

**Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report** 

### **Highline School District No. 401**

For the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

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### Office of the Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy

June 18, 2020

Board of Directors Highline School District No. 401 Burien, Washington

### Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on Highline School District No. 401's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy

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State Auditor

Olympia, WA

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### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

### Highline School District No. 401 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

### SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

The results of our audit of Highline School District No. 401 are summarized below in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

### **Financial Statements**

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. Separately, we issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared using a basis of accounting other than GAAP.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- Significant Deficiencies: We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We noted no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements of the District.

### Federal Awards

Internal Control over Major Programs:

- *Significant Deficiencies:* We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over major federal programs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the District's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs.

We reported no findings that are required to be disclosed in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

### **Identification of Major Federal Programs**

The following programs were selected as major programs in our audit of compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

CFDA No.	Program or Cluster Title
10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster – National School Lunch Program
10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster – Summer Food Service Program for Children
84.027	Special Education Cluster (IDEA) – Special Education Grants to States
84.173	Special Education Cluster (IDEA) – Special Education Preschool Grants
84.334	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by the Uniform Guidance, was \$750,000.

The District did not qualify as a low-risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance.

### SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.

### SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.



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### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

### Highline School District No. 401 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

This schedule presents the status of federal findings reported in prior audit periods.

Audit Period:	Report Ref.	No.:	Finding Ref. No.	.:	<b>CFDA Number(s):</b>	
2018	1023992		2018-001		84.027/84.173	
Federal Program Na	ame and Gran	ting	Pass-Through A	gency	Name:	
Agency:			Office of Superin	itendei	nt of Public Schools	
Special Education Cl	uster – U.S. De	partment				
of Education						
Finding Caption:						
The District did not l	have adequate i	internal co	ontrols to ensure co	ompli	ance with procurement	
requirements.	-					
Background:						
The audit found that the District paid three contractors a total of \$1,206,090 for staffing of onsite stabilization services, but did not follow established procedures to comply with federal regulations and District policy when procuring these services.						
Status of Corrective Action: (check one)						
⊠ Fully □ P	artially	□ Not C	orrected	] Findi	ing is considered no	
Corrected Cor	rected	□ 110t C	lo	nger v	valid	
<b>Corrective Action T</b>	aken:					
The District took a nu audit.	mber of correct	tive action	s resulting from thi	is find	ing from the 2017-2018	
The District continue	ed to emphasize	e and reir	force many of the	corre	ective actions resulting	
"					led more stringent sole	
-			uage, and increase	ed tra	ining opportunities for	
staff involved in the p	•					
					it finding, the District	
Purchasing team ha	s taken a more	e pronour	icea role in bids	involv	ing Special Education	

services, and our Superintendent procedure for grants was updated with clearer language and guidance for federal procurement compliance. Finally, the Business Services department was reorganized in part to provide other District departments with greater support in their grant and procurement work.

### 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

### Highline School District No. 401 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

Board of Directors Highline School District No. 401 Burien, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Highline School District No. 401, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 9, 2020.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because, as described in Note 1, the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* does not require the District to prepare the government-wide statements presenting the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities as required by GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

As discussed in Note 3 to the 2019 financial statements, in February 2020, a state of emergency was declared that could have a negative financial effect on the District.

### 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) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

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

### 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 the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

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

District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

Pat McCarthy

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**State Auditor** 

Olympia, WA

June 9, 2020

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

### Highline School District No. 401 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

Board of Directors Highline School District No. 401 Burien, Washington

### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

We have audited the compliance of Highline School District No. 401, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2019. The District's major federal programs are identified in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements

referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance.

### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2019.

### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program in order to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### Purpose of this Report

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The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

Pat McCarthy

State Auditor

Olympia, WA

June 9, 2020

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Highline School District No. 401 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

Board of Directors Highline School District No. 401 Burien, Washington

### REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Highline School District No. 401, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 18.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of state law and the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington* (Accounting Manual) described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether

due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant account estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (Accounting Manual)

As described in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of state law using accounting practices prescribed by the Accounting Manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The difference in these accounting practices is also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Highline School District No. 401, as of August 31, 2019, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. GAAP requires presentation of government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities.

As described in Note 1, the Accounting Manual does not require the District to prepare the government-wide financial statements, and consequently such amounts have not been determined or presented. We are therefore required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

### Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Highline School District No. 401, as of September 30, 2019, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP" paragraph.

### **Matters of Emphasis**

As discussed in Note 3 to the 2019 financial statements, in February 2020, a state of emergency was declared that could have a negative financial effect on the District. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Other Matters**

### Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). The Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed Accounting Manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 9, 2020 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 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 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.

Pat McCarthy

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State Auditor

Olympia, WA

June 9, 2020

### FINANCIAL SECTION

### Highline School District No. 401 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

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Highline School District No. 401

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

August 31, 2019

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Tota1
ASSETS:							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	38,627,018.26	909,159.52	19,902,781.89	150,069,765.74	1,311,350.67	00.00	210,820,076.08
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-4,269,226.64	-2,684.36	00.00	-303,327.57	00.00	00.00	-4,575,238.57
Taxes Receivable	15,524,165.77		24,252,876.07	00.00	00.00		39,777,041.84
Due From Other Funds	521.50	74,105.74	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	74,627.24
Due From Other Governmental Units	3,376,220.58	0.00	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.00	3,376,220.58
Accounts Receivable	606,811.92	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	606,811.92
Interfund Loans Receivable	00.00			00.00			00.0
Accrued Interest Receivable	00.0	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0
Inventory	160,332.58	00.00		00.00			160,332.58
Prepaid Items	66,798.79	00.00			00.00	00.00	66,798.79
Investments	00.0	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0
Investments/Cash With Trustee	1,274,682.00		00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	1,274,682.00
Investments-Deferred Compensation	00.0			00.00			00.00
Self-Insurance Security Deposit	00.0						00.00
TOTAL ASSETS	55,367,324.76	980,580.90	44,155,657.96	149,766,438.17	1,311,350.67	00.00	251,581,352.46
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Other	00.0		00.00	00.00	00.0		00.00
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0.00	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	55,367,324.76	980,580.90	44,155,657.96	149,766,438.17	1,311,350.67	00.0	251,581,352.46
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts Payable	4,043,258.42	32,402.26	00.00	5,791,766.86	00.00	00.00	9,867,427.54
Contracts Payable Current	343,609.28	3,802.62		589,826.77	00.00	00.00	937,238.67
Accrued Interest Payable			00.00	00.0			00.00
Accrued Salaries	671,868.59	00.00					671,868.59
Anticipation Notes Payable	00.00		0.00	00.00	00.0		00.0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Highline School District No. 401

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

August 31, 2019

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
LIABILITIES:							
Payroll Deductions and Taxes Payable	3,700,747.38	33.77		1,132.56			3,701,913.71
Due To Other Governmental Units	114,571.88	00.0		00.00	00.00	00.0	114,571.88
Deferred Compensation Payable	00.00			00.00			00.00
Estimated Employee Benefits Payable	2,273,829.53						2,273,829.53
Due To Other Funds	153,605.74	521.50	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	154,127.24
Interfund Loans Payable	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
Deposits	00.00	00.00		0.00			00.00
Unearned Revenue	448,942.55	76,889.49	00.00	00.00	00.00		525,832.04
Matured Bonds Payable			00.00				00.00
Matured Bond Interest Payable			00.00				00.00
Arbitrage Rebate Payable	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.0		00.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,750,433.37	113,649.64	00.00	6,382,726.19	00.0	00.0	18,246,809.20
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Unavailable Revenue	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Unavailable Revenue - Taxes Receivable	15,524,165.77		24,252,876.07	00.00	00.0		39,777,041.84
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	15,524,165.77	00.0	24,252,876.07	00.0	00.00	00.0	39,777,041.84
FUND BALANCE:							
Nonspendable Fund Balance	227,131.37	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.00	227,131.37
Restricted Fund Balance	6,006,249.44	866,931.26	19,902,781.89	138,013,577.10	1,311,350.67	00.00	166,100,890.36
Committed Fund Balance	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Assigned Fund Balance	12,978,000.00	00.00	00.00	5,370,134.88	00.0	00.00	18,348,134.88
Unassigned Fund Balance	8,881,344.81	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	8,881,344.81
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	28,092,725.62	866,931.26	19,902,781.89	143,383,711.98	1,311,350.67	00.0	193,557,501.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE	55,367,324.76	980,580.90	44,155,657.96	149,766,438.17	1,311,350.67	00.0	251,581,352.46

