



Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

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

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Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
School Board and Administration
June 30, 2024

<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	
Tanya Monson-Ek	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, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the 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, 2024, 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 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 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 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 October 21, 2024, 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 October 21, 2024, 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.



Fargo, North Dakota
October 21, 2024

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, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the 2023-2024 fiscal year include the following:

- *General Fund 01* - The overall revenues were \$3,016,278 while the overall expenditures were \$3,229,280. These along with other financing sources of \$53,399 decreased the fund balance by \$159,603.
- *Food Service Fund 02* - The overall revenues were \$160,490 while the overall expenditures were \$167,595. This decreased the fund balance by \$7,105.
- *Community Service Fund 04* - The overall revenues were \$121,777 while the overall expenditures were \$142,129. This decreased the fund balance by \$20,352.

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 \$248,494 on June 30, 2024.

Statement of Net Position
 June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 2,245,319	\$ 2,239,660
Capital assets	837,084	756,830
Total assets	3,082,403	2,996,490
Deferred Outflows of Resources	487,141	696,468
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	477,017	296,362
Long-term liabilities	1,885,670	2,065,373
Total liabilities	2,362,687	2,361,735
Deferred Inflows of Resources	958,363	1,143,567
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	767,733	720,065
Restricted for specific purposes	363,249	524,544
Unrestricted	(882,488)	(1,056,953)
Total net position	\$ 248,494	\$ 187,656

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Changes in Net Position - The District's total revenues were approximately \$3.3 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. Property taxes and state formula aid accounted for 78.9% of total revenue for the year. Another 19.2% came from program revenues.

The total cost of all programs and services was approximately \$3.2 million. The District's expenses are predominantly related to educating and caring for students. The purely administrative activities of the District accounted for just 5.7% of total costs.

The total revenues exceeded expenses, increasing the net position by \$60,838 for fiscal year 2024.

Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for service	\$ 125,988	\$ 243,573
Operating grants and contributions	508,622	560,013
General		
Property taxes	875,738	454,691
Aids and payments from state and other	1,732,160	1,522,097
Miscellaneous revenues	64,090	82,533
Total revenues	3,306,598	2,862,907
Expenses		
Administration	183,559	193,218
District support services	35,953	117,459
Regular instruction	1,302,420	849,751
Special education instruction	472,839	401,095
Community education and services	142,129	155,776
Instructional support services	35,397	76,392
Pupil support services	487,665	566,436
Sites and buildings	509,784	400,996
Fiscal and other fixed-cost programs	76,014	29,129
Total expenses	3,245,760	2,790,252
Change in Net Position	60,838	72,655
Net Position - Beginning	187,656	115,001
Net Position - Ending	\$ 248,494	\$ 187,656

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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)
	2024	2023		
Local property taxes	\$ 848,092	\$ 431,112	\$ 416,980	96.7%
Other local sources	128,999	169,247	(40,248)	-23.8%
State sources	1,977,282	1,778,872	198,410	11.2%
Federal sources	60,869	183,331	(122,462)	-66.8%
Miscellaneous	1,036	1,084	(48)	-4.4%
Total general fund revenues	\$ 3,016,278	\$ 2,563,646	\$ 452,632	17.7%

Total General Fund revenue increased by \$452,632 or 17.7% 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. Local property taxes increased from the prior year due to a new operating levy that was approved by voters. Increased enrollment led to increased state funding for the current year. CARES Act funding was no longer available to the District and this resulted in a decrease in federal funding in the current year.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund expenditures.

	Year Ended June 30,		Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2024	2023		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,959,713	\$ 1,765,130	\$ 194,583	11.0%
Purchased services	812,247	673,086	139,161	20.7%
Supplies and materials	209,824	185,520	24,304	13.1%
Capital expenditures	165,741	96,813	68,928	71.2%
Other expenditures	81,755	61,774	19,981	32.3%
Total general fund expenditures	\$ 3,229,280	\$ 2,782,323	\$ 446,957	16.1%

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total General Fund expenditures increased by \$446,957 or 16.1% from the previous year. An increase in the District contribution to employee's health plans along with the payment of longevity pay resulted in an increase in salaries and benefits. The increase in purchased services was a result of higher contracted special education services in the current year. Building repairs incurred during the year resulted in an increase in capital expenditures.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

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

- Actual revenues were \$152,639 more than budget, mainly because of greater than aid anticipated from the state due to an increase in enrollment and new funding sources for school libraries and student support personnel.
- Actual expenditures were \$400,317 more than budget. Unplanned maintenance relating to repairs to heating and plumbing, roofing, and asbestos treatment accounting for the majority of the expenditures over the budgeted amount.

