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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEIGS COUNTY  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Eastern Local School District  
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To the Board of Education:

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio (the School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Eastern Local School District, Meigs County, Ohio as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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, required budgetary comparison schedule(s), schedules for infrastructure assets accounted for using the modified approach, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions. 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 April 16, 2025, 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

April 16, 2025

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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, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and 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 2024 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities increased \$1,399,052.
- The projects from 2023 were completed in 2024. These include the playground equipment and the High School Roofing Project. These projects moved from construction in progress to buildings and improvements.
- In 2024 the school district began installing a security project that includes access control system, security cameras and intercom system. This project will be carried as constructions in progress.

## **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.

### ***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 2024?" 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.

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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 major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Special Revenue 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.

***Fiduciary Funds*** The School District accounts for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government as fiduciary funds. These funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District has one custodial fund.

**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 2024 compared to 2023.

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Table 1  
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$11,902,473	\$11,878,124	\$24,349
Capital Assets, Net	7,939,001	6,963,866	975,135
Net OPEB Asset	625,745	848,114	(222,369)
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>20,467,219</u>	<u>19,690,104</u>	<u>777,115</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	1,932,569	2,307,196	(374,627)
OPEB	458,755	321,148	137,607
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,391,324</u>	<u>2,628,344</u>	<u>(237,020)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current and Other Liabilities	1,696,096	2,032,679	(336,583)
Long-term Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	60,149	44,176	15,973
Due in More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	9,354,141	9,716,096	(361,955)
Net OPEB Liability	749,765	649,046	100,719
Other Amounts	399,293	334,351	64,942
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>12,259,444</u>	<u>12,776,348</u>	<u>(516,904)</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	1,258,822	1,190,424	68,398
Pension	667,689	803,184	(135,495)
OPEB	1,164,479	1,439,435	(274,956)
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,090,990</u>	<u>3,433,043</u>	<u>(342,053)</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,834,759	6,709,212	1,125,547
Restricted	1,588,428	1,409,061	179,367
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,915,078)	(2,009,216)	94,138
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$7,508,109</u>	<u>\$6,109,057</u>	<u>\$1,399,052</u>

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

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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. Current assets increased, primarily due to increases in property taxes receivables, and capital assets. These increases were offset by the decreases in intergovernmental receivables and prepaids items. Prepaid items decreased due to the property, fleet, and liability insurance for fiscal year 2025 was paid in fiscal year 2025 unlike previous years. In fiscal year 2025, the School District transitioned from SORSA to the Ohio School Plan. There were also several subscriptions that were not continued from fiscal year 2024 into fiscal year 2025 that were normally prepaid items. Intergovernmental receivables decreased mainly due to the diminishing ESSER Fund grants in 2024.

Total liabilities decreased mainly due to the decrease in net pension liability, accounts payable, contracts payable, and retainage payable. These decreases were offset by increases in net OPEB liability and intergovernmental payables. The decrease in accounts payable, contracts payable, and retainage payable was due to the completion of the track project and the decrease in ESSER grant funding.

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

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 2024 and 2023.

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Table 2  
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services and Sales	\$355,082	\$345,730	\$9,352
Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	3,605,612	2,134,270	1,471,342
Capital Grants, Contributions, and Interest	0	702,586	(702,586)
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>3,960,694</u>	<u>3,182,586</u>	<u>778,108</u>
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	2,488,028	3,316,215	(828,187)
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted	6,843,202	6,377,349	465,853
Investment Earnings/Interest	328,041	199,355	128,686
Donations not Restricted	1,710	2,631	(921)
Rent	29,143	28,436	707
Miscellaneous	81,475	52,803	28,672
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>9,771,599</u>	<u>9,976,789</u>	<u>(205,190)</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>13,732,293</u>	<u>13,159,375</u>	<u>572,918</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Instruction:			
Regular	4,975,743	4,659,767	315,976
Special	1,646,746	1,665,966	(19,220)
Vocational	296,698	187,513	109,185
Student Intervention Services	107,164	111,373	(4,209)
Support Services:			
Pupils	857,203	835,478	21,725
Instructional Staff	88,792	108,781	(19,989)
Board of Education	38,851	42,380	(3,529)
Administration	688,319	681,004	7,315
Fiscal	574,404	418,052	156,352
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,247,685	1,218,957	28,728
Pupil Transportation	763,394	673,275	90,119
Central	105,794	92,664	13,130
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:			
Food Service Operations	501,171	465,161	36,010
Community Services	31,711	35,156	(3,445)
Extracurricular Activities	405,975	384,599	21,376
Interest	3,591	6,844	(3,253)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>12,333,241</u>	<u>11,586,970</u>	<u>746,271</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>1,399,052</u>	<u>1,572,405</u>	<u>(173,353)</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>6,109,057</u>	<u>4,536,652</u>	<u>1,572,405</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$7,508,109</u>	<u>\$6,109,057</u>	<u>\$1,399,052</u>

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From fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024, total revenues increased due to the increase in operating grants, contributions, and interest due to an increase in student enrollment. Capital grants, contributions, and interest decreased mainly due to Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds decreasing for the high school roofing project. Property taxes decreased in fiscal year 2024, due to the recognition of a large increase in delinquent taxes in fiscal year 2023 compared to fiscal year 2022, which was due to an increase in assessed values. Delinquent property taxes in fiscal year 2024 were comparable to fiscal year 2023. Total expenses increased mainly due to an increase in student enrollment and an increase in the cost of doing business due to the rise in inflation.

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	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
	2024	2024	2023	2023
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$4,975,743	\$3,936,931	\$4,659,767	\$4,373,302
Special	1,646,746	467,702	1,665,966	850,206
Vocational	296,698	237,790	187,513	159,073
Student Intervention Services	107,164	(222,998)	111,373	944
Support Services:				
Pupils	857,203	841,307	835,478	813,803
Instructional Staff	88,792	58,031	108,781	70,741
Board of Education	38,851	38,851	42,380	42,380
Administration	688,319	656,848	681,004	607,277
Fiscal	574,404	574,404	418,052	418,052
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,247,685	1,226,999	1,218,957	492,858
Pupil Transportation	763,394	168,795	673,275	148,153
Central	105,794	90,648	92,664	92,188
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	501,171	88,646	465,161	115,254
Community Services	31,711	(28,581)	35,156	2,639
Extracurricular Activities	405,975	233,583	384,599	210,670
Interest	3,591	3,591	6,844	6,844
Total	<u>\$12,333,241</u>	<u>\$8,372,547</u>	<u>\$11,586,970</u>	<u>\$8,404,384</u>

The dependence upon tax revenues and State subsidies for governmental activities is apparent. Over 67 percent of program expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The School District's General Fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. In total governmental funds decreased.