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

## Highline School District No. 401

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

Transportation

Capital

Debt

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Service Fund	Capicai Projects Fund	Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
REVENUES:							
Local	54,224,027.76	861,777.68	45,385,481.92	5,974,299.42	16,122.64	1	106,461,709.42
State	235,796,453.13		00.00	613,334.72	642,396.46	2	237,052,184.31
Federal	21,929,502.09		00.00	00.00	00.0		21,929,502.09
Other	2,656,967.03			00.00	143,702.00	00.00	2,800,669.03
TOTAL REVENUES	314,606,950.01	861,777.68	45,385,481.92	6,587,634.14	802,221.10	0.00 3	368,244,064.85
EXPENDITURES: CURRENT:							
Regular Instruction	154,536,118.72					1	154,536,118.72
Special Education	45,244,420.26						45,244,420.26
Vocational Education	6,716,719.84						6,716,719.84
Skill Center	3,942,267.18						3,942,267.18
Compensatory Programs	34,456,189.49						34,456,189.49
Other Instructional Programs	2,629,547.15						2,629,547.15
Community Services	1,902,486.79						1,902,486.79
Support Services	51,996,193.98						51,996,193.98
Student Activities/Other		771,080.68				00.00	771,080.68
CAPITAL OUTLAY:							
Sites				11,539.02			11,539.02
Building				130,795,893.41		1	130,795,893.41
Equipment				714,234.95			714,234.95
Instructional Technology				00.00			00.00
Energy				00.00			00.00
Transportation Equipment					287,628.58		287,628.58
Sales and Lease				00.00			00.00
Other	319,449.71						319,449.71
DEBT SERVICE:							
Principal	00.00		20,485,000.00	00.00	00.0		20,485,000.00
Interest and Other Charges	00.00		19,994,071.74	00.00	00.0		19,994,071.74
Bond/Levy Issuance				373,281.25	00.0		373,281.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	301,743,393.12	771,080.68	40,479,071.74	131,894,948.63	287,628.58	0.00	0.00 475,176,122.75
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	12,863,556.89	90,697.00	4,906,410.18	- V C TOC ACT	514,592.52	0.00	1 00 000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			1			4	000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Highline School District No. 401

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund	Permanent Fund	Total
Bond Sales & Refunding Bond Sales	100.00		4,952.75	64,784,381.25	00.0		64,789,434.00
Long-Term Financing	00.00			00.00	00.00		00.00
Transfers In	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
Transfers Out (GL 536)	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Other Financing Uses (GL 535)	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.0		00.00
Other	00.00		00.00	00.00	00.00		00.00
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	100.00		4,952.75	64,784,381.25	00.0	00.0	64,789,434.00
EXCESS OF REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	12,863,656.89	90,697.00	4,911,362.93	4,911,362.93 -60,522,933.24	514,592.52	00.0	0.00 -42,142,623.90
BEGINNING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	15,229,068.73	776,234.26	776,234.26 14,991,418.96 203,906,645.22	203,906,645.22	796,758.15	0.00	0.00 235,700,125.32
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	00.00	00.00	0.00	00.0	0.00	00.00	00.00
ENDING TOTAL FUND BALANCE	28,092,725.62	866,931.26	866,931.26 19,902,781.89 143,383,711.98	143,383,711.98	1,311,350.67	0.00	0.00 193,557,501.42

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Statement Of Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Funds

August 31, 2019

ASSETS:	Private Purpose Trust	Other Trust
Imprest Cash	0.00	00.00
Cash On Hand	00.00	00.00
Cash On Deposit with Cty Treas	357,197.62	00.00
Minus Warrants Outstanding	-3,000.00	00.00
Due From Other Funds	79,500.00	00.00
Accounts Receivable	00.00	00.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	00.00	00.00
Investments	00.00	00.00
Investments/Cash With Trustee	00.00	00.00
Other Assets	00.00	
Capital Assets, Land	00.00	
Capital Assets, Buildings	00.00	
Capital Assets, Equipment	00.00	00.00
Accum Depreciation, Buildings	00.00	
Accum Depreciation, Equipment	00.00	00.00
TOTAL ASSETS	433,697.62	00.00
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	26,005.15	00.00
Due To Other Funds	00.00	00.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,005.15	00.00
NET POSITION:		
Held in trust for:		
Held In Trust For Intact Trust Principal	100,251.39	00.00
Held In Trust For Private Purposes	307,441.08	
Held In Trust For Pension Or Other Post-Employment Benefits		00.0
Held In Trust For Other Purposes	00.0	00.00

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00.0

407,692.47

TOTAL NET POSITION

Highline School District No. 401

## Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

ADDITIONS: Contributions:	Private Purpose Trust	Other Trust
Private Donations	207,654.88	00.00
Employer		00.00
Members		00.00
Other	00.00	00.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	207,654.88	00.0
Investment Income:		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value	00.00	00.00
Interest and Dividends	9,673.48	00.00
Less Investment Expenses	00.00	00.00
Net Investment Income	9,673.48	00.00
Other Additions:		
Rent or Lease Revenue	00.0	00.00
Total Other Additions	00.00	00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONS	217,328.36	00.00
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits		00.00
Refund of Contributions	00.00	00.00
Administrative Expenses	00.00	00.00
Scholarships	251,326.20	
Other	17,684.03	00.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	269,010.23	00.0
Net Increase (Decrease)	-51,681.87	00.00
Net PositionPrior Year August Beginning	459,374.34	00.00
Prior Year F-196 Manual Revision	00.0	00.00
Net Position - Total	459,374.34	00.0
Prior Year(s) Corrections or Restatements	00.0	00.00
NET POSITIONENDING	407,692.47	00.0

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### Highline School District Notes to the Financial Statements September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Highline School District (District) is a municipal corporation organized pursuant to Title 28A of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the purposes of providing public school services to students in grades PreK–12. Oversight responsibility for the District's operations is vested with the independently elected board of directors. Management of the District is appointed by and is accountable to the board of directors. Fiscal responsibility, including budget authority and the power to set fees, levy property taxes, and issue debt consistent with provisions of state statutes, also rests with the board of directors.

The District presents governmental fund financial statements and related notes on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the *Accounting Manual for Public School Districts in the State of Washington*, issued jointly by the State Auditor's Office and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the authority of RCW 43.09.200, RCW 28A.505.140, RCW 28A.505.010(1), and RCW 28A.505.020. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- (1) Districtwide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- (2) A Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities is presented as supplementary information.
- (3) Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.

### **Fund Accounting**

Financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures (or expenses) as appropriate. All funds are considered major funds. The various funds in the report are grouped into governmental (and fiduciary) funds as follows:

### Governmental Funds

### General Fund

This fund is used to account for all expendable financial resources, except for those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. In keeping with the principle of having as few funds as are necessary, activities such as food services, maintenance, data processing, printing, and student transportation are included in the General Fund.

### Capital Projects Funds

These funds account for financial resources that are to be used for the construction or acquisition of major capital assets. There are two funds that are considered to be of the capital projects fund type: the Capital Projects Fund and the Transportation Vehicle Fund.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>. This fund is used to account for resources set aside for the acquisition and construction of major capital assets such as land and buildings.

<u>Transportation Vehicle Fund</u>. This fund is used to account for the purchase, major repair, rebuilding, and debt service expenditures that relate to pupil transportation equipment.

### Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of matured general long-term debt principal and interest.

### Special Revenue Fund

In Washington State, the only allowable special revenue fund for school districts is the Associated Student Body (ASB) Fund. This fund is accounted for in the District's financial statements as the financial resources legally belong to the District. As a special revenue fund, amounts within the ASB Fund may only be used for those purposes that relate to the operation of the Associated Student Body of the District.

### Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include pension and other employee benefit trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds, and are used to account for assets that are held in trust by the District in a trustee and agency capacity.

### Private-Purpose Trust Fund

This fund is used to account for resources that are legally held in trust by the District. The trust agreement details whether principal and interest may both be spent, or whether only interest may be spent. Money from a Private-Purpose Trust Fund may not be used to support the District's programs, and may be used to benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

### Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and fund financial statement presentation

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are measurable and available. Revenues are considered "measurable" if the amount of the transaction can be readily determined. Revenues are considered "available" when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Categorical program claims and interdistrict billings are measurable and available and are accrued. Property taxes not collected by the fiscal year end are measurable and recorded as a receivable, however the receivable is not considered available of revenue accrual, but is recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt which are recorded when due. Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. For federal grants, the recognition of expenditures is dependent on the obligation date.

(Obligation means a purchase order has been issued, contracts have been awarded, or goods and/or services have been received.)

