

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Business Meeting
December 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Central Office Boardroom

AGENDA

I. JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. Call to Order (Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approve Agenda

II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)

- 1. NCDPI Academic Progress Recognition
- 2. Ms. Ellie Miller, 8th Grade at Smokey Mountain Elementary School – N.C. Flight Crew Program
- 3. Ms. Bryanna Rhoades, 11th Grade at Jackson Community School – National Student Leadership Academy
- 4. Emma Rowe, 12th Grade and Liangyu Zhao, 12th Grade at Smoky Mountain High School, National Rural and Small Town Award from The College Board
- 5. Superintendent's Holiday Card Winners - Kayla Kopak – 7th Grade at Cullowhee Valley Elementary School and Jaxon Kern – 3rd Grade at Blue Ridge School

III. CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

- A. [Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 14, 2023.](#)

IV. INFORMATION

- A. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
- B. [Purchase of Digital Sign for Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- C. Blue Ridge District 2023-2024 Calendar Adjustment (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
- D. [Unaudited Financial Summary](#) (Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer)

V. OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sign up to speak before meeting. • Designed for school board to listen.

Time to speak limited to 3 minutes • Complaints about individual employees or students prohibited

VI. ACTION AGENDA

- A. [Budget Amendments](#) (Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer)
- B. [2022-2023 Financial Statements](#) (Andy Deal of Anderson, Smith and Wike CCP)
- C. [Indian Education Policies and Procedures](#) Annual Approval (Brent Speckhardt, Director of Professional Development and Teacher Growth)
- D. [HIGHTS Memorandum of Agreement for 2024](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- E. [Chiller Replacement at Smoky Mountain High School](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- F. [Approval of Needs Based Grant](#) Submission (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- G. [Purchase of HVAC replacement for JCS and SCES](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Buchanan)

H. Policy Updates (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)

Updates:

1. [Operation of School Nutrition Services](#) (6220)

I. Field Trips (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)

1. [SMES, Grades 7 and 8 - NC State, Raleigh, NC, 01-18-24 to 01-20-24, TT8944](#).

VII. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

VIII. PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Jackson County Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Sylva, North Carolina**

398 Hospital Road, Sylva

November 14, 2023

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education held their regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administrative Office Boardroom, Sylva, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson
Wes Jamison, Vice Chairperson
Abigail Clayton
Kim Moore

Also present were Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent; Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent; Teri Walawender, Director of Human Resources; Ashley Leonard, School Board Attorney; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elizabeth Cooper called the business meeting to order.

The National Anthem was led by Ms. Amanda Fonseca and the JCEC Choral Club: Starr Frady, Tazanna Jones, Waleli Crow, Araceli Gunnels, and Sarah Morris.

Chairperson Elizabeth Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Ayers recognized Heather Reidinger, JCS Principal, for receiving a NCASCD \$1000.00 Award and Ms. Rebekkah Watkins for her selection as the JCPS Beginning Teacher of the Year 2023-2024.

CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:*

A. Draft Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023.

INFORMATION AGENDA

A. **Agenda Item:** Superintendent's Report
Presenter: Dr. Dana Ayers, Superintendent

Dr. Ayers reported on the following:

1. The month of November brings us much to be grateful for and to celebrate. We have completed the first quarter of school, are midway through the second quarter and planning for the events that surround the holidays. As a note, there will be no school for students on November 22nd through November 24th.
2. I am excited to see the intentionality happening in the classrooms. Our students are thriving in their academic classes and staff members are stretching their skills to enhance instruction and learning. We have invited several NCDPI visitors to our schools that provided feedback and direction to our principals. It has been excellent input that will allow us to continually improve. Next week, we will also host the Deputy State Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Oates, to JCPS for some school visits.
3. At this evening's meeting, our board will review School Improvement Plans. These plans are created to focus on specific goals and follow the progress of our schools as they work to improve student outcomes and achievement. We have made many positive changes that will affect these outcomes, from new leadership roles to increased professional learning communities, our students are getting the very best we can offer!
4. On the extracurricular end, the fall sports season has officially ended, and we have begun the winter season. Basketball, wrestling, indoor track and swimming season has started while band and choral concerts are scheduled as we prepare holiday music. Also of note, Smoky Mountain High School's musical theater will perform, The Little Mermaid, this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. If you haven't seen one of these performances, you are missing out.
5. We continue to fundraise to install lights at the SMHS baseball and softball fields prior to the spring season. Thank you to Michael Wade who made a \$10,000 donation. I have challenged local businesses to match his very generous donation.
6. Finally, I want to thank one specific member of my team for being the ultimate professional who jumps in when needed. Over the course of this year and last spring, I have called upon Mr. Brent Speckhardt to fill many gaps. He has served in schools filling in for principals, assistant principals and anything we have needed, without complaint. He is always eager and willing to support our staff. Thanks, Brent!
7. Thank you to our community for your unwavering love of our students, families and staff. I hope everyone enjoys the days away from school next week as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

B. **Agenda Item:** Unaudited Financial Summary
Presenter: Mrs. Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Walker presented the Unaudited Financial Summary as of November 2023.

OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION AGENDA

A. Agenda Item: Budget Amendments

Presenter: Mrs. Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Walker presented the budget amendments to the Federal Grants Fund, State Public School Fund and the Other Specific Revenue Fund and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendments to the Federal Grants Fund, State Public School Fund, and the Other Specific Revenue Fund.*

B. Agenda Item: Vault Limit Increase

Presenter: Mrs. Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Walker requested an increase in the daily deposit amount of funds that can be held in the vault, due to the daily deposit amount adjustment rewrite to G.S. 115C-44S that increases the threshold from \$250.00 to \$1,500.00. Mrs. Walker asked for board approval to increase the local amount to \$500.00.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the increase in the vault limit amount to \$500.00.*

C. Agenda Item: School Improvement Plans

Presenter: Mr. Adam Holt, Director of Testing and Accountability

Mr. Holt presented the School Improvement Plans for the district and all nine JCPS schools and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the JCPS district and School Improvement Plans.*

D. Agenda Item: Field Trips

Presenter: Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent

1. JCEC, Grade 12 – Ripley’s Aquarium, Pigeon Forge, TN, 12-1-2023, TT8958.
2. JCS, Grades 10 and 11 - Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Gatlinburg, TN, 11-16-23, TT8917.

Dr. Ayers presented the above-listed field trips and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to approve the above-listed field trips.*

E. Agenda Item: Policy Updates

Presenter: Mr. Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Buchanan presented the following Board Policy updates and asked for board approval:

1. Parental Involvement (1310/4002)

2. Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials (3210)
3. Comprehensive Health Education Program (3540)
4. Criminal Behavior (4335)
5. Surveys of Students (4720)
6. Student Health Services (6120)
7. Staff Responsibilities (7300)

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to approve the updated policies.*

CLOSED SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-32 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

OPEN SESSION

Action: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:*

- A. Closed Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023.

PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA

Action: *Upon a motion made by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by Dr. Ayers. The board unanimously approved the following recommendations:*

Employee Recommendations:

1. Cable, Isaac – Custodian and Bus Driver, FES
2. Jenkins, Dana – High-Impact Tutor, SMES
3. Knight, Mandie – EC Teacher Assistant, FES
4. Masotti, Kathryn – High-Impact Tutor, SMES
5. McMahan, Luisa – Spanish Translator, District Wide
6. Naegler, Charae – Homebound Teacher, FES
7. Owen, Shianna – Custodian, BRS
8. Penny-Nicholson, Olivia – Homebound Teacher, FES
9. Pruett, Tonya – Homebound Teacher, SMES
10. Saavedra, Charito – Afterschool Tutor, SMES
11. Smith, Grayson – Afterschool Assistant, CVES
12. Smith, Landon – Afterschool Assistant, FES
13. Stewart, Donna – Homebound Teacher, BRS

14. Sutton, Trevor – Substitute Bus Driver, Field Trip, and Athletic Bus Driver, SMES

Employee Resignations:

1. Alcantar, Elena – School Nutrition Assistant Manager, BRS
2. Coyne, Tamara – High-Impact Tutor, SMES
3. Long, Aaron – Teacher, SMES
4. Massingale, Whitney – Teacher, CVES
5. Montesano, Stefani – Afterschool Assistant, FES

Employee Retirements:

1. Morris, Christina – School Nutrition Assistant, SMHS

Staff, Non-Staff and Returning Coach Recommendations:

1. Arnst, April – Assistant Coach Men's MS Basketball, BREC – Returning Non-Staff
2. Ashe, Brandon – Head Coach Men's Basketball, FES – Returning Staff
3. Bell, Tasha – Head Coach Cheer, SMES – Returning Staff
4. Cain, Matthew – Head Coach JV Wrestling, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
5. Callaway, Molly – Head Coach Women's Basketball, SCES – Returning Staff
6. Cannon, Samuel – Assistant Coach Men's Basketball, SCES – New Non-Staff
7. Carter, Scott – Head Coach Swim, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
8. Cope, Clarissa - Head Coach Cheer, FES – New Staff
9. Davis, Tom – Assistant Coach Varsity Wrestling, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
10. Dunford, Ollin – Head Coach Varsity Women's Basketball, SMHS – Returning Staff
11. Ellsworth, Marissa – Assistant Coach Women's JV Basketball, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
12. Hamilton, Nicole – Head Coach Cheer, CVES – Returning Non-Staff
13. Howell, Josh – Head Coach Women's Basketball and Assistant Coach Men's Basketball, FES – Returning Non-Staff
14. Larch, Mindy – Assistant Coach JV Wrestling, SMHS – Returning Staff
15. Long, Michelle – Assistant Coach Cheer, SCES – Returning Staff
16. Marshall, Nadia – Assistant Coach Varsity Women's Basketball, SMHS – Returning Staff
17. Melvin, Jason – Head Coach JV Women's Basketball, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
18. Miller, Scott – Assistant Coach Men's Basketball, SMES – Returning Staff
19. Moody-Bumgarner, Mary – Assistant Coach Cheer, SMES – Returning Staff
20. Mulligan, Tyler – Assistant Coach Varsity Women's Basketball, SMHS – Returning Staff
21. Murphy, Ronda – Head Coach Cheer, SCES – Returning Non-Staff
22. Pierce, Joshua – Head Coach Men's Basketball, CVES – New Staff
23. Pressley, Jenifer – Head Coach Women's Basketball, CVES – Returning Non-Staff
24. Richards, Keith – Head Coach District MS Wrestling, SMHS – Returning Staff
25. Schnorenberg, Paul – Assistant Coach Swim, SMHS – New Non-Staff
26. Sharpless, Reuben – Head Coach Women's Basketball, SMES – Returning Non-Staff
27. Steinel, Ashley – Head Coach Men's MS Basketball, BREC – Returning Staff
28. Sutton, Russell – Assistant Coach Women's Basketball, CVES – New Staff
29. Sutton, Trevor – Head Coach Men's Basketball, SMES – Returning Non-Staff
30. Thompson, Robert Mark – Assistant Coach Men's Basketball, CVES – Returning Staff

31. Wilson, Erik – Head Coach Varsity Wrestling, SMHS – Returning Staff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairperson Elizabeth Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Elizabeth K. Cooper, Chairperson

Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Secretary



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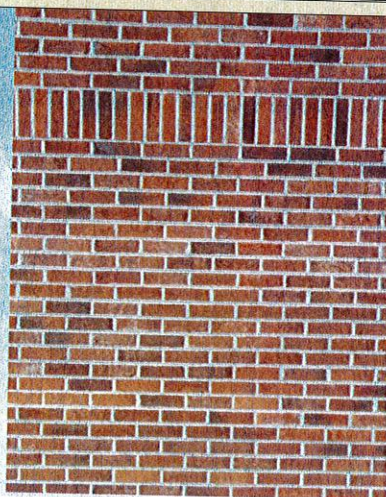
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BOARD SIZE