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The General Fund's fund balance decreased from 2023. The increase in revenues from 2023 was mainly due to the increase in intergovernmental revenues from an increase in student enrollment. The expenses also increased in 2024 due to increases in student enrollment and increases in costs due to inflation. The General Fund also had transfers out to the Food Service Special Revenue Fund of \$117,000 to cover overages and \$350,000 to the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund for capital improvement purposes.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Special Revenue Fund decreased mainly due to the expending down of the grant.

***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 2024, the School District amended its General Fund appropriations. 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, including other financing sources, was \$1,001,855, above final estimates of \$9,754,319. Final appropriations were higher than the original appropriations. Appropriations were increased in pupil transportation, regular instruction, and vocational instruction. Actual expenditures were below final appropriations of \$11,108,274. The School District's ending General Fund balance was \$3,516,066.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the School District had \$7,939,001 invested in land; construction in progress; land improvement; buildings and improvements; furniture and equipment; vehicles; textbooks; and intangible right to use equipment. Table 4 shows fiscal year 2024 balances compared to 2023.

Table 4  
Capital Assets  
(Net of Depreciation/Amortization)

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Land	\$23,487	\$23,487
Construction in Progress	171,595	781,115
Land Improvements	187,920	196,041
Buildings and Improvements	6,449,108	4,950,500
Furniture and Equipment	622,532	525,716
Vehicles	380,023	360,838
Textbooks	97,014	106,930
Intangible Right to Use Equipment	7,322	19,239
Totals	<u>\$7,939,001</u>	<u>\$6,963,866</u>

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For additional information on capital assets, see Note 9 to the financial statements.

***Long-Term Obligations***

At June 30, 2024, the School District had the following long-term obligations:

**Table 5**  
**Long-Term Obligations**

	2024	2023
Lease Payable	\$7,322	\$19,239

For additional information on long-term obligations, see Notes 12 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 and loss of Federal ESSER funding, 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 \$126,000.

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 has been working with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and is working to renovate the high school structure and 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 Nick Rose, Treasurer at Eastern Local School District, 50008 State Route 681, Reedsville, Ohio 45772.



**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**

*Statement of Net Position*

*June 30, 2024*

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,619,110
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	1,960,692
Accounts Receivable	385
Intergovernmental Receivable	264,677
Prepaid Items	28,266
Materials and Supplies Inventory	34,878
Inventory Held for Resale	2,079
Property Taxes Receivable	3,992,386
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	195,082
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	7,743,919
Net OPEB Asset	625,745
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>20,467,219</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Pension	1,932,569
OPEB	458,755
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,391,324</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	99,322
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	1,047,218
Contracts Payable	96,920
Intergovernmental Payable	252,945
Claims Payable	199,691
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	60,149
Due in More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability	9,354,141
Net OPEB Liability	749,765
Other Amounts	399,293
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>12,259,444</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Property Taxes	1,258,822
Pension	667,689
OPEB	1,164,479
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,090,990</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,834,759
Restricted for:	
Food Service	5,321
Student Activities	109,398
State Programs	123
Federal Programs	88,461
Classroom Facilities	404,680
Scholarships	313,853
Athletics and Music	28,259
OPEB Plan	625,745
Local Initiatives	12,588
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(1,915,078)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$7,508,109</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Activities*  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
				Revenue and
				Changes in
				Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for	Operating Grants,	Governmental
		Services and Sales	Contributions,	Activities
			and Interest	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$4,975,743	\$68,662	\$970,150	(3,936,931)
Special	1,646,746	34,000	1,145,044	(467,702)
Vocational	296,698	0	58,908	(237,790)
Student Intervention	107,164	0	330,162	222,998
Support Services:				
Pupils	857,203	0	15,896	(841,307)
Instructional Staff	88,792	0	30,761	(58,031)
Board of Education	38,851	0	0	(38,851)
Administration	688,319	0	31,471	(656,848)
Fiscal	574,404	0	0	(574,404)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,247,685	0	20,686	(1,226,999)
Pupil Transportation	763,394	0	594,599	(168,795)
Central	105,794	0	15,146	(90,648)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:				
Food Service Operations	501,171	104,398	308,127	(88,646)
Community Services	31,711	0	60,292	28,581
Extracurricular Activities	405,975	148,022	24,370	(233,583)
Interest	3,591	0	0	(3,591)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$12,333,241</u>	<u>\$355,082</u>	<u>\$3,605,612</u>	<u>(8,372,547)</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes				2,488,028
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				6,843,202
Investment Earnings/Interest				328,041
Donations not Restricted to Specific Programs				1,710
Rent				29,143
Miscellaneous				81,475
<i>Total General Revenues</i>				<u>9,771,599</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>				1,399,052
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>				<u>6,109,057</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>				<u><u>\$7,508,109</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**

*Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2024*

	General	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,821,054	\$0	\$1,717,421	\$5,538,475
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	3,992,386	0	0	3,992,386
Accounts	235	0	150	385
Intergovernmental	57,242	96,926	110,509	264,677
Interfund	57,348	0	0	57,348
Prepaid Items	19,534	8,361	371	28,266
Inventory Held for Resale	0	0	2,079	2,079
Materials and Supplies Inventory	33,170	0	1,708	34,878
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$7,980,969</u>	<u>\$105,287</u>	<u>\$1,832,238</u>	<u>\$9,918,494</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances (Liabilities)</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$13,888	\$0	\$85,434	\$99,322
Contracts Payable	16,820	0	80,100	96,920
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	913,109	32,781	101,328	1,047,218
Interfund Payable	0	57,348	0	57,348
Intergovernmental Payable	227,740	6,797	18,408	252,945
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,171,557</u>	<u>96,926</u>	<u>285,270</u>	<u>1,553,753</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	1,258,822	0	0	1,258,822
Unavailable Revenue	1,394,640	0	20,998	1,415,638
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,653,462</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,998</u>	<u>2,674,460</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Nonspendable	52,704	8,361	2,079	63,144
Restricted	0	0	872,143	872,143
Committed	259,146	0	114,055	373,201
Assigned	183,593	0	637,969	821,562
Unassigned (Deficit)	3,660,507	0	(100,276)	3,560,231
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>4,155,950</u>	<u>8,361</u>	<u>1,525,970</u>	<u>5,690,281</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$7,980,969</u>	<u>\$105,287</u>	<u>\$1,832,238</u>	<u>\$9,918,494</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, 2024*