### **Budgets**

Chapter 28A.505 RCW and Chapter 392-123 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) mandate school district budget policies and procedures. The board adopts annual appropriated budgets for all governmental funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period.

Budgets are adopted on the same modified accrual basis as used for financial reporting. Fund balance is budgeted as available resources and, under statute, may not be negative, unless the District enters into binding conditions with state oversight pursuant to RCW 28A.505.110.

The government's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

The District receives state funding for specific categorical education-related programs. Amounts that are received for these programs that are not used in the current fiscal year may be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year, where they may be used only for the same purpose as they were originally received. When the District has such carryover, those funds are expended before any amounts received in the current year are expended.

Additionally, the District has other restrictions placed on its financial resources. When expenditures are recorded for purposes for which a restriction or commitment of fund balance is available, those funds that are restricted or committed to that purpose are considered first before any unrestricted or unassigned amounts are expended.

### The government's fund balance classifications policies and procedures.

The District classifies ending fund balance for its governmental funds into five categories.

Nonspendable Fund Balance. The amounts reported as Nonspendable are resources of the District that are not in spendable format. They are either non-liquid resources such as inventory or prepaid items, or the resources are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

<u>Restricted Fund Balance</u>. Amounts that are reported as Restricted are those resources of the District that have had a legal restriction placed on their use either from statute, WAC, or other legal requirements that are beyond the control of the board of directors. Restricted fund balance includes anticipated recovery of revenues that have been received but are restricted as to their usage.

<u>Committed Fund Balance</u>. Amounts that are reported as Committed are those resources of the District that have had a limitation placed upon their usage by formal action of the District's board of directors. Commitments are made either through a formal adopted board resolution or are related to a school board policy. Commitments may only be changed when the resources are used for the intended purpose or the limitation is removed by a subsequent formal action of the board of directors.

<u>Assigned Fund Balance</u>. In the General Fund, amounts that are reported as Assigned are those resources that the District has set aside for specific purposes. These accounts reflect tentative management plans for future financial resource use such as the replacement of equipment or the assignment of resources for contingencies. Assignments reduce the amount reported as Unassigned Fund Balance, but may not reduce that balance below zero.

In other governmental funds, Assigned fund balance represents a positive ending spendable fund balance once all restrictions and commitments are considered. These resources are only available for expenditure in that fund and may not be used in any other fund without formal action by the District's board of directors and as allowed by statute.

The Superintendent or designee are the only persons who have the authority to create Assignments of fund balance.

<u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u>. In the General Fund, amounts that are reported as Unassigned are those net spendable resources of the District that are not otherwise Restricted, Committed, or Assigned, and may be used for any purpose within the General Fund.

In other governmental funds, Unassigned fund balance represents a deficit ending spendable fund balance once all restrictions and commitments are considered.

A negative Unassigned fund balance means that the legal restrictions and formal commitments of the District exceed its currently available resources.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All of the District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

### Inventory

Inventory is valued at cost using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The consumption method of inventory is used, which charges inventory as an expenditure when it is consumed. A portion of fund balance, representing inventory, is considered Nonspendable. Such reserves for inventory indicate that a portion of net current assets is set aside to replace or increase the inventory. USDA commodity inventory consists of food donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is valued at the prices paid by the USDA for the commodities.

### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Changes**

The district has implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 88 and presented information in the notes related to debt, direct borrowings, and direct placements.

### **NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The King County Treasurer is the *ex officio* treasurer for the District and holds all accounts of the District. The District directs the County Treasurer to invest those financial resources of the

District that the District has determined are not needed to meet the current financial obligations of the District

The district's deposits and certificates of deposit are entirely covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple financial institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC).

All of the District's investments during the year and at year-end were insured or registered and held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Washington State statutes authorize the district to invest in the following types of securities:

- Certificates, notes, or bonds of the United States, its agencies, or any corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States,
- Obligations of government-sponsored corporations which are eligible as collateral for advances to member banks as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,
- Bankers' acceptances purchased on the secondary market,
- Repurchase agreements for securities listed in the three items above, provided that the transaction is structured so that the public treasurer obtains control over the underlying securities,
- Investment deposits with qualified public depositories,
- Washington State Local Government Investment Pool, and
- County Treasurer Investment Pools.

The District's investments as of August 31, 2019, are as follows:

	Fair Value	Effective Duration
King County Investment Pool	\$ 213,020,747.14	0.96 Years

The district's participation in the King County Investment Pool is voluntary and the pool does not have a credit rating. The fair value of the district's investment in the pool is measured using a net asset value (NAV) as determined by the pool. The pool maintains a (duration/weighted average maturity) of 1 year.

**Impaired Investments.** As of August 31, 2019, all impaired commercial paper investments have completed enforcement events. The King County impaired investment pool (Impaired Pool) held one commercial paper asset where the Impaired Pool accepted an exchange offer and is receiving the cash flows from the investment's underlying securities. The Impaired Pool also held the residual investments in two commercial paper assets that were part of completed enforcement events, where the Impaired Pool accepted the cash-out option. The District's share of the impaired investment pool principal is \$168,396.83 and the District's fair value of these investments is \$113,318.98.

**Credit Risk.** As of August 31, 2019, the district's investment in the Pool was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). In compliance with state statutes, Pool policies authorize investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency securities and mortgage-backed securities, corporate note (rated at least "A"), municipal securities (rated at least "A" by two NRSROs), commercial paper (rated at least the equivalent of "A-1" by two NRSROs), certificates of deposits issued by qualified public depositaries, repurchase

agreements, and the Local Government Investment Pool managed by the Washington State Treasurer's office.

**Interest Rate Risk.** As of August 31, 2019, the Pool's average duration was 0.96 years. As a means of limiting its exposure to rising interest rates, securities purchased in the Pool must have a final maturity, or weighted average life, no longer than five years. While the Pool's market value is calculated on a monthly basis, unrealized gains and losses are not distributed to participants. The Pool distributes earnings monthly using an amortized cost methodology.

### **NOTE 3: SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### **Bond Refunding**

On December 3, 2019 Highline School District is partially refunding the last portion of 2009 bonds of \$26,205,000, with a premium of \$1,067,245.35. The total savings of this bond refunding are estimated to be \$1,210,100.54.

### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

In February 2020, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of a deadly new virus. In the weeks following the declaration, precautionary measures to slow the spread of the virus were ordered. These measures include closing schools, canceling public events, limiting gathering sizes, and requiring people to stay home unless they are leaving for an essential function. On April 6, 2020, the Governor closed all public and private K–12 school buildings throughout the remainder of the 2019–20 school year. The school district, however, continues to operate; educating students using continuous learning models.

Throughout the closure, school districts have been asked to provide food services for all children ages 1-18, and child care for children of health care workers and first responders. With distance learning, the District may incur additional technology costs, such as hot spots and hardware and software, to facilitate that learning. Additionally, lost revenue will be significant. It is difficult to estimate at the time of this note, but the costs of the District's response to the described scenarios will be in the millions of dollars for the 2019-20 school year alone.

### **NOTE 4: PENSION PLANS**

### **General Information**

The Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), a department within the primary government of the state of Washington, prepares a stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each pension plan. The pension plan's basic financial statement is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. The measurement date of the pension plans is June 30. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The school district is reporting the net pension liability in the notes and on the Schedule of Longterm Liabilities calculated as the district's proportionate allocation percentage multiplied by the total plan collective net pension liability.

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued DRS CAFR. Copies of the report may be obtained by contacting the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380; or online at http://www.drs.wa.gov./administrations/annual-report.

### **Membership Participation**

Substantially all school district full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in one of the following three contributory, multi-employer, cost-sharing statewide retirement systems managed by DRS: Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and School Employees' Retirement System (SERS).

Membership participation by retirement plan as of June 30, 2019, was as follows:

Plan	Retirees and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits	Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	Active Plan Members
PERS 1	45,792	401	1,535
SERS 2	10,072	6,175	28,494
SERS 3	10,007	8,983	35,746
TRS 1	32,645	120	349
TRS 2	5,874	2,779	21,788
TRS 3	13,745	8,675	55,733

### Membership & Plan Benefits

Certificated employees are members of TRS. Classified employees are members of PERS (if Plan 1) or SERS. Plan 1 under the TRS and PERS programs are defined benefit pension plans whose members joined the system on or before September 30, 1977. TRS 1 and PERS 1 are closed to new entrants.

TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system comprised of three separate plans for membership purposes: Plans 1 and 2 are defined benefit plans and Plan 3 is a defined benefit plan with a defined contribution component. TRS eligibility for membership requires service as a certificated public school employee working in an instructional, administrative or supervisory capacity.

