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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEIGS COUNTY  
JUNE 30, 2022**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Eastern Local School District  
Meigs County  
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To the Board of Education:

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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.

***Required Supplementary Information***

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

***Supplementary information***

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 2, 2023, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 2, 2023

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The discussion and analysis of the Eastern Local School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. 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 the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year 2022 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities increased \$693,484.
- General revenues accounted for \$8,890,660 or 79.6% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, capital grants, operating grants, contributions, and interest accounted for \$2,278,619 or 20.4% of total revenues of \$11,169,279.
- Total assets of governmental activities increased \$242,495, while total liabilities decreased \$4,875,879.
- The School District had \$10,475,795 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$2,278,619 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and sales, capital grants, operating grants, contributions, and interest. General revenues of \$8,890,660 were adequate to provide the remaining resources for these programs.
- The School District's only major fund, the General Fund, had \$9,424,171 in revenues and \$9,660,330 in expenditures. There were no transfers out, the General Fund's balance decreased \$236,159.

### **USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

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

*Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities*

While this document contains information about the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities for students, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2022?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

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

*Fund Financial Statements*

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 9. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major fund. The School District uses many funds to account for a multiple of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

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

***Proprietary Funds*** Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements will essentially match. The School District's only fund of this type is the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund. However, the activity of this fund is combined with the Governmental Activities on the entity wide financial statements.

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**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2022 compared to 2021.

Table 1  
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2022	Restated 2021	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$10,170,930	\$10,244,123	(\$73,193)
Capital Assets, Net	6,482,544	6,285,340	197,204
Net OPEB Asset	689,339	570,855	118,484
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>17,342,813</u>	<u>17,100,318</u>	<u>242,495</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	2,311,763	2,174,326	137,437
OPEB	364,038	443,410	(79,372)
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,675,801</u>	<u>2,617,736</u>	<u>58,065</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current and Other Liabilities	1,443,843	1,339,894	103,949
Long-term Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	80,790	42,289	38,501
Due in More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	5,778,127	10,657,048	(4,878,921)
Net OPEB Liability	847,479	959,867	(112,388)
Other Amounts	377,891	404,911	(27,020)
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>8,528,130</u>	<u>13,404,009</u>	<u>(4,875,879)</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	1,077,823	1,101,169	(23,346)
Pension	4,550,266	164,412	4,385,854
OPEB	1,325,743	1,205,296	120,447
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>6,953,832</u>	<u>2,470,877</u>	<u>4,482,955</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,454,281	6,273,729	180,552
Restricted	1,129,874	1,108,781	21,093
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(3,047,503)	(3,539,342)	491,839
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$4,536,652</u>	<u>\$3,843,168</u>	<u>\$693,484</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the School District at June 30, 2022. 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

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

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

Total assets of governmental activities increased \$242,495. Current assets decreased by \$73,193, primarily due to decreases in equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. The overall increase in assets was due to an increase in capital assets and the net OPEB asset.

Total liabilities decreased \$4,875,879, mainly due to the \$4,878,921 decrease in net pension liability. This was due to the changes in assumptions offset by changes in net investment income.

The School District's deferred inflows of resources increased \$4,482,955, primarily due to the change in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.

The net effect of changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources resulted in a \$693,484 increase in total net position of the School District's governmental activities.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for 2022 and 2021.

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Table 2  
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2022	Restated 2021	Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$171,225	\$880,732	(\$709,507)
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	1,792,155	1,910,357	(118,202)
Capital Grants, Contributions and Interest	315,239	0	315,239
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>2,278,619</u>	<u>2,791,089</u>	<u>(512,470)</u>
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	1,946,209	2,015,323	(69,114)
Grants and Entitlements	6,845,746	6,502,990	342,756
Interest	25,782	23,879	1,903
Donations	2,920	216	2,704
Rent	26,935	27,998	(1,063)
Miscellaneous	43,068	29,675	13,393
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>8,890,660</u>	<u>8,600,081</u>	<u>290,579</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>11,169,279</u>	<u>11,391,170</u>	<u>(221,891)</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Instruction:			
Regular	4,195,310	5,240,728	(1,045,418)
Special	1,388,609	1,506,156	(117,547)
Vocational	127,010	0	127,010
Student Intervention Services	122,907	96,286	26,621
Support Services:			
Pupils	761,763	781,223	(19,460)
Instructional Staff	126,803	147,074	(20,271)
Board of Education	44,387	36,515	7,872
Administration	641,187	751,796	(110,609)
Fiscal	373,753	400,480	(26,727)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,119,946	1,072,103	47,843
Pupil Transportation	649,977	616,414	33,563
Central	86,628	98,137	(11,509)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	427,663	420,693	6,970
Community Services	32,565	18,425	14,140
Extracurricular Activities	366,884	330,686	36,198
Interest and Fiscal Charges	10,403	0	10,403
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>10,475,795</u>	<u>11,516,716</u>	<u>(1,040,921)</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>693,484</u>	<u>(125,546)</u>	<u>819,030</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>3,843,168</u>	<u>3,968,714</u>	<u>(125,546)</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$4,536,652</u>	<u>\$3,843,168</u>	<u>\$693,484</u>

From fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022, total revenues decreased \$221,891. This was due to the decrease in property taxes, charges for services and sales, and operating grants, contributions, and interest. Charges for services and sales decreased \$709,507 due to the changes in the model for State

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Funding which took effect for fiscal year 2022. Capital grants, contributions, and interest increased mainly due to Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds received for the HVAC update project and the weightroom project that are currently in progress. Total expenses also decreased \$1,040,921, mainly due to the decrease in pension and OPEB expense. This resulted in an increase in net position of \$693,484.

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

Table 3  
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Restated	
			Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
			2021	2021
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$4,195,310	\$4,039,872	\$5,240,728	\$4,184,681
Special	1,388,609	574,990	1,506,156	708,623
Vocational	127,010	106,308	0	(40,682)
Student Intervention Services	122,907	(7,605)	96,286	4,889
Support Services:				
Pupils	761,763	711,034	781,223	520,542
Instructional Staff	126,803	101,222	147,074	116,677
Board of Education	44,387	44,387	36,515	36,515
Administration	641,187	641,187	751,796	751,796
Fiscal	373,753	373,753	400,480	400,480
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,119,946	841,536	1,072,103	1,005,760
Pupil Transportation	649,977	516,594	616,414	543,161
Central	86,628	85,928	98,137	98,137
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	427,663	(72,307)	420,693	127,908
Community Services	32,565	20,782	18,425	(9,344)
Extracurricular Activities	366,884	209,092	330,686	276,484
Interest and Fiscal Charges	10,403	10,403	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,475,795</b>	<b>\$8,197,176</b>	<b>\$11,516,716</b>	<b>\$8,725,627</b>

The dependence upon tax revenues and State subsidies for governmental activities is apparent. Over 78 percent of program expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS**

The School District's major fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$11,189,386 which was a decrease of \$183,365 from 2021, and expenditures of \$11,481,057 increased \$579,216 from 2021.

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The General Fund's fund balance decreased \$236,159 from 2021. The decrease in revenues of \$349,449 from 2021 was mainly due to the decrease in property taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The \$447,958 increase in expenses was mainly in due to salary and benefit increases.

**General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

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

During the course of fiscal year 2022, the School District amended its General Fund budget. The School District uses a modified site-based budgeting technique which is designed to tightly control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management.

