



Financial Statements
June 30, 2023

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools

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Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Independent School District No. 771
School Board and Administration
June 30, 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
School Board		
Mark Gibson	Chairperson	2026
Robyn Marty	Vice Chairperson	2024
Christina Pederson	Treasurer/Clerk	2024
Kurt Staples	Director	2024
Heidi Brethorst	Director	2026
Matt Westerman	Director	2026
Administration		
Tate Jerome	Superintendent	
Blake Stoltman	Business Manager	



Independent Auditor's Report

The School Board of
Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Chokio, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 771 ("the District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of changes in UFARS fund balances-general fund; combining balance sheet-nonmajor governmental funds; combining schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance-nonmajor governmental funds; and the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards compliance table are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining balance sheet-nonmajor governmental funds; combining schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance-nonmajor governmental funds; schedule of changes in UFARS fund balances-general fund; and the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards compliance table are 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 report. The other information comprises the school board and administration listing 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 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 November 22, 2023, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with Legal Compliance Audit Guide prepared by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65, we have also issued a report dated November 22, 2023, on our consideration of the District's compliance with aspects of the provisions of the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. That report is an integral part of procedures performed in accordance with Office of the State Auditor's Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts in considering the District's compliance with certain regulatory requirements pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65.

Eide Bailly LLP

Fargo, North Dakota
November 22, 2023

This section of Chokio-Alberta Public Schools - Independent School District No. 771's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the 2022-2023 fiscal year include the following:

- *General Fund 01* - The overall revenues were \$2,563,646 while the overall expenditures were \$2,782,323. These along with other financing sources of \$6,532 decreased the fund balance by \$212,145.
- *Food Service Fund 02* - The overall revenues were \$141,066 while the overall expenditures were \$199,232. This decreased the fund balance by \$58,166.
- *Community Service Fund 04* - The overall revenues were \$151,765 while the overall expenditures were \$160,775. This decreased the fund balance by \$9,010.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position - the difference between the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources - are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statement the District's activities are shown in one category:

- *Governmental Activities* - All of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food service, and community education. Property taxes and state aids finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds—focusing on its most significant or “major” funds—not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (e.g., repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using revenues (e.g., federal grants).

The District has one kinds of fund:

- *Governmental Funds* - All of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information following the governmental funds statements that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Net Position

The District's combined net position was \$187,656 on June 30, 2023.

Statement of Net Position
 June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 2,239,660	\$ 2,091,353
Capital assets	756,830	810,019
Total assets	2,996,490	2,901,372
Deferred Outflows of Resources	696,468	637,062
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	296,362	301,035
Long-term liabilities	2,065,373	1,134,857
Total liabilities	2,361,735	1,435,892
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,143,567	1,987,541
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	720,065	762,142
Restricted for specific purposes	524,544	585,857
Unrestricted	(1,056,953)	(1,232,998)
Total net position	\$ 187,656	\$ 115,001

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Changes in Net Position - The District's total revenues were approximately \$2.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2023. Property taxes and state formula aid accounted for 69.0% of total revenue for the year. Another 28.1% came from program revenues.

The total cost of all programs and services was approximately \$2.8 million. The District's expenses are predominantly related to educating and caring for students. The purely administrative activities of the District accounted for just 6.9% of total costs.

The total revenues exceeded expenses, increasing the net position by approximately \$0.1 million for fiscal year 2023.

Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for service	\$ 243,573	\$ 195,667
Operating grants and contributions	560,013	445,598
General		
Property taxes	454,691	557,305
Aids and payments from state and other	1,522,097	1,769,142
Miscellaneous revenues	82,533	45,500
Total revenues	2,862,907	3,013,212
Expenses		
Administration	193,218	239,301
District support services	117,459	94,965
Regular instruction	849,751	1,264,244
Special education instruction	401,095	354,752
Community education and services	155,776	208,308
Instructional support services	76,392	9,049
Pupil support services	566,436	577,131
Sites and buildings	400,996	366,010
Fiscal and other fixed-cost programs	29,129	24,904
Total expenses	2,790,252	3,138,664
Change in Net Position	72,655	(125,452)
Net Position - Beginning	115,001	240,453
Net Position - Ending	\$ 187,656	\$ 115,001

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2023

General Fund

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the District in providing educational services to students from kindergarten through grade 12, including pupil transportation activities, buildings and grounds, and capital outlay projects.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund Revenues.

	Year Ended June 30,		Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2023	2022		
Local Property Taxes	\$ 431,112	\$ 533,672	\$ (102,560)	-19.2%
Other Local Sources	169,247	105,288	63,959	60.7%
State Sources	1,778,872	1,824,380	(45,508)	-2.5%
Federal Sources	183,331	210,253	(26,922)	-12.8%
Miscellaneous	7,616	2,283	5,333	233.6%
Total general fund revenues	\$ 2,570,178	\$ 2,675,876	\$ (105,698)	-4.0%

Total General Fund revenue decreased by \$105,698 or 4.0% from the previous year. Basic general education revenue is determined by a state per student funding formula and consists of an equalized mix of property tax and state aid revenue. The mix of property tax and state aid can change significantly from year to year without any net change on revenue. Federal aid decreased during 2023 as a result of decreased grant funding received through the CARES Act for the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic during the prior year.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund expenditures.

	Year Ended June 30,		Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2023	2022		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,765,130	\$ 1,740,579	\$ 24,551	1.4%
Purchased Services	673,086	768,596	(95,510)	-12.4%
Supplies and Materials	185,520	211,398	(25,878)	-12.2%
Capital Expenditures	96,813	59,411	37,402	63.0%
Other Expenditures	61,774	55,522	6,252	11.3%
Total general fund expenditures	\$ 2,782,323	\$ 2,835,506	\$ (53,183)	-1.9%

Total General Fund expenditures decreased by \$53,183 or 1.9% from the previous year. The majority of the decrease in expenditures for 2023 was due to superintendent consulting fees paid during the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's general fund results when compared to the final budget are:

- Actual revenues were \$307,795 more than budget, mainly because of greater than anticipated special education aid from the state.
- Actual expenditures were \$306,051 more than budget. The district does not budget for student activity expenditures which accounted for \$33,989 of actual expenditures. The district also spent \$49,473 more on special education services than budgeted for. Salaries and wages accounted for the remaining increased expenditures as the district did not budget for some newly created positions added during the year.

Other Non-Major Funds

The Food Service Fund incurred a current year deficit of \$58,166. The Community Service Fund incurred a current year deficit of \$9,010. From the standpoint of maintaining current operating expenditures within the range of annual revenue, the Community Service Fund and Food Service Fund continue to operate on a sound financial basis.

Capital Assets

By the end of fiscal year 2023, the District had invested approximately \$2.2 million in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, athletic facilities, computer and audit-visual equipment, and school vehicles. Total depreciation and amortization expense for the year was \$87,383. Note 5 presents the detail of the District's capital assets.