TRS is comprised of three separate plans for accounting purposes: Plan 1, Plan 2/3, and Plan 3. Plan 1 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 1 members. Plan 2/3 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 2 members and the defined benefit portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Plan

3 accounts for the defined contribution portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Although members can only be a member of either Plan 2 or Plan 3, the defined benefit portions of Plan 2 and Plan 3 are accounted for in the same pension trust fund. All assets of this Plan 2/3 defined benefit plan may legally be used to pay the defined benefits of any of the Plan 2 or Plan 3 members or beneficiaries, as defined by the terms of the plan. Therefore, Plan 2/3 is considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes.

TRS Plan 1 provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. TRS 1 members were vested after the completion of five years of eligible service. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the average final compensation (AFC), for each year of service credit, up to a maximum of 60 percent, divided by twelve. The AFC is the total earnable compensation for the two consecutive highest-paid fiscal years, divided by two. Members are eligible for retirement at any age after 30 years of service, or at the age of 60 with five years of service, or at the age of 55 with 25 years of service. Other benefits include temporary and permanent disability payments, an optional cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

TRS Plan 2/3 provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the average final compensation (AFC) per year of service for Plan 2 members and one percent of AFC for Plan 3 members. The AFC is the monthly average of the 60 consecutive highest-paid service credit months. There is no cap on years of service credit. Members are eligible for normal retirement at the age of 65 with at least five years of service credit. Retirement before age 65 is considered an early retirement. TRS Plan 2/3 members, who have at least 20 years of service credit and are 55 years of age or older, are eligible for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

The benefit is reduced by a factor that varies according to age, for each year before age 65. TRS Plan 2/3 members who have 30 or more years of service credit, were hired prior to May 1, 2013, and are at least 55 years old, can retire under one of two provisions: With a benefit that is reduced by three percent for each year before age 65; or with a benefit that has a smaller (or no) reduction (depending on age) that imposes stricter return-to-work rules.

TRS Plan 2/3 members hired on or after May 1, 2013 have the option to retire early by accepting a reduction of five percent for each year of retirement before age 65. This option is available only to those who are age 55 or older and have at least 30 years of service. TRS Plan 2/3 retirement benefits are also actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit.

Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, a cost-of-living allowance (based on the Consumer Price Index), capped at three percent annually and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

PERS Plan 1 provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. PERS 1 members were vested after the completion of five years of eligible service. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the member's average final compensation (AFC) times the member's years of service. The AFC is the average of the member's 24 highest consecutive service months. Members are eligible for retirement from active status at any age with at least 30 years of service, at age 55 with at least 25 years of service, or at age 60 with at least five years of service.

Members retiring from inactive status prior to the age of 65 may receive actuarially reduced benefits. PERS Plan 1 retirement benefits are actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, an optional cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

SERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system comprised of two separate plans for membership purposes. SERS Plan 2 is a defined benefit plan and SERS Plan 3 is a defined benefit plan with a defined contribution component. SERS members include classified employees of school districts and educational service districts.

SERS is reported as two separate plans for accounting purposes: Plan 2/3 and Plan 3. Plan 2/3 accounts for the defined benefits of Plan 2 members and the defined benefit portion of benefits for Plan 3 members. Plan 3 accounts for the defined contribution portion of benefits for Plan 3 members.

Although members can only be a member of either Plan 2 or Plan 3, the defined benefit portions of Plan 2 and Plan 3 are accounted for in the same pension trust fund. All assets of this Plan 2/3 defined benefit plan may legally be used to pay the defined benefits of any of the Plan 2 or Plan 3 members or beneficiaries. Therefore, Plan 2/3 is considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes.

SERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as two percent of the member's average final compensation (AFC) times the member's years of service for Plan 2 and one percent of AFC for Plan 3. The AFC is the monthly average of the member's 60 highest-paid consecutive service months before retirement, termination, or death. There is no cap on years of service credit. Members are eligible for retirement with a full benefit at 65 with at least five years of service credit. Retirement before age 65 is considered an early retirement. SERS members, who have at least 20 years of service credit and are 55 years of age or older, are eligible for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

The benefit is reduced by a factor that varies according to age, for each year before age 65. SERS members who have 30 or more years of service credit and are at least 55 years old can retire under one of two provisions, if hired prior to May 2, 2013: With a benefit that is reduced by three percent for each year before age 65; or with a benefit that has a smaller (or no) reduction (depending on age) that imposes stricter return-to-work rules.

SERS members hired on or after May 1, 2013, have the option to retire early by accepting a reduction of five percent for each year of retirement before age 65. This option is available only to those who are age 55 or older and have at least 30 years of service. SERS retirement benefits are also actuarially reduced to reflect the choice of a survivor benefit. Other benefits include duty and non-duty disability payments, a cost-of-living allowance (based on the Consumer Price Index), capped at three percent annually and a one-time duty-related death benefit, if found eligible by the Department of Labor and Industries.

### **Plan Contributions**

The employer contribution rates for PERS, TRS, and SERS (Plans 1, 2, and 3) and the TRS and SERS Plan 2 employee contribution rates are established by the Pension Funding Council based upon the rates set by the Legislature. The methods used to determine the contribution requirements are established under chapters 41.34 and 41.40 RCW for PERS, 41.34 and 41.35

RCW for SERS, and 41.32 and 41.34 RCW for TRS. Employers do not contribute to the defined contribution portions of TRS Plan 3 or SERS Plan 3. Under current law the employer must contribute 100 percent of the employer-required contribution. The employee contribution rate for Plan 1 in PERS and TRS is set by statute at six percent and does not vary from year to year.

The employer and employee contribution rates for the various plans are effective as of the dates shown in the table. The pension plan contribution rates (expressed as a percentage of covered payroll) for 2018 and 2019 are listed below:

Pens	ion Rates		
	7/1/19 Rate	9/1/18 Rate	
PERS 1			
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	6.00%	
Employer Contribution Rate	12.86%	12.83%	
Pens	ion Rates		
	9/1/19 Rate	9/1/18 Rate	
TRS 1			
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	6.00%	
Employer Contribution Rate	15.51%	15.41%	
TRS 2			
Member Contribution Rate	7.77%	7.06%	
Employer Contribution Rate	15.51%	15.41%	
TRS 3			
Member Contribution Rate	varies*	varies*	
Employer Contribution Rate	15.51%	15.41%	**
SERS 2			
Member Contribution Rate	8.25%	7.27%	
Employer Contribution Rate	13.19%	13.58%	
SERS 3			
Member Contribution Rate	varies*	varies*	
Employer Contribution Rate	13.19%	13.58%	**
Note: The DRS administrative rate of .0018 is in	ncluded in the employer	rate.	
* = Variable from 5% to 15% based on rate sele	cted by the member.		
** = Defined benefit portion only.			

### The Collective Net Pension Liability

The collective net pension liabilities for the pension plans districts participated in are reported in the following table:

The Net Pension Liability as of June 30, 2019:				
Dollars in Thousands	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3

Total Pension Liability	\$ 11,696,634	\$ 6,352,843	\$ 8,355,496	\$ 16,545,194
Plan fiduciary net position	(\$7,851,279)	(\$6,118,345)	(\$5,879,693)	(\$15,942,660)
Participating employers' net pension liability	\$ 3,845,355	\$ 234,498	\$ 2,475,803	\$ 602,534
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.12%	96.31%	70.37%	96.36%

### The School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (NPL)

At June 30, 2019, the school district reported a total liability of \$68,724,250 for its proportionate shares of the individual plans' collective net pension liability. Proportion of net pension liability is based on annual contributions for each of the employers participating in the DRS administered plans. At June 30, 2019, the district's proportionate share of each plan's net pension liability is reported below:

June 30, 2019	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
District's Annual Contributions	\$2,173,548	\$3,424,781	\$8,554,338	\$9,030,693
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$11,656,323	\$4,012,190	\$42,645,459	\$10,410,278

At June 30, 2019, the school district's percentage of the proportionate share of the collective net pension liability was as follows and the change in the allocation percentage from the prior period is illustrated below.

Allocation percentages	PERS 1	SERS 2/3	TRS 1	TRS 2/3
Current year proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.303127%	1.710970%	1.722490%	1.727750%
Prior year proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.343878%	2.036325%	2.018841%	2.027131%
Net difference percentage	-0.040750%	-0.325356%	-0.296352%	-0.299381%

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Capital Market Assumptions (CMAs) and expected rates of return by asset class provided by the Washington State Investment Board. The Office of the State Actuary relied on the CMAs in the selection of the long-term expected rate of return for reporting purposes.

