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**WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY
JUNE 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Education:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wickliffe City School District, Lake County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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 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.

Emphases of Matter

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the District changed the classification of the Permanent Improvement Fund to a nonmajor fund in 2023 to a major fund in 2024. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information comprises the management's discussion & analysis but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 5, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

September 5, 2025

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Wickliffe City School District

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Our discussion and analysis of the Wickliffe City School District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- In total, net position decreased \$11,202,548. Net position of governmental activities decreased \$11,230,888 and net position of business-type activities increased \$28,340 from 2023.
- The District has been ambitiously planning the new educational Wickliffe Campus to house students in a Preschool through 12th-grade facility, which will replace the aging school buildings. As a result of the planning and construction of the new educational Wickliffe Campus, the fund balance of the Building Fund decreased \$12,520,675 from 2023.

Using These Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis provide information about the cash activities of the District as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the District as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis reflect how the District did financially during fiscal year 2024, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental and business-type activities of the District at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program and business-type activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function or business-type activity draws from the District's general receipts.

These statements report the District's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the District's financial health. Over time, increases, or decreases in the District's cash position is one indicator of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the District's financial condition, you should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well such as the District's property tax base, the condition of the District's capital assets, the extent of the District's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local receipt sources such as property taxes.

In the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis, the District is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities – Most of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, and extracurricular activities.

Business-type Activities – These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The District's food service, rotary fund, adult education fund, and special enterprise operations are reported as business-type activities.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds – not the District as a whole. The District establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the District are split into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the District's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the District's programs. The District's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for non-major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The District's major governmental fund include the General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, Building Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary Funds

When the District charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. When the services are provided to the general public, the activity is reported as an enterprise fund. The District has several enterprise funds: the food service, rotary, adult education, and special enterprise funds. When the services are provided to other departments of the District, the service is reported in an internal service fund. The District has one internal service fund to account for employee health care claims.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension 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 have certain characteristics. The District does not have any fiduciary funds.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

The District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis provides the perspective of the District as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the District's net position for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

Table 1 - Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Assets:						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,320,898	\$ 23,551,786	\$ 236,518	\$ 208,178	\$12,557,416	\$23,759,964
Total assets	12,320,898	23,551,786	236,518	208,178	12,557,416	23,759,964
Net position:						
Restricted for:						
Capital Projects	4,274,667	16,616,466	-	-	4,274,667	16,616,466
Debt Services	870,763	876,721	-	-	870,763	876,721
Other Purposes	556,361	694,361	-	-	556,361	694,361
Unrestricted	6,619,107	5,364,238	236,518	208,178	6,855,625	5,572,416
Total net position	\$ 12,320,898	\$ 23,551,786	\$ 236,518	\$ 208,178	\$12,557,416	\$23,759,964

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a District's financial position. Total assets decreased by \$11,202,548 from 2023 to 2024. The decrease was due to costs associated with the new Wickliffe Campus and bond debt payments.

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 the current year and the prior year.

Wickliffe City School District

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Table 2 - Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash receipts:						
Program cash receipts:						
Charges for services	\$ 616,247	\$ 457,491	\$ 139,289	\$ 129,515	\$ 755,536	\$ 587,006
Operating grants and contributions	4,615,065	3,390,250	344,291	240,445	4,959,356	3,630,695
Total program cash receipts	5,231,312	3,847,741	483,580	369,960	5,714,892	4,217,701
General cash receipts:						
Property taxes	18,092,313	18,438,498	-	-	18,092,313	18,438,498
Grants and entitlements	4,343,176	4,730,858	-	-	4,343,176	4,730,858
Contributions and Donations	6,717	15,524	-	-	6,717	15,524
(Loss) earnings on investment	775,381	839,893	-	-	775,381	839,893
Miscellaneous	145,138	344,236	15,040	88,274	160,178	432,510
Total general cash receipts	23,362,725	24,369,009	15,040	88,274	23,377,765	24,457,283
Total cash receipts	28,594,037	28,216,750	498,620	458,234	29,092,657	28,674,984
Cash disbursements:						
Program cash disbursements:						
Instruction:						
Regular education	8,388,557	8,123,184	-	-	8,388,557	8,123,184
Special education	3,825,981	3,883,764	-	-	3,825,981	3,883,764
Vocational education	155,813	97,029	-	-	155,813	97,029
Other	810,663	846,288	-	-	810,663	846,288
Supporting services:						
Pupils	1,874,654	1,523,441	-	-	1,874,654	1,523,441
Instructional staff	536,638	958,166	-	-	536,638	958,166
Board of Education	100,700	120,004	-	-	100,700	120,004
Administration	1,797,381	1,758,123	-	-	1,797,381	1,758,123
Fiscal	552,668	479,784	-	-	552,668	479,784
Business	198,440	181,107	-	-	198,440	181,107
Operation and maintenance - plant	1,569,157	1,443,994	-	-	1,569,157	1,443,994
Pupil transportation	2,065,176	2,027,776	-	-	2,065,176	2,027,776
Central services	716,896	712,074	-	-	716,896	712,074
Operation of non-instructional services	720,145	672,198	-	-	720,145	672,198
Extracurricular activities	630,393	526,507	-	-	630,393	526,507
Facilities acquisition and construction	13,063,969	26,071,505	-	-	13,063,969	26,071,505
Debt service	2,817,694	2,853,143	-	-	2,817,694	2,853,143
Food service	-	-	461,759	432,405	461,759	432,405
Special enterprise fund	-	-	8,521	33,107	8,521	33,107
Total cash disbursements	39,824,925	52,278,087	470,280	465,512	40,295,205	52,743,599
Change in Net Position	(11,230,888)	(24,061,337)	28,340	(7,278)	(11,202,548)	(24,068,615)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	23,551,786	47,613,123	208,178	215,456	23,759,964	47,828,579
Net Position - End of Year	\$12,320,898	\$23,551,786	\$ 236,518	\$ 208,178	\$12,557,416	\$23,759,964

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Governmental Activities

Net position of the District's governmental activities decreased \$11,230,888. Total governmental disbursements of \$39,824,925, were offset by program receipts of \$5,231,312 and general receipts of \$23,362,725. Program receipts supported 13 percent of the total governmental disbursements.

The primary sources of receipts for governmental activities were derived from property taxes. Operating grants and contributions increased due to the increase in foundation revenue. Facilities acquisition and construction disbursements decreased due to costs associated with the Wickliffe Campus project.