<b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>			<b>\$5,690,281</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.			7,939,001
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	1,390,938		
Intergovernmental Revenues	20,998		
Tuition and Fees	3,549		
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>153</u>		1,415,638
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.			1,841,636
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	625,745		
Deferred Outflows - Pension	1,932,569		
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(667,689)		
Net Pension Liability	(9,354,141)		
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	458,755		
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(1,164,479)		
Net OPEB Liability	<u>(749,765)</u>		(8,919,005)
Compensated absences payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
Lease Payable	(7,322)		
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>(452,120)</u>		<u>(459,442)</u>
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>			<u><u>\$7,508,109</u></u>

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, 2024*

	General	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$2,424,451	\$0	\$0	\$2,424,451
Intergovernmental	7,902,363	1,391,395	1,144,157	10,437,915
Investment Earnings/Interest	273,548	0	0	273,548
Tuition and Fees	100,762	0	0	100,762
Rent	29,184	0	0	29,184
Extracurricular Activities	3,710	0	144,312	148,022
Charges for Services and Sales	0	0	104,398	104,398
Gifts and Donations	3,896	0	82,476	86,372
Miscellaneous	78,150	0	3,172	81,322
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>10,816,064</u>	<u>1,391,395</u>	<u>1,478,515</u>	<u>13,685,974</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,319,080	258,523	158,023	4,735,626
Special	1,233,412	67,591	390,839	1,691,842
Vocational	294,615	0	5,468	300,083
Student Intervention	73	108,190	591	108,854
Support Services:				
Pupils	855,270	0	16,129	871,399
Instructional Staff	62,849	0	25,943	88,792
Board of Education	38,851	0	0	38,851
Administration	683,355	0	26,542	709,897
Fiscal	619,924	0	0	619,924
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,087,574	0	19,563	1,107,137
Pupil Transportation	826,112	18,808	6,809	851,729
Central	109,568	0	12,774	122,342
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	7,860	3,473	539,924	551,257
Extracurricular Activities	216,972	0	169,998	386,970
Capital Outlay	123,768	939,031	444,459	1,507,258
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	11,917	0	0	11,917
Interest	3,591	0	0	3,591
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>10,494,791</u>	<u>1,395,616</u>	<u>1,817,062</u>	<u>13,707,469</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>321,273</u>	<u>(4,221)</u>	<u>(338,547)</u>	<u>(21,495)</u>
<b>Other Financing Source (Use)</b>				
Transfers In	0	0	467,000	467,000
Transfers Out	(467,000)	0	0	(467,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Source (Use)</i>	<u>(467,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>467,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>(145,727)</u>	<u>(4,221)</u>	<u>128,453</u>	<u>(21,495)</u>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>4,301,677</u>	<u>12,582</u>	<u>1,397,517</u>	<u>5,711,776</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$4,155,950</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,361</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,525,970</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,690,281</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, 2024*

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<b>Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>	(\$21,495)
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**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities  
are different because:**

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

Capital Outlay	1,527,151	
Current Year Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(550,446)</u>	976,705

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.

Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(1,570)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	63,577	
Intergovernmental Revenue	(73,763)	
Rent	(41)	
Tuition and Fees	1,900	
Miscellaneous	<u>153</u>	(8,174)

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

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

Pension	923,191	
OPEB	<u>32,713</u>	955,904

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	(800,368)	
OPEB	<u>56,762</u>	(743,606)

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.

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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.

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*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities*

	<u><u>\$1,399,052</u></u>
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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, 2024*

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$2,253,000	\$2,253,000	\$2,416,401	\$163,401
Intergovernmental	7,223,319	7,223,319	7,867,336	644,017
Interest	135,000	135,000	273,548	138,548
Tuition and Fees	75,000	75,000	88,974	13,974
Rent	20,000	20,000	29,883	9,883
Gifts and Donations	2,000	2,000	1,710	(290)
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	289	(1,711)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>9,710,319</u>	<u>9,710,319</u>	<u>10,678,141</u>	<u>967,822</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,404,665	4,399,665	4,220,076	179,589
Special	1,293,199	1,293,199	1,242,843	50,356
Vocational	291,334	296,334	285,832	10,502
Support Services:				
Pupils	866,794	866,794	850,195	16,599
Instructional Staff	88,425	88,425	56,582	31,843
Board of Education	50,815	50,815	30,039	20,776
Administration	663,133	663,133	645,015	18,118
Fiscal	553,323	553,323	530,850	22,473
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,234,662	1,234,662	1,075,287	159,375
Pupil Transportation	709,056	985,965	985,352	613
Central	94,597	94,597	105,379	(10,782)
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	26,000	26,000	8,050	17,950
Extracurricular Activities	277,973	277,973	229,552	48,421
Capital Outlay	261,881	261,881	196,335	65,546
Debt Service:				
Principal	11,917	11,917	11,917	0
Interest	3,591	3,591	3,591	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>10,831,365</u>	<u>11,108,274</u>	<u>10,476,895</u>	<u>631,379</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(1,121,046)</u>	<u>(1,397,955)</u>	<u>201,246</u>	<u>1,599,201</u>
<b>Other Financing Source (Use)</b>				
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	44,000	44,000	78,033	34,033
Transfers Out	0	0	(467,000)	(467,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Source (Use)</i>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>(388,967)</u>	<u>(432,967)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(1,077,046)</u>	<u>(1,353,955)</u>	<u>(187,721)</u>	<u>1,166,234</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>3,480,880</u>	<u>3,480,880</u>	<u>3,480,880</u>	<u>0</u>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>222,907</u>	<u>222,907</u>	<u>222,907</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$2,626,741</u>	<u>\$2,349,832</u>	<u>\$3,516,066</u>	<u>\$1,166,234</u>