For the General Fund, budget basis revenue was \$9,367,307, above final estimates of \$9,366,563. Final estimated revenues were lower than the original estimates of \$9,584,000. This decrease accounts for the decrease in open enrollment within the School District. Final appropriations were higher than the original appropriations. This increase accounts for increase in appropriations for grants received. Actual expenditures were below final appropriations of \$10,574,217 by \$991,307. The School District's ending General Fund balance was \$3,627,995.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At the end of fiscal year 2022, the School District had \$6,454,281 invested in land; land improvements; buildings and improvements; textbooks; furniture and equipment; intangible right to use equipment; and vehicles. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2022 balances compared to 2021.

Table 4  
 Capital Assets  
 (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities	
	Restated	
	2022	2021
Land	\$23,487	\$23,487
Construction in Progress	9,377	0
Land Improvements	204,128	203,929
Buildings and Improvements	5,188,674	5,064,583
Furniture and Equipment	472,730	434,766
Vehicles	445,245	418,730
Textbooks	110,640	128,234
Intangible Right to Use Equipment	28,263	35,098
Totals	\$6,482,544	\$6,308,827

For additional information on capital assets, see Note 10 to the financial statements.

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**DEBT**

At June 30, 2022, the School District had the following outstanding debt:

**Table 5**  
**Outstanding Debt, at Fiscal Year End**

	2022	Restated 2021
Copier Lease	\$28,263	\$35,098

For additional information on debt, see Notes 17 to the basic financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

Although considered a mid-wealth district, the School District has maintained financial stability primarily from monitoring expenditures and making necessary budget reductions. As indicated in the preceding financial information, the School District is heavily dependent on intergovernmental revenue. Given the current inflationary increases, especially in terms of group health premium trends, the current program and staffing levels of the School District will be dependent on increased State, local, and federal funding. The challenge for all school districts is to provide a quality education to their students while staying within the restrictions imposed by limited, and in some cases, shrinking funding.

State legislation and the economy of the State greatly impact the financial stability of the School District. The property values within the School District are low. One voted mill will only generate approximately \$99,500.

A building levy in 1996 and the participation in the Ohio School Facility Commission program allowed the School District to construct a K-8 building and renovate our high school. The existing high school was originally constructed in 1955. The School District will again begin the process of working with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to determine what forms of assistance will be available to replace/renovate the high school structure and renovate the K-8 building.

**CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lisa Ritchie, Treasurer at Eastern Local School District, 50008 State Route 681, Reedsville, Ohio 45772.



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*Statement of Net Position*

*June 30, 2022*

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,658,036
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	1,629,985
Accounts Receivable	565
Intergovernmental Receivable	86,190
Prepaid Items	86,410
Materials and Supplies Inventory	46,970
Inventory Held for Resale	5,286
Property Taxes Receivable	2,657,488
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	32,864
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	6,449,680
Net OPEB Asset	<u>689,339</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>17,342,813</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Pension	2,311,763
OPEB	<u>364,038</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,675,801</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	86,785
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	898,640
Intergovernmental Payable	244,297
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	28,306
Unearned Revenue	1,352
Claims Payable	184,463
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	80,790
Due in More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability	5,778,127
Net OPEB Liability	847,479
Other Amounts	<u>377,891</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>8,528,130</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Property Taxes	1,077,823
Pension	4,550,266
OPEB	<u>1,325,743</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>6,953,832</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,454,281
Restricted for:	
Food Service	55,405
Student Activities	99,444
State Programs	21,161
Federal Programs	4,525
Classroom Facilities	560,148
Scholarships	314,487
Athletics and Music	43,255
Local Initiatives	31,449
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(3,047,503)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$4,536,652</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements report

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Activities*  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Program Revenues			Capital Grants, Contributions, and Interest	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest		
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Instruction:					
Regular	\$4,195,310	\$53,282	\$102,156	\$0	(4,039,872)
Special	1,388,609	34,000	774,427	5,192	(574,990)
Vocational	127,010	0	20,702	0	(106,308)
Student Intervention	122,907	0	130,512	0	7,605
Support Services:					
Pupils	761,763	0	50,729	0	(711,034)
Instructional Staff	126,803	0	25,581	0	(101,222)
Board of Education	44,387	0	0	0	(44,387)
Administration	641,187	0	0	0	(641,187)
Fiscal	373,753	0	0	0	(373,753)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,119,946	0	22,612	255,798	(841,536)
Pupil Transportation	649,977	0	79,134	54,249	(516,594)
Central	86,628	36	664		(85,928)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:					
Food Service Operations	427,663	24,965	475,005	0	72,307
Community Services	32,565	0	11,783	0	(20,782)
Extracurricular Activities	366,884	58,942	98,850	0	(209,092)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	10,403	0	0	0	(10,403)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$10,475,795</u>	<u>\$171,225</u>	<u>\$1,792,155</u>	<u>\$315,239</u>	<u>(8,197,176)</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes					1,946,209
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs					6,845,746
Investment Earnings					25,782
Donations not Restricted to Specific Programs					2,920
Rent					26,935
Miscellaneous					43,068
<i>Total General Revenues</i>					<u>8,890,660</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>					693,484
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year - Restated (See Note 3)</i>					<u>3,843,168</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>					<u>\$4,536,652</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**

*Balance Sheet*

*Governmental Funds*

*June 30, 2022*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,960,320	\$1,607,420	\$5,567,740
Receivables:			
Property Taxes	2,657,488	0	2,657,488
Accounts	275	290	565
Intergovernmental	7,558	78,632	86,190
Interfund	7,960	0	7,960
Prepaid Items	86,016	394	86,410
Inventory Held for Resale	0	5,286	5,286
Materials and Supplies Inventory	45,964	1,006	46,970
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$6,765,581</u>	<u>\$1,693,028</u>	<u>\$8,458,609</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$80,720	\$6,065	\$86,785
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	806,052	92,588	898,640
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	28,306	0	28,306
Interfund Payable	0	7,960	7,960
Intergovernmental Payable	225,782	18,515	244,297
Unearned Revenue	0	1,352	1,352
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,140,860</u>	<u>126,480</u>	<u>1,267,340</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	1,077,823	0	1,077,823
Unavailable Revenue	453,537	39,905	493,442
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>1,531,360</u>	<u>39,905</u>	<u>1,571,265</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable	131,980	6,686	138,666
Restricted	0	1,122,387	1,122,387
Committed	203,646	71,612	275,258
Assigned	697,556	370,860	1,068,416
Unassigned (Deficit)	3,060,179	(44,902)	3,015,277
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>4,093,361</u>	<u>1,526,643</u>	<u>5,620,004</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$6,765,581</u>	<u>\$1,693,028</u>	<u>\$8,458,609</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
 Net Position of Governmental Activities  
 June 30, 2022*