The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants off-setting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Table 3

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Program cash disbursements:				
Instruction:				
Regular education	\$ 8,388,557	\$ 8,123,184	\$ (7,007,190)	\$ (6,902,061)
Special education	3,825,981	3,883,764	(2,639,394)	(2,904,919)
Vocational education	155,813	97,029	368,325	50,270
Other	810,663	846,288	(788,605)	(846,288)
Supporting services:				
Pupils	1,874,654	1,523,441	(1,197,991)	(1,145,276)
Instructional staff	536,638	958,166	(491,920)	(925,558)
Board of Education	100,700	120,004	(100,700)	(120,004)
Administration	1,797,381	1,758,123	(1,632,120)	(1,658,271)
Fiscal	552,668	479,784	(552,668)	(479,784)
Business	198,440	181,107	(198,440)	(181,107)
Operation and maintenance - plant	1,569,157	1,443,994	(1,569,157)	(1,443,994)
Pupil transportation	2,065,176	2,027,776	(1,772,036)	(2,016,704)
Central services	716,896	712,074	(712,855)	(637,527)
Operation of non-instructional services	720,145	672,198	49,555	45,843
Extracurricular activities	630,393	526,507	(466,754)	(340,318)
Facilities acquisition and construction	13,063,969	26,071,505	(13,063,969)	(26,071,505)
Debt service:				
Principal	780,000	785,000	(780,000)	(785,000)
Interest and fiscal charges	2,037,694	2,068,143	(2,037,694)	(2,068,143)
Total cash disbursements	<u>\$ 39,824,925</u>	<u>\$ 52,278,087</u>	<u>\$ (34,593,613)</u>	<u>\$ (48,430,346)</u>

The dependence upon tax receipts during fiscal year 2024 for governmental activities is apparent, as 76 percent of 2024 instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general receipts. The District's taxpayers, as a whole, are by far the primary support for District's students.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Business-Type Activities

Business-type activities include food service operation, rotary fund, adult education fund, and special enterprise fund. These programs had revenues of \$498,620 and disbursements of \$470,280 for fiscal year 2024. This resulted in an increase to net position for the fiscal year of \$28,340.

The District's Funds

Total governmental funds had receipts, including other financing sources, of \$30,377,790 and disbursements, including other financing uses, of \$41,608,678. The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$1,254,869 as receipts outpaced expenditures due to an increase in intergovernmental revenues. The fund balance of the Bond Retirement Fund decreased slightly by \$5,958 and fund balance of the Building Fund decreased \$12,520,675 primarily due to costs associated with the new Wickliffe Campus in fiscal year 2024. The Permanent Improvement Fund increased by \$178,876 due to an increase in earnings on investments.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the disbursements of the General Fund:

Table 4

	2024 Amount	2023 Amount	Percent Change
Disbursement by Function:			
Instruction	\$ 12,495,225	\$ 11,589,147	7.82 %
Support services	8,770,094	7,968,419	10.06
Operations of non-instructional services	37,323	31,971	16.74
Extracurricular activities	414,583	357,650	15.92
Facilities acquisition and construction	14,543	11,631	25.04
Total	<u>\$21,731,768</u>	<u>\$ 19,958,818</u>	

General Fund Budget Information

The District's budget is prepared in accordance with Ohio law and is based on the cash basis of accounting, utilizing cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. Final disbursements, not including other financing uses, were budgeted at \$22,799,563 while actual disbursements, not including other financing uses, were \$22,299,862. The most significant variance from final budget to actual disbursements was pupil transportation. The original and final budgeted disbursements remained the same.

The most significant variance from final budget to actual receipts was property taxes in the amount of \$58,274 over expected receipts. In summary, receipts were above final expectations. The District's actual receipts ended over budgeted expectations by \$37,462 and the actual fund balance increased \$487,399 for fiscal year 2024.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Capital Assets

The District does not report capital assets, but rather the acquisitions are recorded as disbursements when paid. Capital assets are tracked separately by the District throughout the fiscal year.

Debt

The District does not report liabilities for net pension liability, net OPEB liability, and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

Current Financial Related Activities

Wickliffe City School District has continued to maintain services to its students, parents, and community. The Board of Education and administration closely monitor its revenues and expenditures in accordance with its financial forecast.

The financial future of the District is not without its challenges. These challenges are internal and external in nature. The internal challenges will continue to exist as the District must rely heavily on local property taxes to fund its operations. External challenges continue to evolve as the Federal, State, and local funding policies dictate.

The District relies heavily on its taxpayers to support its operations. The community support for the schools is strong. The District passed a levy and bond in November 2019. The levy and bond were presented as a package vote which sought to facilitate the construction of a pre-K through grade 12 building to replace the aging school buildings currently in use by the District.

Wickliffe City School District will receive growth from the new state formula in State revenue, but the majority of the taxes for the District still come from local taxpayers.

As a result of the challenges mentioned above, it is imperative the District's management continue to carefully and prudently plan in order to provide the resources required to meet changing educational needs.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lew Galante, Treasurer/CFO, at Wickliffe City School District, 2221 Rockefeller Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092 or by email at Lew.Galante@wickliffeschools.org.

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis

June 30, 2024

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,320,898	\$ 236,518	\$ 12,557,416
Total assets	<u>12,320,898</u>	<u>236,518</u>	<u>12,557,416</u>
Net position:			
Restricted:			
Capital Projects	4,274,667	-	4,274,667
Debt Services	870,763	-	870,763
Other Purposes	556,361	-	556,361
Unrestricted	6,619,107	236,518	6,855,625
Total net position	<u>\$ 12,320,898</u>	<u>\$ 236,518</u>	<u>\$ 12,557,416</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Cash Disbursements	Program Receipts	
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities:			
Instruction:			
Regular education	\$ 8,388,557	\$ 256,213	\$ 1,125,154
Special education	3,825,981	125,730	1,060,857
Vocational education	155,813	-	524,138
Other	810,663	-	22,058
Supporting Services:			
Pupils	1,874,654	-	676,663
Instructional staff	536,638	-	44,718
Board of Education	100,700	-	-
Administration	1,797,381	-	165,261
Fiscal	552,668	-	-
Business	198,440	-	-
Operation and maintenance - plant	1,569,157	-	-
Pupil transportation	2,065,176	-	293,140
Central services	716,896	-	4,041
Operation of non-instructional services	720,145	73,212	696,488
Extracurricular activities	630,393	161,092	2,547
Facilities acquisition and construction	13,063,969	-	-
Debt service			
Principal payments	780,000	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	2,037,694	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 39,824,925</u>	<u>\$ 616,247</u>	<u>\$ 4,615,065</u>
Business-type activities:			
Food Services	461,759	139,289	344,291
Special Enterprise Fund	8,521	-	-
Total Business-type activities	<u>470,280</u>	<u>139,289</u>	<u>344,291</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 40,295,205</u>	<u>\$ 755,536</u>	<u>\$ 4,959,356</u>

General cash receipts:

Property Taxes levied for:

General purposes

Debt service

Capital projects

Grants & entitlements not restricted to specific programs

Contributions and Donations not restricted to specific programs

Earnings on investment

Sale of capital assets

Miscellaneous

Total general cash receipts

Change in net position

Net position at beginning of year

Net position at end of year

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
\$ (7,007,190)	\$ -	\$ (7,007,190)
(2,639,394)	-	(2,639,394)
368,325	-	368,325
(788,605)	-	(788,605)
(1,197,991)	-	(1,197,991)
(491,920)	-	(491,920)
(100,700)	-	(100,700)
(1,632,120)	-	(1,632,120)
(552,668)	-	(552,668)
(198,440)	-	(198,440)
(1,569,157)	-	(1,569,157)
(1,772,036)	-	(1,772,036)
(712,855)	-	(712,855)
49,555	-	49,555
(466,754)	-	(466,754)
(13,063,969)	-	(13,063,969)
(780,000)	-	(780,000)
(2,037,694)	-	(2,037,694)
<u>\$ (34,593,613)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(34,593,613)</u>
-	21,821	21,821
-	(8,521)	(8,521)
-	13,300	13,300
<u>(34,593,613)</u>	<u>13,300</u>	<u>(34,580,313)</u>
15,190,006	-	15,190,006
2,764,636	-	2,764,636
137,671	-	137,671
4,343,176	-	4,343,176
6,717	-	6,717
775,381	-	775,381
29,212	-	29,212
115,926	15,040	130,966
<u>23,362,725</u>	<u>15,040</u>	<u>23,377,765</u>
(11,230,888)	28,340	(11,202,548)
<u>23,551,786</u>	<u>208,178</u>	<u>23,759,964</u>
<u>\$ 12,320,898</u>	<u>\$ 236,518</u>	<u>\$ 12,557,416</u>

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Balance Sheet – Cash Basis Governmental Funds

June 30, 2024

	General	Bond Retirement Fund	Building Fund
Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,625,771	\$ 870,763	\$ 3,020,530
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,625,771</u>	<u>\$ 870,763</u>	<u>\$ 3,020,530</u>
Fund balances:			
Restricted	11,000	870,763	3,020,530
Assigned	718,002	-	-
Unassigned	5,896,769	-	-
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 6,625,771</u>	<u>\$ 870,763</u>	<u>\$ 3,020,530</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements

Permanent Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>\$ 1,254,137</u>	<u>\$ 545,361</u>	<u>\$ 12,316,562</u>
<u>\$ 1,254,137</u>	<u>\$ 545,361</u>	<u>\$ 12,316,562</u>
1,254,137	545,361	5,701,791
-	-	718,002
-	-	5,896,769
<u>\$ 1,254,137</u>	<u>\$ 545,361</u>	<u>\$ 12,316,562</u>

Wickliffe City School District

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities – Cash Basis

June 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 12,316,562
<i>Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis are different because:</i>	
Internal Service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The assets of the Internal Service Funds are included in Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis	<u>4,336</u>
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$ 12,320,898</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Bond Retirement Fund	Building Fund
Cash receipts:			
Property taxes	\$ 15,190,006	\$ 2,764,636	\$ -
Intergovernmental	5,661,357	77,818	-
Earnings on investments	204,250	-	527,509
Tuition and fees	328,768	-	-
Extracurricular activities	92,583	-	-
Rentals	73,212	-	-
Contributions and Donations	6,717	-	-
Classroom materials and fees	53,175	-	-
Miscellaneous	111,664	-	-
Total cash receipts	21,721,732	2,842,454	527,509
Cash disbursements:			
Instruction:			
Regular education	7,972,583	-	-
Special education	3,639,299	-	-
Vocational education	90,333	-	-
Other	793,010	-	-
Supporting Services:			
Pupils	1,441,681	-	-
Instructional staff	499,705	-	-
Board of Education	100,700	-	-
Administration	1,665,122	-	-
Fiscal	520,415	30,718	-
Business	198,440	-	-
Operation and maintenance - plant	1,569,157	-	-
Pupil transportation	2,062,019	-	-
Central services	712,855	-	-
Operation of non-instructional services	37,323	-	-
Extracurricular activities	414,583	-	-
Facilities acquisition and construction:			
Architecture and Engineering Services	-	-	13,048,184
Other Facilities Acquisition and			-
Construction Services	14,543	-	-
Debt service:			
Principal payments	-	780,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	2,037,694	-
Total cash disbursements	21,731,768	2,848,412	13,048,184
Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	(10,036)	(5,958)	(12,520,675)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Disposal of Assets	29,212	-	-
Advances - in	1,509,723	-	-
Advances - out	(136,109)	-	-
Transfers - in	-	-	-
Transfers - out	(137,921)	-	-
Total other financing (uses) sources	1,264,905	-	-
Net change in fund balances	1,254,869	(5,958)	(12,520,675)
Fund balance at beginning of year, as previously presented	5,370,902	876,721	15,541,205
Change within financial reporting entity	-	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year, as adjusted	5,370,902	876,721	15,541,205
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 6,625,771	\$ 870,763	\$ 3,020,530

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Permanent Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 137,671	\$ -	\$ 18,092,313
3,667	3,211,952	8,954,794
40,315	3,307	775,381
-	-	328,768
-	68,509	161,092
-	-	73,212
-	3,447	10,164
-	-	53,175
-	4,262	115,926
181,653	3,291,477	28,564,825
-	415,974	8,388,557
-	186,682	3,825,981
-	65,480	155,813
-	17,653	810,663
-	432,973	1,874,654
-	36,933	536,638
-	-	100,700
-	132,259	1,797,381
1,535	-	552,668
-	-	198,440
-	-	1,569,157
-	3,157	2,065,176
-	4,041	716,896
-	682,822	720,145
-	215,810	630,393
-	-	13,048,184
1,242	-	15,785
-	-	780,000
-	-	2,037,694
2,777	2,193,784	39,824,925
178,876	1,097,693	(11,260,100)
-	-	29,212
-	136,109	1,645,832
-	(1,509,723)	(1,645,832)
-	137,921	137,921
-	-	(137,921)
-	(1,235,693)	29,212
178,876	(138,000)	(11,230,888)
-	1,758,622	23,547,450
1,075,261	(1,075,261)	-
1,075,261	683,361	23,547,450
\$ 1,254,137	\$ 545,361	\$ 12,316,562

Wickliffe City School District

Reconciliation of the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances-Total Governmental Funds	\$ (11,230,888)
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*Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of
Activities - Cash Basis are different because:*