256X96

RESOLUTION

10MM

HEIGHT

12 FT

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Color Approval

Cabinet =

Captions =

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Approval Signature _____

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Sign:Architectural TOP architectural aluminum header with custom powder coated finish CNC dimensional logos and letters and high performance outdoor full color printed graphics.	1	2,750.00	2,750.00
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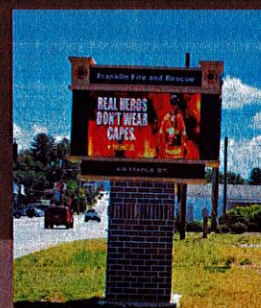
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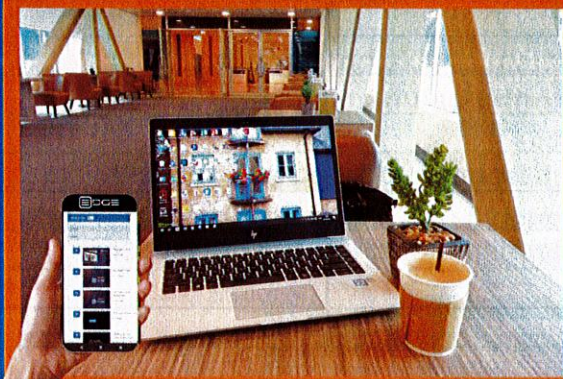
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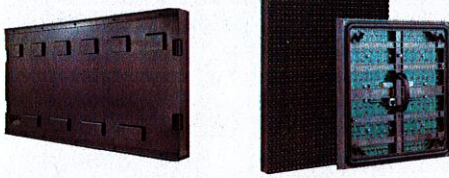
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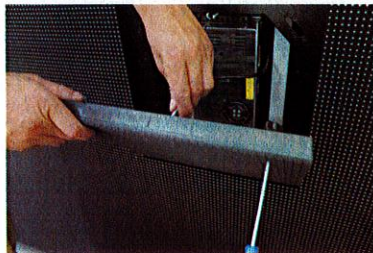
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Driving method	constant current
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Cabinet size	3(W) x 3(H)ft
Cabinet Material	Aluminum
Cabinet resolution	96 x 96 pixels
Power supply	MEANWELL UHP
Maintenance type	Full Front Service
Cabinet weight	40 kg/m ²
Screen size in Feet	24(W) x 12(H)ft
Physical resolution	768 x 384pixels
Cabinet arrangement	8 wide x 3 high =24pcs
Pixel density	1,024pixels/sqft
Brightness	>=10,000 nits
Refresh rate	>=3,840 Hz
Max. power consumption	74W/sqft
Avg. power consumption	25W/sqft
Min. viewing distance	>=33ft
Best viewing angle	160°(H)/140°(V)
Grey scale	65,536 levels
Processing depth	16 bits
Brightness control	256 levels
Ingress protection	IP65
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6. Sound systems and integration
7. Fiber optics and termination
8. Manufactured static advertising panel structures
9. Manufactured architectural headers and design element structures
10. Structural support design and engineering
11. Turn Key project management and installation services
12. Ongoing product support and training
13. Long term on-going maintenance provision



UNAUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER 2023

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning		Budget Adjustments	Current Budget/Balance	Year-to-Date Exp/Rev	PO's & Encumbrances		Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
		Budget/Beg Balance					Outstanding			
1	STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND	\$28,914,729.00		\$330,522.00	\$29,245,251.00	\$11,631,880.64	\$119,857.84		\$17,493,512.52	40.18%
2	LOCAL FUNDS	\$10,005,814.00		\$0.00	\$10,005,814.00	\$4,196,247.86	\$206,664.88		\$5,602,901.26	44.00%
3	FEDERAL GRANT FUND	\$6,331,237.05		\$2,426.00	\$6,333,663.05	\$2,153,379.25	\$53,232.55		\$4,127,051.25	34.84%
4	THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	\$1,822,510.00		\$0.00	\$1,822,510.00	\$688,392.68	\$485,344.86		\$648,772.46	64.40%
5	CHILD NUTRITION FUND	\$3,343,992.00		\$0.00	\$3,343,992.00	\$1,150,101.91	\$133,477.58		\$2,060,412.51	38.38%
6	TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$60,000.00		\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$60,000.00	0.00%
8	OTHER SPECIFIC REVENUE FUND	\$5,826,698.00		\$0.00	\$5,826,698.00	\$1,043,600.74	\$95,949.38		\$4,687,147.88	19.56%
	Grand Total	\$56,304,980.05		\$332,948.00	\$56,637,928.05	\$20,863,603.08	\$1,094,527.09		\$34,679,797.88	38.77%

This reflects that our spending is within our Budget Resolution for 2023-2024.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER 2022

Fund	Fund Description	Beginning		Budget Adjustments	Current Budget/Balance	Year-to-Date Exp/Rev	PO's & Encumbrances		Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
		Budget/Beg Balance					Outstanding			
1	STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND	\$28,984,118.00		\$34,940.00	\$29,019,058.00	\$10,911,659.73	\$136,262.90		\$17,971,135.37	38.07%
2	LOCAL FUNDS	\$10,377,387.00		\$0.00	\$10,377,387.00	\$3,778,069.69	\$120,436.48		\$6,478,880.83	37.57%
3	FEDERAL GRANT FUND	\$9,364,647.23		\$35,169.88	\$9,399,817.11	\$1,922,933.90	\$218,872.36		\$7,258,010.85	22.79%
4	THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	\$1,767,700.00		(\$105,000.00)	\$1,662,700.00	\$643,378.94	\$510,101.19		\$509,219.87	69.37%
5	CHILD NUTRITION FUND	\$3,132,855.00		\$1,500.00	\$3,134,355.00	\$965,687.97	\$203,908.83		\$1,964,758.20	37.32%
8	OTHER SPECIFIC REVENUE FUND	\$6,135,903.00		\$21,871.00	\$6,157,774.00	\$1,127,682.06	\$335,808.21		\$4,694,283.73	23.77%
	Grand Total	\$59,762,610.23		(\$11,519.12)	\$59,751,091.11	\$19,349,412.29	\$1,525,389.97		\$38,876,288.85	34.94%

*** FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES ONLY***

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Budget Amendment #3 and Transfer #3

Be it resolved that the following budget amendment and transfer be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

	Current <u>Budget</u>	Amendments & Transfers		Ending <u>Budget</u>
		<u>#3</u>	<u>#3</u>	
<u>Federal Grants Fund</u>				
5000 Instructional Services	\$ 4,808,644	2,323	\$ -	\$ 4,810,967
6000 System-Wide Support Services	871,758	-	-	871,758
7000 Ancillary Services	-	-	-	-
8000 Non-Program Charges	650,835	103	-	650,938
Totals	<u>\$ 6,331,237</u>	<u>\$ 2,426</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,333,663</u>

Source of Revenue:

111 Language Acquisition \$ 2,426

\$	2,426	\$	-
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TRANSFERS between subfunctions
greater than \$10,000:
None

BUDGET AMENDMENT
Jackson County Schools Administrative Unit
Federal Grants Fund

The Jackson County Board of Education, at a meeting on the 19th day of December 2023, passed the following resolution: Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The attached list of increases and decreases in expenditures is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Revenue Sources:

Budget code	Description	Amount
3.3600.111	Language Acquisition	\$ 2,426
Total Appropriation in Current Budget		\$ 6,331,237
Amount of Increase (Decrease) of this Amendment		<u>2,426</u>
		<u>\$ 6,333,663</u>

Explanation: This is an amendment to PRC 111, which increases the allotment and thus the revenue in Federal Grants.

Passed by a majority vote of the Jackson County Board of Education on the 19th day of December 2023.