<b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$5,620,004</b>
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		6,482,544
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds:		
Delinquent Property Taxes	448,488	
Intergovernmental Revenues	44,954	493,442
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.		1,535,818
The net pension liability, net OPEB asset, and net OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the asset, liabilities, and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the funds:		
Net OPEB Asset	689,339	
Deferred Outflows - Pension	2,311,763	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(4,550,266)	
Net Pension Liability	(5,778,127)	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	364,038	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(1,325,743)	
Net OPEB Liability	(847,479)	(9,136,475)
Compensated absences payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Lease Payable	(28,263)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(430,418)	(458,681)
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		<b>\$4,536,652</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$1,966,001	\$0	\$1,966,001
Intergovernmental	7,274,828	1,576,473	8,851,301
Investment Earnings	17,196	1,692	18,888
Tuition and Fees	87,282	0	87,282
Rent	28,123	0	28,123
Extracurricular Activities	1,947	125,116	127,063
Charges for Services and Sales	0	25,001	25,001
Gifts and Donations	4,429	34,811	39,240
Miscellaneous	44,365	2,122	46,487
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>9,424,171</u>	<u>1,765,215</u>	<u>11,189,386</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	4,297,646	102,416	4,400,062
Special	1,107,535	399,243	1,506,778
Vocational	127,010	0	127,010
Student Intervention	614	126,524	127,138
Support Services:			
Pupils	751,133	65,462	816,595
Instructional Staff	110,248	25,250	135,498
Board of Education	44,387	0	44,387
Administration	714,230	0	714,230
Fiscal	400,410	0	400,410
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	985,114	23,145	1,008,259
Pupil Transportation	644,611	85,272	729,883
Central	90,940	614	91,554
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	53,005	458,900	511,905
Extracurricular Activities	204,734	148,068	352,802
Capital Outlay	111,475	385,833	497,308
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	6,835	0	6,835
Interest and Fiscal Charges	10,403	0	10,403
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>9,660,330</u>	<u>1,820,727</u>	<u>11,481,057</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(236,159)	(55,512)	(291,671)
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year - Restated (Note 3)</i>	<u>4,329,520</u>	<u>1,582,155</u>	<u>5,911,675</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$4,093,361</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,526,643</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,620,004</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** (\$291,671)

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

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

Capital Outlay	617,808	
Current Year Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(426,701)</u>	191,107

Governmental funds report only the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the Statement of Activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the amount of the loss on disposal of assets. (17,390)

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

Delinquent Property Taxes	(19,792)	
Intergovernmental Revenue	(4,294)	
Rent	(1,188)	
Miscellaneous	<u>(3,419)</u>	(28,693)

Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 6,835

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

Pension	769,597	
OPEB	<u>31,207</u>	800,804

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

Pension	(139,093)	
OPEB	<u>(154)</u>	(139,247)

Expenses resulting from compensated absences in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. (18,316)

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the district-wide statement of activities. The net change of the internal service fund is reported with governmental activities. 190,055

*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities* \$693,484

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)  
General Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$1,970,000	\$1,953,800	\$1,953,655	(\$145)
Intergovernmental	6,787,000	7,280,214	7,279,994	(\$220)
Investment Earnings	15,000	15,700	17,196	\$1,496
Tuition and Fees	780,000	87,283	87,282	(\$1)
Rent	28,000	26,000	25,614	(\$386)
Gifts and Donations	2,000	2,920	2,920	\$0
Miscellaneous	2,000	646	646	\$0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>9,584,000</u>	<u>9,366,563</u>	<u>9,367,307</u>	<u>744</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	5,140,536	5,169,666	4,292,590	877,076
Special	1,070,455	1,078,333	1,092,921	(14,588)
Vocational	0	0	127,010	(127,010)
Student Intervention	2,482	2,500	754	1,746
Support Services:				
Pupils	573,918	784,988	723,629	61,359
Instructional Staff	140,375	141,406	114,430	26,976
Board of Education	41,568	53,702	49,315	4,387
Administration	775,190	674,934	664,506	10,428
Fiscal	406,161	409,146	391,881	17,265
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,024,473	1,024,035	991,523	32,512
Pupil Transportation	683,966	730,105	657,388	72,717
Central	103,890	104,654	87,092	17,562
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	31,865	53,025	53,005	20
Extracurricular Activities	205,914	207,429	182,326	25,103
Capital Outlay	121,442	123,056	137,302	(14,246)
Debt Service:				
Principal	6,835	6,835	6,835	0
Interest	10,403	10,403	10,403	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>10,339,473</u>	<u>10,574,217</u>	<u>9,582,910</u>	<u>991,307</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures</i>	<u>(755,473)</u>	<u>(1,207,654)</u>	<u>(215,603)</u>	<u>992,051</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	30,000	43,719	43,719	0
Advances In	4,329	15,239	15,239	0
Advances Out	(7,960)	(7,960)	(7,960)	0
Transfers Out	(104,000)	(104,000)	(104,000)	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(77,631)</u>	<u>(53,002)</u>	<u>(53,002)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(833,104)	(1,260,656)	(268,605)	992,051
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	3,742,764	3,742,764	3,742,764	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	153,836	153,836	153,836	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,063,496</u>	<u>\$2,635,944</u>	<u>\$3,627,995</u>	<u>\$992,051</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Fund Net Position*  
*Proprietary Fund*  
*June 30, 2022*

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	<u>Governmental Activity</u>
	<u>Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$90,296
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	<u>1,629,985</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	1,720,281
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Claims Payable	<u>184,463</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$1,535,818</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
and Changes in Fund Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	Governmental Activity
	Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	
Charges for Services	\$1,701,112
Other Operating Revenues	311,711
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<i>2,012,823</i>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Purchased Services	474,529
Claims	1,356,825
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>1,831,354</i>
<i>Operating Income</i>	181,469
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>	
Interest	8,586
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	190,055
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<i>1,345,763</i>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i>\$1,535,818</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Cash Flows*  
*Proprietary Fund*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	Governmental Activity
	Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash Received from Transactions with Other Funds	\$1,701,112
Cash Received for Other Operating Revenues	311,711
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(474,529)
Cash Payments for Claims	(1,328,566)
<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	209,728
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Interest on Investments	8,586
<i>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	218,314
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i>	1,501,967
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i>	\$1,720,281
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	
Operating Income	\$181,469
Increase in Claims Payable	28,259
<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	\$209,728
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements	

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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**Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity**

Eastern Local School District (the School District) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally elected five member Board form of government and provides educational services as authorized by State and federal agencies.

The School District serves an area of approximately 115 square miles. It is located in Meigs County; and includes the communities of Reedsville, Tappers Plains, and Chester, and the Townships of Orange, Olive, Chester, and a portion of Bedford. The School District currently operates two instructional buildings, one administrative building, and one bus garage. It is staffed by 39 classified employees and 69 certificated full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 742 students and other community members.

***Reporting Entity***

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

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 benefit to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. No separate governmental units meet the criteria for inclusion as a component unit.

The School District participates in the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association Solutions (META), the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding, and the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools which are defined as jointly governed organizations; the Ohio School Board Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, which is defined as a group insurance purchasing pool and the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority and the Jefferson Health Plan, which are defined as risk sharing, claims servicing, and insurance purchasing pools. Additional information concerning these organizations is presented in Note 18.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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**A. Basis of Presentation**

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

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

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

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

**B. Fund Accounting**

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

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

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

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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

***Proprietary Fund Type*** Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise or internal service. The School District's only proprietary fund type is an Internal Service Fund. For proprietary funds, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

***Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund*** The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the School District on a cost reimbursement basis. The School District's only internal service fund accounts for the operations of the School District's self-insurance program for employee health and dental insurance claims.

***Fiduciary Funds*** 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 has no custodial funds.

### ***C. Measurement Focus***

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities 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 current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

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

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

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***D. Basis of Accounting***

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

***Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions*** Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of 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 the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 8). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the 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, investment earnings, tuition, grants, fees, and rentals.