**Capital Assets Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Land	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Buildings	1,455,244	1,455,244
Improvements	189,358	189,358
Equipment	492,221	458,027
Right-to-Use Leased Equipment	54,774	54,774
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	(1,435,867)	(1,348,484)
Total capital assets	\$ 756,830	\$ 810,019

Long-Term Liabilities

At year end the District had \$39,060 of long term debt, excluding pension and OPEB liabilities. This consisted of leases payable of \$36,765 and vacation and sick leave payable of \$2,295. Note 7 presents the detail of the District's long-term debt. Note 6 presents the details of the District's leases. The District has \$84,345 in liabilities for other postemployment benefits. See Note 8 for further information on OPEB obligations. The District has \$1,941,968 in net pension liability at June 30, 2023. See Note 9 for further information on pensions.

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

The District is dependent on the State of Minnesota for its revenue authority. The District will need to continue making careful budget decision, including considering additional budget adjustments. The state did allocate additional resources to school districts at a much greater level in the next two years than has been seen for quite some time. However, with the continuing uncertainty of funding sustainability and a substantial increase in expenditures across the district due to inflation, the District will continue to monitor its spending to remain fiscally responsible.

During 2023, the District received federal grant funding related to the global COVID-19 pandemic under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) grant, as well as other federal grants. Grant funding will be used to cover COVID-19 expenditures of the district. The global pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for Federal, State and Local Government operations, creating uncertainty in the outcome of the budget.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or would like additional information, contact the Business Office, Independent School District No. 771, Chokio, Minnesota.

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,690,039
Receivables	
Current property taxes	321,698
Delinquent property taxes	1,070
Due from other governmental units	193,162
Prepaid items	30,800
Inventories	2,891
	<u>2,239,660</u>
Capital assets	
Capital assets not being depreciated	
Land	1,100
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	
Buildings and improvements	364,450
Land improvements	90,357
Equipment	264,737
Right-to-use leased equipment	36,186
Total capital assets	<u>756,830</u>
Total assets	<u>2,996,490</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension plans	<u>696,468</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	7,188
Due to other governmental units	49,794
Salaries payable	239,380
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year - other than pensions and OPEB	11,042
Due in more than one year - other than pensions and OPEB	28,018
Due in more than one year - other postemployment benefits	84,345
Due in more than one year - net pension liability	1,941,968
Total liabilities	<u>2,361,735</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	779,336
Other postemployment benefits	27,401
Pension plans	336,830
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,143,567</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	720,065
Restricted for specific purposes	524,544
Unrestricted	(1,056,953)
Total net position	<u>\$ 187,656</u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities				
Administration	\$ 193,218	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (193,218)
District support services	117,459	-	-	(117,459)
Regular instruction	849,751	50,038	36,835	(762,878)
Special education instruction	401,095	15,472	315,573	(70,050)
Community education and services	155,776	108,362	14,722	(32,692)
Instructional support services	76,392	-	25,268	(51,124)
Pupil support services	566,436	53,818	121,448	(391,170)
Sites and buildings	400,996	628	46,167	(354,201)
Fiscal and other fixed-cost programs	29,129	15,255	-	(13,874)
Total governmental activities	\$ 2,790,252	\$ 243,573	\$ 560,013	(1,986,666)
General Revenues				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				431,010
Property taxes, levied for community education and services				23,681
Aids and payments from state sources				1,442,980
Aids and payments from federal sources				66,180
County apportionment				12,937
Unrestricted investment earnings				36,731
Miscellaneous revenues				45,802
Total general revenues				2,059,321
Change in Net Position				72,655
Net Position - Beginning				115,001
Net Deficit - Ending				\$ 187,656

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,571,876	\$ 118,163	\$ 1,690,039
Receivables			
Current property taxes	311,078	10,620	321,698
Delinquent property taxes	1,009	61	1,070
Due from other governmental units	186,690	6,472	193,162
Prepaid items	30,800	-	30,800
Inventories	-	2,891	2,891
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,101,453</u>	<u>\$ 138,207</u>	<u>\$ 2,239,660</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,951	\$ 2,237	\$ 7,188
Due to other governmental units	49,794	-	49,794
Salaries payable	217,551	21,829	239,380
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities	<u>272,296</u>	<u>24,066</u>	<u>296,362</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	1,009	61	1,070
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	755,446	23,890	779,336
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>756,455</u>	<u>23,951</u>	<u>780,406</u>
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable	30,800	2,891	33,691
Restricted	283,950	240,533	524,483
Unassigned	757,952	(153,234)	604,718
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,072,702</u>	<u>90,190</u>	<u>1,162,892</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u>\$ 2,101,453</u>	<u>\$ 138,207</u>	<u>\$ 2,239,660</u>

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 1,162,892
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	756,830
Delinquent property taxes are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	1,070
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	332,237
Long-term liabilities, including lease payable, compensated absences, other post-employment benefits, and pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(2,065,373)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 187,656</u></u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues			
Local property tax levies	\$ 431,112	\$ 23,681	\$ 454,793
Other local and county sources	132,516	108,914	241,430
Investment earnings	36,731	-	36,731
State sources	1,778,872	21,660	1,800,532
Federal sources	183,331	85,110	268,441
Sales and other conversion of assets	1,084	53,466	54,550
Total revenues	2,563,646	292,831	2,856,477
Expenditures			
Current			
Administration	203,608	-	203,608
District support services	113,135	-	113,135
Regular instruction	1,230,668	-	1,230,668
Special education instruction	396,071	-	396,071
Community education and service	-	160,775	160,775
Instructional support services	76,392	-	76,392
Pupil support services	394,304	165,542	559,846
Sites and buildings	229,644	-	229,644
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	29,129	-	29,129
Debt service			
Principal	11,112	-	11,112
Interest	1,447	-	1,447
Capital outlay	96,813	33,690	130,503
Total expenditures	2,782,323	360,007	3,142,330
Deficiency of Revenues under Expenditures	(218,677)	(67,176)	(285,853)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(212,145)	(67,176)	(279,321)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,284,847	157,366	1,442,213
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,072,702</u>	<u>\$ 90,190</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,892</u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (279,321)

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

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense.

Capital outlay	34,194
Depreciation/amortization expense	(87,383)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(102)
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In the statement of activities, compensated absences are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used.	10,390
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In the statement of activities, OPEB liabilities are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used.	(2,039)
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In the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense. In the governmental funds, however, the contributions are reported as an expense.	385,804
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The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	11,112
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Change in Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 72,655
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Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget to Actual - General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Revenues				
Local property tax levies	\$ 414,698	\$ 414,698	\$ 431,112	\$ 16,414
Other local and county sources	40,915	40,915	132,516	91,601
Investment earnings	15,000	15,000	36,731	21,731
State sources	1,644,674	1,644,674	1,778,872	134,198
Federal sources	139,414	139,414	183,331	43,917
Miscellaneous	1,150	1,150	1,084	(66)
Total revenues	<u>2,255,851</u>	<u>2,255,851</u>	<u>2,563,646</u>	<u>307,795</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	262,619	262,619	203,608	59,011
District support services	88,900	88,900	113,135	(24,235)
Regular instruction	1,136,630	1,136,630	1,230,668	(94,038)
Special education instruction	355,488	355,488	396,071	(40,583)
Instructional support services	13,100	13,100	76,392	(63,292)
Pupil support services	311,219	311,219	394,304	(83,085)
Sites and buildings	227,142	227,142	229,644	(2,502)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	34,774	34,774	29,129	5,645
Debt Service				
Principal	9,500	9,500	11,112	(1,612)
Interest	-	-	1,447	(1,447)
Capital outlay	36,900	36,900	96,813	(59,913)
Total expenditures	<u>2,476,272</u>	<u>2,476,272</u>	<u>2,782,323</u>	<u>(306,051)</u>
Deficiency of Revenues under Expenditures	(220,421)	(220,421)	(218,677)	1,744
Other Financing Sources				
Insurance recovery	-	-	6,532	6,532
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,532</u>	<u>6,532</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (220,421)</u>	<u>\$ (220,421)</u>	<u>(212,145)</u>	<u>\$ 8,276</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year			<u>1,284,847</u>	
Fund Balance, End of Year			<u>\$ 1,072,702</u>	

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Organization

Independent School District No. 771, Chokio-Alberta Public Schools, Chokio, Minnesota (“the District”) was formed and operates pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and statutes. The District is governed by a School Board elected by voters of the District. The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements include all funds, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and other organizations that comprise the District, along with any component units.

Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (primary government) is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. The criteria used to determine if the primary government is financially accountable for a component unit include whether or not the primary government appoints the voting majority of the potential component unit’s governing body, is able to impose its will on the potential component unit, is in a relationship of financial burden or benefit with the potential component unit, or is fiscally depended upon by the potential component unit.

Based on these criteria, there are no organizations considered to be component units of the District.

C. Government-Wide Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Generally, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other internally directed revenues are reported as general revenues.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are generally recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied, except for amounts advance recognized in accordance with a statutory "tax shift" described later in these notes. Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. For capital assets that can be specifically identified with, or allocated to functional areas, depreciation expense is included as a direct expense in the functional areas that utilize the related capital assets. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

D. Fund Financial Statement Presentation

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Aggregated information for the remaining nonmajor governmental funds is reported in a single column in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting transactions are recorded in the following manner:

Revenue Recognition - Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District generally considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to Minnesota Statutes. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is made. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

Recording of Expenditures - Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service principal and interest expenditures on general long-term debt, including lease liabilities, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, severance, postemployment benefits, and pensions, are recognized later based on specific accounting rules applicable to each, generally when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the District the right to use leased assets, are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

Description of Funds

The existence of the various district funds has been established by the Minnesota Department of Education. Each fund is accounted for as an independent entity. Descriptions of the funds included in this report are as follows:

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. It includes the general operations and pupil transportation activities of the District, as well as the capital related activities such as maintenance of facilities, equipment purchases, and health and safety projects. The District's Student Activity Funds are under board control and are reported in the general fund.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Food Service Fund - The food service fund is used to account for food service revenues and expenditures.

Community Service Fund - The community service fund is used to account for services provided to residents in the areas of recreation, civic activities, nonpublic pupils, adult or early childhood programs, extended day programs, or other similar services.

E. Other Significant Accounting Policies

Budgeting

An operating budget is adopted by July 1 of each fiscal year for all governmental funds on the same modified accrual basis used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures. The superintendent is authorized to transfer budget amounts within line items; however, supplemental appropriations that amend total appropriations of any fund require a board resolution. Reported budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by board resolution. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash balances for all district funds are pooled and invested to the extent available in various investment instruments as authorized by state statutes. Earnings from such investments are allocated to each of the funds based on the fund's average monthly cash and cash equivalents balance. Funds that incur a deficit balance in pooled cash and cash equivalents during the year are charged interest.

Deposits and investments include monies deposited with MNTrust and are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell the investment in an orderly transaction at year end.

Receivables

Amounts are shown net of any allowance for uncollectibles. No allowances for uncollectibles have been recorded. The only receivables not expected to be fully collected within one year are property taxes receivable.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditure/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Inventories

Inventories are recorded using the consumption method of accounting and consist of purchased food, supplies, and surplus commodities received from the federal government. Food and supply purchases are recorded at invoice cost, computed on a first-in, first-out method. Surplus commodities are stated at standardized costs, as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Property Taxes

The majority of district revenue is determined annually by statutory funding formulas. The total revenue allowed by these formulas is allocated between property taxes and state aids by the Legislature based on education funding priorities.

Generally, property taxes are recognized as revenue by the District in the fiscal year that begins midway through the calendar year in which the tax levy is collectible. To help balance the state budget, the Minnesota Legislature utilizes a tool referred to as the "tax shift," which periodically changes the District's recognition of property tax revenue. The tax shift advance recognizes cash collected for the subsequent year's levy as current year revenue, allowing the state to reduce the amount of aid paid to the District. The remaining portion of the taxes collectible in 2023 is recorded as deferred inflows of resources (property taxes levied for subsequent year).

Property tax levies are certified to the County Auditor in December of each year for collection from taxpayers in May and October of the following calendar year. In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The county spreads all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on property on the following January 1. The county general remits taxes to the District at periodic intervals as they are collected. A portion of the property taxes levied is paid by the State of Minnesota through various tax credits, which are included in revenue from state sources in the financial statements.

Current property taxes receivable is the uncollected portion of the taxes levied in 2022 and collectible in 2023. This levy is offset with a deferred inflow of resources for property taxes levied for a subsequent year. Delinquent taxes receivable includes the past six years' uncollected taxes. Delinquent taxes have been offset by a deferred inflow of resources for delinquent taxes not received within 60 days after year-end in the fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historic cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Acquisition value is the price that would have been paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential on the date of the donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purposes by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 3 to 50 years. Land is not depreciated.

The District does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets. Items such as sidewalks and other land improvements are considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

Right to use leased assets are recognized at the lease commencement date and represent the District's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. Right to use leased assets are measured at the initial value of the lease liability plus any payments made to the lessor before commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives received from the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, plus any initial direct costs necessary to place the lease asset into service. Right to use leased assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset using the straight-line method. The amortization period is 8 years.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Lease liabilities represent the District's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of future lease payments expected to be made during the lease term. The present value of lease payments are discounted based on a borrowing rate determined by the District.

Compensated Absences Payable

Substantially all District employees are allowed to accrue sick leave at varying amounts each year and accumulate within specified limits. Employees are compensated for unused sick leave upon retirement after they have qualified for retirement. Twelve-month employees are allowed to accrue vacation leave at varying amounts each year and accumulate over time. Employees are compensated for unused vacation leave upon termination of their employment with the District.

The liability for such vacation or sick leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

Under the provisions of the various employee and union contracts, the District provides certain postemployment benefits other than pensions to eligible retirees. These OPEB obligations are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The total OPEB liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and OPEB expense were actuarially determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75. Additional information can be found in Note 8.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's and TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA and TRA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. This direct aid is a result of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher's Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) in 2015. Additional information can be found in Note 9.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then.

The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category on the government-wide statement of net position. Deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits consists of various estimate differences and contributions made to the plan subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as expenditures in future years. Deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans consists of various estimate differences and contributions made to the plan subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as expenses in future years.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

The District has three types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item, unavailable revenue from property taxes, arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Delinquent property taxes not collected within 60 days of year-end are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the governmental funds in the period the amounts become available. The second item is property taxes levied for subsequent years, which represent property taxes received or reported as a receivable before the period for which the taxes are levied, and is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet. Property taxes levied for subsequent years are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements in the year for which they are levied and in the governmental fund financial statements during the year for which they are levied, if available. The third item is deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB plans as a result of various estimate differences that will be recognized as expenses in future years, reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the District's government-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any long-term debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Unrestricted net position is the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

Fund Balance

In governmental fund types, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called "fund balance." The District's governmental funds report the following categories of fund balance, based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes.