Chairperson, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Budget Amendment #3 and Transfer #3

Be it resolved that the following budget amendment and transfer be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

	Current <u>Budget</u>	Amendments & Transfers <u>#3</u>	<u>#3</u>	Ending <u>Budget</u>
<u>State Public School Fund</u>				
5000 Instructional Services	\$ 25,217,458	\$ 943,394	-	\$ 26,160,852
6000 System-Wide Pupil Support Services	2,906,065	143,334	-	3,049,399
7000 Ancillary Services	35,000	-	-	35,000
8000 Non-Program Charges	-	-	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ 28,158,523</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,728</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,245,251</u>

Source of Revenue:

State Public School Fund:

State Textbook Allotment

Central Office Admn 002	34,172
Non-instructional support PRC 003	15,656
Driver's Education PRC 012	(7,578)
Disadvantage Students PRC 024	4,191
Teacher Assistants PRC 027	34,820
Children with Special Needs PRC 032	1,374
Academically & Intellectually PRC 034	5,224
School Resource Officers PRC 039	143,140
Limited English (LEP) PRC 054	6,903
Transportation PRC 056	93,506
Classroom Materials & Instru Supplies PRC 061	27,409
At Risk PRC 069	114,201
Supplemental Funds for Teachers PRC 071	613,710

\$ 1,086,728

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TRANSFERS between subfunctions
greater than \$10,000:

None

State Public School Fund
Jackson County Schools Administrative Unit
State Public School Fund

The Jackson County Board of Education, at a meeting on the 19th day of December 2023, passed the following resolution: Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The attached list of increases and decreases in expenditures is hereby incorporated by reference as if Revenue Sources:

Description	Budget Code	Amount
Allocation from State Treasurer	1.3100.xxx	\$ 1,086,728
Total Appropriation in Current Budget		\$ 28,158,523
Amount of Increase (Decrease) of this Amendment		<u>1,086,728</u>
		\$ <u>29,245,251</u>

Explanation: The increase in state revenue is from allotment revision #12. This allotment revision aligned our state allotment with actual amounts for fiscal year 2024 provided by NC DPI.

Passed by a majority vote of the Jackson County Board of Education on the 19th day of December 2023.

Chairperson, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education



ANDERSON SMITH & WIKE PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

November 20, 2023

To the Jackson County Board of Education
Sylva, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jackson County Board of Education (the Board) for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 26, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Board are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Jackson County Board of Education's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on the assets' respective estimated useful lives. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accumulated depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimates for the net pension and OPEB liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans, and pension and OPEB plan expense are based upon guidance provided by independent third parties. We have evaluated key factors and assumptions used by the third parties to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We noted no such misstatements as any significant adjustments made during the audit were brought to our attention by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 20, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Jackson County Board of Education's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Jackson County Board of Education's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards requires independence for all audits. The two main principles of independence are: (1) do not perform nonattest services that involve making management decisions; and (2) do not audit your own work. No events have occurred to impair our independence during this year's audit. We have assisted management in the preparation of the Board's basic financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards. Management has reviewed and approved the basic financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

We applied certain limited procedures to Management Discussion and Analysis, the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, OPEB Liability and OPEB Asset and the Schedules of Board Contributions, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the individual fund budgetary schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restrictions on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of members of the Jackson County Board of Education and management of the Board and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation given our representatives during our audit. Should you have any questions concerning the matters presented herein, we would be pleased to discuss them with you further at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC
Huntersville, North Carolina

Jackson County Board of Education

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
June 30, 2023

***JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Sylva, North Carolina***

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Abigail Clayton

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Dr. Lynn Dillard

Administrative and Financial Staff

Dr. Dana Ayers, Superintendent

Kristie Walker, Finance Officer

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Jackson County Board of Education
Sylva, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jackson County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of the Jackson County Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jackson County Board of Education as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Other Special Revenue Fund, and the Federal Grants Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 11 and the Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Board Contributions on pages 52 through 57, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Jackson County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The individual fund budgetary schedules, as well as the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the

responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, individual fund budgetary schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards are 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 November 20, 2023 on our consideration of Jackson County Board of Education'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 effectiveness of Jackson County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Jackson County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

November 20, 2023
Huntersville, North Carolina

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023**

This section of the Jackson County Board of Education's (*the Board*) financial report represents our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2023. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in this report.

Historical Perspective

The Board was formed circa 1889. Today, the Board is one out of 115 public school systems in North Carolina. At one time, Jackson County had more than 40 public schools. Through consolidation over the years, the Board now has nine schools: two early college high schools, a traditional high school, an alternative school, a K-6 school and four K-8 schools.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Board exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$375,134 (net position).
- The Jackson County Board of Commissioners continued funding a special allotment to finance technology upgrades in the schools in the amount of \$425,000. In addition, the County funded a special allotment of \$320,700 to continue the Board of Education's one to one initiative.
- To enable the Board of Education to better maintain its existing buildings, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners continued the capital outlay appropriation of \$375,000 to be used for preventive maintenance.
- As of the close of the fiscal year, the Board's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$10,997,259.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,425,432.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Jackson County Board of Education consist of four components. They are as follows:

- *Independent Auditors' Report*
- *Management's Discussion and Analysis (required supplementary information)*
- *Basic Financial Statements*
- *Required supplemental information section presents schedules for Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, Retiree Health Benefit Fund, Disability Income Plan of North Carolina*

The *Basic Financial Statements* include two types of statements that present different views of the Board's finances. The first is the *government-wide statements*. The government-wide statements are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting and include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. The statement of net position includes all of the Board's assets and liabilities. Assets and liabilities are classified in the order of relative liquidity for assets and due date for liabilities. This statement provides a summary of the Board's investment in assets and obligations to creditors. Liquidity and financial flexibility can be evaluated using the information contained in this statement. The Statement of Activities summarizes the Board's revenues and expenses for the current year. A net (expense) revenue format is used to indicate to what extent each function is self-sufficient.

The second type of statement included in the basic financial statements is the *Fund Financial Statements*, which are presented for the Board's governmental funds and proprietary fund. These statements present the governmental funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting, measuring the near term inflows and outflows of financial resources and what is available at year-end to spend in the next fiscal year. The proprietary fund is presented on the full accrual basis of accounting. The fund financial statements focus on the Board's most significant funds. Because a different basis of accounting is used in the government-wide statements, reconciliation from the governmental fund financial statements to the government-wide statements is required. The government-wide statements provide information about the Board as an economic unit while the fund financial statements provide information on the financial resources of each of the Board's major funds.

Government-wide Statements

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

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

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Board's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.
- To assess the Board's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in Jackson County's (the "County") property tax base and the condition of its school buildings and other physical assets.