***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.

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*** In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the School District, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB plans. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 15 and 16.

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In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the School District, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pension, OPEB plans, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2022, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2022 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the School District, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, rent, and miscellaneous revenues. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position of Governmental Activities found on page 16. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 15 and 16)

***E. Cash and Cash Equivalents***

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

The School District participates in the Jefferson Health Plan insurance consortium for self-insurance. These monies are held separate from the School District's central bank account and are reflected in the financial statements as "cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agents".

During fiscal year 2022, the School District invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The School District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For fiscal year 2022, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is encouraged. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transactions to \$250 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2022 amounted to \$17,196, which includes \$4,437 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.

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**F. Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2022, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

**G. Inventory**

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

**H. Capital Assets**

All of the School District's capital assets are general capital assets resulting 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 below) 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 capital assets by back trending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the assets to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-index to deflate the costs to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated fixed assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars. The School District currently capitalizes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles, and machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures. 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 capitalized.

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 is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</b>
Land Improvements	20 Years
Buildings and Improvements	20-50 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 Years
Vehicles	8 Years
Textbooks	5 Years

The School District is reporting intangible right to use assets related to leased equipment. 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.



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***I. 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 employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. A liability is recorded for vacation eligible employees when vacation is accrued with the School District. Accumulated vacation benefits cannot exceed 30 days per calendar year but carryover from fiscal year to fiscal year.

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

***J. 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 judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits. Bonds, leases, and long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

***K. Internal Activity***

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

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.

***L. Fund Balance***

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

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

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**Restricted** The restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of 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 determined 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 the 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 represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education.

**Unassigned** The unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report 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 the amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

***M. Net Position***

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

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

***N. 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.

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***O. Operating Revenues and Expenses***

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the School District, these revenues are charges for services for self-insurance programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

***P. Extraordinary and Special Items***

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. For the fiscal year 2022, the School District reported no extraordinary or special items.

***Q. 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.

***R. Budgetary Process***

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 sets 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 of the School District. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The treasurer has been authorized to further allocate appropriations to the function and object level within each fund. Advances in/out are not required to be budgeted since they represent a temporary cash flow resource and are intended to be repaid.

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

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

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**Note 3 - Changes in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2022, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, Leases and related guidance from (GASB) Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*.

GASB Statement 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government’s leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. These changes were incorporated in the School District’s 2022 financial statements. The School District recognized \$35,098 in leases payable at July 1, 2021; however, this entire amount was offset by the intangible asset, right to use lease - equipment.

The School District is also implementing *Implementation Guide No. 2020-1*, GASB Statement No. 92 – *Omnibus 2020*, and GASB Statement No. 97 -- *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*. These changes were incorporated in the School District’s 2022 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

For fiscal year 2022, the School District modified its approach related to the eligibility requirements of certain School District grants resulting in the following restatements to fund balance/net position at July 1, 2021:

	Governmental Funds		
	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Fund Balances, June 30, 2021	\$4,329,520	\$1,582,155	\$5,911,675
Adjustments:			
Overstated Intergovernmental Receivable	0	(22,547)	(22,547)
Overstated Unavailable Revenue	0	22,547	22,547
Restated Fund Balances, June 30, 2021	\$4,329,520	\$1,582,155	\$5,911,675

	Governmental Activities
Net Position June 30, 2021	\$3,865,715
Adjustments:	
Overstated Intergovernmental Receivable	(22,547)
Understated Capital Asset	35,098
Understated Due in One Year	(6,835)
Understated Due in More Than One Year	(28,263)
Restated Net Position June 30, 2021	\$3,843,168

**Note 4 - Fund Balances**

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

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Fund Balances	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Nonspendable:</u>			
Prepaid Items	\$86,016	\$394	\$86,410
Materials and Supplies Inventory	45,964	1,006	46,970
Inventory Held for Resale	0	5,286	5,286
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>131,980</u>	<u>6,686</u>	<u>138,666</u>
<u>Restricted for:</u>			
Athletics and Music	0	43,235	43,235
State Programs	0	21,076	21,076
Local Initiatives	0	31,449	31,449
Federal Programs	0	3,611	3,611
Scholarships	0	314,487	314,487
Classroom Facilities	0	560,148	560,148
Food Service	0	48,938	48,938
Student Activities	0	99,443	99,443
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,122,387</u>	<u>1,122,387</u>
<u>Committed to:</u>			
Architectural Services	24,011	0	24,011
Seperation Benefits	179,635	0	179,635
Eagle Express	0	2,740	2,740
Educational Foundation	0	68,872	68,872
<i>Total Committed</i>	<u>203,646</u>	<u>71,612</u>	<u>275,258</u>
<u>Assigned to:</u>			
Public School Support	9,708	0	9,708
Capital Improvements	0	370,860	370,860
Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations	673,640	0	673,640
Purchases on Order	14,208	0	14,208
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>697,556</u>	<u>370,860</u>	<u>1,068,416</u>
Unassigned (Deficit):	<u>3,060,179</u>	<u>(44,902)</u>	<u>3,015,277</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$4,093,361</u>	<u>\$1,526,643</u>	<u>\$5,620,004</u>

**Note 5 - Fund Deficits**

The following fund had a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2022:

**Special Revenue Fund:**

Federal Grants	\$44,902
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The deficit is 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.

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**Note 6 - 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 and Actual (Budget Basis) presented for the General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than assigned fund balance (GAAP).
4. Prepaid items are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis), but not on the budgetary basis.
5. Advances are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
6. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the Public School Support Fund are reclassified to the General Fund for GAAP reporting.

The following tables summarize the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements:

Net Change in Fund Balance	General Fund
GAAP Basis	(\$340,159)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(9,923)
Prepaid Items:	
Beginning of Fiscal Year	84,396
End of Fiscal Year	(86,410)
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	76,202
To reclassify excess of revenues over expenditures into financial statement fund types	114,686
Advances In	15,239
Advances Out	(7,960)
Encumbrances	(114,676)
Budget Basis	(\$268,605)

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**Note 7 - Deposits and Investments**

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

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

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

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

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;
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

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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 trading 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.

At June 30, 2022, the School District's internal service fund had a cash balance of \$1,629,985 with the Jefferson Health Plan, a claims servicing pool (See Note 18). The balance is held by the claims administrator in a pooled account which is representative of numerous entities and therefore cannot be included in the risk disclosures reported by the School District. Disclosures for the Jefferson Health Plan as a whole may be obtained from the consortium's fiscal agent.

***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, 2022, \$1,306,249 of the School District's total bank balance of \$1,556,249 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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, 2022, the School District had the following investment:

	Measurement Amount	Maturity	Standard & Poor's Rating
Net Asset Value Per Share Star Ohio	\$4,323,800	Average 35.3 days	AAAm



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**Interest Rate Risk:** The School District's investment policy addresses interest rate risk to the extent that it allows the Treasurer to invest funds to a maximum maturity of five years, and allows for the withdrawal of funds from approved public depositories or sell negotiable instruments prior to maturity in accord with the law. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

**Credit Risk:** STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

### **Note 8 - Property Taxes**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2022 represents collections of calendar year 2022 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2022 were levied after April 1, 2021, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2021, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2022 represents collections of calendar year 2021 taxes. Public utility real property taxes received in calendar year 2022 became a lien December 31, 2020, were levied after April 1, 2021, and are collected 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 Meigs County. The County Auditor periodically advances to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2022, are available to finance fiscal year 2022 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2022, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is reflected as revenue at fiscal 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.