The total pension liabilities for TRS 1, TRS 2/3, PERS 1, and SERS 2/3 were determined by actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, with the results rolled forward to June 30, 2019, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75% total economic inflation, 3.50% salary inflation
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Salary increases	In addition to the base 3.50% salary inflation assumption, salaries are also expected to grow by promotions and longevity.
Investment rate of return	7.40%

### **Mortality Rates**

Mortality rates used in the plans were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Table and Combined Disabled Table published by the Society of Actuaries. The Office of the State Actuary applied offsets to the base table and recognized future improvements in mortality by projecting the mortality rates using 100 percent Scale BB. Mortality rates are applied on a generational basis, meaning members are assumed to receive additional mortality improvements in each future year throughout their lifetime. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017, valuation were based on the results of the 2007–2012 Experience Study Report. Additional assumptions for subsequent events and law changes are current as of the 2018 actuarial valuation report.

### Long-term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which a best-estimate of expected future rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, but including inflation) are developed for each major asset class by the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB). Those expected returns make up one component of WSIB's CMAs. The CMAs contain three pieces of information for each class of assets the WSIB currently invest in:

- Expected annual return
- Standard deviation of the annual return
- Correlations between the annual returns of each asset class with every other asset class

WSIB uses the CMAs and their target asset allocation to simulate future investment returns over various time horizons.

The long-term expected rate of return of 7.40 percent approximately equals the median of the simulated investment returns over a fifty-year time horizon, increased slightly to remove WSIB's implicit and small short-term downward adjustment due to assumed mean reversion. WSIB's implicit short-term adjustment, while small and appropriate over a ten to fifteen-year period, becomes amplified over a fifty-year measurement period.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019, are summarized in the following table:

TRS 1, TRS 2/3, PERS 1, and SERS 2/3			
	Target	Long-term Expected Real	
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return	
Fixed Income	20.00%	2.20%	
Tangible Assets	7.00%	5.10%	
Real Estate	18.00%	5.80%	
Global Equity	32.00%	6.30%	
Private Equity	23.00%	9.30%	

The inflation component used to create the above table is 2.20 percent, and represents WSIB's most recent long-term estimate of broad economic inflation.

### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.40 percent. To determine the discount rate, an asset sufficiency test was completed to test whether the pension plan's fiduciary net position was sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Consistent with current law, the completed asset sufficiency test included an assumed 7.50 percent long-term discount rate to determine funding liabilities for calculating future contributions rate requirements. Consistent with the long-term expected rate of return, a 7.40 percent future investment rate of return on invested assets was assumed for the test.

Contributions from plan members and employers are assumed to continue to be made at contractually required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.40 percent on pension plan investments was applied to determine the total pension liability.

### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the Highline School District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability (NPL) calculated using the discount rate of 7.40 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.40 percent) or one percentage-point higher (8.40 percent) than the current rate. Amounts are calculated using the school district's specific allocation percentage, by plan, to determine the proportionate share of the collective net pension liability.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.40%)	1% Increase (8.40%)
PERS 1 NPL	\$ 4,815,609,000	\$ 3,845,355,000	\$ 3,003,532,000
Allocation Percentage	0.303127%	0.303127%	0.303127%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$14,597,428	\$11,656,323	\$9,104,527
SERS 2/3 NPL	\$ 1,141,883,000	\$234,498,000	(\$513,722,000)
Allocation Percentage	1.710970%	1.710970%	1.710970%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$19,537,272	\$4,012,190	(\$8,789,628)
TRS 1 NPL	\$ 3,283,747,000	\$ 2,475,803,000	\$ 1,878,531,000
Allocation Percentage	1.722490%	1.722490%	1.722490%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$54,505,749	\$42,645,459	\$32,357,508
TRS 2/3 NPL	\$ 3,283,747,000	\$ 602,534,000	(\$1,577,475,000)
Allocation Percentage	1.727750%	1.727750%	1.727750%
Proportionate Share of Collective NPL	\$56,734,293	\$10,410,278	(\$27,254,817)

### NOTE 5: ANNUAL OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT COST AND NET OPEB OBLIGATIONS

The state, through the Health Care Authority (HCA), administers a defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan that is not administered through a qualifying trust. The Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), created within the HCA, is authorized to design benefits and determine the terms and conditions of employee and retired employee participation and coverage, including establishment of eligibility criteria for both active and retired employees. Benefits purchased by PEBB include medical, dental, life insurance and long-term disability insurance.

The relationship between the PEBB OPEB plan and its member employers and their employees and retirees is not formalized in a contract or plan document. Rather, the benefits are provided

in accordance with a substantive plan. A substantive plan is one, which the employers and plan members understand the plan terms. This understanding is based on communications between the HCA, employers and plan members, and historical pattern of practice with regard to sharing of benefit costs.

Employers participating in the plan include the state of Washington (which includes general government agencies and higher education institutions), 74 of the state's K–12 school districts and educational service districts (ESDs), and 249 political subdivisions and tribal governments. Additionally, the PEBB plan is available to the retirees of the remaining 227 K–12 school districts and ESDs. The District's retirees (approximately 785) are eligible to participate in the PEBB plan under this arrangement.

### **Eligibility**

District members are eligible for retiree medical benefits after becoming eligible for service retirement pension benefits (either reduced or full pension benefits) under Plan 2 or 3 of TRS or SERS.

- Age of 65 with 5 years of service
- Age of 55 with 20 years of service

Former members who are entitled to a deferred vested pension benefit are not eligible to receive medical and life insurance benefits after pension benefit commencement. Survivors of covered members who die are eligible for medical benefits.

### **Medical Benefits**

Upon retirement, members are permitted to receive medical benefits. Retirees pay the following monthly rates for pre-65 medical coverage for 2018.

### Members not eligible for Medicare (or enrolled in Part A only)

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		<b>Employee</b>	
Descriptions	<u>Employee</u>	& Spouse	Full Family
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$710.65	\$1,415.33	\$1,945.84
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$604.16	\$1,196.38	\$1,596.81
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$733.39	\$1,460.80	\$2,006.37
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$600.44	\$1,189.46	\$1,587.47
Kaiser Permanente WA Sound Choice	\$603.21	\$1,200.44	\$1,648.37
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$656.25	\$1,306.54	\$1,974.25
UMP Classic	\$674.85	\$1,343.72	\$1,845.38
UMP CDHP	\$600.54	\$1,189.65	\$1,587.74
UMP Plus-Puget Sound High Value Network	\$618.07	\$1,230.18	\$1,689.25
UMP Plus-UW Medicine Accountable Care Network	\$618.07	\$1,230.18	\$1,689.25

Retirees enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B receive an explicit subsidy in the form of reduced premiums on Medicare supplemental plans. Retirees pay the following monthly rates.

Type of Coverage

#### Members enrolled in Part A and B of Medicare

### Type of Coverage Employee

Descriptions	<u>Employee</u>	& Spouse <sup>1</sup>	Full Family <sup>1</sup>
Kaiser Permanente NW Senior Advantage	\$169.80	\$333.63	\$862.14
Kaiser Permanente WA Medicare Plan	\$167.91	\$329.85	N/A
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	N/A	N/A	\$875.41
Kaiser Permanente WA Sound Choice	N/A	N/A	\$777.78
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	N/A	N/A	\$817.56
UMP Classic	\$313.09	\$620.20	\$1,121.86

Note 1-Employee, Spouse and Full Family with two Medicare eligible subscribers.

According to state law, the Washington State Treasurer collects a fee from all school district entities which have employees that are not current active members of the state Health Care Authority but participate in the state retirement system. The purpose of this fee is to cover the impact of the subsidized rate of health care benefits for school retirees that elect to purchase their health care benefits through the state Health Care Authority. For the fiscal year 2018-19, the District was required to pay the HCA \$71.08 per month per full-time equivalent employee to support the program, for a total payment of \$1,665,279.74. This assessment to the District is set forth in the state's operating budget and is subject to change on an annual basis. This amount is not actuarially determined and is not placed in a trust to pay the obligations for postemployment health care benefits.

The District has no control over the benefits offered to retirees, the rates charged to retirees, nor the fee paid to the Health Care Authority. The District does not determine its annual required contribution nor the net other post-employment benefit obligation associated with this plan. Accordingly, these amounts are not shown on the financial statements.