The Board's activities are divided into two categories in the government-wide statements:

- Governmental activities: Most of the Board's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. County funding and state and federal aid finance most of these activities.
- Business-type activities: The Board charges fees to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. School nutrition is included in this activity.

The government-wide statements are shown as Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Some funds are required by State law, such as the State Public School Fund. The Board has established other funds to control and manage money for a particular purpose or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as in the Federal Grants and the Other Special Revenue funds.

Jackson County Board of Education has two types of funds:

Governmental funds: Most of the Board's basic services are included in the governmental funds, which generally focus on two things – how cash and other assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. As a result of this focus, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the coming year to finance the Board's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements, in the form of a reconciliation, explains the relationship (or differences) between the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The Board has several governmental funds: the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Individual Schools Fund, the Capital Outlay Fund, the Other Special Revenue Fund and the Federal Grants Fund.

The governmental fund statements are shown as Exhibits 3, 4, and 5 of this report.

Proprietary fund: Services for which the Board charges a fee are generally reported in the proprietary funds. The proprietary fund statements are reported on the same full accrual basis of accounting as the government-wide statements. The Board has one proprietary fund, which is an enterprise fund, the School Nutrition Fund.

The proprietary fund statements are shown as Exhibits 6, 7, and 8 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Schools as a Whole

Net position is an indicator of the fiscal health of the Board. Assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$375,134. The largest component of net position, other than unrestricted net position, is net investment in capital assets, of \$42,011,710.

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023**

Following is a summary of the Statement of Net Position:

**Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2023 and 2022**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2022
Current assets	\$ 11,959,777	\$ 10,946,341	\$ 675,017	\$ 931,837	\$ 12,634,794	\$ 11,878,178
Capital assets	41,744,481	43,805,461	368,272	263,872	42,112,753	44,069,333
Total assets	<u>53,704,258</u>	<u>54,751,802</u>	<u>1,043,289</u>	<u>1,195,709</u>	<u>54,747,547</u>	<u>55,947,511</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>18,379,575</u>	<u>12,391,725</u>	<u>492,911</u>	<u>336,745</u>	<u>18,872,486</u>	<u>12,728,470</u>
Current liabilities	737,965	574,018	37,736	39,332	775,701	613,350
Long-term liabilities	54,930,091	48,658,883	1,484,037	1,355,208	56,414,128	50,014,091
Total liabilities	<u>55,668,056</u>	<u>49,232,901</u>	<u>1,521,773</u>	<u>1,394,540</u>	<u>57,189,829</u>	<u>50,627,441</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>15,635,744</u>	<u>20,983,003</u>	<u>419,326</u>	<u>570,212</u>	<u>16,055,070</u>	<u>21,553,215</u>
Net investment in capital assets	41,643,438	43,603,374	368,272	263,872	42,011,710	43,867,246
Restricted net position	1,931,673	1,989,751	-	579	1,931,673	1,990,330
Unrestricted net position	(42,795,078)	(48,665,502)	(773,171)	(696,749)	(43,568,249)	(49,362,251)
Total net assets	<u>\$ 780,033</u>	<u>\$ (3,072,377)</u>	<u>\$ (404,899)</u>	<u>\$ (432,298)</u>	<u>\$ 375,134</u>	<u>\$ (3,504,675)</u>

Note that net position of governmental activities increased during the year, indicating an improvement in the financial condition of the Board. Also note that the Board carries capital assets for which Jackson County carries the offsetting debt.

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023**

The following table shows the revenues and expenses for the Board for the current and most recent prior fiscal years.

**Table 2
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2022
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 174,094	\$ 124,448	\$ 612,026	\$ 192,804	\$ 786,120	\$ 317,252
Operating grants and contributions	34,437,938	36,785,230	1,980,784	2,545,344	36,418,722	39,330,574
Capital grants and contributions	101,044	512,228	8,434	13,947	109,478	526,175
General revenues:						
Other revenues	15,769,360	14,139,156	10,601	1,016	15,779,961	14,140,172
Total revenues	<u>50,482,436</u>	<u>51,561,062</u>	<u>2,611,845</u>	<u>2,753,111</u>	<u>53,094,281</u>	<u>54,314,173</u>
Expenses:						
Governmental activities:						
Instructional services	35,251,541	34,345,261	-	-	35,251,541	34,345,261
System-wide support services	10,058,517	9,802,254	-	-	10,058,517	9,802,254
Ancillary services	241,125	285,748	-	-	241,125	285,748
Non-programmed charges	773,510	544,164	-	-	773,510	544,164
Interest on long-term debt	15,311	5,910	-	-	15,311	5,910
Depreciation	202,438	200,101	-	-	202,438	200,101
Business-type activities:						
School food service	-	-	2,672,030	2,581,564	2,672,030	2,581,564
Total expenses	<u>46,542,442</u>	<u>45,183,438</u>	<u>2,672,030</u>	<u>2,581,564</u>	<u>49,214,472</u>	<u>47,765,002</u>
Net revenues (expenses)	3,939,994	6,377,624	(60,185)	171,547	3,879,809	6,549,171
Transfers in (out)	(87,584)	(46,479)	87,584	46,479	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	3,852,410	6,331,145	27,399	218,026	3,879,809	6,549,171
Beginning net position	(3,072,377)	(9,403,522)	(432,298)	(650,324)	(3,504,675)	(10,053,846)
Ending net position	<u>\$ 780,033</u>	<u>\$ (3,072,377)</u>	<u>\$ (404,899)</u>	<u>\$ (432,298)</u>	<u>\$ 375,134</u>	<u>\$ (3,504,675)</u>

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023**

Total governmental activities generated revenues of \$50.5 million, while expenses in this category totaled \$46.5 million. After transfers to the business-type activities, the increase in net position was \$3.9 million. Instructional expenses in 2023 and 2022 comprised 76% and 74% of total governmental-type expenses while support services made up 22% and 22% of those expenses, respectively, for that same time period. County funding comprised 21% and 19% of total governmental revenue in 2023 and 2022, respectively. Much of the remaining governmental revenue consists of restricted State and federal funding. Total revenues in the business-type activities were \$2.6 million in 2023 while expenses were \$2.7 million. After transfers from governmental activities, net position of business-type activities increased by \$27,399.