- Nonspendable fund balance amounts are comprised of funds that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. They include items that are inherently unspendable, such as, but not limited to, inventories, prepaid items, long-term receivables, non-financial assets held for resale, or the permanent principal of endowment funds.
- Restricted fund balance amounts are comprised of funds that have legally enforceable constraints placed on their use that either are externally imposed by resource providers or creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, voters, or laws or regulations of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance amounts are comprised of unrestricted funds used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school board and that remain binding unless removed by the school board by subsequent formal action. The formal action to commit a fund balance must occur prior to fiscal year end; however, the specific amounts actually committed can be determined in the subsequent fiscal year. A majority vote of the school board is required to commit a fund balance to a specific purpose and subsequently to remove or change any constraint so adopted by the board. A committed fund balance cannot be a negative number.
- Assigned fund balance amounts are comprised of unrestricted funds constrained by the school district's intent that they be used for specific purposes, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In funds other than the general fund, the assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. The assigned fund balance category will cover the portion of a fund balance that reflects the school district's intended use of those resources. The action to assign a fund balance may be taken after the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation of an existing fund balance to eliminate a projected budgetary deficit in the subsequent year's budget in an amount no greater than the projected excess of expected expenditures over expected revenues satisfies the criteria to be classified as an assignment of fund balance. The school board, by majority vote, may assign fund balances to be used for specific purposes when appropriate. The board also delegates the power to assign fund balances to the Superintendent. Assignments so made shall be reported to the school board on a monthly basis, either separately or as part of ongoing reporting by the assigning party if other than the school board. An assigned fund balance cannot be a negative number.
- Unassigned fund balance amounts are the residual amounts in the general fund not reported in any other classification. Unassigned amounts in the general fund are technically available for expenditure for any purpose. The general fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance. Other funds would report a negative unassigned fund balance should the total of nonspendable, restricted, and committed fund balances exceed the total net resources of that fund.

If resources from more than one fund balance classification could be spent, the school district will strive to spend resources from fund balance classifications in the following order (first to last): restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. The school district will strive to maintain an unassigned general fund balance of 33% of the annual general fund operating expenditures.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and workers' compensation for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in the District's insurance coverage in fiscal year 2023.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations

Budget control for the fund is established by its total appropriations. The General Fund had expenditures exceeding appropriations in the amount of \$306,051 for the year ended June 30, 2023. These over expenditures were funded by greater than expected revenues and existing fund balance.

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Deposits

In accordance with applicable Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the District's School Board. All such depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

The following is considered the most significant risk associated with deposits:

Concentration of Credit Risk – The District maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which exceed can exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category. At June 30, 2023, the District did not have deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits.

Custodial Credit Risk - In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may be lost.

Minnesota Statutes require that all deposits be protected by federal deposit insurance, corporate surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance or corporate surety bonds. Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes, and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated "A" or better; revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standard letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral.

At June 30, 2023, all deposits were insured or collateralized by securities held by the District's agent in the District's name.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The District maintains in bank deposit accounts which exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category. On June 30, 2023, the District had approximately \$532,607, in excess of FDIC-insured limits.

Investments

The following are considered the most significant risks associated with investments:

Credit Risk - Investments - Minnesota Statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, bankers' acceptances, certain repurchase agreements and commercial paper rated A-1 by Standard & Poor's Corporation or P-1 by Moody's Commercial Paper Record.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments - The investment in the MN Trust is not subject to the credit risk classifications as noted in paragraph 9 of GASB Statement No. 40.

Interest Rate Risk - Investments - The District does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities.

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.

The following table presents the District's deposit and investment balances at June 30, 2023:

Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
		N/A	< 1	1 - 5
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
MNTrust	\$ 907,432	\$ 907,432	\$ -	\$ -
Deposits	782,607	782,607	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,690,039</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,039</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

MNTrust is an external investment pool not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC under rule 2a7. The fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool's shares.

Note 4 - Due from Other Governmental Units

Amounts receivable from other governments as of June 30, 2023, include:

Fund	Federal	State	Total
Major Funds			
General	\$ 21,387	\$ 165,303	\$ 186,690
Non-Major Funds	5,000	1,472	6,472
	<u>\$ 26,387</u>	<u>\$ 166,775</u>	<u>\$ 193,162</u>

Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2023
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	1,455,244	-	-	1,455,244
Equipment	458,027	34,194	-	492,221
Land improvements	189,358	-	-	189,358
Right-to-use leased equipment	54,774	-	-	54,774
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>2,157,403</u>	<u>34,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,191,597</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for				
Buildings and improvements	1,055,669	35,125	-	1,090,794
Equipment	195,236	32,248	-	227,484
Land improvements	90,438	8,563	-	99,001
Right-to-use leased equipment	7,141	11,447	-	18,588
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>1,348,484</u>	<u>87,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,435,867</u>
Net capital assets, depreciated/amortized	<u>808,919</u>	<u>(53,189)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>755,730</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 810,019</u>	<u>\$ (53,189)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 756,830</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was charged to the following functions/programs:

Regular instruction	\$ 260
Pupil support services	1,897
Sites and buildings	<u>85,226</u>
 Total depreciation/amortization expense	 <u><u>\$ 87,383</u></u>

Note 6 - Leases Payable

In prior years, the District entered into a lease agreement as lessee for the acquisition and use of copier machines. The District is required to make monthly principal and interest payments of \$715. The lease has an interest rate of 3.26%. Interest expense totaled \$1,447 during the fiscal year.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 8,747	\$ 1,069
2025	9,037	779
2026	9,336	480
2027	<u>9,645</u>	<u>171</u>
	<u><u>\$ 36,765</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,499</u></u>

Note 7 - Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due Within One Year
Lease Liability	\$ 47,877	\$ -	\$ 11,112	\$ 36,765	\$ 8,747
Compensated Absences	<u>12,685</u>	<u>5,732</u>	<u>16,122</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>2,295</u>
	<u><u>\$ 60,562</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,732</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,234</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,060</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,042</u></u>

Lease liability

Lease liability is discussed in Note 6. These expenses are paid out of the general fund.

Compensated absences

Vacation and sick leave consist of vested vacation and sick leave as discussed in Note 1. These expenses are paid out of the general fund.

Note 8 - Other Post-Employment Benefits

A. Plan Description

The Independent School District No. 771 other post-employment benefits plan is a defined benefit OPEB plan that provides a single employer defined benefit health care plan to eligible retirees. This plan covers active and retired employees who have reached age 55, with teachers needing at least 3 years of service and all other district employees needing 5 years of service. Benefit provisions are established through negotiations between the District and the union representing District employees and are renegotiated at the end of each contract period. Medical coverage is administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. No assets are accumulated in a trust.

B. Benefits Provided

The contract groups have access to other post-retirement benefits of blended medical premiums of \$478 for single and \$1,234 for family coverage. The implicit rate subsidy is only until Medicare eligibility. There are no subsidized post-employment medical, dental, or life insurance benefits.

C. Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At the valuation date of July 1, 2021, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	-
Inactive Employees Entitled to But Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	-
Active Employees	30
	30
	30

D. Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$84,345 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation of July 1, 2021.

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary Increases	Service graded table
Discount Rate	3.80 percent
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.25 percent, grading to 5.00 percent over 6 years, then to 4.00 over the next 48 years
Retiree Plan Participation	
Pre-65 subsidy available	N/A
Pre-65 subsidy not available	40%
Percent of Married Retirees Electing Spouse Coverage	
Spouse subsidy available	N/A
Spouse subsidy not available	10%

Since the plan is not funded by an irrevocable trust, the discount rate is equal to the 20-Year Municipal Bond Yield.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2020 Generational Improvement Scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021, valuation were based on inputs from a variety of published sources of historical and projected future financial data.

Since the previous valuation dated July 1, 2019, the following changes have been made:

- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long-term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated from the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2020 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The salary increase rates for non-teachers were updated to reflect the latest experience study.
- The withdrawal rates were updated to reflect the latest experience study.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.10% to 3.80%.

F. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2022	\$	76,356
Changes from the Prior Year:		
Service cost		6,691
Interest cost		3,121
Benefit payments		<u>(1,823)</u>
Total Net Changes		<u>7,989</u>
Balance at June 30, 2023	\$	<u>84,345</u>

The measurement date of the OPEB liability was June 30, 2023; the date of the actuarial valuation on which the total OPEB liability is based was July 1, 2021.

G. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in Discount Rate and the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate of one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease in Discount Rate</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
Discount Rate	2.80%	3.80%	4.80%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 89,830	\$ 84,345	\$ 78,980

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend of one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease in Healthcare Trend Rate</u>	<u>Selected Healthcare Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Healthcare Trend Rate</u>
Medical Trend Rate	5.25%, decreasing to 4.00% over 6 years then to 3.00% over the next 48 years	6.25%, decreasing to 5.00% over 6 years then to 4.00% over the next 48 years	7.25%, decreasing to 6.00% over 6 years then to 5.00% over the next 48 years
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 73,668	\$ 84,345	\$ 96,988

H. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$3,862. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Liability Gains	\$ -	\$ 23,514
Assumption Changes	-	3,887
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,401</u>

Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expenses as follows:

<u>Years Ended June 30,</u>	<u>OPEB Expense Amount</u>
2024	\$ (5,950)
2025	(5,950)
2026	(5,950)
2027	(5,945)
2028	(3,606)

Note 9 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Substantially all employees of the District are required by state law to belong to defined benefit, multi-employer, cost-sharing pension plans administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) or the Teachers' Retirement Association (TRA), both of which are administered on a state-wide basis.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources, net pension liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense for each of the plans as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Net Pension Liability	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Pension Expense (Income)
PERA	\$ 138,719	\$ 348,481	\$ 4,593	\$ 58,240
TRA	557,749	1,593,487	332,237	244,778
Total all plans	\$ 696,468	\$ 1,941,968	\$ 336,830	\$ 303,018

Disclosures relating to these plans are as follows:

Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

A. Plan Descriptions

The District participates in the General Employees Retirement Plan, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The General Employees Retirement Plan covers certain full time and part-time employees of the District. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

B. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.2 percent for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024, or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.

C. Contribution Rate

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2022 and the District was required to contribute 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$27,354. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

D. Pension Costs

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$348,481 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund’s net pension liability. The District’s net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota’s contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state’s contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota’s proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$10,377.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District’s contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA’s participating employers. The District’s proportionate share was 0.0044 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0040 percent for the beginning of the period.

District’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$	348,481
State of Minnesota’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the District		10,377
Total	\$	358,858

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$58,240 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan’s pension expense. In addition, the District recognized \$1,551 as pension expense for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota’s contribution of \$16 million to General Employees Fund.

At June 30, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan’s deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 2,911	\$ 3,369
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	71,915	1,224
Net Collective Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	16,350	-
Change in Proportion	20,189	-
Contributions Paid to PERA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	27,354	-
Total	\$ 138,719	\$ 4,593

The \$27,354 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ended June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2024	\$ 39,128
2025	38,927
2026	(2,800)
2027	31,517

E. Long-Term Expected Return on Investment

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocations	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.5%	5.10%
International Equity	16.5%	5.30%
Fixed Income	25.0%	0.75%
Private Markets	25.0%	5.90%
	100.0%	

F. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total liability is 6.5 percent. This assumption is based on a review of inflation and investments return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of return investment return rates deemed to be reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 6.5 percent was deemed to be within that range of reasonableness for financial reporting purposes.

Inflation is assumed to be 2.25 percent for the General Employees Plan. Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.25 percent for the General Employees Plan.

Salary growth assumptions in the General Employees Plan range in annual increments from 10.25 percent after one year of service to 3.0 percent after 27 years of service.

Mortality rates for the General Employees Plan are based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table. The table is adjusted slightly to fit PERA's experience.

Actuarial assumptions for the General Employees Plan are reviewed every four years. The most recent four-year experience study for the General Employees Plan was completed in 2019. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2022:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

G. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2022 was 6.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees Fund was projected to be available to make all projected 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 benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

H. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the plan it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Sensitivity Analysis
Net Pension Liability (Asset) at Different Discount Rates

	General Employees Fund	
1% Lower	5.50%	\$ 550,445
Current Discount Rate	6.50%	\$ 348,481
1% Higher	7.50%	\$ 182,840

I. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)

A. Plan Descriptions

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota’s public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Plan (DCR) administered by Minnesota State.

B. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier I Benefits

Tier 1	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	First ten years of service	2.2% per year
	All years after	2.7% per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.2% per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4% per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7% per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9% per year

With these provisions:

- a.) Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- b.) 3 percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- c.) Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

or

Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree - no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

C. Contribution Rate

Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, were:

	June 30, 2021		June 30, 2022		June 30, 2023	
	Employees	Employers	Employees	Employers	Employees	Employers
Basic	11.00%	12.13%	11.00%	12.34%	11.00%	12.55%
Coordinated	7.50%	8.13%	7.50%	8.34%	7.50%	8.55%

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA’s fiscal year 2022 ACFR “Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position” to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

	<i>in thousands</i>
Employer contributions reported in TRA's ACFR, Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 482,679
Employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts	(2,178)
TRA's contributions not included in allocation	<u>(572)</u>
Total employer contributions	479,929
Total non-employer contributions	<u>35,590</u>
Total contributions reported in <i>Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations</i>	<u><u>\$ 515,519</u></u>

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

D. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability	
Actuarial Information	
Valuation Date	July 1, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Experience Study	June 28, 2019 (demographic and economic assumptions)
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.00%
Price inflation	2.50%
Wage growth rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028, and 3.25% after June 30, 2028
Projected salary increase	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028, and 3.25% to 9.25% after June 30, 2028
Cost of living adjustment	1.0% for January 2019 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.5% annually
Mortality Assumptions	
Pre-retirement	RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-retirement	RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-disability	RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocations	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.5%	5.10%
International Equity	16.5%	5.30%
Private Markets	25.0%	5.90%
Fixed Income	25.0%	0.75%
Total	100.0%	

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2023 is six years. The *Difference between Expected and Actual Experience, Changes of Assumptions, and Changes in Proportion* use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for *Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments* is five years as required by GASB 68.

Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2021 valuation

- None

E. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. There was no change in discount rate since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2022 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

F. Net Pension Liability

On June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$1,593,487 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.0199 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0189 percent for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 1,593,487</u>
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>\$ 118,305</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$244,778. It also recognized \$16,267 as a decrease to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

On June 30, 2023, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 22,509	\$ 13,210
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	71,814	-
Changes of Assumptions	242,449	311,834
Changes in Proportion	117,230	7,193
District's Contributions to TRA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>103,747</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 557,749</u>	<u>\$ 332,237</u>

The \$103,747 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ended June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2024	\$ (233,593)
2025	72,572
2026	43,639
2027	220,695
2028	18,452

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent as well what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability (NPL) to changes in the discount rate

1% decrease (6.00%)	Current (7.00%)	1% increase (8.00%)
\$ 2,512,045	\$ 1,593,487	\$ 840,555

The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA’s total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District.

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about TRA’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling (651)-296-2409 or (800)-657-3669.

Note 10 - Fund Balance

Certain portions of fund balances are restricted based on state requirements to track special program funding, to provide for funding on certain long-term liabilities, or as required by other outside parties.

The following is a summary of fund balances as of June 30, 2023:

	General	Other Government Funds	Totals
Nonspendable			
Inventories	\$ -	\$ 2,891	\$ 2,891
Prepays	30,800	-	30,800
Total nonspendable	30,800	2,891	33,691
Restricted			
Student activities	46,015	-	46,015
Scholarships	44,482	-	44,482
Early childhood and family education	-	103,435	103,435
School readiness	-	128,760	128,760
Food service	-	6,281	6,281
Community service	-	2,057	2,057
Long-term facilities maintenance	193,453	-	193,453
Total restricted	283,950	240,533	524,483
Unassigned	757,952	(153,234)	604,718
Total fund balance	\$ 1,072,702	\$ 90,190	\$ 1,162,892

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The UFARS fund balance reporting standards are slightly different than the reporting standards under GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Below is a reconciliation between the fund balance reporting under GASB 54 and UFARS reporting standards:

	<u>GASB Balance</u>	<u>Reconciling Items</u>	<u>UFARS Balance</u>
Nonspendable			
Inventories	\$ 2,891	\$ -	\$ 2,891
Prepays	30,800	-	30,800
Total nonspendable	<u>33,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,691</u>
Restricted			
Student activities	46,015	-	46,015
Scholarships	44,482	-	44,482
Community education	-	(153,234)	(153,234)
Early childhood and family education	103,435	-	103,435
School readiness	128,760	-	128,760
Food service	6,281	-	6,281
Community service	2,057	-	2,057
Long-term facilities maintenance			
General fund	193,453	-	193,453
Total restricted	<u>524,483</u>	<u>(153,234)</u>	<u>371,249</u>
Unassigned	<u>604,718</u>	<u>153,234</u>	<u>757,952</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 1,162,892</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,892</u>

Note 11 - Flexible Benefit Plan

The District has a flexible benefit plan which is classified as a “cafeteria plan” (the Plan) under section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. All employee groups of the District are eligible if and when the collective bargaining agreement or contract with their group allows eligibility. Eligible employees can elect to participate by contributing pre-tax dollars withheld from payroll checks to the Plan for healthcare and dependent care benefits.

Before the beginning of the Plan year, which is from September 1, thru August 31, each participant designates a total amount of pre-tax dollars to be contributed to the Plan during the year. At June 30, the District is contingently liable for claims against the total amount of participants’ annual contributions to the medical reimbursement portion of the Plan, whether or not such contributions have been made.

Payment of insurance premiums (health, dental, life, and disability) are made by the District directly to the designated insurance companies. These payments are made monthly and are accounted for in the General Fund and special revenue funds.

Amounts withheld for medical reimbursement and dependent care are paid by the District to an outside administrator upon an employee submitting a request for reimbursement. Payments are made by the outside administrator to participating employees upon submitting a request for reimbursement of eligible expenses actually incurred by the employee.

All property of the Plan and income attributable to that property is solely the property of the District, subject to the claims of the District’s general creditors. Participants’ rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditors of the District in an amount equal to eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses incurred by the participants. The District believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies

Federal and State Revenue

Amounts received or receivable from federal and state agencies are subject to agency audit and adjustment. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of funds which may be disallowed by the agencies cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.



Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2023

**Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools**

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
June 30, 2023

Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Service Cost	\$ 6,691	\$ 6,496	\$ 10,710	\$ 10,398	\$ 9,681	\$ 9,399
Interest	3,121	3,069	2,814	3,277	2,961	2,783
Changes of Assumptions	-	(1,563)	-	(5,544)	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(23,727)	-	(13,139)	-	-
Benefit Payments	(1,823)	(852)	(1,317)	(482)	(7,619)	(6,805)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	7,989	(16,577)	12,207	(5,490)	5,023	5,377
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	76,356	92,933	80,726	86,216	81,193	75,816
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 84,345</u>	<u>\$ 76,356</u>	<u>\$ 92,933</u>	<u>\$ 80,726</u>	<u>\$ 86,216</u>	<u>\$ 81,193</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 1,583,482	\$ 1,537,362	\$ 1,337,926	\$ 1,298,958	\$ 1,129,382	\$ 1,096,488
District's Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	5.33%	4.97%	6.95%	6.21%	7.63%	7.40%

*GASB Statement No. 75 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District will present information for those years for which information is available.

Notes to the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

2023 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None

2022 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- Health care trend rates, mortality tables, and salary increase rates were updated.
- The salary increase rates for non-teachers were updated.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.10% to 3.80%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None

2021 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long-term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 3.00% per year for all employees to rates which vary by service and contract group.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.10%.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
 Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
 June 30, 2023

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

Pension Plan	Measurement Date	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)		Employer's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability Associated With District (b)	Total (d) (a+b)	Employer's Covered Payroll (e)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll (a/e)		Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
		Percentage	Pension Liability (Asset) (a)				Percentage	Payroll (a/e)	
PERA	6/30/2014	0.0029%	\$ 136,227	N/A	\$ 136,227	\$ 155,206	87.8%	78.8%	78.8%
PERA	6/30/2015	0.0027%	139,928	N/A	139,928	149,830	93.4%	78.2%	78.2%
PERA	6/30/2016	0.0032%	259,824	3,350	263,174	184,759	140.6%	68.9%	68.9%
PERA	6/30/2017	0.0035%	223,438	2,840	226,278	215,494	103.7%	75.9%	75.9%
PERA	6/30/2018	0.0036%	199,713	6,519	206,232	226,757	88.1%	79.5%	79.5%
PERA	6/30/2019	0.0037%	204,565	6,333	210,898	241,379	84.7%	80.2%	80.2%
PERA	6/30/2020	0.0038%	227,827	6,995	234,822	254,553	89.5%	79.1%	79.1%
PERA	6/30/2021	0.0040%	170,818	5,188	176,006	270,454	63.2%	87.0%	87.0%
PERA	6/30/2022	0.0044%	348,481	10,377	358,858	327,067	106.5%	76.7%	76.7%
TRA	6/30/2014	0.0160%	\$ 737,268	\$ 51,788	\$ 789,056	\$ 729,443	101.1%	81.5%	81.5%
TRA	6/30/2015	0.0157%	971,200	118,953	1,090,153	794,853	122.2%	76.8%	76.8%
TRA	6/30/2016	0.0169%	4,031,053	404,693	4,435,746	880,720	457.7%	44.9%	44.9%
TRA	6/30/2017	0.0182%	3,633,050	351,911	3,984,961	979,733	370.8%	51.6%	51.6%
TRA	6/30/2018	0.0184%	1,155,692	108,426	1,264,118	1,016,707	113.7%	78.1%	78.1%
TRA	6/30/2019	0.0186%	1,185,568	104,681	1,290,249	1,057,925	112.1%	78.1%	78.1%
TRA	6/30/2020	0.0190%	1,403,745	117,682	1,521,427	1,105,568	127.0%	75.5%	75.5%
TRA	6/30/2021	0.0189%	827,121	69,779	896,900	1,146,408	72.1%	86.6%	86.6%
TRA	6/30/2022	0.0199%	1,593,487	118,305	1,711,792	1,252,914	127.2%	76.2%	76.2%