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)*  
*Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$2,113,264	\$2,113,264	\$1,981,844	(\$131,420)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	210,586	210,255	246,306	(36,051)
Special	126,312	126,312	46,837	79,475
Student Intervention	143,135	143,135	117,079	26,056
Support Services:				
Pupil Transportation	23,447	23,447	20,194	3,253
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	6,045	6,045	4,705	1,340
Capital Outlay	1,111,449	1,111,781	1,111,781	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>1,620,974</u>	<u>1,620,975</u>	<u>1,546,902</u>	<u>74,073</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	492,290	492,289	434,942	(57,347)
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	(1,601,600)	(1,601,600)	(1,601,600)	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>1,109,311</u>	<u>1,109,311</u>	<u>1,109,311</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$1</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>(\$57,347)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$57,347)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**

*Statement of Fund Net Position*

*Proprietary Fund*

*June 30, 2024*

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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	\$80,635
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	<u>1,960,692</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>2,041,327</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Claims Payable	<u>199,691</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Unrestricted	<u><u>\$1,841,636</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, 2024*

	Governmental Activity
	Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	
Charges for Services	\$1,901,835
Other Operating Revenues	331,800
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>2,233,635</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Purchased Services	584,055
Claims	1,381,870
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>1,965,925</u>
<i>Operating Income</i>	267,710
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>	
Interest	54,493
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	322,203
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,519,433</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$1,841,636</u></u>

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, 2024*

	<u>Governmental Activity</u>
	<u>Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund</u>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash Received from Transactions with Other Funds	\$1,901,835
Cash Received for Other Operating Revenues	331,800
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(584,055)
Cash Payments for Claims	<u>(1,408,363)</u>
<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	<u>241,217</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Interest	<u>54,493</u>
<i>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	295,710
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,745,617</u>
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$2,041,327</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	
Operating Income	\$267,710
Decrease in Claims Payable	<u>(26,493)</u>
<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	<u><u>\$241,217</u></u>
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements	

**Eastern Local School District, Ohio**  
*Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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<b>Additions</b>	
Charges Received for OHSAA	\$9,911
<b>Deductions</b>	
Distributions on Behalf of OHSAA	<u>9,911</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	0
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

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, 2024*

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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, Tupper's 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 44 classified employees and 64 certificated full-time teaching personnel who provide services to 719 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 (META), the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding, and the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), which are defined as jointly governed organizations; the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), which is defined as a group insurance purchasing pool; and the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA) and the Jefferson Health Self-Insurance Plan, which are defined as risk sharing, claims servicing, and insurance purchasing pools. Additional information concerning these organizations is presented in Note 17.

**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:

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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.

***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 major governmental funds:

**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.

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**Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)** This fund accounts for intergovernmental funding from the State and County due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**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, dental, and prescription drug plan 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 one custodial fund that accounts for tournament activities and assets held by the School District as an agent for outside activities.

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

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

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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.

Fiduciary funds present a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position which reports additions to and deductions from custodial funds.

***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 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the 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/interest, tuition, grants, fees, and rentals.

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



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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 10 and 11.

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, 2024, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and 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, tuition and fees, 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 15. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 10 and 11)

***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 2024, 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.

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

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Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Investment Earnings/Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2024 amounted to \$273,548, which includes \$87,535 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.

***F. Prepaid Items***

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. 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 capital 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 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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	20 Years
Buildings and Improvements	20-50 Years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-20 Years
Vehicles	8 Years
Textbooks	5 Years

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

***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. Lease Payable***

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

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

***K. 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. Leases are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

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***L. 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.

***M. 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. It also includes prepaids for all governmental fund types. It also includes prepaid amounts for all governmental fund types.

**Restricted** The restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by State constitution or external resource providers. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions. Under Ohio law, amounts paid into any fund, including by transfer, shall have the same constraints placed on the use of funds as those externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

**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 District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the School District Board of Education or a School District official delegated that authority by resolution or by State Statute. State statute authorizes the School District's Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The School District's Board of Education assigned fund balance to public school support and to cover a gap between estimated revenues and appropriations for fiscal year 2025's appropriated budget.

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**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.

***N. Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any 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. Restricted Net Position for the OPEB plan represent the corresponding restricted asset amounts held in trust by the OPEB plan for future benefits.

***O. 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.

***P. 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.

***Q. 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 2024, the School District reported no extraordinary or special items.

***R. 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.

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***S. 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.

**Note 3 – Change in Accounting Principles**

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

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

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

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 and the Implementation Guides did not have an effect on beginning balances.

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

**Note 4 - Fund Deficits**

The Federal Grants Special Revenue Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$100,276 as of June 30, 2024. The deficit is the result of the recognition of payables in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

**Note 5 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

While the School District is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) presented for the General Fund and the ESSER Special Revenue 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 and negative cash interfund advances are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis), but not on the budgetary basis.
5. Budgetary revenues and expenditures of the Public School Support Fund and the Termination Benefits 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:

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Net Change in Fund Balance		
	General Fund	ESSER Fund
GAAP Basis	(\$145,727)	(\$4,221)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(488,935)	1,025,390
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	(28,917)	(156,508)
Beginning:		
Prepaid Items	145,620	13,583
Negative cash advances to other funds	492,289	(492,289)
Ending:		
Prepaid Items	(19,534)	(8,361)
Negative cash advances to other funds	(57,348)	57,348
To reclassify excess of revenues over expenditures into financial statement fund types	153,912	0
Encumbrances	(239,081)	0
Budget Basis	<u>(\$187,721)</u>	<u>\$434,942</u>

## **Note 6 - 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;



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

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the School District's internal service fund had a cash balance of \$1,960,692 with the Jefferson Health Plan, a claims servicing pool (See Note 17). The balance is held by the claim's 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, 2024, \$182,287 of the School District's total bank balance of \$432,287 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 School District to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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

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

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

**Investments** As of June 30, 2024, the School District had the following investment:

	Measurement Amount	Maturity	Standard & Poor's Rating
Net Asset Value Per Share Star Ohio	\$5,239,554	Average 46.5 days	AAAm

**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 statistical rating organization. The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

## **Note 7 - Property Taxes**

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 were levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values for real property 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 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 became a lien December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023, 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.

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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, 2024, are available to finance fiscal year 2024 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

Accrued property taxes receivable includes real property and public utility taxes which are measurable as of June 30, 2024, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, only the amount of real property taxes available as an advance at June 30 was levied to finance current fiscal year operations and is 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.

The amount available as an advance at June 30, 2024, \$1,342,626 was available as an advance in the General Fund. At June 30, 2023, \$1,334,576 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.