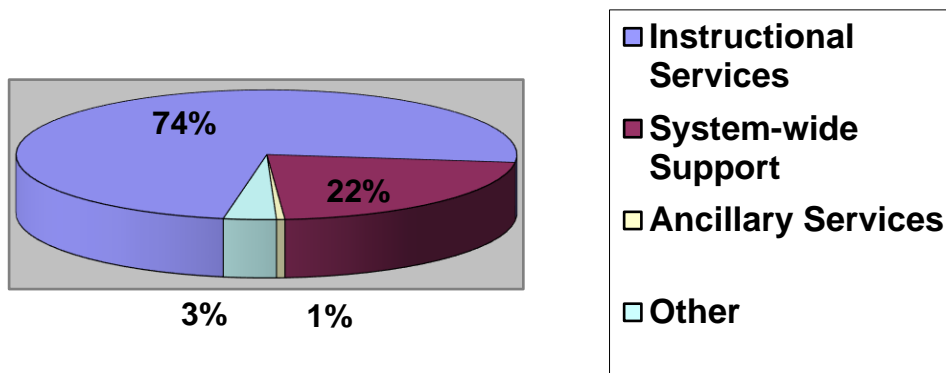
Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

Governmental Funds: The focus of Jackson County Board of Education's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financing requirements.

The Board's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$10,997,259, a \$814,865 increase from the 2022 fiscal year. The General Fund decreased by \$450,430.

Proprietary Fund: The Board's business-type fund had an increase in net position in the past year. The School Nutrition Fund reflected an increase in net position of \$27,399.

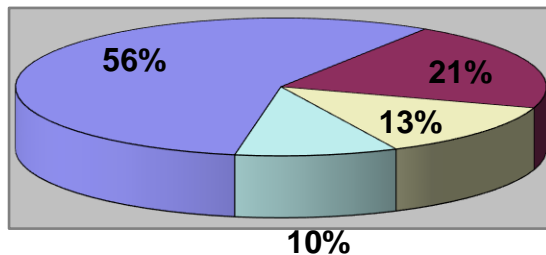
**Categorization of Expenditures
for Governmental Funds**



Expenditures are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023**

Governmental Fund Revenues



- State of North Carolina
- Jackson County
- United States
- Other

Revenues presented on modified accrual basis of accounting.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Board approved several budget amendments to account for changes in revenue and expenditure projections. Budget amendments are submitted to the Board on a monthly basis to reflect new revenues not measurable or known at the time of the original budget resolution. State and federal budgets are not approved at the State level until after the fiscal year begins and amendments are needed to reconcile the initial budget to final approved State and federal budgets. The State may send new allotments throughout the year and require additional budget amendments. There were no significant expenditures in excess of the budgeted expenditures.

Capital Assets

Capital assets decreased by \$1,956,580 (4%) from the previous year. This was due to current year depreciation expense exceeding capital additions.

The following is a summary of the capital assets, net of depreciation at year-end.

Table 3						
Summary of Capital Assets						
As of June 30, 2023 and 2022						
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total Primary Government</u>	
	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
Land	\$ 1,809,021	\$ 1,809,021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,809,021	\$ 1,809,021
Buildings and improvements	37,256,088	38,989,512	-	-	37,256,088	38,989,512
Equipment and furniture	974,725	1,099,417	368,272	263,872	1,342,997	1,363,289
Vehicles	1,704,647	1,907,511	-	-	1,704,647	1,907,511
Total	<u>\$41,744,481</u>	<u>\$43,805,461</u>	<u>\$ 368,272</u>	<u>\$ 263,872</u>	<u>\$42,112,753</u>	<u>\$44,069,333</u>

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Debt Outstanding

The Board is limited by North Carolina General Statutes with regards to the types of debt it can issue and for what purpose that debt can be used. The County holds virtually all debt issued for school capital construction.

Economic Factors

County funding is a major source of revenue for the Board; therefore, Jackson County's economic outlook directly affects that of the schools. As of June 2023, per the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the County's unemployment rate was 3.9%. This is a little more than that of the State of North Carolina, which was 3.6% as of June 2023. The County's tax collection rate increased to 98.98% for 2022 from 98.83% for 2021. At this time, the tax collection rate is estimated to be 98.73% but is not known for 2023.

Jackson County ranks 67 in the State in unemployment. Unemployment rates are on an upward trend in Jackson County from 3.5% in April. The rate for the State of North Carolina was 3.1% in April 2023.

Requests for Information

This report is intended to provide a summary of the financial condition of Jackson County Board of Education. Questions or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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Jackson County Board of Education
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JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2023

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-type	Total
	Activities	Activities	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,625,020	\$ 493,586	\$ 12,118,606
Due from other governments	13,673	71,341	85,014
Receivables (net)	96,483	-	96,483
Internal balances	48	(48)	-
Inventories	-	77,048	77,048
Right to use leased assets, net of amortization	224,553	33,090	257,643
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,809,021	-	1,809,021
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	39,935,460	368,272	40,303,732
Total capital assets	41,744,481	368,272	42,112,753
Total assets	53,704,258	1,043,289	54,747,547
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	18,379,575	492,911	18,872,486
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	737,965	-	737,965
Unavailable revenues	-	37,736	37,736
Long-term liabilities:			
Net pension liability	21,820,646	585,196	22,405,842
Net OPEB liability	30,334,894	813,534	31,148,428
Due within one year	1,317,997	45,466	1,363,463
Due in more than one year	1,456,554	39,841	1,496,395
Total liabilities	55,668,056	1,521,773	57,189,829
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	15,635,744	419,326	16,055,070
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	41,643,438	368,272	42,011,710
Restricted for:			
Individual school activities	851,636	-	851,636
Stabilization by State statute	239,694	-	239,694
School Capital Outlay	840,343	-	840,343
Unrestricted	(42,795,078)	(773,171)	(43,568,249)
Total net position	\$ 780,033	\$ (404,899)	\$ 375,134

