding bonds in order to take advantage of lower interest rates. The bonds were issued with an interest rate of 2.5 percent. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2024.

On December 12, 2017 the School District issued certificates of participation in the amount of \$17,225,000 for the purpose of building new school facilities. The issue was split into serial of \$9,505,000 at various interest rates between 3.125 percent and 4.0 percent and term of \$7,720,000 at an interest rate of 3.5 percent. This lease purchase agreement will mature in December of 2047. The certificates of participation were issued at a discount of \$119,227. This discount will be amortized over 30 years using the straight line method.

On August 30, 2018, the School District issued \$8,800,000 in school facilities construction bonds, which included serial and term bonds in the amounts of \$2,105,000 and \$6,695,000, respectively. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$418,791. The school facilities construction bonds were issued for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the School District buildings. The bonds were issued for a twenty-eight year period with final maturity at December 1, 2046.

On November 15, 2019, the School District issued \$39,061,000 in school facilities construction bonds, which included Series A serial and term bonds in the amounts of \$2,656,000 and \$34,415,000, respectively and Series B term bonds in the amount of \$1,990,000. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$4,169,137. The school facilities construction bonds were issued for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the School District buildings. The bonds were issued for a thirty-five year period with final maturity at December 1, 2055.

On October 25, 2019, the School District issued \$22,000,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPS) for the purpose building new facilities, which included \$8,845,000 in serial bonds and \$13,155,000 in term bonds. The certificates of participation were issued for a thirty year period with final maturity in fiscal year 2050. The certificates of participation were issued at a premium of \$497,681. This premium will be amortized over 30 years using the straight line method.

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On November 4, 2020, the School District issued \$26,708,704 in general obligation bonds to refund a portion of the 2018 and 2019 School Improvement bonds. The general obligation bonds include term and capital appreciation (deep discount) bonds in the amounts of \$25,105,000 and \$1,603,704, respectively. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$3,492,305. The term bonds were issued at varying interest costs of 2.723 to 3.50 percent. The bonds were issued for a 30 year period with final maturity on December 1, 2051.

On June 29, 2022, the School District issued \$14,500,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPS) for the purpose building new facilities, which included \$8,900,000 in serial bonds and \$5,600,000 in term bonds. The certificates of participation were issued for a sixteen year period with final maturity in fiscal year 2038. The certificates of participation were issued at a premium of \$417,169. This premium will be amortized over 16 years using the straight line method.

The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2024, was \$0 with an unvoted debt margin of \$423,165. Pursuant to Section 133.06(I) of the Revised Code, a school district may incur net indebtedness in excess of the 9 percent limitation when necessary to raise the school district's portion of the basic project cost and any additional funds necessary to participate in a project under Chapter 3318 of the Revised Code, including the costs of items designated by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. For more information about the School District's debt obligations, see Note 17 to the basic financial statements.

### **Current Financial Related Activities**

The School District completed fifteen fiscal years of cash basis current year expenditures within current year resources in fiscal year 2024. In other words, School District spending has been less than current revenue resources for the last fifteen fiscal years on the cash basis. The Board of Education, administration, staff and community are committed to the financial condition of the School District. The passage of a bond/permanent improvement levy on November 6, 2018 is a true indication of the commitment to the School District by the school community and renewal of the emergency levy in November of 2020. The School District has to strike a balance of providing the best services to the School District community, while also being fiscally responsible.

The School District continues to maximize the carryover balance of the general fund through prudent investment of funds and long term planning to address deficit spending. Deficit spending can drastically exhaust the carryover balance along with other issues such as real estate tax delinquencies, economic downturns and increases in the cost of operations. Real estate taxes and State funding continue to be the major revenue streams for the School District. The new State funding formula funds students attending the School District.

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Public education in Ohio continues to be a partnership of local tax funding and State funding. Ohio public school districts must plan accordingly for a long-term financial plan that is transparent to the School District community. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce reported that Warrensville Heights City School District has substantial and effective partnerships with local governments, businesses and stakeholders of the community. School District leadership is committed to the fiscal discipline necessary to provide the best programs within the resources of the School District; which is documented in the semi-annual five year forecast in November and May of each fiscal year. The School District is completing a Master Facility Plan providing for new facilities in the entire School District, with phase one financed by 2017 certificates of participation and 2018 school facilities construction bonds and phase two financed by the 2019 Certificates of Participation and 2019 school facilities construction bonds. A new Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grade building (Warrensville Heights Elementary School) was completed in November of 2020 with scholars attending in January of 2021. The Early Childhood Center was completed during fiscal year 2024. The new middle and high school campus is complete with some final remaining costs to be paid within the next year. The School District continues to be strategic with financial resources for the school community, maximizing opportunities for all scholars.

## **Contacting the School District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Dr. Michael A. Rock, Treasurer, at the Warrensville Heights City School District, 4500 Warrensville Center Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128, or [mike.rock@whcsd.org](mailto:mike.rock@whcsd.org).

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## Basic Financial Statements

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**Warrensville Heights City School District**

*Statement of Net Position*

*June 30, 2024*

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$74,633,518
Accrued Interest Receivable	196,663
Intergovernmental Receivable	933,545
Prepaid Items	43,417
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	2,381,331
Property Taxes Receivable	30,841,457
Net OPEB Asset (See Note 12)	2,031,691
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	79,844,460
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>49,459,625</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>240,365,707</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	4,566,170
Pension	6,971,567
OPEB	<u>1,445,849</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>12,983,586</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	537,587
Contracts Payable	769,882
Retainage Payable	966,862
Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,457,945
Intergovernmental Payable	988,950
Accrued Interest Payable	365,076
Matured Lease Payable	51,594
Matured Interest Payable	14,666
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	91,626
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	4,978,640
Due in More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability (See Note 11)	31,241,689
Net OPEB Liability (See Note 12)	2,542,125
Other Amounts	<u>103,495,844</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>148,502,486</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Property Taxes	19,825,496
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,381,331
Leases	165,000
Pension	1,954,815
OPEB	<u>4,096,819</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>28,423,461</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	35,158,306
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	3,243,802
Debt Service	4,119,018
Unclaimed Monies	50,336
OPEB Plans	2,031,691
Other Purposes	1,776,782
Unrestricted	<u>30,043,411</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$76,423,346</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statement:

**Warrensville Heights City School District**

*Statement of Activities*

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$20,732,425	\$1,011,783	\$2,229,656	\$0	(\$17,490,986)
Special	5,893,116	184,077	1,933,292	0	(3,775,747)
Vocational	243,924	8,067	102,752	0	(133,105)
Student Intervention Services	65,405	0	65,405	0	0
Support Services:					
Pupil	2,151,803	0	277,350	0	(1,874,453)
Instructional Staff	650,283	0	424,997	0	(225,286)
Board of Education	60,717	0	0	0	(60,717)
Administration	5,027,722	15,875	81,074	0	(4,930,773)
Fiscal	1,245,911	0	0	0	(1,245,911)
Business	833,731	0	0	0	(833,731)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,576,234	61,600	28,955	59,720	(5,425,959)
Pupil Transportation	1,873,629	0	443,466	0	(1,430,163)
Central	573,279	0	0	0	(573,279)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	1,666,794	3,584	1,545,457	0	(117,753)
Other Non-Instructional Services	201,667	15,262	128,807	0	(57,598)
Extracurricular Activities	349,510	170,748	0	0	(178,762)
Interest	3,975,989	0	0	0	(3,975,989)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$51,122,139</u>	<u>\$1,470,996</u>	<u>\$7,261,211</u>	<u>\$59,720</u>	<u>(42,330,212)</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for:					
General Purposes					27,481,525
Debt Service					4,746,533
Capital Projects					2,803,547
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs					11,917,887
Unrestricted Contributions					20,972
Investment Earnings/Interest					3,111,611
Payments in Lieu of Taxes					2,381,332
Miscellaneous					574,744
<i>Total General Revenues</i>					<u>53,038,151</u>
Change in Net Position					10,707,939
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>					<u>65,715,407</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>					<u>\$76,423,346</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Warrensville Heights City School District**

*Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2024*

	General	Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$57,367,488	\$4,602,047	\$12,613,647	\$74,583,182
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	50,336	0	0	50,336
Accrued Interest Receivable	195,664	999	0	196,663
Intergovernmental Receivable	395,192	0	538,353	933,545
Prepaid Items	42,635	0	782	43,417
Interfund Receivable	2,317,000	0	0	2,317,000
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	2,381,331	0	0	2,381,331
Property Taxes Receivable	<u>24,537,108</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,304,349</u>	<u>30,841,457</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$87,286,754</u>	<u>\$4,603,046</u>	<u>\$19,457,131</u>	<u>\$111,346,931</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$454,181	\$10,843	\$72,563	\$537,587
Contracts Payable	0	690,982	78,900	769,882
Retainage Payable	0	966,862	0	966,862
Accrued Wages and Benefits	2,296,912	0	161,033	2,457,945
Intergovernmental Payable	972,380	0	16,570	988,950
Interfund Payable	0	0	2,317,000	2,317,000
Matured Lease Payable	51,594	0	0	51,594
Matured Interest Payable	14,666	0	0	14,666
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	<u>91,626</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>91,626</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>3,881,359</u>	<u>1,668,687</u>	<u>2,646,066</u>	<u>8,196,112</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	16,064,907	0	3,760,589	19,825,496
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,381,331	0	0	2,381,331
Leases	0	165,000	0	165,000
Unavailable Revenue	<u>1,505,489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>841,096</u>	<u>2,346,585</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>19,951,727</u>	<u>165,000</u>	<u>4,601,685</u>	<u>24,718,412</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Nonspendable	92,971	0	782	93,753
Restricted	0	2,769,359	13,683,041	16,452,400
Committed	938,161	0	0	938,161
Assigned	917,879	0	0	917,879
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>61,504,657</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,474,443)</u>	<u>60,030,214</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>63,453,668</u>	<u>2,769,359</u>	<u>12,209,380</u>	<u>78,432,407</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</i>	<u><b>\$87,286,754</b></u>	<u><b>\$4,603,046</b></u>	<u><b>\$19,457,131</b></u>	<u><b>\$111,346,931</b></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
 Net Position of Governmental Activities*  
*June 30, 2024*

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**Total Governmental Fund Balances** \$78,432,407

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 129,304,085

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	1,625,343
Grants	498,097
Tuition and Fees	<u>223,145</u>
 Total	 2,346,585

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding debt, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. (365,076)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