Other Non-Major Funds

The Food Service Fund incurred a current year deficit of \$7,105. The Community Service Fund incurred a current year deficit of \$20,352. 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 2024, the District had invested approximately \$2.4 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 \$85,487. Note 5 presents the detail of the District's capital assets.

Capital Assets Governmental Activities
June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Construction in Progress	37,282	-
Buildings	1,494,728	1,455,244
Improvements	199,265	189,358
Equipment	515,746	492,221
Right-to-Use Leased Equipment	101,963	54,774
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	(1,513,000)	(1,435,867)
Total capital assets	\$ 837,084	\$ 756,830

Long-Term Liabilities

At year end the District had \$73,609 of long term debt, excluding pension and OPEB liabilities. This consisted of leases payable of \$69,351 and vacation and sick leave payable of \$4,258. 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 \$0 in liabilities for other postemployment benefits. See Note 8 for further information on OPEB obligations. The District has \$1,812,061 in net pension liability at June 30, 2024. 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 last 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 and increases in salaries and benefits, the District will continue to monitor its spending to remain fiscally responsible.

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, 2024

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,574,329
Receivables	
Current property taxes	331,122
Delinquent property taxes	3,092
Due from other governmental units	322,243
Prepaid items	12,130
Inventories	2,403
	<u>2,245,319</u>
Capital assets	
Capital assets not being depreciated	
Land	1,100
Construction in progress	37,282
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	
Buildings and improvements	370,431
Land improvements	99,599
Equipment	260,635
Right-to-use leased equipment	68,037
Total capital assets	<u>837,084</u>
Total assets	<u>3,082,403</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension plans	<u>487,141</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	150,587
Due to other governmental units	81,695
Salaries payable	244,735
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year - other than pensions	22,560
Due in more than one year - other than pensions	51,049
Due in more than one year - net pension liability	1,812,061
Total liabilities	<u>2,362,687</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	789,378
Pension plans	168,985
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>958,363</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	767,733
Restricted for specific purposes	363,249
Unrestricted	(882,488)
Total net position	<u>\$ 248,494</u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities				
Administration	\$ 183,559	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (183,559)
District support services	35,953	-	-	(35,953)
Regular instruction	1,302,420	38,215	37,710	(1,226,495)
Special education instruction	472,839	17,425	251,363	(204,051)
Community education and services	142,129	55,789	43,321	(43,019)
Instructional support services	35,397	-	22,723	(12,674)
Pupil support services	487,665	13,309	153,505	(320,851)
Sites and buildings	509,784	-	-	(509,784)
Fiscal and other fixed-cost programs	76,014	1,250	-	(74,764)
Total governmental activities	\$ 3,245,760	\$ 125,988	\$ 508,622	(2,611,150)
General Revenues				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				853,071
Property taxes, levied for community education and services				22,667
Aids and payments from state sources				1,700,472
Aids and payments from federal sources				19,066
County apportionment				12,622
Unrestricted investment earnings				48,391
Miscellaneous revenues				15,699
Total general revenues				2,671,988
Change in Net Position				60,838
Net Position - Beginning				187,656
Net Position - Ending				\$ 248,494

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2024

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,479,996	\$ 94,333	\$ 1,574,329
Receivables			
Current property taxes	321,027	10,095	331,122
Delinquent property taxes	3,008	84	3,092
Due from other governmental units	318,917	3,326	322,243
Prepaid items	12,130	-	12,130
Inventories	-	2,403	2,403
Total assets	\$ 2,135,078	\$ 110,241	\$ 2,245,319
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 149,547	\$ 1,040	\$ 150,587
Due to other governmental units	81,695	-	81,695
Salaries payable	222,239	22,496	244,735
Total liabilities	453,481	23,536	477,017
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	3,008	84	3,092
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	765,490	23,888	789,378
Total deferred inflows of resources	768,498	23,972	792,470
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable	12,130	2,403	14,533
Restricted	135,010	228,155	363,165
Unassigned	765,959	(167,825)	598,134
Total fund balance	913,099	62,733	975,832
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 2,135,078	\$ 110,241	\$ 2,245,319