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		Total
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Primary government:							
Governmental Activities:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	\$ 18,721,204	\$ 18,800	\$ 17,331,009	\$ -	\$ (1,371,395)	\$ -	\$ (1,371,395)
Special populations	5,164,460	-	5,144,839	-	(19,621)	-	(19,621)
Alternative programs	3,591,735	-	2,772,766	-	(818,969)	-	(818,969)
School leadership	2,506,178	-	1,655,842	-	(850,336)	-	(850,336)
Co-curricular services	1,851,964	-	1,884	-	(1,850,080)	-	(1,850,080)
School-based support	3,416,000	-	2,456,096	-	(959,904)	-	(959,904)
System-wide support services							
Support and development	297,321	-	127,009	-	(170,312)	-	(170,312)
Special population support and development	263,001	-	269,345	-	6,344	-	6,344
Alternative programs and services support	83,840	-	77,840	-	(6,000)	-	(6,000)
Technology support	1,315,867	-	195,095	-	(1,120,772)	-	(1,120,772)
Operational support	5,778,358	2,100	2,834,282	101,044	(2,840,932)	-	(2,840,932)
Financial and human resource services	144,921	-	217,536	-	72,615	-	72,615
Accountability	294,631	-	17,106	-	(277,525)	-	(277,525)
System-wide pupil support	1,144,337	-	242,004	-	(902,333)	-	(902,333)
Policy, leadership and public relations	736,241	-	475,925	-	(260,316)	-	(260,316)
Ancillary services	241,125	153,194	53,730	-	(34,201)	-	(34,201)
Non-programmed charges	773,510	-	565,630	-	(207,880)	-	(207,880)
Interest on long-term debt	15,311	-	-	-	(15,311)	-	(15,311)
Unallocated depreciation expense**	202,438	-	-	-	(202,438)	-	(202,438)
Total governmental activities	46,542,442	174,094	34,437,938	101,044	(11,829,366)	-	(11,829,366)
Business-type activities:							
School food service	2,672,030	612,026	1,980,784	8,434	-	(70,786)	(70,786)
Total primary government	\$ 49,214,472	\$ 786,120	\$ 36,418,722	\$ 109,478	(11,829,366)	(70,786)	(11,900,152)
General revenues:							
Unrestricted county appropriations - operating					9,055,397	-	9,055,397
Unrestricted county appropriations - capital					1,455,700	-	1,455,700
Unrestricted Federal grants - operating					281,743	-	281,743
Investment earnings, unrestricted					68,188	10,601	78,789
Miscellaneous, unrestricted					4,908,332	-	4,908,332
Transfers					(87,584)	87,584	-
Total general revenues and transfers					15,681,776	98,185	15,779,961
Change in net position					3,852,410	27,399	3,879,809
Net position-beginning					(3,072,377)	(432,298)	(3,504,675)
Net position-ending					\$ 780,033	\$ (404,899)	\$ 375,134

** This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2023

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds						Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Individual Schools	Capital Outlay	Other Special Revenue	Federal Grants	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,572,796	\$ -	\$ 851,636	\$ 879,175	\$ 6,321,413	\$ -	\$ 11,625,020
Due from other governments	13,673	-	-	-	-	-	13,673
Due from other funds	48	-	-	-	129,490	-	129,538
Receivables (net)	1,496	-	-	-	94,987	-	96,483
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,588,013</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 851,636</u>	<u>\$ 879,175</u>	<u>\$ 6,545,890</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,864,714</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 589,673	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,832	\$ 109,460	\$ -	\$ 737,965
Due to other funds	129,490	-	-	-	-	-	129,490
Total liabilities	<u>719,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,832</u>	<u>109,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>867,455</u>
Fund balances:							
Restricted:							
Stabilization by State statute	15,217	-	-	-	224,477	-	239,694
Individual schools	-	-	851,636	-	-	-	851,636
School capital outlay	-	-	-	840,343	-	-	840,343
Committed:							
Special revenues	-	-	-	-	6,211,953	-	6,211,953
Assigned:							
Subsequent years expenditures	428,201	-	-	-	-	-	428,201
Unassigned	2,425,432	-	-	-	-	-	2,425,432
Total fund balances	<u>2,868,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>851,636</u>	<u>840,343</u>	<u>6,436,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,997,259</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,588,013</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 851,636</u>	<u>\$ 879,175</u>	<u>\$ 6,545,890</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,864,714</u>

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2023

Exhibit 3
(Continued)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position
are different because:

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 10,997,259
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	41,744,481
Right to use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	224,553
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	13,239,550
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	5,140,025
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(446,493)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(15,189,251)
Liabilities for long-term debt are not payable with current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Net pension liability	(21,820,646)
Net OPEB liability	(30,334,894)
Compensated absences	(2,441,455)
Lease liability	(232,053)
Installment purchase contracts	(101,043)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 780,033</u>

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 4

	Major Funds						Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Individual Schools	Capital Outlay	Other Special Revenue	Federal Grants	
REVENUES							
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ 28,290,623	\$ -	\$ 101,044	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 28,456,667
Jackson County	9,055,397	-	-	1,455,700	-	-	10,511,097
U.S. Government	-	-	-	-	281,743	6,234,899	6,516,642
Other	231,396	-	1,400,525	23,026	3,343,083	-	4,998,030
Total revenues	9,286,793	28,290,623	1,400,525	1,579,770	3,689,826	6,234,899	50,482,436
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	1,392,291	16,097,039	-	-	143,481	1,233,970	18,866,781
Special populations	131,989	3,869,436	-	-	319,663	1,275,403	5,596,491
Alternative programs	207,354	1,111,116	-	-	822,075	1,661,650	3,802,195
School leadership	1,127,319	1,616,431	-	-	-	39,411	2,783,161
Co-curricular services	666,763	-	1,389,300	-	1,862	1,884	2,059,809
School-based support	863,472	2,179,475	-	25,000	423,072	276,621	3,767,640
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	203,715	4,542	-	-	-	122,467	330,724
Special population support and development	828	163,953	-	-	10,131	105,392	280,304
Alternative programs and services support and development	2,346	-	-	-	-	77,840	80,186
Technology support	412,929	82,572	-	717,285	85,063	112,523	1,410,372
Operational support	2,465,183	2,375,287	-	893,685	42,665	458,995	6,235,815
Financial and human resource services	747,881	209,313	-	-	305,496	8,223	1,270,913
Accountability	144,096	-	-	-	-	17,106	161,202
System-wide pupil support	63,362	21,180	-	-	22,366	220,824	327,732
Policy, leadership and public relations	317,375	472,695	-	-	-	3,230	793,300
Ancillary services	77,990	-	-	-	136,121	53,730	267,841
Non-programmed charges	905,079	-	-	-	18,881	565,630	1,489,590
Debt service:							
Principal payments	31,489	-	-	136,012	12,182	-	179,683
Interest and other charges	4,436	-	-	9,159	1,716	-	15,311
Total expenditures	9,765,897	28,203,039	1,389,300	1,781,141	2,344,774	6,234,899	49,719,050
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(479,104)	87,584	11,225	(201,371)	1,345,052	-	763,386
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-	49,066	-	49,066
Transfers to other funds	-	(87,584)	(49,066)	-	-	-	(136,650)
Lease liabilities issued	28,674	-	-	71,975	38,414	-	139,063
Total other financing sources (uses)	28,674	(87,584)	(49,066)	71,975	87,480	-	51,479
Net change in fund balance	(450,430)	-	(37,841)	(129,396)	1,432,532	-	814,865
Fund balances-beginning	3,319,280	-	889,477	969,739	5,003,898	-	10,182,394
Fund balances-ending	\$ 2,868,850	\$ -	\$ 851,636	\$ 840,343	\$ 6,436,430	\$ -	\$ 10,997,259