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Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Schedule of Employer's Contributions
June 30, 2023

**Schedule of Employer's Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years ***

<u>Pension Plan</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contribution (a)</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)</u>	<u>Covered Payroll (d)</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)</u>
PERA	6/30/2015	\$ 11,237	\$ 11,237	\$ -	\$ 149,830	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2016	13,857	13,857	-	184,759	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2017	16,162	16,162	-	215,494	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2018	17,007	17,007	-	226,757	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2019	18,103	18,103	-	241,379	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2020	19,091	19,091	-	254,553	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2021	20,284	20,284	-	270,454	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2022	24,530	24,530	-	327,067	7.5%
PERA	6/30/2023	27,358	27,358	-	364,773	7.5%
TRA	6/30/2015	\$ 59,614	\$ 59,614	\$ -	\$ 794,853	7.5%
TRA	6/30/2016	66,054	66,054	-	880,720	7.5%
TRA	6/30/2017	73,480	73,480	-	979,733	7.5%
TRA	6/30/2018	76,253	76,253	-	1,016,707	7.5%
TRA	6/30/2019	81,566	81,566	-	1,057,925	7.7%
TRA	6/30/2020	87,561	87,561	-	1,105,568	7.9%
TRA	6/30/2021	93,203	93,203	-	1,146,408	8.1%
TRA	6/30/2022	104,493	104,493	-	1,252,914	8.3%
TRA	6/30/2023	103,747	103,747	-	1,213,415	8.6%

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Notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions

PERA

2022 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

2021 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent, for financial reporting purposes.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the PUB-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

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Chokio-Alberta Public Schools

Notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions
June 30, 2023

Changes in Plan Provisions

- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Postretirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90.00 percent funding ratio to 50.00 percent of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The combined service annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.80 percent for active members and 60.00 percent for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA load are now 0.00 percent for active member liability, 15.00 percent for vested deferred member liability, and 3.00 percent for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed for 1.00 percent per year for all years to 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.

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Chokio-Alberta Public Schools

Notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions
June 30, 2023

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The State's contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund equals \$16,000,000 in 2017 and 2018, and \$6,000,000 thereafter.
- The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund changed from \$21,000,000 to \$31,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The state's contribution changed from \$16,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031.

2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2035 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.00 percent per year for all years.
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent. The single discount rate changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent to 3.25 percent for payroll growth and 2.50 percent for inflation.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2015 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2030 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.00 percent per year through 2035 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- On January 1, 2015, the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increase the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised; the State's contribution of \$6.0 million, which meets the special funding situation definition, was due September 2015.

TRA

2022 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2021 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50 percent to 7.00 percent.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years, (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
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Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 4.66% from 8.0%.
- The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% on January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero% beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers was reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next six years (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 5.12% from 4.66%.
- The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was assumed to increase from 2.0% annually to 2.5% annually on July 1, 2045.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase to 2.5% but remain at 2.0% for all future years.
- Adjustments were made to the combined service annuity loads. The active load was reduced from 1.4% to 0.0%, the vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 7.0% and the non-vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 9.0%.
- The investment return assumption was changed from 8.0% to 7.5%.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.5%.
- The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 2.5% to 3.0%.
- The general wage growth assumption was lowered from 3.5% to 2.85% for ten years followed by 3.25% thereafter.
- The salary increase assumption was adjusted to reflect the changes in the general wage growth assumption.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 4.66% from 8.0%.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase for funding or the GASB calculation. It remained at 2% for all future years.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- The general wage growth and payroll growth assumptions were lowered from 3.75% to 3.5%.
- Minor changes as some durations for the merit scale of the salary increase assumption.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- The post-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- The post-disability mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out to Separate retirement assumptions for members hired before or after July 1, 1989, were created to better reflect each group's behavior in light of different requirements for retirement eligibility.
- Assumed termination rates were changed to be based solely on years of service in order to better fit the observed experience.
- A minor adjustment and simplification of the assumption regarding the election of optional form of annuity payment at retirement were made.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2015 Changes

Changes of benefit terms

- The DTRFA was merged into TRA on June 30, 2015.

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The annual COLA for the June 30, 2015, valuation assumed 2%. The prior year valuation used 2% with an increase to 2.5% commencing in 2034. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.0%. This is a decrease from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 8.25%. Details, if necessary, can be obtained from the TRA Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

PERA's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report may be obtained on the PERA's website at www.mnpera.org for notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions.

Additional financial and actuarial information can be found in TRA's GASB 67-68 report. Both reports can be obtained at <https://minnesotatra.org>.



Combining and Individual Fund Schedules
June 30, 2023

**Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools**

Independent School District No. 771
 Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
 General Fund
 Schedule of Changes in UFARS Fund Balances
 Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	Net Change in Fund Balance	Fund Balance End of Year
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ 30,800	\$ 30,800
Restricted for Student Activities	44,920	1,095	46,015
Restricted for Scholarships	32,577	11,905	44,482
Restricted for Staff Development	52,208	(52,208)	-
Restricted for Long Term Facilities Maintenance	161,853	31,600	193,453
Unassigned	993,289	(235,337)	757,952
	<u>\$ 1,284,847</u>	<u>\$ (212,145)</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,702</u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	Food Service	Community Service	Totals
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,164	\$ 109,999	\$ 118,163
Receivables			
Current property taxes	-	10,620	10,620
Delinquent property taxes	-	61	61
Due from other governmental units	-	6,472	6,472
Inventories	2,891	-	2,891
Total assets	\$ 11,055	\$ 127,152	\$ 138,207
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 2,237	\$ 2,237
Salaries payable	1,883	19,946	21,829
Total liabilities	1,883	22,183	24,066
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	-	61	61
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	-	23,890	23,890
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	23,951	23,951
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable	2,891	-	2,891
Restricted	6,281	234,252	240,533
Unassigned	-	(153,234)	(153,234)
Total fund balance	9,172	81,018	90,190
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 11,055	\$ 127,152	\$ 138,207