At June 30, 2022, \$1,131,177 was available as an advance in the General Fund. The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2021, \$1,118,831 was available as an advance in the General Fund.

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

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The assessed values upon which the fiscal year 2022 taxes were collected are:

	2021 Second Half Collections		2022 First Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential	\$77,758,290	74.25%	\$78,661,890	72.92%
Commerical/Industrial and Public Utility Real	3,641,320	3.48%	4,354,580	4.04%
Public Utility Personal	23,325,780	22.27%	24,854,600	23.04%
	\$104,725,390	100.00%	\$107,871,070	100.00%
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation		\$20.00		\$20.00

**Note 9 - Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2022, consisted of property taxes and leases, accounts (billings for user charged services and student tuition and fees), interfund, 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 year guarantee of federal funds. All receivables, except property taxes, are expected to be received within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year. The delinquent property taxes amounted to \$448,488 as of June 30, 2022.

A summary of principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Amounts
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	
Title I-A Improving Basic	\$37,395
Special Education Part B IDEA	26,328
ESSER	12,197
Medicaid Reimbursements	5,049
Title I-A- Student Support	2,537
Meigs Library	2,509
ARP IDEA Part B Special	175
Total	\$86,190

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**Note 10 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2021	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/2022
<b>Capital Assets:</b>				
Capital Assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$23,487	\$0	\$0	\$23,487
Construction in Progress	0	9,377	0	9,377
<b>Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated</b>	<b>23,487</b>	<b>9,377</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,864</b>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets:</b>				
Land Improvements	586,601	8,892	(8,132)	587,361
Buildings and Improvements	11,487,502	382,021	0	11,869,523
Furniture and Equipment	1,571,730	124,524	(112,181)	1,584,073
Vehicles	1,234,153	92,994	0	1,327,147
Textbooks	547,478	0	0	547,478
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	35,098	0	0	35,098
<b>Total Capital Assets being Depreciated</b>	<b>15,462,562</b>	<b>608,431</b>	<b>(120,313)</b>	<b>15,950,680</b>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>				
Land Improvements	(382,672)	(7,879)	7,318	(383,233)
Buildings and Improvements	(6,422,919)	(257,930)	0	(6,680,849)
Furniture and Equipment	(1,136,964)	(69,984)	95,605	(1,111,343)
Vehicles	(815,423)	(66,479)	0	(881,902)
Textbooks	(419,244)	(17,594)	0	(436,838)
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment**	0	(6,835)	0	(6,835)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>	<b>(9,177,222)</b>	<b>(426,701) *</b>	<b>102,923</b>	<b>(9,501,000)</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net</b>	<b>6,285,340</b>	<b>181,730</b>	<b>(17,390)</b>	<b>6,449,680</b>
<b>Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$6,308,827</b>	<b>\$191,107</b>	<b>(\$17,390)</b>	<b>\$6,482,544</b>

\* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction:	
Regular	\$242,898
Support Services:	
Pupils	2,222
Administration	830
Fiscal	129
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	88,429
Pupil Transportation	53,386
Food Service Operations	5,432
Extracurricular Activities	33,375
<b>Total Governmental Depreciation</b>	<b>\$426,701</b>

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\*\* Of the current year depreciation total of \$426,701, \$6,835 is presented as general government expense on the Statement of Activities related to the District's intangible asset of copier machines, which are included as an Intangible Right to Use Lease. With the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases*, a lease meeting the criteria of this statement requires the lessee to recognize the lease liability and an intangible right to use asset.

**Note 11 - Interfund Transactions**

Interfund balances at June 30, 2022, arise from the provision of cash flow resources from the General Fund until the receipt of grant monies or other program revenues by the Special Revenue Funds.

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
<b>General Fund</b>	\$7,960	\$0
<b>Other Governmental Funds:</b>		
ARP IDEA Part B	0	175
ESSER II	0	7,785
Total Other Governmental Funds	0	7,960
Total All Funds	\$7,960	\$7,960

**Note 12 - Significant Commitments**

**A. 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:

<b>Governmental Funds:</b>	
General Fund	\$114,676
Nonmajor Funds	8,364
Total	\$123,040

**B. Contractual Commitments**

As of June 30, 2022, the School District's contractual purchase commitments are as follows:

Project	Fund	Contract Amount	Amount Expended	Balance at 06/30/22
Storage Building	General	\$10,000	\$9,377	\$623

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**Note 13 - Risk Management**

***A. Property and Liability***

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2022, the School District contracted with the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority, through Reed & Baur insurance Agency, for property, crime insurance, general liability insurance, and fleet insurance. During fiscal year 2022, the School District purchased the following coverage:

<u>Ohio Casualty Insurance</u>	
Building and Contents-replacement cost Crime Insurance	\$33,751,651
Forgery or Alterations Coverage	1,000,000
Employee Theft	1,000,000
General Liability	
Per occurrence	15,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	17,000,000
Medical Expense	10,000
Education Umbrella Liability Policy For General Liability	
Per occurrence	15,000,000
Aggregate Per Year	15,000,000
Automobile Insurance	15,000,000
Uninsured Motorists	1,000,000
Medical Payments	10,000

Settled claims have not exceeded their commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year.

***B. Workers' Compensation***

For fiscal year 2022, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 18). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Sedgwick provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

***C. Medical/Surgical, Dental, and Prescription Drug Insurances***

Medical/Surgical, Dental, and Prescription Drug Insurances Medical/surgical, dental, and prescription drug insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. Three plans are offered to District employees. Plan A is a traditional preferred provider plan and employees contribute 14% of the cost of the premium which is \$1,106.95/\$2,372.03 single/family coverage. Plan B is a HDHP with an HSA. The Board contributes \$100/\$200 to the HSA for certified employees and \$700/\$1,400 for classified employees to cover the high deductible and 100% of the premium which is \$916.55/\$2127.12 single/family.

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Plan C is also a HDHP with an HSA. The Board contributes \$100/\$200 to the HSA for certified employees and \$700/\$1,400 for classified employees to cover the high deductible. Employees contribute the difference in premium cost between Plan C and Plan B. The premium is \$992.26/\$2,312.08 single/family. The School District is a member of a claims servicing pool in which monthly premiums are paid to the fiscal agent who in turn pays the claims on the School District's behalf. The School District's stop loss amount per person is \$50,000 for fiscal year 2022. The claims liability of \$184,463 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2022, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30 which requires that a liability for unpaid claims cost, including estimates of costs related to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by the incremental claims adjustment expenses. Changes in claims activity for 2021 and 2022 were:

	Beginning of Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Claims	Claim Payments	End of Fiscal Year
2021	\$230,909	\$1,108,931	\$1,183,636	\$156,204
2022	156,204	1,385,084	1,356,825	184,463

**Note 14 - Other Employee Benefits**

***A. Compensated Absences***

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees and administrators who are contracted to work on an eleven or twelve month basis earn ten to twenty days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated, unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers and administrators who work less an eleven or twelve month basis do not earn vacation time. Certified and classified employees earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 245 days for certified employees and up to 250 days for classified employees. Upon retirement, employees received payment for one-fourth of the total sick leave accumulation up to a maximum as follows: 55 and 50 days for having twenty years of service with the school district; 47.5 and 43.75 days for 10 to 19 years of service with the School District for certified and classified employees respectively; 35 and 33.75 days for less than 10 years of service with the School District for certified and classified employees, respectively.