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

	2023 Second-Half Collections		2024 First-Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential	\$94,470,180	74.92%	\$94,978,810	74.81%
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	5,856,290	4.64%	5,508,830	4.34%
Public Utility Personal	25,782,020	20.44%	26,467,680	20.85%
	<u>\$126,108,490</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$126,955,320</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation		\$20.00		\$20.00

## **Note 8 - Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consisted of property taxes, 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 \$1,390,938 as of June 30, 2024.

A summary of principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

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	<u>Amounts</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	
ESSER II	\$96,926
Title I-A	55,400
IDEA-B Special Education	45,592
Medicaid Reimbursements	39,867
Foundation	15,337
ARP IDEA Early Childhood Special Education	4,387
Miscellaneous	3,572
Title IV_A Student Support	2,065
21st Century	906
Title II-A	625
Total	<u>\$264,677</u>

## Note 9 - Capital Assets

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

	<u>Balance 6/30/2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2024</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
<b><i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i></b>				
Land	\$23,487	\$0	\$0	\$23,487
Construction in Progress	781,115	1,021,995	(1,631,515)	171,595
<b><i>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i></b>	<u>804,602</u>	<u>1,021,995</u>	<u>(1,631,515)</u>	<u>195,082</u>
<b><i>Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets</i></b>				
<b><i>Tangible Assets</i></b>				
Land Improvements	587,361	0	0	587,361
Buildings and Improvements	11,893,278	1,843,139	0	13,736,417
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	1,696,042	199,023	(15,704)	1,879,361
Vehicles	1,153,622	86,751	0	1,240,373
Textbooks	560,383	7,758	0	568,141
<b><i>Total Tangible Assets</i></b>	<u>15,890,686</u>	<u>2,136,671</u>	<u>(15,704)</u>	<u>18,011,653</u>
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use Lease Assets</i></b>				
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	35,098	0	0	35,098
<b><i>Total Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets</i></b>	<u>15,925,784</u>	<u>2,136,671</u>	<u>(15,704)</u>	<u>18,046,751</u>
<b><i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i></b>				
<b><i>Depreciation</i></b>				
Land Improvements	(391,320)	(8,121)	0	(399,441)
Buildings and Improvements	(6,942,778)	(344,531)	0	(7,287,309)
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(1,170,326)	(100,637)	14,134	(1,256,829)
Vehicles	(792,784)	(67,566)	0	(860,350)
Textbooks	(453,453)	(17,674)	0	(471,127)
<b><i>Total Depreciation</i></b>	<u>(9,750,661)</u>	<u>(538,529)</u>	<u>14,134</u>	<u>(10,275,056)</u>
<b><i>Amortization</i></b>				
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use Lease Assets</i></b>				
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	(15,859)	(11,917)	0	(27,776)
<b><i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i></b>	<u>(9,766,520)</u>	<u>(550,446)</u>	<u>14,134</u>	<u>(10,302,832)</u>
<b><i>Total Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets, Net</i></b>	<u>6,159,264</u>	<u>1,586,225</u>	<u>(1,570)</u>	<u>7,743,919</u>
<b><i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i></b>	<u>\$6,963,866</u>	<u>\$2,608,220</u>	<u>(\$1,633,085)</u>	<u>\$7,939,001</u>

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Included in the additions and deletions in the above table is a reclass of construction in progress in the amount of \$1,631,515 as a result of the completion of the playground and high school roof projects.

Depreciation/Amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Amortization</u>
Instruction:		
Regular	\$334,179	\$0
Support Services:		
Pupils	8,178	0
Administration	3,345	0
Fiscal	3,046	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	88,164	11,917
Pupil Transportation	65,380	0
Operation of Non-Instructional Services:		
Food Service Operations	8,854	0
Extracurricular Activities	27,383	0
Total	<u>\$538,529</u>	<u>\$11,917</u>

**Note 10 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

***Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)***

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

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

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

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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 11 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.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$286,956 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$48,005 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.

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

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

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 11.09 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 2.91 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to

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receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

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

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

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

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

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$636,235 for fiscal year 2024. Of this amount, \$111,954 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

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



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	SERS	STRS	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.04389510%	0.032174280%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.04501570%	0.032754190%	
Change in Proportionate Share	-0.00112060%	-0.00057991%	
			Total
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$2,425,430	\$6,928,711	\$9,354,141
Pension Expense	\$190,978	\$609,390	\$800,368

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$104,251	\$252,607	\$356,858
Changes of assumptions	17,181	570,617	587,798
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	32,782	31,940	64,722
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	286,956	636,235	923,191
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$441,170</u>	<u>\$1,491,399</u>	<u>\$1,932,569</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$15,375	\$15,375
Changes of assumptions	0	429,511	429,511
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	34,091	20,766	54,857
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	45,279	122,667	167,946
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$79,370</u>	<u>\$588,319</u>	<u>\$667,689</u>

\$923,191 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	\$35,295	(\$68,496)	(\$33,201)
2026	(107,838)	(260,550)	(368,388)
2027	145,580	660,629	806,209
2028	1,807	(64,738)	(62,931)
Total	<u>\$74,844</u>	<u>\$266,845</u>	<u>\$341,689</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. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2137.

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

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

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

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

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5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

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

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

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

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

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

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$3,579,811	\$2,425,430	\$1,453,084

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***Actuarial Assumptions -- STRS***

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

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	From 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent based on service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

\*\* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 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.

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

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

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$10,654,824	\$6,928,711	\$3,777,439

***Social Security System***

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System, or the State Teachers Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the School Employees Retirement System / State Teachers Retirement System. As of June 30, 2024, two of the Board of Education members elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

**Note 11 - Postemployment Benefits**

See Note 10 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

***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

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report of the Plan is included in the SERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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

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

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2024, no allocation was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2024, this amount was \$30,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2024, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$32,713.