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Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 975,832
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.	837,084
Delinquent property taxes are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	3,092
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension plans are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	318,156
Long-term liabilities, including lease payable, compensated absences, and pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(1,885,670)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 248,494</u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues			
Local property tax levies	\$ 848,092	\$ 22,667	\$ 870,759
Other local and county sources	80,608	56,031	136,639
Investment earnings	48,391	-	48,391
State sources	1,977,282	106,688	2,083,970
Federal sources	60,869	83,142	144,011
Sales and other conversion of assets	1,036	13,739	14,775
Total revenues	3,016,278	282,267	3,298,545
Expenditures			
Current			
Administration	228,785	-	228,785
District support services	95,985	-	95,985
Regular instruction	1,390,173	-	1,390,173
Special education instruction	472,749	-	472,749
Community education and service	-	142,129	142,129
Instructional support services	35,397	-	35,397
Pupil support services	317,205	167,595	484,800
Sites and buildings	430,776	-	430,776
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	76,014	-	76,014
Debt service			
Principal	14,604	-	14,604
Interest	1,851	-	1,851
Capital outlay	165,741	-	165,741
Total expenditures	3,229,280	309,724	3,539,004
Deficiency of Revenues under Expenditures	(213,002)	(27,457)	(240,459)
Other Financing Sources			
Insurance recovery	6,209	-	6,209
Leases (as lessee)	47,190	-	47,190
Total other financing sources	53,399	-	53,399
Net Change in Fund Balance	(159,603)	(27,457)	(187,060)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,072,702	90,190	1,162,892
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 913,099	\$ 62,733	\$ 975,832

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, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (187,060)

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	165,741
Depreciation/amortization expense	(85,487)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	2,022
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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.	(1,963)
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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.	111,746
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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.	88,425
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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.	(32,586)
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 60,838
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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, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Revenues				
Local property tax levies	\$ 852,921	\$ 849,349	\$ 848,092	\$ (1,257)
Other local and county sources	62,657	62,657	80,608	17,951
Investment earnings	15,000	15,000	48,391	33,391
State sources	1,789,171	1,867,759	1,977,282	109,523
Federal sources	23,815	67,724	60,869	(6,855)
Miscellaneous	1,150	1,150	1,036	(114)
Total revenues	<u>2,744,714</u>	<u>2,863,639</u>	<u>3,016,278</u>	<u>152,639</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	240,746	238,449	228,785	9,664
District support services	70,660	102,400	95,985	6,415
Regular instruction	1,364,405	1,368,169	1,390,173	(22,004)
Special education instruction	361,221	434,709	472,749	(38,040)
Instructional support services	12,565	12,565	35,397	(22,832)
Pupil support services	249,552	260,978	317,205	(56,227)
Sites and buildings	302,130	303,915	430,776	(126,861)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	66,600	56,600	76,014	(19,414)
Debt Service				
Principal	9,500	9,500	14,604	(5,104)
Interest	-	-	1,851	(1,851)
Capital outlay	27,478	41,678	165,741	(124,063)
Total expenditures	<u>2,704,857</u>	<u>2,828,963</u>	<u>3,229,280</u>	<u>(400,317)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>39,857</u>	<u>34,676</u>	<u>(213,002)</u>	<u>(247,678)</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Insurance recovery	-	-	6,209	6,209
Leases (as lessee)	-	-	47,190	47,190
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,399</u>	<u>53,399</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 39,857</u>	<u>\$ 34,676</u>	<u>(159,603)</u>	<u>\$ (194,279)</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year			<u>1,072,702</u>	
Fund Balance, End of Year			<u>\$ 913,099</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 2024 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 2023 and collectible in 2024. 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 varies from 5 to 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. The District had no bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2024.