General Obligation Bonds	(55,176,632)
Certificates of Participation	(49,078,406)
Leases	(2,821,419)
Compensated Absences	(1,398,027)
Deferred Charge on Refunding	<u>4,566,170</u>
 Total	 (103,908,314)

The net pension liability and net OPEB asset (liability) are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the asset (liability) and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds:

Net OPEB Asset	2,031,691
Deferred Outflows - Pension	6,971,567
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	1,445,849
Net Pension Liability	(31,241,689)
Net OPEB Liability	(2,542,125)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(1,954,815)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>(4,096,819)</u>
 Total	 <u>(29,386,341)</u>

*Net Position of Governmental Activities* \$76,423,346

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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	General	(Formerly Major) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	Building	(Formerly Major) Classroom Facilities	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes	\$27,473,745		\$0		\$7,564,575	\$35,038,320
Intergovernmental	13,928,332		0		8,523,093	22,451,425
Investment Earnings/Interest	3,106,189		5,422		0	3,111,611
Tuition and Fees	744,397		0		0	744,397
Extracurricular Activities	19,855		0		184,550	204,405
Contributions and Donations	20,972		0		0	20,972
Charges for Services	505,764		0		3,584	509,348
Rentals	1,600		60,000		0	61,600
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,381,332		0		0	2,381,332
Miscellaneous	452,859		0		121,885	574,744
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>48,635,045</i>		<i>65,422</i>		<i>16,397,687</i>	<i>65,098,154</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Current:						
Instruction:						
Regular	14,469,140		0		3,325,965	17,795,105
Special	5,243,946		0		637,858	5,881,804
Vocational	233,715		0		9,767	243,482
Student Intervention Services	0		0		65,405	65,405
Support Services:						
Pupil	1,834,420		0		294,197	2,128,617
Instructional Staff	300,322		0		394,594	694,916
Board of Education	60,717		0		0	60,717
Administration	4,848,666		0		118,328	4,966,994
Fiscal	1,280,202		0		0	1,280,202
Business	828,769		0		0	828,769
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,297,326		0		263,069	5,560,395
Pupil Transportation	1,627,554		0		247,481	1,875,035
Central	579,115		0		0	579,115
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:						
Food Service Operations	0		0		1,652,561	1,652,561
Other Non-Instructional Services	0		0		202,996	202,996
Extracurricular Activities	163,215		0		185,560	348,775
Capital Outlay	271,916		13,988,684		0	14,260,600
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	1,209,960		0		2,562,712	3,772,672
Interest	1,113,826		0		2,462,957	3,576,783
Capital Appreciation Bonds Interest	0		0		317,288	317,288
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>39,362,809</i>		<i>13,988,684</i>		<i>12,740,738</i>	<i>66,092,231</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>9,272,236</i>		<i>(13,923,262)</i>		<i>3,656,949</i>	<i>(994,077)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Sale of Capital Assets	0		0		31,343	31,343
Inception of Lease	140,916		0		0	140,916
Transfers In	51,191		6,621,987		226,582	6,899,760
Transfers Out	(15,000)		0		(6,884,760)	(6,899,760)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>177,107</i>		<i>6,621,987</i>		<i>(6,626,835)</i>	<i>172,259</i>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>9,449,343</b>		<b>(7,301,275)</b>		<b>(2,969,886)</b>	<b>(821,818)</b>
<b>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year</b>						
as Previously Reported	54,004,325	(959,826)	10,070,634	5,395,787	10,743,305	79,254,225
Changes Within Reporting Entity - See Note 22						
Major Fund to Nonmajor Fund Adjustment						
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	0	959,826	0	0	(959,826)	0
Classroom Facilities	0	0	0	(5,395,787)	5,395,787	0
<i>Adjusted Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>54,004,325</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>10,070,634</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>15,179,266</i>	<i>79,254,225</i>
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<b>\$63,453,668</b>		<b>\$2,769,359</b>		<b>\$12,209,380</b>	<b>\$78,432,407</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*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*

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** (\$821,818)

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

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

Capital Asset Additions	14,389,428
Current Year Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(1,372,684)</u>
Total	13,016,744

Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal.

(2,028,328)

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

Delinquent Property Taxes	(6,715)
Intergovernmental	(3,212,607)
Tuition and Fees	<u>(48,754)</u>
Total	(3,268,076)

Other financing sources, such as inception of lease, in the governmental funds that increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net position are not reported as revenues in the statement of activities.

(140,916)

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

Principal Retirement	3,772,672
Capital Appreciation Bond Accretion	<u>317,288</u>
Total	4,089,960

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, and bond premium/discount and deferred accounting loss are amortized over the terms of the bonds whereas in governmental funds the expenditure is reported when bonds are issued:

Accrued Interest	11,357
Amortization of Accretion	(509,663)
Amortization of Bond Premium	286,133
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(183,058)
Amortization of Discount	<u>(3,975)</u>
Total	(399,206)

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.

(188,374)

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

Pension	3,049,444
OPEB	<u>73,286</u>
Total	3,122,730

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	(3,141,180)
OPEB	<u>466,403</u>
Total	(2,674,777)

*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities*

\$10,707,939

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund*  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$22,824,255	\$22,559,748	\$22,559,748	\$0
Intergovernmental	14,009,283	13,849,542	13,849,542	0
Interest	1,614,713	1,596,000	1,700,011	104,011
Tuition and Fees	747,336	738,676	739,931	1,255
Contributions and Donations	21,218	20,972	20,972	0
Charges for Services	490,630	484,944	505,764	20,820
Rentals	1,619	1,600	1,600	0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,395,485	2,381,332	2,381,332	0
Miscellaneous	405,313	384,399	436,712	52,313
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>42,509,852</i>	<i>42,017,213</i>	<i>42,195,612</i>	<i>178,399</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	12,447,361	14,072,178	14,072,178	0
Special	5,686,747	6,416,451	6,011,276	405,175
Vocational	196,626	223,438	223,438	0
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,900,671	2,147,586	1,798,865	348,721
Instructional Staff	266,234	300,820	294,332	6,488
Board of Education	57,892	65,413	60,822	4,591
Administration	4,645,233	5,248,692	5,149,865	98,827
Fiscal	1,206,935	1,363,727	1,285,010	78,717
Business	824,215	931,288	920,455	10,833
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,398,888	6,100,254	5,884,397	215,857
Pupil Transportation	1,606,370	1,815,053	1,716,313	98,740
Central	603,522	681,925	612,580	69,345
Extracurricular Activities	180,864	204,360	162,485	41,875
Capital Outlay	187,000	187,000	187,000	0
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	1,075,000	1,075,000	1,075,000	0
Interest	1,084,219	1,084,219	1,084,219	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>37,367,777</i>	<i>41,917,404</i>	<i>40,538,235</i>	<i>1,379,169</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>5,142,075</i>	<i>99,809</i>	<i>1,657,377</i>	<i>1,557,568</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	0	57,577	57,577	0
Transfers Out	0	(15,000)	(15,000)	0
Advances In	0	2,967,000	2,967,000	0
Advances Out	0	(2,317,000)	(2,317,000)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>692,577</i>	<i>692,577</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>5,142,075</i>	<i>792,386</i>	<i>2,349,954</i>	<i>1,557,568</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>53,346,818</i>	<i>53,346,818</i>	<i>53,346,818</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated</i>	<i>2,057,401</i>	<i>2,057,401</i>	<i>2,057,401</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$60,546,294</i>	<i>\$56,196,605</i>	<i>\$57,754,173</i>	<i>\$1,557,568</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Warrensville Heights City School District**

*Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities*

*Custodial Fund*

*June 30, 2024*

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**Assets**

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$2,944</u>
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**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	<u>\$2,944</u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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### **Note 1 – Description of the School District and Reporting Entity**

The Warrensville Heights City School District (School District) is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five-members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized and mandated by State statute and federal guidelines. The Board controls the School District's 4 instructional facilities, staffed by 127 classified employees, 159 certificated full-time teaching personnel, 3 exempt employees and 34 administrators who provide services to students and other community members.

The School District is located in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, Cuyahoga County. The enrollment for the School District during the 2024 fiscal year was 1,953. The School District operates one elementary schools (PreK-5), one middle school (6-8), and one high school (9-12).

#### ***Reporting Entity***

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

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

The School District participates in two jointly governed organizations and two shared risk pools. These organizations are the Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology, the Ohio Schools' Council Association, the Suburban Health Consortium and the Ohio School Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 14 and 15 of the basic financial statements.

### **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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### ***Basis of Presentation***

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

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. The School District, however, has no business-type activities.

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

***Fund Financial Statements*** During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary fund is reported by type.

### ***Fund Accounting***

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

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

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

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**Building Fund** The building capital projects fund accounts for bond proceeds, grants and interest restricted for contracts entered into by the School District for the building and equipping of classroom facilities.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose. The elementary and secondary school emergency relief special revenue and classroom facilities capital projects funds are presented on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds as a formerly major fund as it no longer meets the quantitative threshold to be a major fund. Other than the beginning fund balance, no amounts are presented in the column as this fund's 2024 activity is presented in the other governmental funds column. Information for the beginning balance is presented to reflect the movement from major to nonmajor. The adjusted balance beginning of year includes a “-“ to indicate this amount is included with the nonmajor fund.

**Fiduciary Fund Type** Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into the following four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are distinguished from custodial funds by the existence of a trust agreement or equivalent arrangements that has certain characteristics. The School District has no trust funds. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. The School District's only custodial fund accounts for monies received for athletic tournaments for the benefit of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. The liabilities represent amounts where no further action is needed to release the assets to the Athletics Association.

### **Measurement Focus**

**Government-wide Financial Statements** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

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

Like the government-wide statements, fiduciary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position. In fiduciary funds, a liability to the beneficiaries of fiduciary activity is recognized when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Fiduciary fund liabilities other than those to beneficiaries are recognized using the economic resources measurement focus.

Fiduciary funds present a statement of changes in fiduciary net position which reports additions to and deductions from investment trust, private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. The School District did not present this statement for fiscal year 2024 because fiduciary funds had no activity.

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### ***Basis of Accounting***

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

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the fiscal year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*** In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for deferred charges on refunding and for pension and OPEB plans. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the School District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, leases, pension, OPEB plans, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes and payments in lieu of 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 on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. The deferred inflow for leases is related to the leases receivable and is being recognized as lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease. Unavailable revenue is reported only

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on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the School District unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, intergovernmental grants and tuition and fees. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities found on page 19. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 11 and 12)

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

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

### ***Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)***

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

### ***Budgetary Data***

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

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the School District Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original and final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the amended certificate that was in effect at the time the original and final appropriations were passed by the Board of Education.