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 \$32,713 for fiscal year 2024; 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 for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit beginning in 2023. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

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

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

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

	SERS	STRS	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:			
Current Measurement Date	0.045510800%	0.032174280%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.046227900%	0.032754190%	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00071710%</u>	<u>-0.00057991%</u>	
			<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$749,765	\$0	\$749,765
Net OPEB (Asset)	\$0	(\$625,745)	(\$625,745)
OPEB Expense	(\$62,603)	(\$29,276)	

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,562	\$976	\$2,538
Changes of assumptions	253,517	92,181	345,698
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	5,811	1,117	6,928
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	65,597	5,281	70,878
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>32,713</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,713</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$359,200</u>	<u>\$99,555</u>	<u>\$458,755</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$386,682	\$95,441	\$482,123
Changes of assumptions	212,940	412,857	625,797
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>47,258</u>	<u>9,301</u>	<u>56,559</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$646,880</u>	<u>\$517,599</u>	<u>\$1,164,479</u>

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\$32,713 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2025	(\$96,104)	(\$191,161)	(\$287,265)
2026	(88,512)	(82,770)	(171,282)
2027	(58,349)	(31,579)	(89,928)
2028	(38,790)	(43,204)	(81,994)
2029	(26,097)	(39,549)	(65,646)
Therafter	<u>(12,541)</u>	<u>(29,781)</u>	<u>(42,322)</u>
Total	<u>(\$320,393)</u>	<u>(\$418,044)</u>	<u>(\$738,437)</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, 2023, are presented below:



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	June 30, 2023
Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investment expense
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Fiduciary Net Position is Projected to be Depleted	2048
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.86 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.69 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate,	
Measurement Date	4.27 percent
Prior Measurement Date	4.08 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Medical Trend Assumption	
Measurement Date	6.75 to 4.40 percent
Prior Measurement Date	7.00 to 4.40 percent

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

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

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

The SERS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 10.

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

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

	1% Decrease (3.27%)	Current Discount Rate (4.27%)	1% Increase (5.27%)
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$958,415	\$749,765	\$585,237

  

	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	\$550,827	\$749,765	\$1,013,386

**Actuarial Assumptions – STRS**

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

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

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

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

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

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 10.

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

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate** The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00

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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	(\$529,611)	(\$625,745)	(\$709,468)

  

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$713,353)	(\$625,745)	(\$520,224)

**Note 12 - Long-Term Obligations**

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

	Principal Outstanding 6/30/23	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 6/30/24	Amounts Due within One Year
Net Pension Liability:					
SERS	\$2,434,799	\$0	\$9,369	\$2,425,430	\$0
STRS	7,281,297	0	352,586	6,928,711	0
Total Net Pension Liability	9,716,096	0	361,955	9,354,141	0
Net OPEB Liability - SERS	649,046	100,719	0	749,765	0
Compensated Absences	359,288	223,630	130,798	452,120	52,827
Leases	19,239	0	11,917	7,322	7,322
Total Long-Term Obligations	\$10,743,669	\$324,349	\$504,670	\$10,563,348	\$60,149

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 10 and 11.

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

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest
2025	\$7,322	\$612

The overall debt margin of the School District as of June 30, 2024, was \$11,425,979, with an unvoted debt margin of \$126,955.

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**Note 13 - Interfund Transactions**

***A. Transfers***

The General Fund transferred \$117,000 to the Food Service Special Revenue Fund and \$350,000 to the Permanent Improvement Capital Projects Fund. The transfers were made to use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance the programs accounted for in the other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

***B. Internal Balances***

Interfund balances at June 30, 2024, arise from the provision of cash flow resources from the General Fund until the receipt of grant monies by the Special Revenue Fund.

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
<b>General Fund</b>	\$57,348	\$0
ESSER	0	57,348
Total All Funds	<u>\$57,348</u>	<u>\$57,348</u>

**Note 14 - Fund Balances**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of 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	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>Nonspendable:</u>				
Prepaid Items	\$19,534	\$8,361	\$371	\$28,266
Materials and Supplies Inventory	33,170	0	1,708	34,878
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	52,704	8,361	2,079	63,144
<u>Restricted for:</u>				
Athletics and Music	0	0	28,224	28,224
State Programs	0	0	123	123
Local Initiatives	0	0	12,588	12,588
Scholarships	0	0	313,853	313,853
Classroom Facilities	0	0	404,680	404,680
Food Service	0	0	3,404	3,404
Student Activities	0	0	109,271	109,271
<i>Total Restricted</i>	0	0	872,143	872,143
<u>Committed to:</u>				
Architectural Services	142,107	0	0	142,107
Termination Benefits	117,039	0	0	117,039
Eagle Express	0	0	2,740	2,740
Educational Foundation	0	0	111,315	111,315
<i>Total Committed</i>	259,146	0	114,055	373,201
<u>Assigned to:</u>				
Public School Support	6,316	0	0	6,316
Capital Improvements	0	0	637,969	637,969
Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations	94,006	0	0	94,006
Purchases on Order	83,271	0	0	83,271
<i>Total Assigned</i>	183,593	0	637,969	821,562
Unassigned (Deficit):	3,660,507	0	(100,276)	3,560,231
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	\$4,155,950	\$8,361	\$1,525,970	\$5,690,281

**Note 15 - 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 2024, 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 2024, the School District purchased the following coverage:

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<u>Ohio Casualty Insurance</u>	
Building and Contents-replacement cost Crime Insurance	\$38,659,594
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 fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year.

***B. Workers' Compensation***

For fiscal year 2024, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 17). 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 insurance is offered to employees through a self-insurance internal service fund. Three plans are offered to School District employees. Plan A is a traditional preferred provider plan and employees contribute 14% of the cost of the premium which is \$1,173/\$2,514 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 \$972/\$2,255 single/family. 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 \$1,056/\$2,451 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 2024. The claims liability of \$199,691 reported in the internal service fund at June 30, 2024, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of 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 2023 and 2024 were:

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	Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year Claims	Claim Payments	Balance End of Fiscal Year
2023	\$184,463	\$1,615,641	\$1,573,920	\$226,184
2024	226,184	1,381,870	1,408,363	199,691

**Note 16 - 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 than 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 META, Grady Benefits 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 17 - 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 an participating school district is limited to its representation on the General Assembly. The General Assembly exercises total control over the operation of META including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. During fiscal year 2024, the School District paid \$65,904 for services with META. Financial information can be obtained from Metropolitan Educational Technology Association at 100 Executive Drive, Marion, Ohio 43302.



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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 \$0.05 per pupil. School districts and joint vocational schools may also pay supplemental dues in the amount of \$0.50 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 to the Coalition. During fiscal year 2024, the School District paid \$352 to the Coalition. To obtain financial information write to the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequacy of School Funding at 100 South Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The **Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS)** is a jointly governed organization composed of 120 school districts and other educational institutions in the 32-county region of Ohio designated as Appalachia. The CORAS is operated by a nineteen-member board composed of one elected and one appointed (one appointed seat is empty) from each of the eight regions into which the 32 Appalachian counties are divided, one dean appointment from the Ohio University College of Education, and three ex-officio members. The board exercises total control over the operations of the CORAS including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Each participant's control is limited to its representation on the board. The CORAS 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 CORAS 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 CORAS. The School District's membership fee was \$400 for fiscal year 2024. Financial information may be obtained from the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools at 322 Patton 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 coverages provided by SORSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance, and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance.