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 one items that qualifies for reporting in this category on the government-wide statement of net position. 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 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 2024.

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 \$400,317 for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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, 2024, the District had approximately \$208,000 in excess of FDIC insured limits that were properly collateralized.

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, 2024, all deposits were insured or collateralized by securities held by the District's agent in the District's name.

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, 2024:

Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
		N/A	< 1	1 - 5
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
MNTrust	\$ 882,310	\$ 882,310	\$ -	\$ -
Deposits	692,019	692,019	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,574,329</u>	<u>\$ 1,574,329</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, 2024, include:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
Major Funds			
General	\$ 30,408	\$ 288,509	\$ 318,917
Non-Major Funds	-	3,326	3,326
	<u>\$ 30,408</u>	<u>\$ 291,835</u>	<u>\$ 322,243</u>

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

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

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Construction in progress	-	37,282	-	37,282
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,100</u>	<u>37,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,382</u>
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	1,455,244	39,484	-	1,494,728
Equipment	492,221	23,525	-	515,746
Land improvements	189,358	18,261	8,354	199,265
Right-to-use leased equipment	54,774	47,189	-	101,963
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>2,191,597</u>	<u>128,459</u>	<u>8,354</u>	<u>2,311,702</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for				
Buildings and improvements	1,090,794	33,503	-	1,124,297
Equipment	227,484	27,627	-	255,111
Land improvements	99,001	9,019	8,354	99,666
Right-to-use leased equipment	18,588	15,338	-	33,926
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>1,435,867</u>	<u>85,487</u>	<u>8,354</u>	<u>1,513,000</u>
Net capital assets, depreciated/amortized	<u>755,730</u>	<u>42,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>798,702</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 756,830</u>	<u>\$ 80,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 837,084</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was charged to the following functions/programs:

Regular instruction	\$ 842
Pupil support services	2,865
Sites and buildings	<u>81,780</u>
Total depreciation/amortization expense	<u>\$ 85,487</u>

Note 6 - Leases Payable

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District entered into a five-year lease agreement as lessee for the acquisition and use of a copier machine. In addition, in a prior year, the District entered into an eight-year lease agreement as lessee for the acquisition and use of a copier machine. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the lease liabilities was \$69,351. The District is required to make monthly principal and interest payments varying from \$818 to \$853 through October 2028. The leases have an interest rate of 3.26%.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 18,302	\$ 1,755
2026	18,844	1,213
2027	19,402	655
2028	10,012	229
2029	2,791	18
	<u>\$ 69,351</u>	<u>\$ 3,870</u>

Note 7 - Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
Lease liability	\$ 36,765	\$ 47,190	\$ 14,604	\$ 69,351	\$ 18,302
Compensated absences	2,295	13,813	11,850	4,258	4,258
	<u>\$ 39,060</u>	<u>\$ 61,003</u>	<u>\$ 26,454</u>	<u>\$ 73,609</u>	<u>\$ 22,560</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.

As of June 30, 2024, an actuary has determined that any implicit rate subsidy post-employment benefit liability would be very minimal, if not zero, due to age-graded retiree premiums.

B. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2023	\$	84,345
Changes from the Prior Year:		
Service cost		-
Interest cost		-
Assumption changes		-
Plan changes		(84,345)
Difference between expected and actual experience		-
Benefit payments		-
		-
Total Net Changes		(84,345)
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$	-

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, 2024, 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	\$ 95,988	\$ 251,635	\$ 72,997	\$ 8,608
TRA	391,153	1,560,426	95,988	220,153
Total all plans	\$ 487,141	\$ 1,812,061	\$ 168,985	\$ 228,761

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. In 2023, legislation repealed the statute delaying increases for members retiring before full retirement age.

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 2024 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, 2024, were \$33,935. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

D. Pension Costs

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$251,635 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 \$6,901.

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The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The 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, 2022, through June 30, 2023, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The District's proportionate share was 0.0045 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0044 percent for the beginning of the period.

District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 251,635
State of Minnesota's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the District	<u>6,901</u>
Total	<u>\$ 258,536</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$8,608 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized \$31 as pension expense for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's pension expense for the annual \$16 million contribution.