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

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### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

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

During fiscal year 2024, investments were limited to State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), money market accounts, negotiable certificates of deposit, federal farm credit bank bonds, federal home loan bank bonds, federal farm credit bank notes, federal national mortgage association notes, federal home loan mortgage corporation notes, municipal securities and U.S. treasury notes. Investments, except STAR Ohio, are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices.

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

STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit participant transactions to \$250 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for this purpose. Twenty-four hours advance notice to STAR Ohio is appreciated for purchases or redemptions of \$100 million or more. For fiscal year 2024, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Investment Earnings/Interest credited to the general fund during 2024 amounted to \$3,106,189 which includes \$712,427 assigned from other School District funds.

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

### ***Prepaid Items***

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which the services are consumed.

### ***Restricted Assets***

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change in nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provision. Restricted assets in the general fund represents money set-aside for unclaimed monies.

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### ***Capital Assets***

All of the School District's capital assets are general capital assets. General capital assets are those assets related to activities reported in the governmental funds. 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.

All capital assets (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets which are discussed later) are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The School District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the asset to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

	Description	Estimated Lives
<b><i>Tangible Assets</i></b>		
	Land Improvements	20 years
	Buildings and Improvements	50 years
	Leasehold Improvements	10 years
	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5-20 years
	Vehicles	10 years
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use Lease Assets</i></b>		
	Buildings	25 years
	Equipment	5 years

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

### ***Leases Payable***

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

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### ***Deferred Charge on Refunding***

On the government-wide financial statements, the difference between the reacquisition price (funds required to refund the old debt) and the net carrying amount of the old debt, the deferred charge on refunding, is being amortized as a component of interest expense. This deferred amount is amortized over the life of the old or new debt, whichever is shorter, using the effective interest method and is presented as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.

### ***Bond Premiums and Discounts***

On the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight line method. Bond premiums are presented as an increase of the face amount of the general obligation bonds payable. On fund financial statements, bond premiums are received in the year the bonds are issued. On the government-wide financial statements, bond discounts are presented as a decrease of the face amount of the general obligation bonds payable. On the fund financial statements, bond discounts are expended in the year the bonds are issued.

Under Ohio law, premiums on the original issuance of debt are to be deposited to the bond retirement fund to be used for debt retirement and are precluded from being applied to the project fund. Ohio law does allow premiums on refunding debt to be used as part of the payment to the bond escrow agent.

### ***Interfund Balances***

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans and interfund services provided and used are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." Interfund balances are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

### ***Compensated Absences***

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The School District records a liability for accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all classified employees.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

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

On the governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as a liability and expenditure to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the funds from which the employee who has accumulated unpaid leave is paid.

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### ***Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations***

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

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

### ***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed by law on its use through constitutional provisions or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Restricted net position for OPEB plans represent the corresponding restricted asset amounts held in trust by the OPEB plan for future benefits. Net position restricted for other purposes included resources restricted for information technologies and extracurricular activities.

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

### ***Internal Activity***

Transfers between governmental activities are eliminated on the government wide financial statements. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the statement of activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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

### ***Fund Balance***

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

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

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

**Committed** The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the School District Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School 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 School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance includes the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These assigned balances are established by the School District Board of Education. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the School District Board of Education or a School District official delegated that authority by State statute. State statute authorizes the Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order, provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The Board of Education assigned fund balance for administrative support.

**Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

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

### **Estimates**

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

### **Note 3 – Accountability**

At June 30, 2024, the following funds had deficit fund balances:

	Amount
<b><i>Other Governmental Funds:</i></b>	
Other Grants	\$311,290
Public School Preschool	193,166
Student Wellness and Success	941
ESSER	477,516
21st Century	32,187
Title VI-B	94,572
Title I	323,705
Drug Free Schools	20,355
Class Size Reduction	20,711

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

### **Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

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

The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are that:

- 1) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- 2) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
- 3) Advances in and advances out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).
- 4) Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the public school support, school improvement models, school net professional development, and Ohio reads grant funds are reclassified to the general fund for GAAP reporting.
- 5) Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).
- 6) Investments are reported at cost (budget) rather than fair value (GAAP).

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The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements on a fund type basis for the general fund:

Net Change in Fund Balance	
	General
GAAP Basis	\$9,449,343
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(5,188,496)
Advances In	2,967,000
Beginning Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	(3,778,084)
Ending Fair Value Adjustment for Investments	2,428,619
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	857,396
Advances Out	(2,317,000)
Perspective Differences:	
Public School Support	(26,075)
School Improvement Models	3,313
School Net Professional Development	2,970
Ohio Reads Grant	103
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(2,049,135)
Budget Basis	<u><u>\$2,349,954</u></u>

### Note 5 – Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

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

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

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.

### ***Deposits***

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2024, \$2,924,275 of the City's total bank balance of \$24,258,928 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. Two of the School District's financial institutions participate in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), and one was approved for a reduced collateral floor of 60 percent resulting in the uninsured and uncollateralized balance.

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

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

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

### ***Investments***

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

Measurement/Investment	Measurement Amount	Maturity	Standard & Poor's Rating	Percentage of Total Investments
Net Asset Value (NAV) per share:				
STAR Ohio	\$1,967,653	Average 46.5 Days	AAAm	N/A
Fair Value - Level One Inputs:				
Money Market Accounts	9,188	Less than one year	AAAm	N/A
Fair Value - Level Two Inputs:				
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	1,661,051	Less than two years	N/A	N/A
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	24,014,020	Less than three years	AA+	47.25%
Federal Farm Credit Bank Bonds	1,869,715	Less than two years	AA+	N/A
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Notes	2,912,145	Less than two years	AA+	5.73%
Federal Farm Credit Bank Notes	2,937,801	Less than two years	AA+	5.78%
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	8,665,984	Less than two years	AA+	17.05%
Municipal Securities	348,202	Less than one year	AA+	N/A
US Treasury Notes	<u>6,437,230</u>	Less than two years	N/A	12.67%
Total	<u>\$50,822,989</u>			

The School District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above chart identifies the School District's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024. The treasury obligations money market is measured at fair value and is valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs). The School District's remaining investments measured at fair value are valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored, which could require the need to acquire further market data. (Level 2 inputs)

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**Interest Rate Risk** As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses caused by rising interest rates, the School District's investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in short-term investments maturing within five years from the date of purchase and that the School District's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments. The stated intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.

**Custodial Credit Risk** For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School 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 money market accounts are exposed to custodial credit risk in that it is uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty. The School District has no investment policy dealing with the 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.

**Credit Risk** Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating service and the money market mutual fund be in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The School District has no investment policy that addresses credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** This type of risk is defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as having investments of five percent or more in the securities of a single issuer. The School District's investment policy requires diversification of the portfolio but does not indicate specific percentage allocations.

### Note 6 – Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consisted of taxes, accrued interest, accounts, payments in lieu of taxes, and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs, and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. All receivables are expected to be collected within one year except for delinquent property taxes. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

A summary of the intergovernmental receivables follows:

Governmental Activities	Amounts
Title I Grant	\$323,705
Foundation Adjustments	228,086
Various Governmental Reimbursements	167,106
Title VI-B Grant	48,460
Public School Preschool Grant	47,314
Federal Food Service Reimbursements	40,668
21st Century Grant	32,187
Improving Teacher Quality Grant	20,711
Title IV-A Grant	20,355
ESSER Grant	4,953
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	<u><u>\$933,545</u></u>

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### ***Payment in Lieu of Taxes***

The School District is party to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements. Municipalities, townships and counties can enter into TIF agreements which lock in real property at its unimproved value for up to 30 years in a defined TIF district. Some TIF agreements also require the TIF government to allocate service payments to school districts and other governments to help offset the property taxes these governments would have received had the improvements to real property not been exempted. The service payments that the School District receives as part of the TIF agreements are presented on the financial statements as Payments in Lieu of Taxes.

### **Note 7 – Property Taxes**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2023 become a lien December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at thirty-five percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility property taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2024, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim, based on collectability. 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 – property taxes.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2024, was \$7,190,269 in the general fund, \$1,417,591 in the bond retirement debt service fund and \$782,758 in the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2023, was \$2,276,272 in the general fund, \$448,776 in the bond retirement debt service fund and \$247,803 in the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The difference is in the timing and collection by the County Fiscal Officer.

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

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

	2023 Second Half Collections		2024 First Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential and Other Real Estate	\$378,912,790	95.08 %	\$403,193,540	95.28 %
Public Utility	19,626,540	4.92	19,971,280	4.72
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$398,539,330</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>\$423,164,820</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation		\$97.50		\$95.90

## Note 8 – Risk Management

### *Insurance*

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School District contracted through the Ohio School Plan for property insurance (which also includes inland marine, boiler and machinery), general liability, automobile and umbrella coverage. The School District also contracted with Travelers Insurance for crime and cyber coverage.

Company	Type of Coverage	Coverage
Ohio School Plan	Property (\$1,000 Deductible)	\$106,230,327
	Inland Marine (\$1,000 Deductible)	106,230,327
	Boiler/Machinery (\$1,000 Deductible)	100,000,000
	General Liability:	
	In Aggregate	1,000,000
	Per Occurrence	1,000,000
	Automobile Liability	11,000,000
	Umbrella Coverage:	
	Each Occurrence Limit	11,000,000
	Aggregate Limit	13,000,000
	Violent Acts	2,000,000
Travelers Insurance Company	Crime	1,100,000
	Cyber	3,000,000
Ironshore Specialty Insurance Company	Site Pollution	1,000,000

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Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There was a reduction in property and inland marine coverage by approximately \$5,000,000 from the prior year. The School District reduced the property and inland marine coverage based upon a recommendation from the School District's insurance broker. The School District also reduced the boiler and machinery policy limit to \$100,000,000, which remains sufficient coverage as a result of any one occurrence is subject to the respective sub-limits of liability in the policy. Other than the property, inland marine, and the boiler and machinery coverage mentioned, there has not been a significant reduction in the coverage from the prior year.

### ***Employee Health Benefits***

For fiscal year 2024, the School District was a participant in the Suburban Health Consortium (the "Consortium") to provide employee health, dental, vision and prescription drug benefits. The Consortium is administered by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Payments are made to the Consortium for the monthly attachment point, monthly stop-loss premiums, and administrative charges. The fiscal agent of the Consortium is the Orange City School District. The Treasurer of the Orange City School District pays monthly for the actual amount of claims processed, the stop-loss premium and the administrative charges. The entire risk of loss transfers to the Consortium upon payment of the premiums.