For further information on the results of the actuarial valuation of the employer provided subsidies associated with the state's PEBB plan, refer to: <a href="http://leg.wa.gov/osa/additionalservices/Documents/Final.2017.PEBB.OPEB.AVR.pdf">http://leg.wa.gov/osa/additionalservices/Documents/Final.2017.PEBB.OPEB.AVR.pdf</a>

The plan does not issue a separate report; however, additional information is included in the State of Washington Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is available on this site <a href="https://www.ofm.wa.gov/accounting/financial-audit-reports/comprehensive-annual-financial-report">https://www.ofm.wa.gov/accounting/financial-audit-reports/comprehensive-annual-financial-report</a>

### **NOTE 6: COMMITMENTS UNDER LEASES**

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2019, the District incurred additional long-term debt as follows:

### RAISBECK AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL GROUND LEASE

On March 29, 2011 the District entered into a ground lease agreement with the Museum of Flight Foundation for the use of 41,500 square feet of building land to construct an educational

facility. The facility is to be dedicated to educating secondary students with an emphasis on aeronautics and aviation.

In exchange for a reduction in the total rent the district will provide the Museum of Flight the right to use certain classroom and meeting areas during non-school hours and days. The base rent for the entire first ten-years (expiring 5/31/2021) is \$1,700,000, which is reduced to \$1,300,000 due to the above consideration. The \$1,300,000 adjusted rent has been paid through an in-kind donation from the Museum of Flight Foundation and its lender. The first amendment to the ground lease amends Section 3.1.1 Base Rent of the agreement per the following: "This section is amended in part to reflect that the Landlord, in consideration for the simultaneous forgiveness by its Lender of an equal amount of debt, agrees to forgive the Tenant's \$1,300,000 Rent payment for the initial ten (10) year lease Term".

This Lease agreement has four (4) ten-year renewal options for a total of fifty years. District liability for the first and second renewal terms is one dollar (\$1) each to exercise the renewal term. No additional rent shall be payable during either of these renewal periods.

The district liability for the third and fourth lease renewal terms is outlined in Section 4.3 of the agreement. Base monthly rent for the first lease year of the third and fourth renewal terms shall be calculated on the fair market rent for a ground lease of the building land without reference to any improvements. The fair market value will be determined for the first year of each renewal term and will be subject to CPI adjustment the first day of each subsequent lease year. The base for computing any rent increase is the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers Seattle-Tacoma Metropolitan Area (1982-84=100), published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In addition, the District is responsible for, unless otherwise exempt, any real and personal property taxes, general and special assessments, and all other charges or taxes levied on or assessed against the building and the land.

### MARINE TECHNOLOGY GROUND LEASE

The District has leased from King County a parcel at Seahurst Park since November 25, 1970 and built on the property the Marine Technology facility for instructional use by the Puget Sound Skills Center. In 1993, the City of Burien incorporated and the park became city property. Since that time the lease has been between the City of Burien and the District.

The terms of the lease states, "The Lessee is hereby granted an irrevocable option to renew this lease for an extend terms of forty years, by written notice of renewal to the Lessor at least thirty days prior to the termination of the initial term thereof." The lease option was executed November 1, 2011 for an additional forty years, beginning November 26, 2010 through November 25, 2050. The lease rate is \$10 per year.

### **WAREHOUSE LEASE**

The District has leased from The Realty Associates Fund X LP a building of 13,950 square feet for warehouse on July 1, 2014 for 65 calendar months, expiring December 1, 2019. The monthly rental payment schedule as below:

Month of Lease Term	Monthly	Base Rent
1 - 12	\$	7,000
13 - 24	\$	7,210
25 - 36	\$	7,426
37 - 48	\$	7,649
49 - 60	\$	7,879
61 - 65	\$	8,115

Along with the rental expense, the district will also pay \$2,511 operating expense each month.

### **NOTE 7: OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS**

The District has active construction projects as of August 31, 2019:

Project	Project Amount	Expended as of 8/31/19	Additional Funds Committed
Olympic Interim School	33,331,875	29,357113	3,974,762
Highline High School Replacement	151,792,394	10,536,314	141,256,079
New Middle School at Glacier Site	91,401,357	67,775,507	23,625,849
New Elementary School at Zenith	57,782,961	49,982,850	7,800,111
Safety, Security, and Critical Improvements	14,719,177	7,067,917	7,651,260
Total	\$349,027,764	\$164,719,701	\$184,308,063

### **NOTE 8: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District's capital assets are insured in the amount of \$1,048,066,861 for fiscal year 2019. In the opinion of the District's insurance consultant, the amount is sufficient to adequately fund replacement of the District's assets.

Burien Heights located at 1210 SW 136th Street, Burien, WA 98166.

The entire site (land only, no building) is leased to NAVOS. Lease expires in 2058 and requires 24 months written notification for cancellation. Annual amount was \$49,938 (including Leasehold Excise tax). The terms of the lease allow for an annual adjustment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Every ten years the lease amount will adjust by the current fair market rent for land.

**North Shorewood Elementary School** located at 1410 S. 200th Ave. SW; Seattle, WA 98146 Facility is leased to Westside School and Explorer West Middle School. Lease expires April, 2049 and requires twelve months written notification for cancellation. Annual amount was \$69,667.44. The terms of the lease allow for an annual adjustment equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI.)

### Office Space at Educational Resource and Administrative Center located at 15675 Ambaum Boulevard SW, Burien WA 98166

Office space is leased to the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence. The term of the lease is for 12 months, with an option to extend for an additional 12 months. Annual amount for fiscal year 2018-2019 was \$763.32.

**Puget Sound Skills Center** located at 18010 Eighth Avenue South, Burien, Washington 98148. Space in the Health Science building is leased to Sea Mar Community Health Center. Lease expires on December 31, 2018 and will automatically extend for a maximum of four (4) successive one (1) year terms, each commencing on January 1 immediately following the theneffective expiration date, and expiring on the following December 31, unless terminated by either Landlord or Tenant in writing not later than the March 31 immediately preceding the theneffective expiration date. The monthly rent amount is as listed below:

Period	Monthly Base Amount
Extension Term 1	\$5,412.16
Extension Term 2	\$5,574.52
Extension Term 3	\$5,741.76
Extension Term 4	\$5,914.01

#### Salmon Creek located at 614 SW 120th St: Burien WA 98168

Facility is leased to Burien Little Theatre, The Hi-Liners, and World Vision. The Burien Little Theatre and the Hi-Liners leases are open and have no end date, but requires twelve months written notification by tenant for cancellation. The World Vision lease is year-to-year in July as long as the District has no need for the space. The annual amount was \$5,568. The lease amount is recalculated annually using the previous 12 months operating costs.

None of the district leases are with related parties, have imputed interest, have an allowance for uncollectible lease payments, or have unguarded residual value accruing to the District's benefit. There is no contingent rental included in revenue or any unearned revenue, therefore there is no offset used in recording indirect costs on unearned revenue. Leased assets are fifty years old, and all leases except as noted above are cancelable with thirty days written notification. No contingent rental income is included in revenue.

### NOTE 9: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ABOUT LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

### **Long-Term Debt**

Bonds payable at August 31, 2019, are comprised of the following individual issues:

	Amount	Final	Interest	Amount
Issue Name	Authorized	Maturity	Rate(s)	Outstanding
UTGO Refunding Bonds, 2009	106,835,000	12/01/2021	2.00%-5.00%	39,105,000
UTGO Refunding Bonds, 2011	38,015,000	12/01/2023	2.00%-5.00%	36,610,000
UTGO Refunding Bonds, 2012	11,835,000	6/01/2024	2.00%-5.00%	10,730,000
UTGO Refunding Bonds, 2012B	69,760,000	12/01/2025	0.35%-5.00%	68,175,000
UTGO Refunding Bonds, 2015	43,955,000	12/01/2025	4.00%-5.00%	43,955,000
UTGO Bonds, 2017	212,685,000	12/1/2036	3.125%-5.00%	204,555,000
UTGO Bonds, 2018	59,375,000	12/1/2035	3.00%-5.00%	59,375,000
Total General Obligation Bonds	\$542,460,000			\$462,505,000

The following is a summary of general obligation long-term debt transactions of the District for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2019:

Long-Term Debt Payable at 9/1/2018	\$423,615,000
New Issues	\$59,375,000
Debt Retired	\$20,485,000
Long-Term Debt Payable at 8/31/2019	\$462,505,000

The following is a schedule of annual requirements to amortize debt:

Calendar Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	33,965,000	19,543,550	53,508,555
2021	22,915,000	18,067,800	40,982,800
2022	25,745,000	16,771,300	42,516,300
2023	28,630,000	15,573,719	44,203,719
2024	31,780,000	14,311,200	46,091,200
2025-2029	122,365,000	50,499,800	172,864,800
2030-2034	119,175,000	26,032,550	145,207,550
2035-2036	48,770,000	2,801,600	51,571,600
Total	\$433,345,000	\$163,601,519	\$596,946,519

At August 31, 2019, the District had \$19,902,781.89 available in the Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

### **NOTE 10: ENTITY RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

### **Unemployment Insurance**

In 1991, the District joined together with other school districts in the state to form the Puget Sound Educational Service District Unemployment Pool, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for unemployment insurance. This fund is operated for the District's benefit in lieu of the District having to make monthly premium payments to the State of Washington for unemployment insurance. This practice enables the district to pay unemployment benefits as they occur and minimizes the District's costs for the program. The following is a summary of activity:

2018-2019 Unemployment Pool Balance: \$1,551,576.