At June 30, 2024, 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	\$ 8,220	\$ 1,541
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	36,355	68,971
Net Collective Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	-	2,485
Change in Proportion	17,478	-
Contributions Paid to PERA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>33,935</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 95,988</u>	<u>\$ 72,997</u>

The \$33,935 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, 2025. 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
2025	\$ 14,551
2026	(27,176)
2027	7,139
2028	(5,458)

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, 2023, 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 7.0 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 7.0 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 2022. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2021, actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2023:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

G. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2023 was 7.0 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	6.00%	\$	445,162
Current Discount Rate	7.00%	\$	251,635
1% Higher	8.00%	\$	92,451

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

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.

Tier II Benefits

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, 2022, June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024, were:

	June 30, 2022		June 30, 2023		June 30, 2024	
	Employees	Employers	Employees	Employers	Employees	Employers
Basic	11.00%	12.34%	11.00%	12.55%	11.25%	12.75%
Coordinated	7.50%	8.34%	7.50%	8.55%	7.75%	8.75%

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The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's fiscal year 2023 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	\$ 508,764
Employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts	(87)
TRA's contributions not included in allocation	<u>(643)</u>
Total employer contributions	508,034
Total non-employer contributions	<u>35,587</u>
Total contributions reported in <i>Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations</i>	<u><u>\$ 543,621</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, 2023, 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, 2023
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
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 assumptions prescribed are based on the experience study dated June 28, 2019. For GASB 67 purposes, the long-term rate of return assumptions I selected by TRA management in consultation with actuary.*

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%
Fixed income	25.0%	0.75%
Private markets	25.0%	5.90%
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 2022 valuation

The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025:

- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8% on July 1, 2025.
- The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.

The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill:

- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

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 2023 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, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$1,560,426 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The 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 0.0189 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0199 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>\$ 1,560,426</u>
State’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>\$ 109,176</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$220,153. It also recognized \$15,373 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

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On June 30, 2024, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 15,755	\$ 22,687
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	16,318	-
Changes of Assumptions	181,784	-
Changes in Proportion	85,979	73,301
District's Contributions to TRA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	91,317	-
Total	\$ 391,153	\$ 95,988

The \$91,317 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, 2025. 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
2025	\$ 38,804
2026	9,871
2027	186,927
2028	(15,318)
2029	(16,436)

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%)
\$ 2,488,765	\$ 1,560,426	\$ 800,468

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, 2024:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Government Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Nonspendable			
Inventories	\$ -	\$ 2,403	\$ 2,403
Prepays	12,130	-	12,130
Total nonspendable	<u>12,130</u>	<u>2,403</u>	<u>14,533</u>
Restricted			
Student activities	45,535	-	45,535
Early childhood and family education	-	86,321	86,321
Library Aid	39,686	-	39,686
School readiness	-	139,777	139,777
Community service	-	2,057	2,057
Long-term facilities maintenance	9,789	-	9,789
Student support personnel	40,000	-	40,000
Total restricted	<u>135,010</u>	<u>228,155</u>	<u>363,165</u>
Unassigned	<u>765,959</u>	<u>(167,825)</u>	<u>598,134</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 913,099</u>	<u>\$ 62,733</u>	<u>\$ 975,832</u>

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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:

	GASB Balance	Reconciling Items	UFARS Balance
Nonspendable			
Inventories	\$ 2,403	\$ -	\$ 2,403
Prepays	12,130	-	12,130
Total nonspendable	14,533	-	14,533
Restricted			
Student activities	45,535	-	45,535
Community education	-	(167,489)	(167,489)
Early childhood and family education	86,321	-	86,321
Library Aid	39,686	-	39,686
School readiness	139,777	-	139,777
Community service	2,057	-	2,057
Long-term facilities maintenance			
General fund	9,789	-	9,789
Student support personnel	40,000	-	40,000
Total restricted	363,165	(167,489)	195,676
Unassigned			
General fund	598,134	167,825	765,959
Food service fund	-	(336)	(336)
Total unassigned	598,134	167,489	765,623
Total fund balance	\$ 975,832	\$ -	\$ 975,832

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.