During fiscal year 2024, the School District provided full-time employees with 90 percent Board paid hospitalization, prescription drug, dental and vision.

### ***Workers' Compensation***

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

### **Note 9 – Tax Abatements**

School District property taxes were reduced as follows under community reinvestment area agreements entered into by overlapping governments:

Overlapping Government	2024 Taxes Abated
<i>Community Reinvestment Areas:</i>	
City of Warrensville Heights	\$952,735

Pursuant to Section 5709.82 of the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Warrensville Heights and the Warrensville Heights City School District created various Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Compensation Agreements.

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## Note 10 – Capital Assets

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

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2024
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>				
Land	\$803,187	\$0	\$0	\$803,187
Construction in Progress	69,456,933	13,298,590	(3,714,250)	79,041,273
<i>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>	<u>70,260,120</u>	<u>13,298,590</u>	<u>(3,714,250)</u>	<u>79,844,460</u>
<i>Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets</i>				
<i>Tangible Assets</i>				
Land Improvements	613,649	554,447	(241,338)	926,758
Buildings and Improvements	57,089,230	3,714,250	(8,252,028)	52,551,452
Leasehold Improvements	141,766	0	0	141,766
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	1,599,495	201,969	(809,811)	991,653
Vehicles	2,188,691	193,506	0	2,382,197
<i>Total Tangible Assets</i>	<u>61,632,831</u>	<u>4,664,172</u>	<u>(9,303,177)</u>	<u>56,993,826</u>
<i>Intangible Right to Use</i>				
<i>Lease Assets</i>				
Intangible Right to Use - Buildings	3,003,236	0	0	3,003,236
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	0	140,916	0	140,916
<i>Total Intangible Right to Use Assets</i>	<u>3,003,236</u>	<u>140,916</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,144,152</u>
<i>Total Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets</i>	<u>64,636,067</u>	<u>4,805,088</u>	<u>(9,303,177)</u>	<u>60,137,978</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>				
<i>Depreciation</i>				
Land Improvements	(348,132)	(29,030)	241,338	(135,824)
Buildings and Improvements	(13,005,498)	(1,013,201)	6,261,127	(7,757,572)
Leasehold Improvements	(49,618)	(14,177)	0	(63,795)
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(1,085,467)	(80,701)	772,384	(393,784)
Vehicles	(1,851,545)	(87,263)	0	(1,938,808)
<i>Total Depreciation</i>	<u>(16,340,260)</u>	<u>(1,224,372)</u>	<u>7,274,849</u>	<u>(10,289,783)</u>
<i>Amortization</i>				
<i>Intangible Right to Use</i>				
<i>Lease Assets</i>				
Intangible Right to Use - Buildings	(240,258)	(120,129)	0	(360,387)
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	0	(28,183)	0	(28,183)
<i>Total Amortization</i>	<u>(240,258)</u>	<u>(148,312)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(388,570)</u>
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>	<u>(16,580,518)</u>	<u>(1,372,684)</u>	<u>7,274,849</u>	<u>(10,678,353)</u>
<i>Total Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>48,055,549</u>	<u>3,432,404</u>	<u>(2,028,328)</u>	<u>49,459,625</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>\$118,315,669</u>	<u>\$16,730,994</u>	<u>(\$5,742,578)</u>	<u>\$129,304,085</u>

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\* Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Amortization</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular Instruction	\$1,020,489	\$0	\$1,020,489
Support Services:			
Administration	1,010	120,129	121,139
Business	485	0	485
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	116,248	28,183	144,431
Pupil Transportation	46,120	0	46,120
Food Service Operations	39,285	0	39,285
Extracurricular Activities	735	0	735
<i>Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense</i>	<u>\$1,224,372</u>	<u>\$148,312</u>	<u>\$1,372,684</u>

## Note 11 – 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 represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions/OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee – on a deferred-payment basis – as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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

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

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The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a *net OPEB asset* or long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 12 for the required OPEB disclosures.

### ***School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

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

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2024, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$942,645 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$124,079 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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### ***State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

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

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

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 3 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2023, a one-time ad-hoc COLA of 1 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2024 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2019. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3307.67(E) the STRS Ohio Retirement Board may adjust the COLA upon a determination by the board's actuary that a change will not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the system or is necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 34 years of service credit at any age.

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

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

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

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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.

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

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$2,106,799 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount \$426,410 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.15827130%	0.10446459%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.15623100%	0.10614457%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00204030%	-0.00167998%	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$8,745,305	\$22,496,384	\$31,241,689
Pension Expense	\$866,828	\$2,274,352	\$3,141,180

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At June 30, 2024, the School 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	\$375,893	\$820,171	\$1,196,064
Changes of assumptions	61,948	1,852,699	1,914,647
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	219,089	592,323	811,412
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>942,645</u>	<u>2,106,799</u>	<u>3,049,444</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$1,599,575</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,371,992</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,971,567</u></u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$49,921	\$49,921
Changes of assumptions	0	1,394,550	1,394,550
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	122,923	67,422	190,345
Changes in proportionate share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>319,999</u>	<u>319,999</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$122,923</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,831,892</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,954,815</u></u>

\$3,049,444 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$235,264	\$74,776	\$310,040
2026	(296,982)	(595,346)	(892,328)
2027	589,211	2,154,510	2,743,721
2028	<u>6,514</u>	<u>(200,639)</u>	<u>(194,125)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$534,007</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,433,301</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,967,308</u></u>

### *Actuarial Assumptions – SERS*

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

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

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

Inflation	2.4 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.0 percent, on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of System expenses
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

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

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

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. As of June 30, 2023:

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$12,907,623	\$8,745,305	\$5,239,344

## Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation are presented as follows:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	From 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent based on service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$34,594,460	\$22,496,384	\$12,264,723

### Note 12 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See note 11 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

#### *School Employees Retirement System (SERS)*

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

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

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

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2024, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year

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2024, this amount was \$30,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$73,286.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$73,286 for fiscal year 2024, which is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

### ***State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

**Plan Description** – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit beginning in 2023. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](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. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:</b>			
Current Measurement Date	0.15430720%	0.10446459%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.14968370%	0.10614457%	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00462350%</u>	<u>-0.00167998%</u>	
<b>Proportionate Share of the:</b>			
Net OPEB Liability	\$2,542,125	\$0	\$2,542,125
Net OPEB (Asset)	\$0	(\$2,031,691)	(\$2,031,691)
OPEB Expense	(\$357,689)	(\$108,714)	(\$466,403)

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$5,296	\$3,168	\$8,464
Changes of assumptions	859,568	299,298	1,158,866
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	19,702	3,627	23,329
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	164,033	17,871	181,904
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>73,286</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73,286</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$1,121,885</u>	<u>\$323,964</u>	<u>\$1,445,849</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,311,069	\$309,882	\$1,620,951
Changes of assumptions	721,989	1,340,481	2,062,470
Changes in Proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>411,028</u>	<u>2,370</u>	<u>413,398</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$2,444,086</u>	<u>\$1,652,733</u>	<u>\$4,096,819</u>

\$73,286 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability or increase to the net OPEB asset in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	(\$498,194)	(\$591,345)	(\$1,089,539)
2026	(414,350)	(268,660)	(683,010)
2027	(279,327)	(102,386)	(381,713)
2028	(146,689)	(140,371)	(287,060)
2029	(70,662)	(128,785)	(199,447)
Thereafter	<u>13,735</u>	<u>(97,222)</u>	<u>(83,487)</u>
Total	<u>(\$1,395,487)</u>	<u>(\$1,328,769)</u>	<u>(\$2,724,256)</u>

### *Actuarial Assumptions – SERS*

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

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

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

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

Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investment expense
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Fiduciary Net Position is Projected to be Depleted	2048
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.86 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.69 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate,	
Measurement Date	4.27 percent
Prior Measurement Date	4.08 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Medical Trend Assumption	
Measurement Date	6.75 to 4.40 percent
Prior Measurement Date	7.00 to 4.40 percent

Mortality rates among healthy retirees were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Mortality rates for contingent survivors were based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5 percent for males and adjusted 122.5 percent for females. Mortality rates for actives is based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table. Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

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

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The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board 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 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 11.

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

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

	Current		
	1% Decrease (3.27%)	Discount Rate (4.27%)	1% Increase (5.27%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$3,249,565	\$2,542,125	\$1,984,282
	Current		
	1% Decrease (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%)	Trend Rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%)	1% Increase (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,867,613	\$2,542,125	\$3,435,949

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### ***Actuarial Assumptions – STRS***

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

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	7.00 percent
Health Care Cost Trends		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	7.50 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Medicare	-10.94 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	-68.78 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	-11.95 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	9.00 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Medicare	1.33 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	-5.47 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate

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

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

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

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 11.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00 percent 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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**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current assumption. 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 (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	(\$1,719,561)	(\$2,031,691)	(\$2,303,525)
	Current		
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	(\$2,316,139)	(\$2,031,691)	(\$1,689,081)

### Note 13 – Other Employee Benefits

#### Compensated Absences

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn up to twenty-seven days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated with no maximum. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of the total sick leave accumulation, up to a maximum accumulation of 250 days for certified staff and a maximum accumulation of 205 days for classified employees.

#### Early Retirement Incentive

The School District negotiated an early retirement incentive for eligible certified employees who submit an irrevocable notice of resignation for retirement from the State Teachers Retirement System on or before April 30 2023, to take effect on or before July 1, 2023 and who are not seeking reemployment with the School District. The incentive amount is \$5,000 per eligible employee for up to 12 employees, if the Superintendent is notified in writing by April 30 of the retirement year, if notification is given by February 28 of the retirement year, an additional bonus of \$3,000 will be paid. There was a liability of \$48,000 as of June 30, 2024 for this plan. The School District negotiated an early retirement incentive for eligible Ohio Association of Public School Employees. The incentive amount is \$10,000 per eligible employee. There was a liability of \$70,000 as of June 30, 2024 for this plan.

#### Life Insurance

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to most employees from Grady Life Insurance through the Ohio Schools Council.