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The School District participates in the **Jefferson Health Plan Self-Insurance Plan**, a risk sharing, claims servicing, and insurance purchasing pool composed of over 180 public employer member organizations throughout the States of Ohio, Michigan, and Tennessee. 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, the internal pool pays dividend 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 18 - 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.

	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Set-aside Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$0
Current Year Set-aside Requirement	155,972
Qualifying Disbursements	<u>(369,533)</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$213,561)</u></u>

**Note 19 - 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:

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**Governmental Funds:**

General Fund	\$239,081
Nonmajor Funds	<u>176,090</u>
Total	<u><u>\$415,171</u></u>

***B. Contractual Commitments***

As of June 30, 2024, the School District's contractual purchase commitments are as follows:

Project	Fund	Contract Amount	Amount Expended	Balance at 06/30/24
Access Control System, Security Cameras, Intercom	General	\$21,345	\$21,345	\$0
Access Control System, Security Cameras, Intercom	Federal Grant	150,250	150,250	0
Total Contractual Commitments		<u><u>\$171,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$171,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

**Note 20 - 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, 2024, if applicable, cannot be determined at this time.

***B. Litigation***

As of June 30, 2024, the School District is currently not a party to any material legal proceedings.

***C. School Foundation***

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the State, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, additional DEW adjustments for fiscal year 2024 are not finalized. As a result, the impact of future FTE adjustments on the fiscal year 2024 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 21 - COVID-19**

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

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	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.04389510%	0.04501570%	0.04330500%	0.0422995%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,425,430	\$2,434,799	\$1,597,828	\$2,797,778
School District's Covered Payroll	\$1,235,086	\$1,237,300	\$1,492,057	\$1,509,329
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	196.38%	196.78%	107.09%	185.37%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	76.06%	75.82%	18.20%	68.55%

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

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.0405198%	0.0391670%	0.0370438%	0.0351723%	0.0361980%	0.0365400%
\$2,424,370	\$2,243,167	\$2,213,285	\$2,574,288	\$2,065,493	\$1,849,269
\$1,394,163	\$1,180,807	\$1,217,221	\$1,092,321	\$1,127,853	\$1,293,511
173.89%	189.97%	181.83%	235.67%	183.13%	142.97%
70.85%	71.36%	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%

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	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.032174280%	0.032754190%	0.032694600%	0.032481100%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$6,928,711	\$7,281,297	\$4,180,299	\$7,859,270
School District's Covered Payroll	\$4,418,814	\$4,259,821	\$4,351,571	\$3,914,786
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	156.80%	170.93%	96.06%	200.76%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.00%	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%

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

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2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.031897220%	0.030870810%	0.032429840%	0.031007840%	0.031461330%	0.031295400%
\$7,053,877	\$6,787,799	\$7,703,778	\$10,379,259	\$8,694,991	\$7,612,127
\$3,784,900	\$3,637,871	\$3,480,843	\$3,262,621	\$3,282,464	\$3,219,008
186.37%	186.59%	221.32%	318.13%	264.89%	236.47%
77.40%	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.04551080%	0.04622790%	0.04477900%	0.04416580%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$749,765	\$649,046	\$847,479	\$959,867
School District's Covered Payroll	\$1,235,086	\$1,237,300	\$1,492,057	\$1,509,329
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	60.71%	52.46%	56.80%	63.60%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	30.02%	30.34%	24.08%	18.17%

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

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2020	2019	2018	2017
0.04165890%	0.03980630%	0.03766830%	0.03571340%
\$1,047,633	\$1,104,335	\$1,010,918	\$1,017,964
\$1,394,163	\$1,180,807	\$1,217,221	\$1,092,321
75.14%	93.52%	83.05%	93.19%
15.57%	13.57%	12.46%	11.49%

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*Last Eight Fiscal Years (1)\**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset	0.032174280%	0.032754190%	0.032694600%	0.032481100%
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$625,745)	(\$848,114)	(\$689,339)	(\$570,855)
School District's Covered Payroll	\$4,418,814	\$4,259,821	\$4,351,571	\$3,914,786
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.16%	-19.91%	-15.84%	-14.58%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	168.50%	230.70%	174.70%	182.10%

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

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2020	2019	2018	2017
0.031897220%	0.030870810%	0.032429840%	0.031007840%
(\$528,295)	(\$496,062)	\$1,265,292	\$1,658,307
\$3,784,900	\$3,637,871	\$3,480,843	\$3,262,621
-13.96%	-13.64%	36.35%	50.83%
174.70%	176.00%	47.10%	37.30%

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	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$286,956	\$172,912	\$173,222	\$208,888
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(286,956)</u>	<u>(172,912)</u>	<u>(173,222)</u>	<u>(208,888)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll (1)	\$2,049,686	\$1,235,086	\$1,237,300	\$1,492,057
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 (2)	\$32,713	\$35,117	\$31,207	\$29,347
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(32,713)</u>	<u>(35,117)</u>	<u>(31,207)</u>	<u>(29,347)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>1.60%</u>	<u>2.84%</u>	<u>2.52%</u>	<u>1.97%</u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (2)	<u>15.60%</u>	<u>16.84%</u>	<u>16.52%</u>	<u>15.97%</u>

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

(2) Includes Surcharge

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$211,306	\$188,212	\$159,409	\$170,411	\$152,925	\$148,651
<u>(211,306)</u>	<u>(188,212)</u>	<u>(159,409)</u>	<u>(170,411)</u>	<u>(152,925)</u>	<u>(148,651)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,509,329	\$1,394,163	\$1,180,807	\$1,217,221	\$1,092,321	\$1,127,853
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>13.50%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.18%</u>
\$29,658	\$33,027	\$27,725	\$20,888	\$18,372	\$28,549
<u>(29,658)</u>	<u>(33,027)</u>	<u>(27,725)</u>	<u>(20,888)</u>	<u>(18,372)</u>	<u>(28,549)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>1.96%</u>	<u>2.37%</u>	<u>2.35%</u>	<u>1.72%</u>	<u>1.68%</u>	<u>2.53%</u>
<u>15.96%</u>	<u>15.87%</u>	<u>15.85%</u>	<u>15.72%</u>	<u>15.68%</u>	<u>15.71%</u>