Internal Service funds are used by management to charge costs of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The net receipts (disbursements) of the Internal Service Funds are reported with Governmental Activities.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (11,230,888)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis – General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Cash Receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 15,575,639	\$ 15,131,732	\$ 15,190,006	\$ 58,274
Intergovernmental	4,423,335	5,679,978	5,661,357	(18,621)
Investment earnings	56,873	73,030	72,791	(239)
Tuition	256,873	329,849	328,768	(1,081)
Extracurricular activities	66,544	85,448	85,168	(280)
Rentals	57,202	73,453	73,212	(241)
Contributions and donations	469	602	600	(2)
Classroom materials and fees	41,547	53,350	53,175	(175)
Miscellaneous	41,134	52,818	52,645	(173)
Total Revenues	\$ 20,519,616	\$ 21,480,260	\$ 21,517,722	\$ 37,462
Cash disbursements:				
Instruction:				
Regular	8,067,652	8,067,652	7,995,864	71,788
Special	3,694,316	3,694,316	3,649,663	44,653
Vocational	90,983	90,983	90,333	650
Other	827,132	827,132	821,225	5,907
Supporting services:				
Pupils	1,457,857	1,457,857	1,447,445	10,412
Instructional staff	508,352	508,352	501,743	6,609
Board of education	192,976	192,976	130,509	62,467
Administration	1,686,786	1,686,786	1,668,714	18,072
Fiscal services	631,098	631,098	574,219	56,879
Business	200,043	200,043	198,567	1,476
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,822,990	1,822,990	1,743,583	79,407
Pupil transportation	2,445,878	2,445,878	2,321,106	124,772
Central	750,629	750,629	737,041	13,588
Operation of non-instructional services	38,749	38,749	38,472	277
Extracurricular activities	369,474	369,474	366,835	2,639
Facilities acquisition and construction:				
Other facilities acquisition and construction services	14,648	14,648	14,543	105
Total cash disbursements	22,799,563	22,799,563	22,299,862	499,701
Total excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over cash disbursements	(2,279,947)	(1,319,303)	(782,140)	537,163

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Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis – General Fund (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Other financing (uses) sources:				
Sale of Capital Assets	22,824	29,308	29,212	(96)
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	3,621	4,649	4,634	(15)
Advances - in	1,179,578	1,514,689	1,509,723	(4,966)
Advances - out	(151,427)	(151,427)	(136,109)	15,318
Transfers - out	(138,500)	(138,500)	(137,921)	579
Total other financing (uses) sources	916,096	1,258,719	1,269,539	10,820
Net change in fund balance	(1,363,851)	(60,584)	487,399	547,983
Fund balance at the beginning of year	5,092,179	5,092,179	5,092,179	-
Prior year encumbrances	339,290	339,290	339,290	-
Fund balance at the end of year	<u>\$ 4,067,618</u>	<u>\$ 5,370,885</u>	<u>\$ 5,918,868</u>	<u>\$ 547,983</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Fund Net Position – Cash Basis Proprietary Funds

June 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 236,518	\$ 4,336
Total assets	236,518	4,336
Net position:		
Unrestricted	236,518	4,336
Total net position	\$ 236,518	\$ 4,336

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Wickliffe City School District

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Net Position – Cash Basis Proprietary Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating cash receipts:		
Food Services	\$ 139,289	\$ -
Miscellaneous	15,040	\$ -
Intergovernmental	344,291	-
Total operating cash receipts	498,620	-
Operating cash disbursements:		
Salaries and wages	113,106	-
Fringe benefits	30,850	-
Contractual services	124,363	-
Materials and supplies	201,961	-
Total operating cash disbursements	470,280	-
Change in net position	28,340	-
Total net position at beginning of year	208,178	4,336
Total net position at end of year	\$ 236,518	\$ 4,336

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1: Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

The Wickliffe City School District (the “District”) is located in Lake County in northeastern Ohio. The District was organized in accordance with Sections 2 and 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Under such laws, there is no authority for a school district to have a charter or adopt local laws. The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four year terms. The District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or Federal guidelines.

The District serves an area of approximately four square miles consisting of the corporate limits of the City of Wickliffe. The District employs 176 employees who provide services to 1,316 pupils and other community members. The District currently operates one school campus, covering pre-K to grade 12.

Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the District are not misleading. The District has no component units. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District.

There are various non-public schools within the District’s boundaries. Current State legislature provides funding to these non-public schools. These monies are received and disbursed on behalf of the non-public school by the District Treasurer, as directed by the non-public school. These transactions are reflected as a governmental activity of the District.

The District is the primary government and constitutes the entire reporting entity. The Wickliffe Public Library, located in the District, is a related organization to the District. The Library is not included in the District’s financial statements.

Jointly Governed Organization, Public Entity Risk Pool and Related Organization

The District is associated with one jointly governed organization, one claims servicing pool, and one related organization. These organizations are the Ohio Schools Council, Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Self Insurance Program, and Wickliffe Public Library. These organizations are described in detail in Notes 12, 13, and 14.

The District’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2 C, these financial statements are presented on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and a Statement of Activities – Cash Basis and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis display information about the 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” receipts and disbursements. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the cash balance of governmental and business-type activities of the District as a whole at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the District's governmental and business-type activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services, grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

A. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain 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 District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The Internal Service Fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Proprietary fund statements distinguish operating transactions from non-operating transactions. Operating receipts generally result from exchange transactions such as charges for services directly relating to the fund's principal services. Operating disbursements include costs of sales and services and administrative costs. The fund statements report all other receipts and disbursements as non-operating.

B. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g., grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. Below are the District's major funds:

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

Bond Retirement Fund – The Bond Retirement Fund accounts for and reports property taxes restricted for the payment of bonds issued.

Building Fund – The Building Fund accounts for and reports bond and note proceeds restricted for the acquisition, construction, improvements and furnishings for the District.

Permanent Improvement Fund – The permanent improvement fund is used to account for the receipts and expenditures related to the acquisition, construction, or renovation of major capital facilities in the District.

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

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Fund Accounting (continued)

Proprietary Funds

The District classifies funds financed primarily from user charges for goods or services as proprietary. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise funds or internal service funds.

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

Internal Service Fund

The Internal Service Funds account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

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 District has no fiduciary funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Budgetary Process

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of 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 of Education's authorization to spend resources and set annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at a level of control selected by the Board of Education. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Education at the fund level.

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

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment 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 prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board of Education during the fiscal year.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

For presentation on the financial statements, 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 District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

Except for nonparticipating contracts, investments are reported at fair value. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposits, commercial paper and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. The District has no nonparticipating contracts.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

Aside from investments clearly identified as belonging to a specific fund, any unrealized gain/loss resulting from the valuation will be recognized within the General Fund to the extent its cash and investments balance exceeds the cumulative value of those investments subject to GASB Statement No. 31.

The gain/loss resulting from valuation will be reported within the investment (loss) earnings account on the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis and the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Cash Basis.

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest loss. Earnings on investments credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2024 amounted to \$204,250.

F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

H. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

I. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The District reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

J. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursements for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postemployment health care benefits.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

K. Long-Term Obligations

The District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for net pension liability, net OPEB liability, and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither another financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure are reported at inception unless the cash was provided to the District to make the purchases. Lease payments are reported when paid. These items are not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. The School District has Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) under noncancelable arrangements. SBITA payables are not reflected under the District's cash basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

L. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District's basis of accounting.

M. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. There are no restricted assets due to enabling legislation. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for Federal and State grants restricted to cash disbursements for specified purposes. The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

N. Fund Balance Reserves

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

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

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

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

N. Fund Balance Reserves (continued)

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

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted 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 policies of the District's Board of Education.