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### **Note 14 – Jointly Governed Organizations**

#### ***Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology***

The Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEONET) is the computer service organization or Information Technology Center (ITC) used by the School District. NEONET is an association of public school districts in a geographic area determined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The Summit County Educational Service Center acts as the fiscal agent for the consortium. The purpose of the consortium is to develop and employ a computer system efficiently and effectively for the needs of the member Boards of Education. All members in the consortium are required to pay fees, charges, and assessments as charged. A board made up of superintendents from all of the participating members governs NEONET. The Board exercises total control over the operations of NEONET including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each member's degree of control is limited to its representation on the Board. An elected Executive Board consisting of five members of the governing board is the managerial body of the consortium and meets on a monthly basis. Payments to NEONET are made from the general fund and the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The School District paid \$108,446 in contributions to NEONET in fiscal year 2024. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the Fiscal Officer at the Metropolitan Regional Service Council/Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEOnet), at 700 Graham Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221.

#### ***Ohio Schools' Council Association***

The Ohio Schools Council (Council) is a jointly governed organization among 302 members. The jointly governed organization was created by school districts for the purpose of saving money through volume purchases. Each district supports the Council by paying an annual participation fee. Each school district member's superintendent serves as a representative of the Assembly. The Assembly elects five of the Council's Board members and the remaining four are representatives of the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents' Association. The Council operates under a nine-member Board of Directors (the Board). The Board is the policy making authority of the Council. The Board meets monthly from September through June. The Board appoints an Executive Director who is responsible for receiving and disbursing funds, investing available funds, preparing financial reports for the Board and Assembly and carrying out such other responsibilities as designated by the Board. The degree of control exercised by any participant is limited to its representation on the Governing Board. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Council including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. In fiscal year 2024, the School District paid \$63,936 to the Council. Financial information can be obtained by contacting William J. Zelei, the Executive Director of the Ohio Schools' Council, at 6393 Oak Tree Boulevard, Suite 377, Independence, Ohio 44131.

The School District participates in the natural gas purchase program. This program allows the School District to purchase natural gas at reduced rates. Constellation New Energy (formerly known as Compass Energy) serves as the supplier and program manager. There are currently 185 participants in the program. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage and estimated prices. Each August, these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage and actual prices for the year (July to June). Districts that paid more in estimated billings than their actual billings are issued credits on future billings beginning in August until the credits are exhausted and districts that did not pay enough on estimated billings are invoiced for the difference on the August monthly estimated billing. Any school district that requests a refund of their excess amount has the amount returned in November of that fiscal year.

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### **Note 15 – Shared Risk Pool**

#### ***Suburban Health Consortium***

The Suburban Health Consortium (“the Consortium”) is a shared health risk pool created on October 1, 2001, formed by the Boards of Education of several school districts in northeast Ohio, for the purposes of maximizing benefits and/or reducing costs of group health, life, dental and/or other insurance coverage for their employees and the eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of such employees. The Consortium was formed and operates as a legally separate entity under Ohio Revised Code Section 9.833. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Consortium. The Board of Education of each Consortium Member appoints its Superintendent or such Superintendent’s designee to be its representative on the Board of Directors. The officers of the Board of Directors consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Recording Secretary, who are elected at the annual meeting of Board of Directors and serve until the next annual meeting. All of the authority of the Consortium is exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also set all premiums and other amounts to be paid by the Consortium Members, and the Board of Directors have the authority to waive premiums and other payments. All members of the Board of Directors serve without compensation.

The Fiscal Agent shall be the Board of Education responsible for administering the financial transactions of the Consortium (Orange City School District). The Fiscal Agent shall carry out the responsibilities of the Consortium Fund, enter into contracts on behalf of the Consortium as authorized by the Directors and carry out such other responsibilities as approved by the Directors and agreed to by the Fiscal Agent. Each District Member enrolled in a benefit program may require contributions from its employees toward the cost of any benefit program being offered by such District Member, and such contributions shall be included in the payments from such District Member to the Fiscal Agent for such benefit program. Contributions are to be submitted by each District Member, to the Fiscal Agent, required under the terms of the Consortium Agreement and any benefit program in which such District Member is enrolled to the Fiscal Agent on a monthly basis, or as otherwise required in accordance with any benefit program in which such District Member is enrolled. All general administrative costs incurred by the Consortium that are not covered by the premium payments shall be shared equally by the Consortium Members as approved by the Directors, and shall be paid by each Consortium Member upon receipt of notice from the Fiscal Agent that such payment is due. It is the express intention of the Consortium Members that the Consortium Agreement and the Consortium shall continue for an indefinite term, but may be terminated as provided in the Consortium Agreement.

Any Consortium Member wishing to withdraw from participation in the Consortium or any benefit program shall notify the Fiscal Agent at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. Upon withdrawal of a Consortium Member, the Consortium shall pay the run out of all claims for such Consortium Member provided such Consortium Member has paid to the Consortium, prior to the effective date of withdrawal a withdrawal fee in the amount equal to two months’ premiums at the Consortium Member’s current rate. Payment of the withdrawal fee does not extend insurance coverage for two months. Upon automatic withdrawal, for non-payment of premiums required by the Consortium Agreement, the Consortium shall pay the run out of all claims for such Consortium Member provided that the Consortium has received from such Consortium Member all outstanding and unpaid premiums and other amounts and the withdrawal fee equal to two months’ premiums at the Consortium Member’s current rates. Any Consortium Member which withdraws from the Consortium pursuant to the Consortium Agreement shall have no claim to the Consortium’s assets. Financial information for the Consortium can be obtained from the Treasurer of the Orange City School District (the Fiscal Agent) at 32000 Chagrin Boulevard, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124.

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### ***Ohio School Plan***

The Ohio School Plan (Plan) is a shared liability, property and fleet insurance risk pool which is governed by a board of thirteen school superintendents, business managers and treasurers. OSBA, BASA and OASBO executive directors serve as ex-officio members. Approximately 280 educational entities are members of the Plan. The Plan's board elects officers for two year terms to serve as the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Plan. All Plan revenues are generated from charges for services. For more information write to the Ohio School Plan, Hylant Administrative Services, 811 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

### **Note 16 – Contingencies**

#### ***Grants***

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

#### ***School Foundation***

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, additional DEW adjustments for fiscal year 2024 have been finalized. A receivable and payable have been recorded on the financial statements.

#### ***Litigation***

The Warrensville Heights City School District is currently a party to legal proceedings challenging the value of property for a major business in the School District with various appeals of property valuation. Total revenue for the School District may increase due to valuation adjustments. At this time, the effect on the financial condition of the School District is unknown.

The School District received communications from Beachwood City School District concerning a revenue sharing agreement from 1997, claiming particular sharing of tax revenues from particular properties that reside in the City of Beachwood but on the tax duplicate of the School District. The Beachwood City School District re-filed a "Complaint, Request for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Damages" in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, naming the Warrensville Heights Board of Education as defendant. On February 7, 2019 The Court of Common Pleas Cuyahoga County Ohio found that Warrensville Heights City School District is entitled to summary judgement as a matter of the law. The Beachwood City School District appealed the judgement on February 28, 2019 with the case pending. On September 17, 2020, the Court of Appeals overturned the trial court summary judgement remanding the case back to the trial court. The School District will appeal the case to the Supreme Court of Ohio, which has the discretion to hear the case. The Supreme Court of Ohio heard the case on October 6, 2021 and the case was affirmed and remanded to the trial court on September 6, 2022. The School District filed for reconsideration of which the Supreme Court denied on November 8, 2022 remanding the case to the trial court. The case is currently in the Cuyahoga County Court of Appeals.

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## Note 17 – Long-Term Obligations

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

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024	Amount Due in One Year
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>					
2018 School Improvement					
Serial Bonds, 2.0% to 4.0%	\$2,025,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	\$2,000,000	\$25,000
Term Bonds, 4.0% to 5.0%	2,035,000	0	0	2,035,000	0
Premium	224,353	0	(14,957)	209,396	0
Total 2018 School Improvement Bonds	4,284,353	0	(39,957)	4,244,396	25,000
2015 School Improvement					
Refunding Bonds, 2.5%	3,675,000	0	(1,820,000)	1,855,000	1,855,000
2019 School Improvement					
Serial Bonds, 4.0% to 5.0% <b>Series A</b>	2,620,000	0	(25,000)	2,595,000	25,000
Term Bonds, 4.0% to 5.25% <b>Series A</b>	11,530,000	0	0	11,530,000	0
Term Bonds, 2.471% to 2.712% <b>Series B</b>	1,990,000	0	0	1,990,000	490,000
Premium	3,126,924	0	(115,812)	3,011,112	0
Total 2019 School Improvement Bonds	19,266,924	0	(140,812)	19,126,112	515,000
2020 School Improvement Refunding					
Term Bonds, 2.723% to 3.50%	25,105,000	0	0	25,105,000	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds	896,031	0	(237,712)	658,319	179,748
Accretion	897,420	509,663	(317,288)	1,089,795	375,252
Premium	3,210,666	0	(112,656)	3,098,010	0
Total 2020 School Improvement Refunding Bonds	30,109,117	509,663	(667,656)	29,951,124	555,000
<i>Total General Obligation Bonds</i>	<i>57,335,394</i>	<i>509,663</i>	<i>(2,668,425)</i>	<i>55,176,632</i>	<i>2,950,000</i>

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<b>Governmental Activities (continued)</b>					
<i>Certificates of Participation:</i>					
2017 Certificates of Participation					
Serial Bonds, 3.125% to 4.0%	\$7,705,000	\$0	(\$395,000)	\$7,310,000	\$410,000
Term Bonds, 3.5%	7,720,000	0	0	7,720,000	0
Discount	(97,037)	0	3,975	(93,062)	0
Total 2017 Certificates of Participation	<u>15,327,963</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(391,025)</u>	<u>14,936,938</u>	<u>410,000</u>
2019 Certificates of Participation					
Serial Bonds, 4.0%	7,545,000	0	(455,000)	7,090,000	470,000
Term Bonds, 3.0% to 4.0%	13,155,000	0	0	13,155,000	0
Premium	438,083	0	(16,632)	421,451	0
Total 2019 Certificates of Participation	<u>21,138,083</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(471,632)</u>	<u>20,666,451</u>	<u>470,000</u>
2022A Certificates of Participation					
Serial Bonds, 4.0% to 5.0%	2,820,000	0	(235,000)	2,585,000	245,000
Term Bonds, 4.0%	1,925,000	0	0	1,925,000	0
Premium	132,648	0	(8,844)	123,804	0
Total 2022A Certificates of Participation	<u>4,877,648</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(243,844)</u>	<u>4,633,804</u>	<u>245,000</u>
2022B Certificates of Participation					
Serial Bonds, 4.0% to 5.0%	5,370,000	0	(445,000)	4,925,000	465,000
Term Bonds, 4.0%	3,675,000	0	0	3,675,000	0
Premium	258,445	0	(17,232)	241,213	0
Total 2022B Certificates of Participation	<u>9,303,445</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(462,232)</u>	<u>8,841,213</u>	<u>465,000</u>
Total Certificates of Participation	<u>50,647,139</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,568,733)</u>	<u>49,078,406</u>	<u>1,590,000</u>
Net Pension Liability					
SERS	8,450,188	295,117	0	8,745,305	0
STRS	23,596,072	0	(1,099,688)	22,496,384	0
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>32,046,260</u>	<u>295,117</u>	<u>(1,099,688)</u>	<u>31,241,689</u>	<u>0</u>
Net OPEB Liability					
SERS	2,101,575	440,550	0	2,542,125	0
Compensated Absences	1,209,653	310,779	(122,405)	1,398,027	310,052
Leases Payable	2,815,463	140,916	(134,960)	2,821,419	128,588
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$146,155,484</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,697,025</u></u>	<u><u>(\$5,594,211)</u></u>	<u><u>\$142,258,298</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,978,640</u></u>

On August 30, 2018, the School District issued \$8,800,000 in school facilities construction bonds, which included serial and term bonds in the amounts of \$2,105,000 and \$6,695,000, respectively. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$418,791. The school facilities construction bonds were issued for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the School District buildings. The bonds were issued for a twenty-eight year period with final maturity at December 1, 2046. After refunding in fiscal year 2020, the bonds now have a final maturity of December 1, 2037. The bonds will be retired from the bond retirement debt service fund. During fiscal year 2021, \$4,660,000 of the term bonds were refunded to take advantage of lower interest rates.