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Community Service</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Revenues			
Local property tax levies	\$ -	\$ 23,681	\$ 23,681
Other local and county sources	552	108,362	108,914
State sources	6,938	14,722	21,660
Federal sources	80,110	5,000	85,110
Sales and other conversion of assets	53,466	-	53,466
	<u>141,066</u>	<u>151,765</u>	<u>292,831</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
Community education and service	-	160,775	160,775
Pupil support services	165,542	-	165,542
Capital outlay	33,690	-	33,690
	<u>199,232</u>	<u>160,775</u>	<u>360,007</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(58,166)	(9,010)	(67,176)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>67,338</u>	<u>90,028</u>	<u>157,366</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 9,172</u>	<u>\$ 81,018</u>	<u>\$ 90,190</u>



Other Supplementary Information
June 30, 2023

Independent School District No. 771
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	Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS		Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS
01 GENERAL FUND				06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			
Total Revenue	\$2,563,646	<u>\$2,563,647</u>	(\$1)	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$2,782,323	<u>\$2,782,324</u>	(\$1)	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$30,800	<u>\$30,800</u>	\$0	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>				<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.01 Student Activities	\$46,015	<u>\$46,015</u>	\$0	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.02 Scholarships	\$44,482	<u>\$44,482</u>	\$0	4.13 Funded by COP/FP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.03 Staff Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.08 Cooperative Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.13 Funded by COP/FP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.14 Operating Debt	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0				
4.17 Taconite Building Maint	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	07 DEBT SERVICE			
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.28 Learning & Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.35 Contracted Alt. Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.36 State Approved Alt. Program	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.33 Maximum Effort Loan Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.49 Safe Schools Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0				
4.53 Unfunded Sev & Retirement Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	08 TRUST			
4.59 Basic Skills Extended Time	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.67 LTFM	\$193,453	<u>\$193,453</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
<i>Restricted:</i>				4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.75 Title VII Impact Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.76 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0				
<i>Committed:</i>				18 CUSTODIAL			
4.18 Committed for Separation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.61 Committed Fund Balance Assigned:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.62 Assigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
<i>Unassigned:</i>				4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$757,952	<u>\$757,952</u>	\$0	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
				4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
				4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
02 FOOD SERVICES							
Total Revenue	\$141,066	<u>\$141,065</u>	\$1	20 INTERNAL SERVICE			
Total Expenditures	\$199,232	<u>\$199,230</u>	\$2	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$2,891	<u>\$2,891</u>	\$0	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>							
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST			
<i>Restricted:</i>				Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$6,281	<u>\$6,281</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0

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<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE			
Total Revenue	\$151,765	<u>\$151,766</u>	<u>(\$1)</u>
Total Expenditures	\$160,775	<u>\$160,775</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.26 \$25 Taxonte	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.31 Community Education	(\$153,234)	<u>(\$153,234)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.32 E.C.F.E	\$103,435	<u>\$103,435</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.44 School Readiness	\$128,760	<u>\$128,760</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,057	<u>\$2,057</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>



Additional Reports
June 30, 2023

**Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools**



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

The School Board of
Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Chokio, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 771, Chokio-Alberta Public Schools ("the District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Findings as items 2023-001, 2023-002, and 2023-003 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Fargo, North Dakota
November 22, 2023



Independent Auditor's Report on *Minnesota Legal Compliance*

The School Board of
Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Chokio, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Chokio-Alberta Public Schools (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2023.

In connection with our audit, we noted that the District failed to comply with provisions of the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as described in the Schedule of Audit Findings as items 2023-004, 2023-005, and 2023-006. Also, in connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting - bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

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

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

Eide Bailly LLP

Fargo, North Dakota
November 22, 2023

Section I - Financial Statement Findings

**2023-001 Preparation of Financial Statements
Material Weakness**

Criteria - A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for internally preparing the District's financial statements.

Condition - The District does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited. The auditors were requested to, and did, draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited.

Effect - The disclosures in the financial statements could be incomplete.

Recommendation - It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Views of Responsible Officials - There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

**2023-002 Material Journal Entries
Material Weakness**

Criteria - A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for recording and processing entries material to the financial statements.

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we proposed material audit adjustments that were not identified as a result of the District's existing internal controls, and therefore could have resulted in a material misstatement of the District's financial statements.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to identify all necessary adjustments.

Effect - This deficiency could result in a misstatement to the financial statements that would not be prevented or detected.

Recommendation - A thorough review and reconciliation of accounts in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit. This review should be done at both the accounting staff and accounting supervisor levels.

Views of Responsible Officials - There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

**2023-003 Segregation of Duties
Material Weakness**

Criteria - A good system of internal control requires an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual has incompatible responsibilities. No one person should have more than one duty relating to the authorization (approval), custody of assets (check signers), record keeping and reconciliation functions.

Condition - The District does not adequately separate duties in cash receipts, cash disbursements, payroll, and journal entry posting.

Cause - One individual is responsible for receipting cash, preparing the deposit slip, making the deposit in the financial institution, and entering the transaction into the accounting system. Also, there is no formal process to review journal entries that are posted into the accounting system.

Effect - Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the District's ability to detect misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements in a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation - The accounting functions should be reviewed to determine if additional segregation of duties is feasible and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of financial management and financial statement accuracy for the District. Segregation of authorization, custody of assets, record keeping and reconciliation functions would assist in mitigating the risk of fraud or misstatements to the financial statements.

Views of Responsible Officials - There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Section II - Minnesota Legal Compliance Findings

**2023-004 Inactive Student Activity Account
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Finding**

Criteria - A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for compliance with the MAFA guidelines requiring that the funds of an activity that had been inactive for one fiscal year must be disposed of as described on the student activity purpose form unless the advisor had submitted a plan to the building principle indicating why the activity has been inactive and why it should not be terminated.

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we noted that the Speech Team account had no activity during the fiscal year 2023 and had no plan has been submitted to the building principal.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to review student activity funds and ensure that funds related to inactive student activities are properly disposed of in accordance with MAFA guidelines.

Effect - This deficiency could result in misuse of student activity funds.

Recommendation - The District should periodically review the activities recorded within the student activity funds to ensure that balances relating to inactive activities are properly disposed of in accordance with the student activity purpose form.

Views of Responsible Officials - There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

**2023-005 Inadequate Approval of Student Activity Fund Disbursements
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Finding**

Criteria - A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for compliance with the MAFA guidelines. Per the MAFA, any disbursement of student activity funds must be approved by a student representative, the activity advisor, and the building principal (or his/her designee).

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we noted two instances where there was not a signed requisition form for the disbursements.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to review disbursement requests for all required signatures.

Effect - The District is not in compliance with the MAFA. This finding could result in the misuse of student activity dollars.

Recommendation - Student activity disbursement requests should be reviewed to ensure that all required signatures are included in the request.

Views of Responsible Officials - There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

**2023-006 Improper Use of Student Activity Funds
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Finding**

Criteria - A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for compliance with the MAFA guidelines of proper and timely use of student funds. Disbursements from a student activity fund must benefit all the students within the activity.

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we noted an instance in which a purchase did not benefit all the students involved in an activity.

Cause - The District did not follow the procedures to ensure disbursements were made for appropriate expenditures.

Effect - The finding could result in public funds being used for personal gain of individuals.

Recommendation - The District should review the MAFA guidelines to determine which payments are appropriate for student activity accounts.

Views of Responsible Officials - There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