***B. Life Insurance***

The School District provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to employees through School Claims Services, Sun Life in the amount of \$40,000 for classified employees and \$25,000 for certified employees. The Superintendent, Treasurer, and other administrators have life insurance that is equal to their yearly salaries. The School District pays 100% of the premiums.

**Note 15 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a *net OPEB asset* or long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the 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 16 for the required OPEB disclosures.

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

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

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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire 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 0.5 percent COLA for calendar year 2021.

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, 2022, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.0 percent. For fiscal year 2022, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The School District’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$173,222 for fiscal year 2022. Of this amount \$33,940 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

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



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The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 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 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. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit at any age.

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

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2022 employer and employee contribution rate of 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2022, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

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The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$596,375 for fiscal year 2022. Of this amount \$96,668 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, 2021, 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:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.04330500%	0.032694603%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.04229950%</u>	<u>0.032481100%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00100550%</u>	<u>0.00021350%</u>	
			<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$1,597,828	\$4,180,299	\$5,778,127
Pension Expense	\$41,157	\$97,936	\$139,093

At June 30, 2022, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$154	\$129,151	\$129,305
Changes of assumptions	33,646	1,159,690	1,193,336
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	62,485	157,040	219,525
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>173,222</u>	<u>596,375</u>	<u>769,597</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$269,507</u>	<u>\$2,042,256</u>	<u>\$2,311,763</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$41,438	\$26,202	\$67,640
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	822,929	3,602,618	4,425,547
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>57,079</u>	<u>57,079</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$864,367</u>	<u>\$3,685,899</u>	<u>\$4,550,266</u>

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\$769,597 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, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2023	(\$154,150)	(\$584,365)	(\$738,515)
2024	(165,681)	(434,027)	(599,708)
2025	(195,663)	(513,396)	(709,059)
2026	<u>(252,588)</u>	<u>(708,230)</u>	<u>(960,818)</u>
Total	<u>(\$768,082)</u>	<u>(\$2,240,018)</u>	<u>(\$3,008,100)</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

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

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

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, 2021, compared with June 30, 2020, are presented below:

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	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Inflation	2.4 percent	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent 2.0 percent, on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent 2.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of System expenses	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates for 2021 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.

Mortality rates for 2020 were 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. Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

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

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

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	(0.33) %
US Equity	24.75	5.72
Non-US Equity Developed	13.50	6.55
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.75	8.54
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	19.00	1.14
Private Equity	11.00	10.03
Real Estate/Real Assets	16.00	5.41
Multi-Asset Strategy	4.00	3.47
Private Debt/Private Credit	3.00	5.28
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability for 2021 was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent. The discount rate for 2020 was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.00 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

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

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$2,658,395	\$1,597,828	\$703,407

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, actuarial valuation compared to those used in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation are presented below:

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	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Inflation	2.50 percent	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	7.45 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent	0.0 percent,

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return *</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00%	7.35%
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

\* 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, 2021, and was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. 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

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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, 2021. 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, 2021.

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

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$7,828,135	\$4,180,299	\$1,097,885

***Changes Between the Measurement Date and the Reporting date*** In February 2022, the Board approved changes to demographic measures that will impact the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation. These demographic measures include retirement, salary increase, disability/termination and mortality assumptions. In March 2022, the STRS Board approved benefit plan changes to take effect on July 1, 2022. These changes include a one-time three percent cost-of-living increase (COLA) to be paid to eligible benefit recipients and the elimination of the age 60 requirement for retirement age and service eligibility that was set to take effect in 2026. The effect on the net pension liability is unknown.

**Note 16 - Postemployment Benefits**

See note 15 for a description of the net OPEB liability

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

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2022, 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 2022, this amount was \$25,000. 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 2022, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$31,207.

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 \$31,207 for fiscal year 2022, and this amount is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](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, 2022, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the School District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:



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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.04477900%	0.032694603%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.04416580%</u>	<u>0.032481100%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00061320%</u>	<u>0.00021350%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$847,479	\$0	\$847,479
Net OPEB (Asset)	\$0	(\$689,339)	(\$689,339)
OPEB Expense	\$45,898	(\$45,744)	\$154

At June 30, 2022, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$9,034	\$24,545	\$33,579
Changes of assumptions	132,950	44,032	176,982
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	95,810	26,460	122,270
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>31,207</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,207</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$269,001</u>	<u>\$95,037</u>	<u>\$364,038</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$422,083	\$126,299	\$548,382
Changes of assumptions	116,055	411,241	527,296
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	18,412	191,073	209,485
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>12,801</u>	<u>27,779</u>	<u>40,580</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$569,351</u>	<u>\$756,392</u>	<u>\$1,325,743</u>

\$31,207 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2023	(\$70,212)	(\$185,884)	(\$256,096)
2024	(70,341)	(181,101)	(251,442)
2025	(73,957)	(189,013)	(262,970)
2026	(66,610)	(79,018)	(145,628)
2027	(37,081)	(26,984)	(64,065)
2028	(13,356)	645	(12,711)
Total	<u>(\$331,557)</u>	<u>(\$661,355)</u>	<u>(\$992,912)</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.

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, 2021, compared with June 30, 2020, are presented below:

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	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
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
Municipal Bond Index Rate:		
Measurement Date	1.92 percent	2.45 percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.45 percent	3.13 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation		
Measurement Date	2.27 percent	2.63 percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.63 percent	3.22 percent
Medical Trend Assumption		
Medicare	5.125 to 4.40 percent	5.25 to 4.75 percent
Pre-Medicare	6.75 to 4.40 percent	7.00 to 4.75 percent

For 2021, 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.

For 2020, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2015 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board in 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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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 15.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2021 was 2.27 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2021, was 2.63 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the contribution rate of 1.50 percent of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current System members by SERS actuaries. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is used in the determination of the SEIR for both the June 30, 2020 and the June 30, 2021 total OPEB liability. The Municipal Bond Index rate is the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is 1.92 percent at June 30, 2021 and 2.45 percent at June 30, 2020.

**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 (1.27%) and higher (3.27%) than the current discount rate (2.27%). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (1.27%)	Current Discount Rate (2.27%)	1% Increase (3.27%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$1,050,129	\$847,479	\$685,588

  

	1% Decrease (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%)	Current Trend Rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%)	1% Increase (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$652,490	\$847,479	\$1,107,926

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, actuarial valuation and the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation are presented below:

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	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Projected salary increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	7.45 percent
Health Care Cost Trends		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	5.00 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate	5.00 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	-16.18 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate	-6.69 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	6.50 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate	6.50 percent initial, 4 percent ultimate
Medicare	29.98 initial, 4 percent ultimate	11.87 initial, 4 percent ultimate

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

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

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.

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 15.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2021, and was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes 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, 2021. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021.

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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, 2021, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$581,696)	(\$689,339)	(\$779,259)

  

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$775,615)	(\$689,339)	(\$582,650)

***Changes Between the Measurement Date and the Reporting date*** In February 2022, the Board approved changes to demographic measures that will impact the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation. The effect on the net OPEB liability is unknown.