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The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2037 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption as follows:

Fiscal Year	Issue
	<u>\$2,035,000</u>
2033	\$400,000
2034	380,000
2035	405,000
2036	<u>425,000</u>
Total mandatory sinking fund payment:	1,610,000
Amount due at stated maturity:	<u>425,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,035,000</u></u>
<i>Stated Maturity</i>	12/1/2037

On March 12, 2015, the School District issued general obligation bonds, in the amount of \$13,790,000, to currently refund a portion of the 2007 school improvement refunding bonds in order to take advantage of lower interest rates. The bonds were issued with an interest rate of 2.5 percent. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with a final maturity at December 1, 2024. The bonds will be retired from the bond retirement debt service fund.

On November 15, 2019, the School District issued \$39,061,000 in school facilities construction bonds, which included Series A serial and term bonds in the amounts of \$2,656,000 and \$34,415,000, respectively and Series B term bonds in the amount of \$1,990,000. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$4,169,137. The school facilities construction bonds were issued for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the School District buildings. The bonds were issued for a thirty-five year period with final maturity at December 1, 2055. The bonds will be retired from the bond retirement debt service fund. During fiscal year 2021, \$22,885,000 of the Series A term bonds were refunded to take advantage of lower interest rates.

The Series A term bonds mature on December 1, 2038 and 2049 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest. The Series B term bonds mature on December 1, 2025 and 2027 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption as follows:

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Fiscal Year	Series A Issue		Series B Issue	
	\$2,375,000	\$9,155,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
2025	\$0	\$0	\$490,000	\$0
2026	0	0	0	500,000
2035	505,000	0	0	0
2036	555,000	0	0	0
2037	630,000	0	0	0
2045	0	1,245,000	0	0
2046	0	1,365,000	0	0
2047	0	2,065,000	0	0
2048	0	2,180,000	0	0
<b>Total mandatory sinking fund payment:</b>	<b>1,690,000</b>	<b>6,855,000</b>	<b>490,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Amount due at stated maturity</b>	<b>685,000</b>	<b>2,300,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,375,000</b>	<b>\$9,155,000</b>	<b>\$990,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<i>Stated Maturity</i>	12/1/2038	12/1/2049	12/1/2025	12/1/2027

On November 4, 2020, the School District issued \$26,708,704 in general obligation bonds to refund a portion of the 2018 and 2019 School Improvement bonds. The general obligation bonds include term and capital appreciation (deep discount) bonds in the amounts of \$25,105,000 and \$1,603,704, respectively. The bonds were issued at a premium of \$3,492,305. The term bonds were issued at varying interest costs of 2.723 to 3.50 percent. The bonds were issued for a 30 year period with final maturity on December 1, 2051. The bonds will be retired through the bond retirement debt service fund.

The capital appreciation bonds were originally sold at a discount of \$4,471,296, which is being accreted annually until the point of maturity of the capital appreciation bonds, which is 2032. The maturity amount of the outstanding capital appreciation bonds at June 30, 2024 was \$4,440,000. The accretion recorded for fiscal year 2024 was \$509,663, for a total outstanding bond liability of \$1,748,114 at June 30, 2024.

Net proceeds of \$33,437,308 were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. As a result, \$27,545,000 of these bonds is considered defeased and the liability for the refunded bonds has been removed from the School District's financial statements. As of June 30, 2024, \$27,545,000 of the defeased bonds are still outstanding.

The term bonds maturing on December 1, 2035, 2040, 2045 and 2051 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on October 1 in the years and in the respective principal amounts as follows:

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Fiscal Year	Issue \$2,310,000	Issue \$6,245,000	Issue \$9,240,000	Issue \$7,310,000
2033	\$555,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
2034	570,000	0	0	0
2035	585,000	0	0	0
2037	0	620,000	0	0
2038	0	635,000	0	0
2039	0	1,105,000	0	0
2040	0	1,895,000	0	0
2042	0	0	2,090,000	0
2043	0	0	2,190,000	0
2044	0	0	2,300,000	0
2045	0	0	2,040,000	0
2047	0	0	0	640,000
2048	0	0	0	665,000
2049	0	0	0	685,000
2050	0	0	0	710,000
2051	0	0	0	3,160,000
Total mandatory sinking fund payment:	1,710,000	4,255,000	8,620,000	5,860,000
Amount due at stated maturity:	600,000	1,990,000	620,000	1,450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,310,000</b>	<b>\$6,245,000</b>	<b>\$9,240,000</b>	<b>\$7,310,000</b>
<i>Stated Maturity</i>	12/1/2035	12/1/2040	12/1/2045	12/1/2051

On December 12, 2017, the School District issued \$17,225,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPs) for the purpose of building new facilities, which included \$9,505,000 in serial bonds and \$7,720,000 in term bonds. The certificates of participation were issued for a thirty year period with final maturity in fiscal year 2048. The certificates will be paid from property taxes from the general fund. The COPs were issued through a series of lease agreements and trust indentures in accordance with Section 3313.375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The COPs have been designated to be “qualified tax exempt obligations” within the meaning of 265(b)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with the lease terms, the project assets are leased to the Ohio School Building Leasing Corporation, and then subleased back to the School District. The COPs were issued through a series of annual leases with the right to renew for successive one-year terms through fiscal year 2048 subject to annual appropriations. To satisfy the trustee agreements, the School District is required to make annual base rent payments, subject to the lease terms and appropriations, semi-annually. The base rent includes an interest component of 3.125 – 4 percent. The School District has the option to purchase the renovations on any lease payment date by paying the amount necessary to defease the indenture. The certificates of participation were issued at a discount of \$119,227. This discount will be amortized over 30 years using the straight line method.

The term bonds mature on December 1, 2042 and 2047 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption as follows:

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Year	Issue	
	\$3,530,000	\$4,190,000
2038	\$660,000	\$0
2039	680,000	0
2040	705,000	0
2041	730,000	0
2043	0	780,000
2044	0	810,000
2045	0	840,000
2046	0	865,000
Total mandatory sinking fund payment:	2,775,000	3,295,000
Amount due at stated maturity	755,000	895,000
Total	\$3,530,000	\$4,190,000
<i>Stated Maturity</i>	12/1/2042	12/1/2047

On October 25, 2019, the School District issued \$22,000,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPs) for the purpose of building new facilities, which included \$8,845,000 in serial bonds and \$13,155,000 in term bonds. The certificates of participation were issued for a thirty year period with final maturity in fiscal year 2050. The certificates will be paid from property taxes from the permanent improvement capital projects fund. The COPs were issued through a series of lease agreements and trust indentures in accordance with Section 3313.375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The COPs have been designated to be “qualified tax exempt obligations” within the meaning of 265(b)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with the lease terms, the project assets are leased to the Ohio School Building Leasing Corporation, and then subleased back to the School District. The COPs were issued through a series of annual leases with the right to renew for successive one-year terms through fiscal year 2050 subject to annual appropriations. To satisfy the trustee agreements, the School District is required to make annual base rent payments, subject to the lease terms and appropriations, semi-annually. The base rent includes an interest component of 3 – 4 percent. The School District has the option to purchase the renovations on any lease payment date by paying the amount necessary to defease the indenture. The certificates of participation were issued at a premium of \$497,681. This premium will be amortized over 30 years using the straight line method.

The term bonds mature on November 1, 2037, 2039, 2043 and 2049 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption as follows:

Year	Issue			
	\$1,540,000	\$1,655,000	\$3,625,000	\$6,335,000
2036	\$755,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
2038	0	815,000	0	0
2040	0	0	865,000	0
2041	0	0	895,000	0
2042	0	0	920,000	0
2044	0	0	0	975,000
2045	0	0	0	1,005,000
2046	0	0	0	1,040,000
2047	0	0	0	1,070,000
2048	0	0	0	1,105,000
Total mandatory sinking fund payment:	755,000	815,000	2,680,000	5,195,000
Amount due at stated maturity	785,000	840,000	945,000	1,140,000
Total	\$1,540,000	\$1,655,000	\$3,625,000	\$6,335,000
<i>Stated Maturity</i>	11/1/2037	11/1/2039	11/1/2043	11/1/2049

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On June 29, 2022, the School District issued \$14,500,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPs) (\$5,000,000 in Series A and \$9,500,000 in Series B) for the purpose of building new facilities, which included \$8,900,000 in serial bonds and \$5,600,000 in term bonds. The certificates of participation were issued for a sixteen year period with final maturity in fiscal year 2038. The certificates will be paid from property taxes from the general fund. The COPs were issued through a series of lease agreements and trust indentures in accordance with Section 3313.375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The COPs have been designated to be “qualified tax exempt obligations” within the meaning of 265(b)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with the lease terms, the project assets are leased to the Ohio School Building Leasing Corporation, and then subleased back to the School District. The COPs were issued through a series of annual leases with the right to renew for successive one-year terms through fiscal year 2038 subject to annual appropriations. To satisfy the trustee agreements, the School District is required to make annual base rent payments, subject to the lease terms and appropriations, semi-annually. The base rent includes an interest component of 4.0 – 5.0 percent. The School District has the option to purchase the renovations on any lease payment date by paying the amount necessary to defease the indenture. The certificates of participation were issued at a net premium of \$417,169. This premium will be amortized over 16 years using the straight line method.