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

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

O. Interfund Activity

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating receipts/cash disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

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Note 3: New Accounting Pronouncements

During the fiscal year, the School District implemented the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements and Guides:

GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Change and Error Corrections – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. 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. The implementation of the GASB pronouncement had the following effect on fund balance:

	Funds	
	Permanent Improvement Fund	Nonmajor Governmental
June 30, 2023, as previously reported	\$ -	\$ 1,758,622
Change from nonmajor fund to major fund	1,075,261	(1,075,261)
June 30, 2023, as adjusted	<u>\$ 1,075,261</u>	<u>\$ 683,361</u>

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Note 4: Fund Balances

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

Fund Balances	General	Bond Retirement Fund	Building Fund	Permanent Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Restricted for:						
Community activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,036	\$ 125,036
Student activities	-	-	-	-	75,651	75,651
Auxiliary services	-	-	-	-	62,308	62,308
Debt payments	-	870,763	-	-	-	870,763
Title I	-	-	-	-	101,256	101,256
Title IV	-	-	-	-	7,089	7,089
Special education	-	-	-	-	45,658	45,658
English proficiency	-	-	-	-	6,566	6,566
Improving teacher quality	-	-	-	-	12,669	12,669
Student wellness	-	-	-	-	17,728	17,728
Other purposes	11,000	-	-	-	91,400	102,400
Capital improvements	-	-	3,020,530	1,254,137	-	4,274,667
Total Restricted	11,000	870,763	3,020,530	1,254,137	545,361	5,701,791
Assigned to:						
Encumbrances	630,656	-	-	-	-	630,656
Other Purposes	87,346	-	-	-	-	87,346
Total Assigned	718,002	-	-	-	-	718,002
Unassigned	5,896,769	-	-	-	-	5,896,769
Total Fund Balances	\$ 6,625,771	\$ 870,763	\$ 3,020,530	\$ 1,254,137	\$ 545,361	\$ 12,316,562

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Note 5: Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

1. United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in securities listed above provided that 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 marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed 30 days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio;

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Note 5: Deposits and Investments (continued)

5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
8. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed 180 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; and
9. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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

Cash on Hand

At fiscal year-end, the District had \$120 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the basic financial statements of the District as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents."

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 5: Deposits and Investments (continued)

Deposits (continued)

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

Eligible securities pledged to the 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.

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$2,993,314 and the bank balance was \$3,290,689. At year-end, \$2,920,873 of the District's total bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as \$369,816 in deposits were covered under FDIC.

Investments

Investments are reported as fair value. At June 30, 2024, the District had the following investments:

	Fair Value	Maturity	
		Six months or less	More than six months
Money market mutual fund	\$ 2,928,549	\$ 2,928,549	\$ -
Negotiable certificates of deposit	444,870	444,870	-
U.S. treasury notes	1,639,418	998,842	640,576
Commercial paper	2,959,898	2,389,273	570,625
U.S. agency debt securities	1,591,247	547,527	1,043,720
Total	<u>\$ 9,563,982</u>	<u>\$ 7,309,061</u>	<u>\$ 2,254,921</u>

The entire balance of the negotiable certificates of deposit is covered by FDIC insurance.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 5: Deposits and Investments (continued)

Investments (continued)

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements at June 30, 2024:

- Money market mutual fund is valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. This is considered a Level 1 investment.
- All other investments are measured based on Level 2 inputs, using a matrix or model pricing method.

Interest Rate Risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The District’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk requiring that the District’s investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments. The District’s investment policy also limits security purchases to those that mature within five years unless specifically matched to a specific cash flow. To date, no investments have been purchased with a remaining life greater than five years.

Custodial Risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the District will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified for investment transactions with the District must meet a set of prescribed standards and be periodically reviewed.

Credit Risk is risk that in the event of bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District’s investment policy requires that all investments are authorized by Ohio Revised Code and that portfolio be diversified both by types of investment and issuer. The District’s investment in the money market mutual fund and the negotiable certificate of deposit are unrated. All other investments carry a rating of A-1/AAA or above by Standard and Poor’s.

Concentration of Credit Risk is defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as five percent or more in the securities of a single issuer. The District’s investment policy requires diversification of the portfolio but does not indicate specific percentage allocations. At June 30, 2024, the District’s investments are as follows:

Investment Issuer	Percentage of Investments
Money market mutual fund	30.62%
Negotiable certificates of deposit	4.65%
U.S. treasury notes	17.14%
Commercial paper	30.95%
U.S. agency debt securities	16.64%

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Note 6: Property Taxes

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

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the District. Real property tax receipts received in calendar year 2024 represent the collection of calendar year 2023 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2024 are levied after April 1, 2023, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar 2024 represents collections of calendar year 2023 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2024 became a lien December 31, 2022, were levied after April 1, 2023 and were collected in 2023 with real property taxes. Public utility property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value.

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

	<u>2023 Second-Half Collection</u>		<u>2024 First-Half Collections</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/Residential and				
Other Real Estate	\$ 315,512,030	95.63%	\$ 317,298,400	95.35%
Public Utility Personal	14,431,460	4.37%	15,479,740	4.65%
	<u>\$ 329,943,490</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 332,778,140</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$ 92.26		\$ 92.13	

The Lake County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including Wickliffe City School District. The County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes. 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.

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Note 7: Interfund Activity

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

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	
	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	<u>\$ 137,921</u>	<u>\$ 137,921</u>

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

At June 30, 2024, the General Fund had an unpaid interfund cash advance, in the amount of \$136,109, for short-term loans made to nonmajor special revenue funds. These are expected to be repaid within one year.

Note 8: Risk Management

A. Property and Liability

The 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 District contracted with Love Insurance Agency, for property, fleet, liability, crime, general liability, and errors and omissions coverage. Coverages provided with Love Insurance Agency are as follows:

	<u>Coverage</u>
Buildings and Contents	95,494,795
Flood/Earthquake per occurrence	1,000,000
Automobile Liability	5,000,000
Uninsured Motorists	1,000,000
General Liability:	
Per Occurrence	5,000,000
Total per year	7,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

B. Employee Medical Coverage

The District has elected to provide medical coverage through premium payment to the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Self Insurance Program. The District paid \$2,299,049 in premiums during fiscal year 2024.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 8: Risk Management (continued)

C. Worker's Compensation

For fiscal year 2024, the District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the Plan is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the Plan. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate.

Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "Equity Pooling Fund". This "equity pooling" arrangement ensures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of the Plan. Participation in the Plan is limited to school districts that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. Comp Management provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Plan.

Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. Net Pension Liability

Pensions are a component of exchange transactions — between an employer and its employees — of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions 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 net pension liability represents the District's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability 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 this estimate annually.