Construction Commitment

The District has active construction projects as of June 30, 2024, for a variety of building improvements. As of June 30, 2024, the projects have \$37,282 of completed construction costs, which are reported as construction in progress. The projects are expected to be completed in the fall of 2024, with estimated remaining costs of completion of \$25,440.



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

	2024	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)	-	-
Changes in Plan Provisions	(84,345)	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	(84,345)	7,989	(16,577)	12,207	(5,490)	5,023	5,377
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	84,345	76,356	92,933	80,726	86,216	81,193	75,816
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ -	\$ 84,345	\$ 76,356	\$ 92,933	\$ 80,726	\$ 86,216	\$ 81,193
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	0.00%	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

2024 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The retiree premium structure was updated to age-graded premiums.

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

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Notes to the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
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2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

Changes in Plan Provisions

- None

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 Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
 June 30, 2024

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

Pension Plan	Measurement Date	Employer's Proportionate Share (Percentage) of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	State's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability 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
PERA	6/30/2014	0.0029%	\$ 136,227	N/A	\$ 136,227	\$ 155,206	87.8%	78.8%
PERA	6/30/2015	0.0027%	139,928	N/A	139,928	149,830	93.4%	78.2%
PERA	6/30/2016	0.0032%	259,824	3,350	263,174	184,759	140.6%	68.9%
PERA	6/30/2017	0.0035%	223,438	2,840	226,278	215,494	103.7%	75.9%
PERA	6/30/2018	0.0036%	199,713	6,519	206,232	226,757	88.1%	79.5%
PERA	6/30/2019	0.0037%	204,565	6,333	210,898	241,379	84.7%	80.2%
PERA	6/30/2020	0.0038%	227,827	6,995	234,822	254,553	89.5%	79.1%
PERA	6/30/2021	0.0040%	170,818	5,188	176,006	270,454	63.2%	87.0%
PERA	6/30/2022	0.0044%	348,481	10,377	358,858	327,067	106.5%	76.7%
PERA	6/30/2023	0.0045%	251,635	6,901	258,536	364,773	69.0%	83.1%
TRA	6/30/2014	0.0160%	\$ 737,268	\$ 51,788	\$ 789,056	\$ 729,443	101.1%	81.5%
TRA	6/30/2015	0.0157%	971,200	118,953	1,090,153	794,853	122.2%	76.8%
TRA	6/30/2016	0.0169%	4,031,053	404,693	4,435,746	880,720	457.7%	44.9%
TRA	6/30/2017	0.0182%	3,633,050	351,911	3,984,961	979,733	370.8%	51.6%
TRA	6/30/2018	0.0184%	1,155,692	108,426	1,264,118	1,016,707	113.7%	78.1%
TRA	6/30/2019	0.0186%	1,185,568	104,681	1,290,249	1,057,925	112.1%	78.1%
TRA	6/30/2020	0.0190%	1,403,745	117,682	1,521,427	1,105,568	127.0%	75.5%
TRA	6/30/2021	0.0189%	827,121	69,779	896,900	1,146,408	72.1%	86.6%
TRA	6/30/2022	0.0199%	1,593,487	118,305	1,711,792	1,252,914	127.2%	76.2%
TRA	6/30/2023	0.0189%	1,560,426	109,176	1,669,602	1,213,415	128.6%	76.4%

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Schedule of Employer's Contributions
June 30, 2024

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

Pension Plan	Fiscal Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Covered Payroll (d)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)
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%
PERA	6/30/2024	33,935	33,935	-	452,467	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%
TRA	6/30/2024	91,317	91,317	-	1,043,623	8.8%

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

PERA

2023 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.00 percent.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

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.

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June 30, 2024

- 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.

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.

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.

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TRA

2023 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50% to 7.00%. This does not affect the GASB valuation which was already using the 7.00% assumption.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- Effective July 1, 2025, the normal retirement age for Tier 2 members will decrease from 66 to 65.
- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.50% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8.00% on July 1, 2025.

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.
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- 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.

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Notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions
June 30, 2024

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.