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$636,235	\$618,634	\$596,375	\$609,220
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(636,235)</u>	<u>(618,634)</u>	<u>(596,375)</u>	<u>(609,220)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
School District Covered Payroll	\$4,544,536	\$4,418,814	\$4,259,821	\$4,351,571
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>

Although the covered payroll for the net OPEB liability is the same as the net pension liability, there were no OPEB related required contributions to postemployment health care. There is no required supplementary information to present related to the statutorily established employer contribution requirements for the net OPEB liability.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$548,070	\$529,886	\$509,302	\$487,318	\$456,767	\$459,545
(548,070)	(529,886)	(509,302)	(487,318)	(456,767)	(459,545)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$3,914,786	\$3,784,900	\$3,637,871	\$3,480,843	\$3,262,621	\$3,282,464
<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 Benefit Terms/Assumptions – SERS**

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

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

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

Beginning in 2022, amounts reported use mortality rates based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members was 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 reported for 2017 through 2021 use mortality rates that are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with a 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 years 2017 and prior are presented below:



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

Investment rate of return:

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

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

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

For fiscal years 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 ages 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 are set back four years, one-year set-back from ages 80 through 89, and no setback from ages 90 and above.

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**Changes in Benefit Term – STRS Pension**

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

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

**Net OPEB Liability**

**Changes in Assumptions – SERS**

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

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

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

**Municipal Bond Index Rate:**

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

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

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

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**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.

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

**Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS OPEB**

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

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

For fiscal year 2020, there was no change to the 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.

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

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

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

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal AL Number</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Provided to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>				
<b>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</b>				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution):				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2024	\$0	\$26,453
Cash Assistance				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2024	0	96,056
National School Lunch	10.555	2024	0	167,200
COVID-19 Supply Chain Assistance Program	10.555	2023	0	20,556
COVID-19 Supply Chain Assistance Program	10.555	2024	0	24,131
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>0</u>	<u>307,943</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>0</u>	<u>334,396</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			0	334,396
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</b>				
<b>Passed Through Ohio Facilities Construction Commission</b>				
Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	OFCC-SS3-34427	0	119,900
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			<u>0</u>	<u>119,900</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>				
<b>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</b>				
Title I Grants to Local Educational agencies	84.010A	2023	0	37,415
Title I Grants to Local Educational agencies	84.010A	2024	0	172,447
Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant	84.010A	2023	0	3,698
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>0</u>	<u>213,560</u>
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	2023	0	27,528
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	2024	0	134,618
Special Education - Grants to States - Each Child on Track	84.027A	2024	0	12,773
COVID-19 Special Education - American Rescue Plan	84.027X	2022	0	398
Total Special Education - Grants to States			<u>0</u>	<u>175,317</u>
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	2024	0	4,387
COVID-19 Special Education Preschool Grant - American Rescue Plan	84.173X	2023	0	530
Total Special Education - Preschool Grants			<u>0</u>	<u>4,917</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			0	180,234
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	2023	83,449	85,801
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	2024	99,253	104,319
Total Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers			<u>182,702</u>	<u>190,120</u>
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	2024	0	23,611
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	2023	0	247
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	2024	0	18,046
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment			<u>0</u>	<u>18,293</u>
Education Stabilization Fund				
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	2023	0	832,975
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	2024	0	547,215
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	84.425U	2023	0	151,745
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	2024	0	14,968
Total Education Stabilization Fund			<u>0</u>	<u>1,546,903</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>182,702</u>	<u>2,172,721</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u><b>\$182,702</b></u>	<u><b>\$2,627,017</b></u>

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

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

**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 School District's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School 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 School District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS**

The School District passes certain federal awards received from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the School District reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a pass-through entity, the School District has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

**NOTE E - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

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

**NOTE F – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

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

**NOTE G - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS**

Federal regulations require schools to obligate certain federal awards by June 30. However, with DEW's consent, schools can transfer unobligated amounts to the subsequent fiscal year's program. The School District transferred the following amounts from 2024 to 2025 programs:

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2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
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(Continued)**

**NOTE G - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS (Continued)**

<u><b>Program Title</b></u>	<u><b>Assistance Listing Number</b></u>	<u><b>Amount Transferred</b></u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	\$8,750
Special Education -- Grants to States	84.027A	18,187
Special Education - Grants to States - Each Child on Track	84.027A	4,338
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287A	35,982
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	16,990

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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, each 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, 2024, 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 April 16, 2025.

***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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

***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*.

***School District's Response to Finding***

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

***Purpose of This Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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

April 16, 2025



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**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's, 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, 2024. 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, the 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, 2024.

***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

April 16, 2025

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**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEIGS COUNTY**

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

**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>	Yes
<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>Education Stabilization Fund – AL # 84.425D, # 84.425U and # 84.425W</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>	Yes

**EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
JUNE 30, 2024  
(Continued)**

<b>2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2024-001**

**Material Weakness**

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Cod. 1100 paragraph .101 states a governmental accounting system must make it possible both: (a) to present fairly and with full disclosure the funds and activities of the governmental unit in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and (b) to determine and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund original budgeted expenditures per the Budget and Actual Statement excluded prior year encumbrances from original budgeted expenditures for Regular Instruction of \$331 and Capital Outlay of \$1,099,949.

Adjustments with which the District's management agrees, were made to the financial statements, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The Treasurer should review the basic financial statements prior to filing to ensure amounts reported are accurate.

**Officials' Response:** We have reviewed the BVA and made note of the oversight. We will work with Local Government Services or CPA consulting firm to review the financial reports prior to filing next year and will ensure all prior year encumbrances are properly classified as expenditures on both the original and final budgets.

<b>3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
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None





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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN 2 CFR § 200.511(c) JUNE 30, 2024

<b>Finding Number:</b>	2024-001
<b>Planned Corrective Action:</b>	The district has noted and agrees with the correction to the BVA. We will work closely with the Auditor of State's Local Government Services or a CPA consulting firm to ensure an extensive review is completed prior to filing. Greater scrutiny will be given to the BVAs for major funds to ensure prior year encumbrances are properly included as expenditures in both the original and final budget.
<b>Anticipated Completion Date:</b>	11/27/2025 (Hinkle Filing Deadline)
<b>Responsible Contact Person:</b>	Nick Rose, Treasurer/CFO

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**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 5/8/2025**

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