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

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

A. Net Pension Liability (continued)

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description – 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, Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, and lump sum death benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017*	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 59 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 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 year 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.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (continued)

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. Beginning April 1, 2018, new benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

A three-year COLA suspension is in effect for all benefit recipients for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020. SERS' Retirement Board approved a 2.5% COLA for calendar year 2023 and 2024.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14% 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% for plan members and 14% 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.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$379,764 for fiscal year 2024.

C. Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – District licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be viewed by visiting www.strsoh.org or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 888-227-7877.

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

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 will be 2.2% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit at any age. Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2026 when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60 or 30 years of service credit regardless of age.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

C. Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) (continued)

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 11.09% of the 14.00% employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 2.91% of the 14% employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

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

New members who choose the DC plan or CO 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 CO Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS therefore has included all three plan options in the GASB 68 schedules of employer allocations and pension amounts by employer.

A DB or CO 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 10 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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2024 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,424,768 for fiscal year 2024.

D. Net Pension Liability

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

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

D. Net Pension Liability (continued)

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.070787%	0.068611%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.068480%</u>	<u>0.065195%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.002307%</u>	<u>-0.003416%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,783,856	\$ 14,039,715	\$ 17,823,571

E. 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.

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

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:

Wage Inflation	2.40 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 percent to 13.58 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.0 percent, on and after April 1, 2018, COLA's for future retirees will be delayed for three years following commencement
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent net of investment expenses
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

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

The most recent experience study was completed 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 the 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. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

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

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. 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 rate of fiscal year 2023 was 14 percent. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.00% for 2022). 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 District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%), or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,584,778	\$ 3,783,856	\$ 2,266,922

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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0.0 percent

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

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

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

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

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

* 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25%, and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS's 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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Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (continued)

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with 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'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 pension plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the 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%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 21,589,975	\$ 14,039,715	\$ 7,654,262

G. 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. At times members of the Board of Education have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

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Note 10: OPEB Plans

A. Net OPEB Liability

OPEB is a component of exchange transactions — between an employer and its employees — of salaries and benefits for employee services. 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 net OPEB liability represents the District's proportionate share of each OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability 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 District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, the District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Health Care Plan Description – The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-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. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

B. Plan Description – School Employees Retirement System (SERS) (continued)

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy – State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 0.0% of covered payroll was made to health care. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. 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 ended June 30, 2023, this amount was \$25,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge.

The surcharge, is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$44,070 for fiscal year 2024.

C. Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

D. Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

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

	SERS	STRS	Total
Proportion of net OPEB liability/asset prior measurement date	0.071742%	0.068611%	
Proportion of net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	0.069808%	0.065195%	
Change in proportionate share	-0.001934%	-0.003416%	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,150,043	\$ -	\$ 1,150,043
Proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ -	\$ (1,267,953)	\$ (1,267,953)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS

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

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

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

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

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

Wage 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 investments expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Measurement Date	3.86 percent
Prior Measurement Date	3.69 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation	
Measurement Date	4.27 percent
Prior Measurement Date	4.08 percent
Medical Trend Assumption	
Measurement Date	6.75 to 4.40 percent
Prior Measurement Date	7.00 to 4.40 percent

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females.

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

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

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2020 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	2.00 %	0.79 %
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

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023 was 4.27%. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2023 was 4.08%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the contribution rate of 1.50% of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50% payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2048 by SERS' actuaries. The Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate is used in the determination of the SEIR for both the June 30, 2022 and 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 is 3.86% at June 30, 2023 and 3.69% at 2022.

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions – SERS (continued)

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability 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% point lower (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%).

	1% Decrease (3.27%)	Current Discount Rate (4.27%)	1% Increase (5.27%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,470,085	\$ 1,150,043	\$ 897,678

	1% Decrease (5.75-3.40%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75-4.40%)	1% Increase (7.75-5.40%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 844,897	\$ 1,150,043	\$ 1,554,404

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

Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	
Payroll Increases	3 percent	
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0 percent	
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	
Health Care Cost Trends	Initial	Ultimate
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent	4.14 percent
Medicare	-10.94 percent	4.14 percent
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	-11.95 percent	4.14 percent
Medicare	1.33 percent	4.14 percent

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

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

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

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

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

* 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 does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio 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 make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

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Note 10: OPEB Plans (continued)

F. Actuarial Assumptions – STRS (continued)

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

	<u>1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 1,073,157	\$ 1,267,953	\$ 1,437,601

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 1,445,474	\$ 1,267,953	\$ 1,054,134

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

Note 11: Debt

A. Long-term Bonds

The original issue date, maturity date, interest rate and original issuance amount for each of the District's bonds and loans follows:

	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Original Issue Amount</u>
Governmental activities				
General obligation bonds:				
School facility construction improvement bonds, series 2020A	2020	2057	3.00-5.00%	\$ 55,995,000
School facility construction improvement bonds, series 2020B	2020	2050	3.00-4.00%	\$ 3,900,000

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Note 11: Debt (continued)

A. Long-term Bonds (continued)

Changes in long-term bonds during the year ended June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

	Balance 6/30/23	Increase	Decrease	Balance 6/30/24	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds:					
School facility construction improvement bonds, series 2020A	\$ 50,895,000	\$ -	\$ (695,000)	\$ 50,200,000	\$ 725,000
Premium on school facility construction improvement bonds	2,860,305	-	(83,097)	2,777,208	-
School facility construction improvement bonds, series 2020B	3,605,000	-	(85,000)	3,520,000	85,000
Premium on school facility construction improvement bonds	89,544	-	(3,316)	86,228	-
Total governmental activities	\$ 57,449,849	\$ -	\$ (866,413)	\$ 56,583,436	\$ 810,000

In April 2020, the District issued \$55,995,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving District buildings and facilities. The bonds are being retired from the Bond Retirement fund from a voted tax levy.

In May 2020, the District issued \$3,900,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving District buildings and facilities and to retire outstanding notes issued for that purpose. The bonds are being retired from the Bond Retirement fund from a voted tax levy.

Year	Governmental Activities	
	General Obligation Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 810,000	\$ 2,003,119
2026	850,000	1,962,919
2027	895,000	1,920,219
2028	935,000	1,875,419
2029	980,000	1,828,519
2030-2034	5,675,000	8,368,420
2035-2039	6,985,000	7,050,845
2040-2044	8,315,000	5,729,649
2045-2049	9,830,000	4,139,315
2050-2054	11,030,000	2,144,777
2054-2057	7,415,000	366,519
Totals	\$ 53,720,000	\$ 37,389,720

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Note 11: Debt (continued)

B. Lessee

The District entered into a lease purchase agreement to lease technology equipment commencing July 9, 2019 with first payment due in July 2020. Annual payments of \$89,036 are to be made with an interest rate of 2.88 percent with final payment made in July 2022.