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Notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions
June 30, 2024

- 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, 2024

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Independent School District No. 771
 Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
 General Fund
 Schedule of Changes in UFARS Fund Balances
 Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	Net Change in Fund Balance	Fund Balance End of Year
Nonspendable	\$ 30,800	\$ (18,670)	\$ 12,130
Restricted for Student Activities	46,015	(480)	45,535
Restricted for Scholarships	44,482	(44,482)	-
Restricted for library aid	-	39,686	39,686
Restricted for Long Term Facilities Maintenance	193,453	(183,664)	9,789
Restricted for student support personnel	-	40,000	40,000
Unassigned	757,952	8,007	765,959
	<u>\$ 1,072,702</u>	<u>\$ (159,603)</u>	<u>\$ 913,099</u>

Independent School District No. 771
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2024

	Food Service	Community Service	Totals
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,258	\$ 93,075	\$ 94,333
Receivables			
Current property taxes	-	10,095	10,095
Delinquent property taxes	-	84	84
Due from other governmental units	-	3,326	3,326
Inventories	2,403	-	2,403
	<u>3,661</u>	<u>106,580</u>	<u>110,241</u>
Total assets	\$ 3,661	\$ 106,580	\$ 110,241
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 124	\$ 916	\$ 1,040
Salaries payable	1,470	21,026	22,496
	<u>1,594</u>	<u>21,942</u>	<u>23,536</u>
Total liabilities	1,594	21,942	23,536
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	-	84	84
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	-	23,888	23,888
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,972</u>	<u>23,972</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	23,972	23,972
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable	2,403	-	2,403
Restricted	-	228,155	228,155
Unassigned	(336)	(167,489)	(167,825)
	<u>2,067</u>	<u>60,666</u>	<u>62,733</u>
Total fund balance	2,067	60,666	62,733
	<u>\$ 3,661</u>	<u>\$ 106,580</u>	<u>\$ 110,241</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 3,661	\$ 106,580	\$ 110,241

Independent School District No. 771
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Community Service</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Revenues			
Local property tax levies	\$ -	\$ 22,667	\$ 22,667
Other local and county sources	242	55,789	56,031
State sources	63,367	43,321	106,688
Federal sources	83,142	-	83,142
Sales and other conversion of assets	13,739	-	13,739
Total revenues	<u>160,490</u>	<u>121,777</u>	<u>282,267</u>
Expenditures			
Current			
Community education and service	-	142,129	142,129
Pupil support services	167,595	-	167,595
Total expenditures	<u>167,595</u>	<u>142,129</u>	<u>309,724</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,105)	(20,352)	(27,457)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>9,172</u>	<u>81,018</u>	<u>90,190</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 2,067</u>	<u>\$ 60,666</u>	<u>\$ 62,733</u>



Other Supplementary Information
June 30, 2024

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Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Compliance Table
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS		Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS
01 GENERAL FUND				06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			
Total Revenue	\$3,018,278	<u>\$3,018,279</u>	(\$1)	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,229,280	<u>\$3,229,281</u>	(\$1)	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.00 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$12,130	<u>\$12,129</u>	\$1	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>				<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.01 Student Activities	\$45,535	<u>\$45,535</u>	\$0	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.13 Funded by COP/FP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.03 Staff Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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>	<u>\$0</u>
4.12 Literacy Incentive Aid	\$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>	<u>\$0</u>
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0				
4.17 Taconite Building Maint	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	07 DEBT SERVICE			
4.20 American Indian Education Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.28 Learning & Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.35 Contracted Alt. Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.33 Maximum Effort Loan Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.36 State Approved Alt. Program	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.39 English Learner	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.43 School Library Aid	\$39,688	<u>\$39,686</u>	\$2	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0				
4.49 Safe Schools Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	08 TRUST			
4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.53 Unfunded Sev & Retirement Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.56 Basic Skills Extended Time	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.67 LTFM	\$9,789	<u>\$9,789</u>	\$0	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.71 Student Support Personnel Aid	\$40,000	<u>\$40,000</u>	\$0	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0				
<i>Restricted:</i>				18 CUSTODIAL			
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.75 Title VII Impact Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.78 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
<i>Committed:</i>				4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.18 Committed for Separation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.61 Committed Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Assigned:</i>							
4.62 Assigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	\$0	20 INTERNAL SERVICE			
<i>Unassigned:</i>				Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$765,959	<u>\$765,960</u>	(\$1)	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
				4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
02 FOOD SERVICES							
Total Revenue	\$160,490	<u>\$160,469</u>	\$21	25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST			
Total Expenditures	\$167,565	<u>\$167,594</u>	\$29	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Independent School District No. 771
Chokio-Alberta Public Schools
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Compliance Table
Year Ended June 30, 2024