The agreement for formation of the Puget Sound Educational Service District Unemployment Pool provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums.

#### Other Insurance

The Highline School District is a member of the Schools Insurance Association of Washington. Chapter 48.62 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entities to form together into or join a program or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insure, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The program was formed on September 1, 1995, when seven mid-sized school districts in the State of Washington joined together by signing an Interlocal Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. Presently, the SIAW pool has 37 member districts.

The program allows members to jointly purchase insurance coverage and provide related services, such as administration, risk management, claims administration, etc. Coverage for Wrongful Act Liability and Employee Benefit Liability is on a claims-made basis. All other coverages are on an occurrence basis. The program provides the following forms of group purchased insurance coverage for its members: property, earthquake, general liability, automobile liability, Equipment breakdown, crime, and Wrongful Acts Liability.

The program acquires Liability insurance through their administrator, Clear Risk Solutions, which is subject to a per-occurrence self-insured retention (SIR) of \$100,000. Members are responsible for a standard deductible of \$2,500 for each claim (some member deductibles vary), while the program is responsible for the \$100,000 SIR. Insurance carriers cover insured losses over \$102,500 to the limits of each policy. Since the program is a cooperative program, there is a joint liability among the participating members towards the sharing of the \$100,000 SIR. The program also purchases a Stop Loss Policy with an attachment point of \$3,562,902, which it fully funds in its annual budget.

Property insurance is subject to a per-occurrence SIR of \$250,000. Members are

responsible for a \$10,000 deductible for each claim (some member deductibles vary), while the program is responsible for the \$250,000 SIR. Insurance carriers cover insured losses over \$260,000 to the limits of each policy. Equipment Breakdown insurance is subject to a per-occurrence deductible of \$10,000. Members are responsible for the deductible amount of each claim.

Members contract to remain in the program for one year and must give notice before December 31 to terminate participation the following September 1. Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement occurs automatically each year. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for contributions to the program for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were a signatory to the Interlocal Agreement.

The program is fully funded by its member participants. Claims are filed by members with Clear Risk Solutions, which has been contracted to perform program administration, claims adjustment and administration, and loss prevention for the program. Fees paid to the third party administrator under this arrangement for the year ending August 31, 2019 were \$3,231,773.

A board of directors, consisting of eight members, is selected by the membership from the east and west side of the state and is responsible for conducting the business affairs of the program. The Board of Directors has contracted with Clear Risk Solutions to perform day-to-day administration of the program. This program has no employees.

### **Industrial Insurance**

The District self-insures industrial insurance claims that do not exceed \$400,000 per occurrence. It reinsures claims of \$400,000 aggregate or more. After approval by the State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries, the District pays the claim of each eligible employee.

Claims management was assigned to Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc., Illinois.

### **Dental and Vision Insurance**

Qualified employees receive dental and vision coverage under the district's self-insured insurance plan. Dental plans are administered by United Concordia and Willamette Dental. Vision plan claims are administered by Northwest Benefit Network. Plan premiums are accumulated and claims are paid through a liability account in the General Fund. At August 31, 2019, the amount of liabilities totaled \$389,901.36.

### **NOTE 12: PROPERTY TAXES**

Property tax revenues are collected as the result of special levies passed by the voters in the District. Taxes are levied on January 1. The taxpayer has the obligation of paying all taxes on April 30 or one-half then and one-half on October 31. Typically, slightly more than half of the collections are made on the April 30 date. The tax collections occurring after the end of the fiscal period are unavailable for revenue accrual. Therefore, the fall portion of property taxes is

not accrued as revenue. Instead, the property taxes due after the end of the fiscal period are recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

### NOTE 13: JOINT VENTURES AND JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

The district is a member of the King County Directors' Association (KCDA). KCDA is a purchasing cooperative designed to pool the member districts' purchasing power. The board authorized joining the association by passing a Resolution in June, 1974 and has remained in the joint venture ever since. The District's current equity of \$301,772.91 is the accumulation of the annual assignment of KCDA's operating surplus based upon the percentage derived from KCDA's total sales to the District compared to all other districts applied against paid administrative fees. The District may withdraw from the joint venture and will receive its equity in ten annual allocations of merchandise or 15 annual payments.

### **Note 14: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

The District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate.

	General Fund	ASB Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Transportation Vehicle Fund
Nonspendable Fund Balance					
Inventory and Prepaid Items	\$227,131				
Restricted Fund Balance					
For Carryover	\$1,805,080				
For Fund Purpose		\$866,931			\$1,131,351
For Carryover of Skills Centers	\$1,286,902				
For Carryover of Food Service Revenue	\$2,514,267				
For Debt Service				\$19,902,782	
For Uninsured Risks	\$400,000				
For Bond Proceeds			\$136,454,054		
For State Proceeds					

For Other Proceeds	\$12,978,000	1,559,523	
Fund Purposes		5,370,135	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$8,881,345		

The board of directors has established a minimum fund balance policy for the general fund to provide for financial stability and contingencies within the District. The policy is that the District shall maintain an unassigned fund balance above 3% of the current year's expenditures attributable to basic education, special education, support services and transportation. Portions of fund balance that are set aside for the purpose of meeting this policy are recorded on the financial statements as a part of unassigned fund balance.

## NOTE 15: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN PENSION PLANS—BOTH IN SEPARATELY ISSUED PLAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EMPLOYER STATEMENTS

### 457 Plan – Deferred Compensation Plan

District employees have the option of participating in a deferred compensation plan as defined in §457 of the Internal Revenue Code that is administered by the District.

### 403(b) Plan – Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA)

The District offers a tax deferred annuity plan for its employees. The plan permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years via an elective deferral (employee contribution).

The District complies with IRS regulations that require school districts to have a written plan to include participating investment companies, types of investments, loans, transfers, and various requirements. The plan is administered by a third party administrator, National Benefits Systems. The plan assets are assets of the District employees, not the school district, and are therefore not reflected on these financial statements.

### **NOTE 16: TERMINATION BENEFITS**

### **Compensated Absences**

Employees earn sick leave at a rate of 12 days per year up to a maximum of one contract year.

Under the provisions of RCW 28A.400.210, sick leave accumulated by District employees is reimbursed at death or retirement at the rate of one day for each four days of accrued leave, limited to 180 accrued days. This chapter also provides for an annual buy out of an amount up to the maximum annual accumulation of 12 days. For buyout purposes, employees may accumulate such leave to a maximum of 192 days, including the annual accumulation, as of December 31 of each year.

Additionally, teachers are eligible to cash out sick leave balances at a rate of one day for each four days if they separate employment with the District and are at least 55 years of age and have a minimum of 10 years under the teachers' retirement system plan 3 or; are at least 55 years of age and have a minimum of 15 years under the teachers' retirement system plan 2.

These expenditures are recorded when paid, except termination sick leave that is accrued upon death, retirement, or upon termination provided the employee is at least 55 years of age and has sufficient years of service. Vested sick leave was computed using the vesting method.

### NOTE 17: VOILATION OF FINANCE-RELATED LEGAL & CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

In the fall of 2018, the District completed a bond sale. That sale resulted in a higher bond interest payment made later in this fiscal year. That higher interest payment should have prompted a board approved budget extension to increase the budgeted Debt Service Fund expenditures for 2018-19 above the original amount of \$39,128,525. However, a budget extension did not occur, and so the District exceeded their budget authority in the Debt Service Fund by \$1,350,546.74. This was reported to OSPI when the District's F196 was submitted.

### **NOTE 18: OTHER DISCLOSURES**

### **Skills Center Core Campus Note**

The District is the host district for the Puget Sound Skills Center, a regional program designed to provide career and technical education opportunities to students in participating districts. The purpose of a Skills Center is to enhance the career and technical education course offerings among districts by avoiding unnecessary duplication of courses.

The Puget Sound Skills Center was created through an agreement of the four member districts. The Skills Center is governed by an Administrative Council, comprised of the superintendents, or their appointed representatives, of all member districts. The Skills Center administration is handled through a director, employed by the District.