C. Lessor

The District has entered into a lease agreement with T-Mobile Central, LLC (T-Mobile) where T-Mobile will use the District's property to access utilities commencing June 27, 2007 for five years with five successive five-year options to renew. In June 2022, the third five-year option was exercised. Commencing July 2010, T-Mobile subleased the property to Clear Wireless, LLC. Total revenue from the lease and sublease in fiscal year 2024 was \$34,662 and \$14,598, respectively. The base rent on the lease was \$1,800 per month, which increases by three percent annually on the anniversary of the commencement date. During fiscal year 2024 the rent on the lease was \$2,889 per month. Per the master lease agreement, the District is to receive additional rent in the amount of 50 percent of all payments received from each sublease.

The future minimum rent to be received from the lease and sublease are as follows for the fiscal years ending June 30:

	T-Mobile Lease	Clear Wireless Sublease	Total
2025	\$ 35,702	\$ 15,036	\$ 50,738
2026	36,773	15,487	52,260
2027	37,876	15,952	53,828
Total	<u>\$ 110,351</u>	<u>\$ 46,475</u>	<u>\$ 156,826</u>

The District entered into a lease agreement with Lake County Health District for use of the School District's Family Resource Center commencing May 15, 2023 for a period of three years, with expiration date of May 14, 2026. The rent on the lease is \$12,000 per year payable in monthly installments.

The District entered into a lease agreement with Crossroads Health for use of the School District's Family Resource Center commencing February 1, 2023 for one year with successive one-year options to renew. The rent on the lease is \$5,000 per year payable in monthly installments. Crossroads Health's last payments was made in January 2024 and their lease expired on January 31, 2024.

The District entered into a lease agreement with Signature Health for use of the School District's Family Resource Center commencing January 1, 2024 for one year. The rent on the lease is \$8,000 per year payable in monthly installments.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 12: Jointly Governed Organizations

Ohio Schools Council

The Ohio Schools Council (the “Council”) is a jointly governed organization among more than 290 school districts, JVS, ESC and DD boards. The jointly governed organization was created by school districts for the purpose of saving money through volume purchases. Each school district supports the Council by paying an annual participation fee. Each school district member superintendent serves as a representative of the Council.

The Council elects five of its Board of Directors members and the remaining four are representatives of the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents’ Association. The Council operates under a nine-member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the policy making authority of the Council. The Board of Directors meets monthly September through June. The Board of Directors appoints an Executive Director who is responsible for receiving and disbursing funds, investing available funds, preparing financial reports for the Board of Directors and Assembly and carrying out such other responsibilities as designated by the Board of Directors. The degree of control exercised by any school district is limited to its representation on the Board of Directors. In fiscal year 2024, the District paid \$67,474 to the Council. Financial information can be obtained by contacting William J. Zelei, the Executive Director of the Ohio Schools’ Council Association at 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Suite 377, Independence, Ohio 44131.

The District participates in the natural gas program. This program allows the District to purchase natural gas at reduced rates. Constellation Energy Services, Inc. is the natural gas supplier and program manager. There are currently over 170 participants in the program. The participants make monthly payments based on estimated usage.

Each September, these estimated payments are compared to their actual usage for the year (July to June). Districts that paid more in estimated billings than their actual billings are issued credits on future billings in September until the credits are exhausted, and school districts that did not pay enough on estimated billings are invoiced for the difference on the September monthly estimated billing.

The District also participates in the Council’s electric purchase program. The Council provided school districts in the First Energy territory (Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company, Toledo Edison, Duke Energy and AEP Ohio Power) the ability to purchase electricity at the reduced rates. Each month, the Council invoices participants based on estimated payments which are compared to their usage for the year (July to June). Refund checks are issued to school districts that consumed less than their projected usage of electrical energy and school districts that over-consumed are invoiced. The District purchases its electricity from Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. In late October 2009, the District joined a new Ohio Schools Council consortium electricity purchasing program which provides for additional discounts above what the District would receive otherwise.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 13: Claims Servicing Pool

Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits Self Insurance Program

The District participates in the Lake County Council of Governments Health Care Benefits (HCBP) Self Insurance Program, a claims servicing pool comprised of eleven Lake County school districts. Each school district has a representative on the assembly (usually the superintendent or designee). Each member pays an administrative fee to the pool. The Plan's business and affairs are conducted by a five-member Board of Directors elected by the HCBP's assembly. The assembly elects officers for one year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. Financial information can be obtained from the Health Care Benefits Program of Lake County Schools Council, 4325 Manchester Road, Perry, Ohio 44081.

Note 14: Related Organizations

Wickliffe Public Library

The Wickliffe Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the District's Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the District for operational subsidies. Although the District does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Wickliffe Public Library, Deanna Rowe, Fiscal Officer, 1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

Note 15: Contingencies

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

As of June 30, 2024, the District is not a defendant in legal proceedings that would, in the District's opinion, have a material effect on the basic financial statements.

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 15: Contingencies (continued)

C. School District Foundation Funding

The District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to adjust/reconcile funding as enrollment information is updated by schools throughout the state, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, additional ODE adjustments for fiscal year 2024 are finalized.

Note 16: Set-Aside Calculations

The 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 year-end, or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year, must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. The following cash basis information describes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts for capital acquisition. Disclosure of this information is required by State statute.

	Capital Improvements Reserve
Set-aside reserve balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirements	281,688
Qualifying disbursements	(304,882)
Qualifying offsets	<u>(141,338)</u>
Total	<u>(164,532)</u>
Set-aside reserve balance as of June 30, 2024	\$ <u>-</u>

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

Wickliffe City School District

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 17: Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by Ohio law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursement, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the General Fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance	
Cash Basis	\$ 1,254,869
Fair Market Value Adjustment	(131,459)
Encumbrances	(630,656)
To reclassify the net change in fund balance for funds combined with the General Fund	(5,355)
Budget Basis	<u>\$ 487,399</u>

Note 18: Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code, Section 117-2-03 (B), requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

Note 19: Asset Retirement Obligations

Ohio Administrative Code Section 1301-7-9 requires a District classified as an “owner” or “operator,” to remove from the ground any underground storage tank (UST) that is not in use for a year or more. A permit must first be obtained for that year it is not being used. Once the UST is removed, the soil in the UST cavity and excavated material must be tested for contamination. This asset retirement obligation (ARO) of \$31,408 associated with the District’s underground storage tanks was estimated using “Means Sitework and Landscaping Costs Data”. The remaining useful life of these USTs is 0 years.