4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>	\$2,403	<u>\$2,403</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST			
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	(\$336)	<u>(\$336)</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>
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE							
Total Revenue	\$121,777	<u>\$121,777</u>	<u>\$0</u>	47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE			
Total Expenditures <i>Non Spendable:</i>	\$142,129	<u>\$142,130</u>	<u>(\$1)</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.31 Community Education	(\$167,489)	<u>(\$167,489)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.32 E.C.F.E	\$86,321	<u>\$86,321</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.44 School Readiness	\$139,777	<u>\$139,777</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$2,057	<u>\$2,057</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				



Additional Reports
June 30, 2024

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



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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), 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, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 21, 2024.

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 2024-001, 2024-002, and 2024-003 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
October 21, 2024



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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), 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, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 21, 2024.

In connection with our audit, we noted that the District failed to comply with provisions of the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards (UFARS) section 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 2024-004, 2024-005, 2024-006, and 2024-007. The District also failed to comply with the provision of contracting – bid laws section of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as described in the Schedule of Audit Findings as item 2024-008. 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 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
October 21, 2024

Section I - Financial Statement Findings

**2024-001 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.

**2024-002 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.

**2024-003 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

**2024-004 Inactive Student Activity Accounts
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards**

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 various accounts that had no activity during the fiscal year 2024 and 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.

2024-005 Negative Student Activity Account Balances
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards

Criteria - A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for compliance with the Manual for Activity Fund Accounting (MAFA) guidelines. Per the MAFA, no individual student activity account can have a negative balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we noted a student activity fund that had a negative balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to ensure that the individual student activity accounts do not have a negative fund balance.

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

Recommendation - Student activity fund balances should be reviewed periodically to ensure that they do not incur a negative balance.

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

2024-006 Inadequate Approval of Student Activity Fund Disbursements
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards

Criteria - A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for compliance with the Manual for Activity Fund Accounting (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 their designee).

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we noted several instances in which there was no signed requisition form for the student activity fund disbursement or missing approvals from the required individuals.

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 fund balances should be reviewed to ensure that all required signatures are included on the requisition form.

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

**2024-007 Improper Disposal of Discontinued Activity Account
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards**

Criteria - MAFA guidelines state that student activity funds for a graduated class must be disposed of as indicated on the activity purpose summary form or equivalent.

Condition - During the course of our engagement, we noted that funds relating to the graduated Class of 2022 and 2023 were not disposed of in accordance with the activity purpose summary form.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to properly review student activity funds and ensure that funds relating to graduation classes are properly treated in accordance with the MAFA guidelines.

Effect - The finding could result in student activity funds being misused.

Recommendation - We recommend the District put a procedure in place to properly review student activity balances at year end to ensure that balances relating to graduating classes are properly disposed.

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

**2024-008 Failure to Obtain Quotes When Procuring a Contract
Contracting – Bid Laws**

Criteria - Uniform Municipal Contracting Law provides dollar limit thresholds that must be used by all Minnesota school districts when entering into contracts. Depending on the dollar limit threshold, a contract may need to be entered into using either competitive bids, quotations, or purchase or sale in the open market.

Condition - For contracts from \$25,000 to \$175,000, the District has the option to enter into the contract using either sealed bids, direct negotiation based on two or more quotations, or through best value procurement. For a roof repair contract within this dollar limit range, only one quotation was requested by the District.

Cause - The District does not have an internal control system designed to properly review contract bidding requirements and ensure that the District is receiving the best value when procuring contracts.

Effect - The District may not be receiving the best value when procuring contracts.

Recommendation - We recommend that the District review the contracting – bid laws required for Minnesota school districts and put procedures in place to ensure that they are compliant on future procurement of contracts.

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