As host district, the District has the following responsibilities:

- 1. Employ staff of the Skills Center.
- 2. Act as fiscal agent for the Skills Center and maintain separate accounts and fund balances for each fund.
- 3. Review and adopt the Skills Center budget as a part of the District's overall budget.
- 4. Provide such services as may be mutually agreed upon by the District and the Skills Center

#### Sources of Funding

The Skills Center is primarily funded by state apportionment, based on the number of students who attend the Skills Center. Other sources of income include federal grants from the Carl D. Perkins program, tuition, and fees.

### Capital Improvements

The District collects an annual fee from all participating districts for minor repair and maintenance. These funds are used for maintenance and related improvements of Skill Center facilities. Fees are collected from each member district in accordance with the interlocal agreement signed by all member districts. Any amounts collected that have not been expended for such purposes are recorded as a restriction of the District's General Fund balance.

### **Unspent Funds**

Any funds remaining at the end of the year from Skills Center operations are recorded as a restriction of the District's General Fund balance, and are to be used for financing future operations of the Skills Center. Member districts do not have claim to any unspent funds of the Skills Center.

The following districts are member districts of the Skills Center:
Highline School District #401
Federal Way School District #210
Tahoma School District #409

Tukwila School District #406

Highline School District No. 401 Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

Description	Beginning Outstanding Debt September 1, 2018	Amount Issued / Increased	Amount Redeemed / Decreased	Ending Outstanding Debt August 31, 2019	Amount Due Within One Year
Voted Debt					
Voted Bonds	423,615,000.00	59,375,000.00	20,485,000.00	462,505,000.00	29,885,000.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds Issued in Lieu of Bonds	0.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Non-Voted Debt and Liabilities					
Non-Voted Bonds	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
LOCAL Program Proceeds	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Capital Leases	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00
Contracts Payable	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Non-Cancellable Operating Leases	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.0
Claims & Judgements	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00
Compensated Absences	4,306,375.62	1,128,610.83	00.0	5,434,986.45	1,795,000.00
Long-Term Notes	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00
Anticipation Notes Payable	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Lines of Credit	00.00	00.00	00.0	00.0	00.00
Other Non-Voted Debt	00.0	00.0	00.00	00.00	00.00
Other Liabilities					
Non-Voted Notes Not Recorded as Debt	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Net Pension Liabilities:					
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 1	58,962,123.00	00.00	16,316,664.00	42,645,459.00	
Net Pension Liabilities TRS 2/3	9,124,399.00	1,285,880.00	00.0	10,410,279.00	
Net Pension Liabilities SERS 2/3	6,089,874.00	00.00	2,077,686.00	4,012,188.00	
Net Pension Liabilities PERS 1	15,357,701.00	00.0	3,701,378.00	11,656,323.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	517,455,472.62	61,789,490.83	42,580,728.00	536,664,235.45	31,680,000.00

# Highline School District No. 401 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

				•		Expenditures			
	Federal Agency		CFDA	Other Award	From Pass- Through	From Direct		Passed through	· ·
	(Pass-Inrougn Agency) Child Nutrition Cluster	Federal Program	Number	Number	Awards	Awards	i otai	to Subrecipients	Note
	FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	National School Lunch Program	10.555	ΑN	7,232,530	•	7,232,530	•	1,2
	FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	National School Lunch Program	10.555	Commodities	731,099	1	731,099	•	1,2,3
				Total CFDA 10.555:	7,963,629	  - 	7,963,629		
	FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	NA	26,171	•	26,171	•	1,2
			Total Ch	Total Child Nutrition Cluster:	7,989,801	- 	7,989,801		
	FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	NA A	152,783	1	152,783	•	1,2
	Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster	luster							
	FOREST SERVICE, AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF (via King County Treasurer)	Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	Y.	5,616		5,616	ı	1,2
		Total Forest Ser	vice Schools	Service Schools and Roads Cluster:	5,616	!   '	5,616	<b>'</b>	
	WIOA Cluster								
	EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION, LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF (via King County)	WIOA Youth Activities	17.259	17-314-CCW	234,573	•	234,573	•	1,2,5
				Total WIOA Cluster:	234,573	  - 	234,573	'	
	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSP!)	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0203166	5,324,105	•	5,324,105	•	1,2,5
Page 52	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0270052	44,870	•	44,870	•	1,2,5

23,477 - 1,2,5	15,000 - 1,2,5	12,222 - 1,2,5	9,777 - 1,2,5	9,801 - 1,2,5	5,439,252		4,076,475 - 1,2,4,5	90,945 - 1,2,4,5	174,386 - 1,2,5	265,331	4,341,806	74,865 - 1,2,4,5	1,2,4,5	182,450	79,095 - 1,2,5
	•				- 5,		4	•	•	  - 	-	•	•	]  -	79,095
23,477	15,000	12,222	9,777	9,801	5,439,252		4,076,475	90,945	174,386	265,331	4,341,806	74,865	107,585	182,450	•
0270735	0270741	0270746	0270508	0656122	Total CFDA 84.010:		0306517	0366004	0338129	Total CFDA 84.173:	Special Education Cluster (IDEA):	0173929	0174243	Total CFDA 84.048:	SO60A182480
84.010	84.010	84.010	84.010	84.010			84.027	84.173	84.173		Special Ed	84.048	84.048		84.060
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			Special Education Grants to States	Special Education Preschool Grants	Special Education Preschool Grants		Total	Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States	Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States		Indian Education Grants to Local Educational Agencies
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSP!)	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)		Special Education Cluster (IDEA)	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)			Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)		OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

1,2,4,5	1,2,5	1,2,4,5	1,2,4,5	1,2,5	1,2,4,5	1,2,5	1,2,5	1,2	2,	
1	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	
45,739	1,015,215	701,109	790,157	365,391	304,643	7,520	65,000	82,189	191,424	273,612
•	1,015,215	•	•	r	ı	•	•	•	•	1,094,310
45,739	•	701,109	790,157	365,391	304,643	7,520	65,000	82,189	191,424	273,612
0456930	P334A140102	0402698	0524523	0225393	0430252	1366 CDIP	<b>V</b>	<u>۷</u>	۷ ۷	Total Medicaid Cluster:
84.196	84.334	84.365	84.367	84.377A	84.424	93.082	93.566	93.778	93.778	T Total Fede
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	English Language Acquisition State Grants	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (formerly Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	School Improvement Grant	Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	Sodium Reduction in Communities	Refugee and Entrant Assistance State/Replacement Designee Administered Programs	Medical Assistance Program	Medical Assistance Program	
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, (via WA OSP!)	OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, EDUCATION, OFPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (via WA OSPI)	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF, EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA OSPI)	CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (via King County)	ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (via Schools Out Washington)	CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA HCA)	CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (via WA HCA)	

### NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Include the following notes to the schedule either as an attachment to the schedule or on the face of the schedule (if space permits). The notes should disclose the basis of accounting, definitions of abbreviations, and any other information that might be needed by the reader. Each district should prepare notes that describe their particular programs and circumstances.

### NOTE 1—BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the same basis of accounting as the <u>Highline Public School's</u> financial statements. The <u>Highline Public School</u> uses the Modified Accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures represent only the federally funded portions of the program. District records should be consulted to determine amounts expended or matched from non-federal sources.

### NOTE 2—PROGRAM COSTS/MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The amounts shown as current year expenses represent only the federal grant portion of the program costs. Entire program costs, including the Highline Public School's local matching share, may be more than shown. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in the OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, **or** the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

### NOTE 3—NONCASH AWARDS

The amount of commodities reported on the schedule is the value of commodities distributed by the Highline Public School's during the current year and priced as prescribed by Value of Commodities Shipped Report.

### NOTE 4—SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

The Highline Public School's operates a "school wide program" in eighteen elementary buildings and twelve secondary buildings. Using federal funding, school wide programs are designed to upgrade an entire educational program within a school for all students, rather than limit services to certain targeted students. The following federal program amounts were expended by the Highline Public Schools in its school wide program: Title I Part A (84.010) \$5,324,104.93; School Improvement Grants (84.377) \$365,390.76; OSSI Comprehensive Schools (84.010) \$44869.50; OSSI Targeted 3+ (84.010) \$50,698.28; OSSI Comprehensive – Low Graduation (84.010) \$9,777.45.

#### NOTE 5—FEDERAL INDIRECT RATE

The Highline Public School's used the federal *restricted* rate of 3.01%, on most programs, when allowed, with the exception of Indian Education and Title II which all an indirect rate of 2%, and GEAR UP which allows an indirect rate of 8%. The Highline Public School's *not* elected to use the 10-percent de Minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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