**Note 17 - Long-Term Obligations**

The changes in the School District's long-term obligations during the fiscal year consist of the following:

	Restated Principal Outstanding 6/30/21	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/22	Amounts Due within One Year
Net Pension Liability:					
SERS	2,797,778	0	1,199,950	1,597,828	0
STRS	7,859,270	0	3,678,971	4,180,299	0
Total Net Pension Liability	10,657,048	0	4,878,921	5,778,127	0
Net OPEB Liability - SERS	959,867	0	112,388	847,479	0
Compensated Absences	412,102	142,101	123,785	430,418	71,765
Leases	35,098	0	6,835	28,263	9,025
Total Long-Term Obligations	\$12,064,115	\$142,101	\$5,121,929	\$7,084,287	\$80,790

The compensated absences will be paid from the General Fund. There are no repayment schedules for the net pension or OPEB liabilities. However, employer pension contributions are made from the following funds: General Fund and the Food Service, Idea B, Title I, and Title II-A Special Revenue Funds. For additional information related to the net pension or net OPEB liabilities, see Notes 15 and 16.

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The School District has an outstanding agreement to lease copiers. Due to the implementation of GASB Statement 87, this lease has met the criteria of leases thus requiring them to be recorded by the School District. The future lease payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the lease or using the School District's incremental borrowing rate. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the lease. A summary of the principal and interest amounts for the remaining leases is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2023	\$9,025	\$6,843
2024	11,917	3,951
2025	7,321	612
	<u>\$28,263</u>	<u>\$11,406</u>

The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2022, was \$9,708,405 with an unvoted debt margin of \$107,871.

**Note 18 - Jointly Governed Organizations and Public Entity Risk Pools**

***A. Jointly Governed Organizations***

The School District participates in the **Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META)**, formed from the merger of the Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC) and the Southeastern Ohio Voluntary Education Cooperative (SEOVEC) during fiscal year 2016, which is a jointly governed organization, created as a regional council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. META operates as, and has all the powers of, a data acquisition site/information technology center pursuant to applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The organization was formed for the purpose of identifying, developing, and providing to members and nonmembers innovative educational and technological services and products, as well as expanded opportunities for cooperative purchasing. The General Assembly of META consists of one delegate from every member school district. The delegate is the superintendent of the school district or the superintendent's designee. The degree of control exercised by any participating school district is limited to its representation on the General Assembly. The General Assembly exercises total control over the operation of META including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. During 2022, the School District paid \$78,915 for services with META/MEC/SEOVEC. Financial information can be obtained from Metropolitan Educational Technology Association at 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.

The **Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding** is organized as a council of governments pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Coalition was organized to challenge the constitutionality of the Ohio school funding system. The Coalition is governed by a Steering Committee of 90 school district representatives. Though most of the members are superintendents, some treasurers, board members, and administrators also serve. Several members serve as ex officio members. The membership of the coalition includes over 500 school districts throughout the State of Ohio. The Committee exercises total control over budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and the designation of management. Member school district and joint vocational schools pay dues of \$.05 per pupil. School districts and joint vocational schools may also pay supplemental dues in the amount of \$.50 per pupil for K-12 district and educational service centers pay dues of \$.05 per pupil. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest or financial responsibility for the Coalition. During fiscal year 2022, the School District paid \$377 to the Coalition. To obtain financial information write to Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding at 100 South Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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The **Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools** is a jointly governed organization composed of over 130 school districts and other educational institutions in the 35-county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The Coalition is operated by a Board which is composed of seventeen members. One elected and one appointed from each of the seven regions into which the 35 Appalachian counties are divided; and three from Ohio University College of Education. The Coalition provides various in-service training programs for school district administrative personnel; gathers data regarding the level of education provided to children in the region; cooperates with other professional groups to assess and develop programs designed to meet the needs of member districts; and provides staff development programs for school district personnel. The Coalition is not dependent on the continued participation of the School District and the School District does not maintain an equity interest in or financial responsibility for the Coalition. The School District's membership fee was \$325 for fiscal year 2022. The financial information for the Coalition can be obtained from the Executive Director, at McCracken Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

***B. Insurance Purchasing Pool***

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

***C. Public Entity Risk Pools***

The School District participates in the **Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA)**, a protected self-insurance purchasing pool under the authority of the Ohio Revised Code 2744. One hundred six school districts, educational service centers, and joint vocational school districts participate in the SORSA. SORSA is governed by a body elected by members. Members agree to jointly participate in coverages of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage's provided by SORSA. These coverage's include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance, and public officials errors and omissions liability insurance.

The School District participates in the **Jefferson Health Plan Self-Insurance Plan**, a risk sharing, claims servicing, and insurance purchasing pool composed of eighty-four members, including two insurance consortiums. Each participant appoints a member of the insurance plans' assembly. The Plans' business and affairs are conducted by a nine member Board of Directors elected from the assembly. The plan offers medical, dental and prescription drug coverage to the members on a self-insured basis, as well as the opportunity to participate in the group purchasing of life insurance coverage. The medical coverage plan provides each plan participant the opportunity to choose a self-insurance deductible limit which can range from \$35,000 to \$100,000 under which the individual member is responsible for all claims through the claims servicing pool. Plan participants also participate in a shared risk internal pool for individual claims between the self-insurance deductible limit and \$500,000, and all claims between the deductible and the \$500,000 are paid from the internal shared risk pool. The internal pool is not owned by the plan participants. All participants pay a premium rate that is actuarially calculated based on the participants' actual claims experience which are utilized for the payment of claims within the claims servicing pool up to the self-insurance deductible limit; and for this portion of the plan, all plan participants retain their own risk. All participants pay an additional fee for participation in the internal pool that is based on the claims of the internal pool in aggregate and is not based on individual claims experience. In the event of a deficiency in the internal pool, participants would be charged a higher rate for participation, and in the event of a surplus,



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the internal pool pays dividends to the participants. For all individual claims exceeding \$500,000, stop loss coverage is purchased, as well as for an annual total plan aggregate claims amount. All plan participants also pay a monthly administrative fee for fiscal services and third party administrative services.

**Note 19 - Contingencies**

**A. Grants**

The School District received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, the effect of any such disallowed claims on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2022, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

**B. Litigation**

As of June 30, 2022, the School District is currently not a party to any material legal proceedings.

**C. School Foundation**

In fiscal year 2022, School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2022 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2022 financial statements is not determinable, at this time. Management believes this may result in either an additional receivable to, or a liability of, the School District.

**Note 20 - Set-Asides**

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 improvements. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital Improvements
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	134,217
Qualifying Disbursements	(686,973)
Total	(\$552,756)
Set-aside Balance Carried Forward to Future Fiscal Years	\$0

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The School District had qualifying offsets and disbursements during the fiscal year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero. The excess in the capital maintenance set-aside may not be carried forward to reduce the set-aside requirement in future fiscal years.

**Note 21 - COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During fiscal year 2022, the School District received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing recovery measures will impact subsequent periods of the School District. The impact on the School District's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.04330500%	0.0422995%	0.0405198%	0.0391670%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$1,597,828	\$2,797,778	\$2,424,370	\$2,243,167
School District's Covered Payroll	\$1,492,057	\$1,509,329	\$1,394,163	\$1,180,807
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	107.09%	185.37%	173.89%	189.97%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	18.20%	68.55%	70.85%	71.36%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2014 is not available. An additional column will be added each fiscal year.