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**WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

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

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce:</i>		
<u>Child Nutrition Cluster:</u>		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$ 67,430
National School Lunch Program	10.555	271,014
National School Lunch Program - Non-Cash Assistance	10.555	27,459
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		365,903
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		365,903
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce:</i>		
<u>Special Education Cluster (IDEA):</u>		
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) - 2024	84.027	437,651
COVID 19 Special Education ARP (IDEA, Part B) - 2023	84.027X	4,721
Total Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)		442,372
Special Education - Preschool Grant (IDEA Preschool)		
Special Education - Pre-School Grants (IDEA Preschool) - 2024	84.173	5,717
Total Special Education - Preschool Grant (IDEA Preschool)		5,717
Total - Special Education Cluster (IDEA)		448,089
Title I, Part A, Grants to Local Educational Agencies - 2024	84.010	162,735
Title I, Part A, Grants to Local Educational Agencies - 2023	84.010	4,259
Total - Title I, Part A Grants		166,994
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant - 2024	84.287	204,341
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers Grant - 2023	84.287	7,371
Total - Twenty-First Century Community Centers Grant		211,712
Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants - 2024	84.367	35,202
Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants - 2023	84.367	5,820
Total Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants		41,022
Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program - 2024	84.424	16,393
Title IV Stronger Connections Grant- 2024	84.424	12,000
Total Title IV		28,393
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund		
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund - IWIP - 2023	84.425D	65,480
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund - 2023	84.425U	105,974
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund - Reaching All Students Grant-2024	84.425U	181,324
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund - Reaching All Students Grant-2023	84.425U	1,500
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	1,020
Total COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund		355,298
Total U.S. Department of Education		1,251,508
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		\$1,617,411

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

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

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE D - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

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

NOTE F - TRANSFERS BETWEEN PROGRAM YEARS

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

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>AL Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	\$ 1,411
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	39,578
Special Educaiton- PreSchool Grants	84.173	47
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	19,296
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	1,139

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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

Wickliffe City School District
Lake County
2221 Rockefeller Road
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

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 the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Wickliffe City School District, Lake County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 5, 2025, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the District changed the classification of its Permanent Improvement Fund from nonmajor to a major fund.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs and corrective action plan. The District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
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September 5, 2025



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

Wickliffe City School District
Lake County
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To the Board of Education:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

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

Qualified Opinion on the Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions* section of our report, the Wickliffe City School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Special Education Cluster (IDEA) for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Unmodified Opinion on the Other Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Wickliffe City School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its other major federal program identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

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

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

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on the Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

As described in finding 2024-002 in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the District did not comply with requirements regarding Allowable Costs and Cost Principles applicable to its AL #84.027 and #84.173 Special Education Cluster (IDEA) major federal program.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The 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 District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Other Matters

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs and corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002, to be a material weakness.


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

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs and corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Wickliffe City School District
Lake County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal
Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
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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
Ohio Auditor of State

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

September 5, 2025

**WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Qualified for Special Education Cluster (IDEA), Unmodified for Child Nutrition Cluster
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs:	Child Nutrition Cluster Special Education Cluster (IDEA)
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

**WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2024
(Continued)**

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

FINDING NUMBER 2024-001

GAAP Mandated Filing of OCBOA – Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code §117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.

Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(B), which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38, requires the District to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The District prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, report on the cash basis of accounting rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, fund equities/net position, and disclosures that, while presumed material, cannot be determined at this time.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 the District may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the District's ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the District. To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the District should prepare its annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Officials' Response: At this time, Wickliffe City School District has no plan of action to file under GAAP. The Board believes in weighing out the cost and finds that the additional costs with filing GAAP is not cost effective.

**WICKLIFFE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2024
(Continued)**

3. FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

1. Semi-Annual Certifications

Finding Number:	2024-002
Assistance Listing Number and Title:	AL #84.027, 84.173 Special Education Cluster (IDEA)
Federal Award Identification Number / Year:	2024
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Education
Compliance Requirements:	Allowable Costs, Cost Principles
Pass-Through Entity:	Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
Repeat Finding from Prior Audit?	No

Material Weakness, Noncompliance, and Questioned Costs

2 CFR § 3474.1 gives regulatory effect to the Office of Management Budget guidance in 2 CFR § 200 for the Department of Education. 2 CFR § 200 Subpart E which states, in part, costs must be adequately documented in order to be considered allowable. 2 CFR § 200.430(g)(1)(i) states, in part, charges to federal awards for salaries and wages must be based on records that accurately reflect the work performed. These records must be supported by a system of internal control that provides reasonable assurance that the charges are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Grants Manual states, in part, semi-annual certifications are allowed when an employee's compensation is funded by only one federal grant and works solely on a single cost objective. An employee funded by a federal grant and the general fund would fall under this category.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Grants Management Guidance 2014-002 states, in part, employees who meet [the criteria to use semi-annual certifications] are not required to maintain time-and-effort records if their job description clearly shows the employee is assigned 100% to the program or single cost objective. Each employee must certify in writing, at least semi-annually, that he/she worked solely on the program or single cost objective for the period covered by the certification. The certification is signed by the employee or by the supervisor having first-hand knowledge. Charges to the grant must be supported by these semi-annual certifications. The semi-annual certification is executed after the work has been completed, and not before.

Due to insufficient controls over records management, the District did not maintain semi-annual certifications, or other time and effort documentation, for employees paid from the Special Education Cluster. As a result, \$170,293 of payroll and benefits charged to the Special Education Cluster were not supported by records that accurately reflect the work performed and are questioned costs under 2 CFR § 200.516.

Lack of controls over records management could lead to the District not being able to support charges against federal programs and potentially losing funding.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2024
(Continued)**

3. FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

**FINDING NUMBER 2024-002
(Continued)**

**Semi-Annual Certifications – Material Weakness, Noncompliance, and Questioned Costs
(Continued)**

The District should ensure semi-annual certifications are accurately and timely completed and subsequently retained to support payroll and benefits charged to the program. This documentation should be used to determine the allocation of salary among the various programs, grants, activities, etc. We further recommend the District's management review the requirements of the Uniform Guidance to determine the documentation needed and other requirements related to the allowability of costs to Federal awards to prevent such noncompliance in the future.

Officials' Response: The District's Director of Student Services will monitor and ensure all personnel who serve under federal programs document their time properly using semi-annual certification forms or other appropriate time and effort methods.



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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS 2 CFR § 200.511(b) JUNE 30, 2024

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2023-001	Noncompliance Finding – Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38: The District does not prepare GAAP basis financial statements.	Not Corrected	At this time, Wickliffe City Schools has no plan of action to file under GAAP. The Board believes in weighing out the costs and finds that the additional costs with filing under GAAP is not cost effective. Repeated as 2024-001

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

2 CFR § 200.511(c)

June 30, 2024

Finding Number:	2024-001
Planned Corrective Action:	At this time, Wickliffe City Schools has no plan of action to file under GAAP. The Board believes in weighing out the cost and finds that the additional costs of filing under GAAP is not cost effective.
Anticipated Completion Date:	N/A
Responsible Contact Person:	Lew Galante, Treasurer
Finding Number:	2024-002
Planned Corrective Action:	The District Director of Student Services will monitor and make sure that all personnel who serve under federal programs have their time properly documented using semi-annual certification forms or other appropriate time and effort methods.
Anticipated Completion Date:	Immediately
Responsible Contact Person:	Director of Student Services

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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.



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