The term bonds mature on November 1, 2037 and December 1, 2037 and are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption as follows:

Fiscal Year	Series A Issue	Series B Issue
	\$1,925,000	\$3,675,000
2033	\$355,000	\$675,000
2034	370,000	705,000
2035	385,000	735,000
2036	400,000	765,000
Total mandatory sinking fund payment:	1,510,000	2,880,000
Amount due at stated maturity:	415,000	795,000
Total	\$1,925,000	\$3,675,000
<i>Stated Maturity</i>	11/1/2037	12/1/2037

The School District has \$5,004,481 in unspent proceeds (before related contracts and retainage payables of \$769,882 and \$966,862, respectively).

There are no repayment schedules for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability. However, employer pension and OPEB contributions are made from following funds: the general fund and the food service, recreation, other grants, public preschool, title VI-B, title I, class size reduction and miscellaneous federal grant special revenue funds. For additional information related to the net pension and net OPEB liabilities see Notes 11 and 12. Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and the food service, recreation, other grants, public preschool, ESSER, title VI-B, title I and class size reduction special revenue funds. The leases will be paid from the general fund.

The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2024, was \$0 with an unvoted debt margin of \$423,165. Pursuant to Section 133.06(I) of the Revised Code, a school district may incur net indebtedness in excess of the 9 percent limitation when necessary to raise the school district’s portion of the basic project cost and any additional funds necessary to participate in a project under Chapter 3318 of the Revised Code, including the costs of items designated by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term liabilities outstanding at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

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## General Obligation Bonds

Fiscal Year	Serial		Term		Capital Appreciation	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$1,905,000	\$225,887	\$490,000	\$1,471,909	\$179,748	\$375,252
2026	195,000	197,800	500,000	1,459,677	135,914	419,086
2027	210,000	189,700	500,000	1,446,720	102,769	452,231
2028	225,000	181,000	500,000	1,433,160	77,706	477,294
2029	510,000	164,950	0	1,426,380	58,758	496,242
2030-2034	2,940,000	431,175	1,525,000	7,093,471	103,424	1,561,576
2035-2039	465,000	11,625	7,555,000	6,250,588	0	0
2040-2044	0	0	10,465,000	4,543,552	0	0
2045-2049	0	0	11,505,000	2,598,393	0	0
2050-2052	0	0	7,620,000	351,200	0	0
Total	<u>\$6,450,000</u>	<u>\$1,402,137</u>	<u>\$40,660,000</u>	<u>\$28,075,050</u>	<u>\$658,319</u>	<u>\$3,781,681</u>

## Certificates of Participation

Fiscal Year	Serial		Term	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$1,590,000	\$820,319	\$0	\$912,169
2026	1,645,000	755,619	0	912,169
2027	1,720,000	688,318	0	912,169
2028	1,785,000	618,219	0	912,169
2029	1,865,000	545,218	0	912,169
2030-2034	9,440,000	1,569,165	1,030,000	4,540,245
2035-2039	3,865,000	218,988	7,585,000	3,669,070
2040-2044	0	0	8,115,000	2,257,546
2045-2049	0	0	8,605,000	837,738
2050	0	0	1,140,000	17,810
Total	<u>\$21,910,000</u>	<u>\$5,215,846</u>	<u>\$26,475,000</u>	<u>\$15,883,254</u>

The School District has outstanding agreements to lease administrative office space from the City of Warrensville Heights and for copiers. The future lease payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the leases. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the lease. A summary of the principal and interest amounts for the remaining leases is as follows:

	Leases	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$128,588	\$35,979
2026	131,393	33,174
2027	134,326	30,241
2028	137,397	27,170
2029	108,564	23,957
2030-2034	584,193	101,598
2035-2039	650,283	68,638
2040-2044	720,002	32,050
2045-2046	226,673	1,924
Total	<u>\$2,821,419</u>	<u>\$354,731</u>

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### **Note 18 – Significant Commitments**

#### *Contractual Commitments*

At June 30, 2024, the School District had a contract balance for various construction projects with Infinity Construction for \$2,611,765.

All remaining commitment amounts were encumbered at fiscal year-end. The amounts of \$769,882 and \$966,862 in contracts and retainage payable for governmental activities, respectively, have been capitalized.

#### *Encumbrances*

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At fiscal year end the amount of encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in the next fiscal year were as follows:

General	\$2,049,135
Building	732,617
Other Governmental Funds	<u>872,599</u>
Total	<u>\$3,654,351</u>

### **Note 19 – Fund Balances**

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

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Fund Balances	Other Governmental			Total
	General	Building	Funds	
<b><i>Nonspendable</i></b>				
Prepays	\$42,635	\$0	\$782	\$43,417
Unclaimed Monies	50,336	0	0	50,336
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>92,971</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>93,753</u>
<b><i>Restricted for:</i></b>				
Capital Improvements	0	2,769,359	3,613,359	6,382,718
Food Service Operations	0	0	423,014	423,014
Scholarships	0	0	5,912	5,912
Recreation Programs	0	0	11,132	11,132
Student Activities and Wellness	0	0	36,443	36,443
Athletics and Music	0	0	78,775	78,775
Classroom Facilities	0	0	1,200,353	1,200,353
Debt Service Payments	0	0	8,276,480	8,276,480
Other Purposes	0	0	37,573	37,573
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,769,359</u>	<u>13,683,041</u>	<u>16,452,400</u>
<b><i>Committed to:</i></b>				
Administration/Business	44,175	0	0	44,175
Bus Garage	22,251	0	0	22,251
Business	20,167	0	0	20,167
Educational Services	638,241	0	0	638,241
Legal	73,094	0	0	73,094
Operations	34,144	0	0	34,144
Utilities	106,089	0	0	106,089
<i>Total Committed</i>	<u>938,161</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>938,161</u>
<b><i>Assigned to:</i></b>				
Purchases on Order:				
Support Services	874,744	0	0	874,744
Administrative Support	43,135	0	0	43,135
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>917,879</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>917,879</u>
<b><i>Unassigned (Deficit)</i></b>	<b>61,504,657</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,474,443)</b>	<b>60,030,214</b>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$63,453,668</u>	<u>\$2,769,359</u>	<u>\$12,209,380</u>	<u>\$78,432,407</u>

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### Note 20 – Interfund Balances and Transfers

#### *Interfund Balances*

Interfund balances at June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

Interfund Payable	Interfund Receivable
	General
<i>Other Governmental Funds:</i>	
Other Grants	\$370,000
Public School Preschool	210,000
ESSER	475,000
21st Century	50,000
Title VI-B	290,000
Title I School Improvement	12,000
Title I	650,000
Drug Free Schools	160,000
Improving Teacher Quality	100,000
<i>Total All Funds</i>	<u>\$2,317,000</u>

Interfund receivables/payables between the general fund and all other governmental funds are due to the timing of the receipt of grant monies. The general fund provides temporary funding of the programs until the grant dollars are received.

#### *Interfund Transfers*

The general fund transferred \$15,000 to other governmental funds to help provide funding for the fiscal year. The classroom facilities capital projects fund transferred \$6,621,987 to the building capital projects fund for the interaction between the allocation of the locally funded initiatives (LFI) and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) State-based amount. The permanent improvement capital projects fund transferred \$211,582 to other governmental funds for maintenance fund reserves. Various special revenue funds transferred a total of \$51,191 to the general fund for remaining fund balances from obsolete funds from many years ago with no activity or anticipated future activity.

### Note 21 – Set-Aside Calculation

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

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

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	Capital Improvements
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$0
Add: Current Year Set-aside Requirement	367,745
Permanent Improvement Levy Offset During the Fiscal Year	(2,328,117)
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(1,347,960)</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$3,308,332)</u></u>
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Although the School District had offsets and qualifying disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount to below zero for the capital acquisition set-aside, this amount may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirement for future years. This negative balance is therefore not presented as being carried forward to future years.

### **Note 22 – Change in Accounting Principles and Changes Within the Financial Reporting Entity**

#### ***Change in Accounting Principles***

For fiscal year 2024, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, and related guidance from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2023-1, *Implementation Guidance Update — 2023*. The School District also implemented Question 5.1 from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, *Implementation Guidance Update — 2021*.

GASB 100 will improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. In turn, more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information will be provided to financial statement users for making decisions or assessing accountability. In addition, the display and note disclosure requirements will result in more consistent, decision-useful, understandable, and comprehensive information for users about accounting changes and error corrections.

Question 5.1 from Implementation Guide 2021-1 addresses the collective significance of applying the capitalization threshold to individual items in a group of assets. The School District reviewed its capital asset groupings and determined there were no asset groups where individually the assets were under the capitalization threshold yet were significant collectively.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 and GASB Implementation Guides 2021-1 and 2023-1 did not have any effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

In an effort to promote comparability with other governments, the School District updated its calculation of net position restricted for pension and OPEB plans for fiscal year 2024. This change had no impact on beginning net position, but rather reclassified the amounts presented as net position restricted for OPEB plans and unrestricted net position.

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### ***Changes Within the Financial Reporting Entity***

For fiscal year 2024, the elementary and secondary school emergency relief (ESSER) special revenue and classroom facilities capital projects funds' presentation was adjusted from major to nonmajor due to no longer meeting the quantitative threshold for a major fund. This change is separately displayed in the financial statements.