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

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2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.0370438%	0.0351723%	0.0361980%	0.0365400%	0.0365400%
\$2,213,285	\$2,574,288	\$2,065,493	\$1,849,269	\$2,172,917
\$1,217,221	\$1,092,321	\$1,127,853	\$1,293,511	\$1,247,176
181.83%	235.67%	183.13%	142.97%	174.23%
69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.032694603%	0.032481100%	0.031897220%	0.030870810%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$4,180,299	\$7,859,270	\$7,053,877	\$6,787,799
School District's Covered Payroll	\$4,351,571	\$3,914,786	\$3,784,900	\$3,637,871
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	96.06%	200.76%	186.37%	186.59%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	87.80%	75.50%	77.40%	77.30%

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2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.032429840%	0.031007840%	0.031461330%	0.031295400%	0.031295400%
\$7,703,778	\$10,379,259	\$8,694,991	\$7,612,127	\$9,067,513
\$3,480,843	\$3,262,621	\$3,282,464	\$3,219,008	\$3,587,100
221.32%	318.13%	264.89%	236.47%	252.78%
75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.04477900%	0.04416580%	0.04165890%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$847,479	\$959,867	\$1,047,633
School District's Covered Payroll	\$1,492,057	\$1,509,329	\$1,394,163
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	56.80%	63.60%	75.14%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	24.08%	18.17%	15.57%

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2019	2018	2017
0.03980630%	0.03766830%	0.03571340%
\$1,104,335	\$1,010,918	\$1,017,964
\$1,180,807	\$1,217,221	\$1,092,321
93.52%	83.05%	93.19%
13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.032694603%	0.032481100%	0.031897220%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$689,339)	(\$570,855)	(\$528,295)
School District's Covered Payroll	\$4,351,571	\$3,914,786	\$3,784,900
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-15.84%	-14.58%	-13.96%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability (Asset)	174.70%	182.10%	174.70%

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2019	2018	2017
0.030870810%	0.032429840%	0.031007840%
(\$496,062)	\$1,265,292	\$1,658,307
\$3,637,871	\$3,480,843	\$3,262,621
-13.64%	36.35%	50.83%
176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$173,222	\$208,888	\$211,306	\$188,212
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(173,222)</u>	<u>(208,888)</u>	<u>(211,306)</u>	<u>(188,212)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$1,237,300	\$1,492,057	\$1,509,329	\$1,394,163
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution (2)	\$31,207	\$29,347	\$29,658	\$33,027
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(31,207)</u>	<u>(29,347)</u>	<u>(29,658)</u>	<u>(33,027)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>2.52%</u>	<u>1.97%</u>	<u>1.96%</u>	<u>2.37%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	<u>16.52%</u>	<u>15.97%</u>	<u>15.96%</u>	<u>15.87%</u>

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

(2) Includes Surcharge

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2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
\$159,409	\$170,411	\$152,925	\$148,651	\$169,450	\$163,380
<u>(159,409)</u>	<u>(170,411)</u>	<u>(152,925)</u>	<u>(148,651)</u>	<u>(169,450)</u>	<u>(163,380)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,180,807	\$1,217,221	\$1,092,321	\$1,127,853	\$1,293,511	\$1,247,176
<u>13.50%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.18%</u>	<u>13.10%</u>	<u>13.10%</u>
\$27,725	\$20,888	\$18,372	\$28,549	\$20,528	\$18,966
<u>(27,725)</u>	<u>(20,888)</u>	<u>(18,372)</u>	<u>(28,549)</u>	<u>(20,528)</u>	<u>(18,966)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>2.35%</u>	<u>1.72%</u>	<u>1.68%</u>	<u>2.53%</u>	<u>1.59%</u>	<u>1.52%</u>
<u>15.85%</u>	<u>15.72%</u>	<u>15.68%</u>	<u>15.71%</u>	<u>14.69%</u>	<u>14.62%</u>

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$596,375	\$609,220	\$548,070	\$529,886
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(596,375)</u>	<u>(609,220)</u>	<u>(548,070)</u>	<u>(529,886)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll	\$4,259,821	\$4,351,571	\$3,914,786	\$3,784,900
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

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

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2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
\$509,302	\$487,318	\$456,767	\$459,545	\$418,471	\$466,323
<u>(509,302)</u>	<u>(487,318)</u>	<u>(456,767)</u>	<u>(459,545)</u>	<u>(418,471)</u>	<u>(466,323)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$3,637,871	\$3,480,843	\$3,262,621	\$3,282,464	\$3,219,008	\$3,587,100
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,190	\$35,871
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(32,190)</u>	<u>(35,871)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

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**Net Pension Liability**

**Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

Beginning in fiscal year 2022, an assumption of 2.0 percent was used for COLA or Ad Hoc Cola. For fiscal years 2018 through 2021, an assumption of 2.5 percent was used. Prior to 2018, an assumption of 3 percent was used.

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

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

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

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

**Changes in Assumptions - STRS**

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



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

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

**Net OPEB Liability**

**Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

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

	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:

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Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
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 2022	2.27 percent
Fiscal year 2021	2.63 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.22 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.70 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.98 percent

**Changes in Assumptions – STRS**

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

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

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

**Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS OPEB**

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

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

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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.

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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEIGS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal AL Number</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):	10.555	2022	\$31,670
National School Lunch Program			
Cash Assistance			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2022	133,813
COVID-19 National School Lunch	10.555	2021	12,962
National School Lunch	10.555	2022	278,910
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>425,685</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			457,355
Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649	2022	<u>614</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			457,969
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Title I:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational agencies	84.010A	2021	43,178
Title I Grants to Local Educational agencies	84.010A	2022	196,113
Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	2022	8,394
Total Title I			<u>247,685</u>
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	2021	15,112
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	2022	141,981
Special Education - American Rescue Plan	84.027X	2022	7,271
Total Special Education - Grants to States			<u>164,364</u>
Special Education - Preschool Grant	84.173A	2021	329
	84.173A	2022	4,073
Total Special Education - Preschool Grant			<u>4,402</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			168,766
Rural Education	84.358B	2022	4,400
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	2022	23,312
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	2022	17,428
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	2021	67,852
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	2022	454,316
Total COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund			<u>522,168</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>983,759</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<b><u>\$1,441,728</u></b>

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

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GALLIA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County (the District's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

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

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

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

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

**NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

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

**NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

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

**NOTE F - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS**

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

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance</u>	
	<u>Listing Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	\$ 859
Expanding Opportunities for Each Child	84.010A	5,053
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	1,172
Special Education - American Rescue Plan	84.027X	33,344
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	13,061
Education Stabilization Fund II	84.425D	278,967
Education Stabilization Fund- American Rescue Plan	84.425U	1,989,032

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

Eastern Local School District  
Meigs County  
50008 State Route 681  
Reedsville, Ohio 45772

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 2, 2023.

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

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

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

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

***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of This Report***

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



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 2, 2023





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

Eastern Local School District  
Meigs County  
50008 State Route 681  
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To the Board of Education:

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

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Eastern Local School District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2022. Eastern Local School District's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

In our opinion, Eastern Local School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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

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

We are required to be independent of the 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 the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

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

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

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



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

March 2, 2023

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEIGS COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2022**

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

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Nutrition Cluster Assistance Listing #10.553 and #10.555</li> </ul>	
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</b>	No

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

None.

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

None.

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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MEIGS COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 3/23/2023**

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