### **Note 23 – COVID-19**

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

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## Required Supplementary Information

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**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.15827130%	0.15623100%	0.14893140%	0.15820040%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$8,745,305	\$8,450,188	\$5,495,137	\$10,463,707
School District's Covered Payroll	\$6,341,286	\$5,866,021	\$5,157,321	\$5,583,700
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	137.91%	144.05%	106.55%	187.40%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	76.06%	75.82%	82.86%	68.55%

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.16414970%	0.14981700%	0.18041600%	0.15536060%	0.15431310%	0.15124500%
\$9,821,364	\$8,580,298	\$10,779,456	\$11,370,962	\$8,805,256	\$7,654,424
\$5,270,274	\$5,345,281	\$4,708,336	\$4,842,700	\$4,697,481	\$4,397,536
186.35%	160.52%	228.94%	234.81%	187.45%	174.06%
70.85%	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.15430720%	0.14968370%	0.14167920%	0.15484610%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$2,542,125	\$2,101,575	\$2,681,395	\$3,365,313
School District's Covered Payroll	\$6,341,286	\$5,866,021	\$5,157,321	\$5,583,700
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	40.09%	35.83%	51.99%	60.27%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	30.02%	30.34%	24.08%	18.17%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017
0.16136420%	0.15146240%	0.17801760%	0.15070230%
\$4,057,970	\$4,201,977	\$4,777,525	\$4,295,573
\$5,270,274	\$5,345,281	\$4,708,336	\$4,842,700
77.00%	78.61%	101.47%	88.70%
15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.10446459%	0.10614457%	0.10385790%	0.09984210%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$22,496,384	\$23,596,072	\$13,279,166	\$24,158,234
School District's Covered Payroll	\$14,389,957	\$13,496,914	\$13,066,729	\$12,126,436
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	156.33%	174.83%	101.63%	199.22%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.00%	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.09689098%	0.09362564%	0.09376547%	0.09477336%	0.09901681%	0.10515902%
\$21,426,857	\$20,586,176	\$22,274,189	\$31,723,502	\$27,365,351	\$25,578,313
\$11,518,307	\$10,688,029	\$9,943,436	\$10,019,057	\$10,251,643	\$10,722,654
186.02%	192.61%	224.01%	316.63%	266.94%	238.54%
77.40%	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability	0.10446459%	0.10614457%	0.10385790%	0.09984210%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability	(\$2,031,691)	(\$2,748,437)	(\$2,189,760)	(\$1,754,722)
School District's Covered Payroll	\$14,389,957	\$13,496,914	\$13,066,729	\$12,126,436
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.12%	-20.36%	-16.76%	-14.47%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	168.50%	230.70%	174.70%	182.10%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017
0.09689098%	0.09362564%	0.09376547%	0.09477336%
(\$1,604,746)	(\$1,504,468)	\$3,658,382	\$5,068,504
\$11,518,307	\$10,688,029	\$9,943,436	\$10,019,057
-13.93%	-14.08%	36.79%	50.59%
174.70%	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the School District's Contributions*  
*School Employees Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$942,645	\$887,780	\$821,243	\$722,025
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(942,645)	(887,780)	(821,243)	(722,025)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$6,733,179	\$6,341,286	\$5,866,021	\$5,157,321
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	\$73,286	\$66,650	\$46,278	\$36,125
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(73,286)	(66,650)	(46,278)	(36,125)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u><u>1.09%</u></u>	<u><u>1.05%</u></u>	<u><u>0.79%</u></u>	<u><u>0.70%</u></u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (1)	<u><u>15.09%</u></u>	<u><u>15.05%</u></u>	<u><u>14.79%</u></u>	<u><u>14.70%</u></u>

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

(2) Includes Surcharge

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$781,718	\$711,487	\$721,613	\$659,167	\$677,978	\$619,128
(781,718)	(711,487)	(721,613)	(659,167)	(677,978)	(619,128)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$5,583,700	\$5,270,274	\$5,345,281	\$4,708,336	\$4,842,700	\$4,697,481
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.18%</u>
\$55,404	\$92,707	\$106,212	\$73,605	\$47,345	\$80,475
(55,404)	(92,707)	(106,212)	(73,605)	(47,345)	(80,475)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>0.99%</u>	<u>1.76%</u>	<u>1.99%</u>	<u>1.56%</u>	<u>0.98%</u>	<u>1.71%</u>
<u>14.99%</u>	<u>15.26%</u>	<u>15.49%</u>	<u>15.56%</u>	<u>14.98%</u>	<u>14.89%</u>

**Warrensville Heights City School District**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the School District's Contributions*  
*State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$2,106,799	\$2,014,594	\$1,889,568	\$1,829,342
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(2,106,799)</u>	<u>(2,014,594)</u>	<u>(1,889,568)</u>	<u>(1,829,342)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
School District Covered Payroll	\$15,048,564	\$14,389,957	\$13,496,914	\$13,066,729
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (1)</b>				

(1) Although the covered payroll for the net OPEB liability is the same as the net pension liability, there were no OPEB related required contributions for 2015-2024, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to postemployment health care; therefore, there is no required supplementary information to present related to the statutorily established employer contributions requirements for the net OPEB liability.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$1,697,701	\$1,612,563	\$1,496,324	\$1,392,081	\$1,402,668	\$1,435,230
<u>(1,697,701)</u>	<u>(1,612,563)</u>	<u>(1,496,324)</u>	<u>(1,392,081)</u>	<u>(1,402,668)</u>	<u>(1,435,230)</u>
<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
\$12,126,436	\$11,518,307	\$10,688,029	\$9,943,436	\$10,019,057	\$10,251,643
<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>	<u><u>14.00%</u></u>

## Warrensville City School District, Ohio

### Notes to Required Supplementary Information

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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### Net Pension Liability

#### Changes in Benefit Terms/Assumptions – SERS

Beginning in fiscal year 2018, on each anniversary of the initial retirement, the allowance of all retirees and survivors may be increased by the annual rate of increase in the CPI-W measured as of the June preceding the beginning of the applicable calendar year. The annual rate of increase shall not be less than 0 percent nor greater than 2.5 percent. The COLA was suspended for 2018-2020. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3 percent was used. For 2021, the cost-of-living adjustment was reduced from 2.5 percent to 2 percent. For 2023 and 2024, the cost-of-living adjustment was increased from 2 percent to 2.5 percent.

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

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

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

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

#### Changes in Assumptions - STRS

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

## Warrensville City School District, Ohio

*Notes to Required Supplementary Information*

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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	<u>Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>Fiscal Years 2021-2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2017 and Prior</u>
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.50 percent	2.75 percent
Projected salary increases	Varies by Service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.25 percent at age 20 to 2.75 percent at age 70
Investment Rate of Return	See Below	See Below	See Below
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent	3.5 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013 2 percent per year; for members retiring after August 1, 2013, or later, COLA commences on fifth anniversary of retirement date.

Investment rate of return:

Fiscal Years 2022 through 2024	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Fiscal Year 2017 and prior	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation

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

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

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

### **Changes in Benefit Term – STRS**

For 2024, demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021.

# Warrensville City School District, Ohio

## Notes to Required Supplementary Information

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

### Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

#### Changes in Assumptions – SERS

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

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

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

#### Municipal Bond Index Rate:

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

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

Fiscal year 2024	4.27 percent
Fiscal year 2023	4.08 percent
Fiscal year 2022	2.27 percent
Fiscal year 2021	2.63 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.22 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.98 percent

#### Changes in Assumptions – STRS

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

## **Warrensville City School District, Ohio**

### *Notes to Required Supplementary Information*

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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

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

For fiscal year 2023, the projected salary increases were changed from age based to service based. Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience.

### **Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS**

For fiscal year 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2020.

For fiscal year 2019, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019 and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.

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

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

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

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

For fiscal year 2024, healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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>ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER</b>	<b>PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER/ ADDITIONAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION</b>	<b>TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES</b>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u></b>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
<b>Child Nutrition Cluster:</b>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	\$ 445,625
National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	2024	65,817
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2023	392,925
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	708,460
COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program	10.555	COVID-19, 2024	55,915
<b>Total National School Lunch Program</b>			<u>1,223,117</u>
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	2024	47,573
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			<u>1,716,315</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<u>1,716,315</u>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u></b>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	124,412
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	1,140,562
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Title I Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	30,107
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Title I Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	77,110
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - School Quality Improvement	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	4,574
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	84.010A, 2023	36,716
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	84.010A, 2024	45,991
<b>Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies</b>			<u>1,459,472</u>
<b>Special Education Cluster (IDEA):</b>			
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2023	53,705
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	84.027A, 2024	588,003
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - ARP	84.027X	COVID-19, 84.027X, 2023	40,614
<b>Total Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)</b>			<u>682,322</u>
Special Education Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	84.173A, 2024	7,403
<b>Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)</b>			<u>689,725</u>
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	84.287A, 2023	64,293
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	84.287A, 2024	96,954
<b>Total Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers</b>			<u>161,247</u>
<i>Consortium Amount Passed/Transferred to the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio</i>			
English Language Acquisition State Grants - Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners	84.365A	84.365A, 2024	1,671
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2023	12,887
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	84.367A, 2024	106,702
<b>Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants</b>			<u>119,589</u>
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	84.424A, 2023	20,953
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	84.424A, 2024	83,443
<b>Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program</b>			<u>104,396</u>
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund	84.425U	COVID-19, 84.425U, 2024	1,045,848
COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - ARP Homeless Round II	84.425W	COVID-19, 84.425W, 2024	16,887
<b>Total Education Stabilization Fund</b>			<u>1,062,735</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<u>3,598,835</u>
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>			<u>\$ 5,315,150</u>

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

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Warrensville Heights City School District under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Warrensville Heights City School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Warrensville Heights City School District. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be limited to as to reimbursement.

**NOTE 2 – DE MINIMIS COST RATE**

CFR Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The Warrensville Heights City School District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 3 - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

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

**NOTE 4 – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

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

**NOTE 5 – PASS-THROUGH FUNDS**

The Warrensville Heights City School District was awarded federal program allocations to be administered on their behalf by the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio. For fiscal year 2024 the Warrensville Heights City School District's allocations were as follows:

English Language Acquisition State Grants (ALN 84.365A) \$1,671

**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***

Warrensville Heights City School District  
Cuyahoga County  
4743 Richmond Road  
Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128

To the Members of the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Warrensville Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Warrensville Heights City School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 23, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

Warrensville Heights City School District  
Cuyahoga County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

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

*Julian & Grube, Inc.*

Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 23, 2025

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

Warrensville Heights City School District  
Cuyahoga County  
4743 Richmond Road  
Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128

To the Members of the Board of Education:

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

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

We have audited the Warrensville Heights City School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Warrensville Heights City School District's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Warrensville Heights City School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

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

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

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

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

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

Warrensville Heights City School District  
Cuyahoga County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

***Report on Internal Control over Compliance***

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

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

Warrensville Heights City School District  
Cuyahoga County  
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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

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

*Julian & Grube, Inc.*

Julian & Grube, Inc.  
January 23, 2025

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

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

<b>1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS</b>		
(d)(1)(i)	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</i>	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(ii)	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	None reported
(d)(1)(iii)	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iv)	<i>Were any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
(d)(1)(iv)	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	None reported
(d)(1)(v)	<i>Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</i>	No
(d)(1)(vii)	<i>Major Program(s) (listed):</i>	Child Nutrition Cluster
(d)(1)(viii)	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	Yes

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

None

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

None

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CUYAHOGA 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 5/22/2025

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