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 4
(Continued)

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 814,865
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay	415,272
Depreciation	(2,476,252)
Right to use asset amortization	(83,114)

Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities.	4,244,253
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Contributions to the OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities.	1,706,981
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

OPEB nonemployer contributions	230,291
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The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position:

Repayment on long-term debt	101,044
Lease payments	78,639

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Pension (expense) benefit	(4,367,486)
Net OPEB (expense) benefit	3,319,090
Net change in compensated absences	(131,173)

Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,852,410</u>
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JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 5

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jackson County	8,600,097	9,055,397	9,055,397	-
U.S. Government	-	-	-	-
Other	160,000	160,000	231,396	71,396
Total revenues	8,760,097	9,215,397	9,286,793	71,396
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	4,703,828	4,880,278	4,389,188	491,090
System-wide support services	4,875,265	4,927,589	4,357,715	569,874
Ancillary services	23,294	83,494	77,990	5,504
Non-programmed charges	775,000	925,000	905,079	19,921
Debt service:				
Principal payments	-	35,000	31,489	3,511
Interest payments	-	10,000	4,436	5,564
Total expenditures	10,377,387	10,861,361	9,765,897	1,095,464
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (1,617,290)	\$ (1,645,964)	(479,104)	\$ 1,166,860
Other financing sources:				
Lease liabilities issued	-	28,674	28,674	-
Appropriated fund balance	1,617,290	1,617,290	-	(1,617,290)
Total other financing sources	1,617,290	1,645,964	28,674	(1,617,290)
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(450,430)	<u>\$ (450,430)</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			3,319,280	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ 2,868,850</u>	

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 5 (continued)

	State Public School Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 25,849,811	\$ 31,168,652	\$ 28,290,623	\$ (2,878,029)
Jackson County	-	-	-	-
U.S. Government	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>25,849,811</u>	<u>31,168,652</u>	<u>28,290,623</u>	<u>(2,878,029)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services:	22,949,046	27,712,257	24,873,497	2,838,760
System-wide support services:	2,855,768	3,368,811	3,329,542	39,269
Ancillary services	-	-	-	-
Non-programmed charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>25,804,814</u>	<u>31,081,068</u>	<u>28,203,039</u>	<u>2,878,029</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	44,997	87,584	87,584	-
Other financing sources:				
Transfers to other funds	<u>(44,997)</u>	<u>(87,584)</u>	<u>(87,584)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			<u>-</u>	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 5 (continued)

	Other Special Revenue Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ -
Jackson County	-	-	-	-
U.S. Government	54,697	958,714	281,743	(676,971)
Other	430,274	3,019,336	3,343,083	323,747
Total revenues	484,971	4,043,050	3,689,826	(353,224)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	1,352,000	3,564,027	1,710,153	1,853,874
System-wide support services	540,314	1,080,752	465,721	615,031
Ancillary services	84,407	162,723	136,121	26,602
Non-programmed charges	2,488,420	3,671,785	18,881	3,652,904
Debt service:				
Principal payments	-	12,983	12,182	801
Interest payments	-	2,000	1,716	284
Total expenditures	4,465,141	8,494,270	2,344,774	6,149,496
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,980,170)	(4,451,220)	1,345,052	5,796,272
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from other funds	-	60,000	49,066	(10,934)
Lease liabilities issued	-	40,000	38,414	(1,586)
Appropriated fund balance	3,980,170	4,351,220	-	(4,351,220)
Total other financing sources (uses)	3,980,170	4,451,220	87,480	(4,363,740)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	1,432,532	\$ 1,432,532
Fund balances, beginning of year			5,003,898	
Fund balances, end of year			\$ 6,436,430	

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 5 (continued)

	Federal Grants Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jackson County	-	-	-	-
U.S. Government	412,981	9,929,563	6,234,899	(3,694,664)
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>412,981</u>	<u>9,929,563</u>	<u>6,234,899</u>	<u>(3,694,664)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	366,348	6,808,804	4,488,939	2,319,865
System-wide support services	8,876	1,672,842	1,126,600	546,242
Ancillary services	-	137,842	53,730	84,112
Non-programmed charges	37,757	1,310,075	565,630	744,445
Total expenditures	<u>412,981</u>	<u>9,929,563</u>	<u>6,234,899</u>	<u>3,694,664</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			-	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
June 30, 2023

Exhibit 6

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>School Nutrition</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 493,586
Due from other governments	71,341
Inventories	77,048
Total current assets	<u>641,975</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Right to use assets, net	33,090
Capital assets, net	368,272
Total assets	<u>1,043,337</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>492,911</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Due to other fund	48
Compensated absences	34,184
Unavailable revenues	37,736
Lease liability	11,282
Total current liabilities	<u>83,250</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	585,196
Net OPEB liability	813,534
Compensated absences	18,618
Lease liability	21,223
Total liabilities	<u>1,521,821</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>419,326</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	368,272
Unrestricted	(773,171)
Total net position	<u>\$ (404,899)</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 7

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>School Nutrition</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Food sales	\$ 610,570
Other	1,456
Total operating revenues	<u>612,026</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Food cost	1,205,937
Salaries and benefits	1,308,695
Indirect costs	112,455
Materials and supplies	55,466
Noncapital equipment	7,798
Repairs and maintenance	34,097
Depreciation and amortization	53,914
Other	6,123
Total operating expenses	<u>2,784,485</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(2,172,459)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Federal reimbursements	1,802,688
Federal commodities	164,121
State reimbursements	13,975
Interest earned	10,601
Indirect costs not paid	112,455
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>2,103,840</u>
Income (loss) before capital contributions and transfers	(68,619)
Capital contribution from the Other Special Revenue Fund	8,434
Operating transfer from the State Pubic School Fund	<u>87,584</u>
Change in net position	27,399
Total net position - beginning	<u>(432,298)</u>
Total net position - ending	<u><u>\$ (404,899)</u></u>

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit 8

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>School Nutrition</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from customers	\$ 610,448
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,164,717)
Cash paid to employees for services	(1,387,741)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(1,942,010)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Federal reimbursements	1,783,513
State reimbursements	13,975
Due to other funds	48
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>1,797,536</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Acquisition of capital assets	(139,245)
Lease payments on right to use assets	(11,014)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(150,259)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Due from other funds	2,950
Interest on investments and other	10,601
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>13,551</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(281,182)
Balances-beginning of the year	<u>774,768</u>
Balances-end of the year	<u>\$ 493,586</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
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Exhibit 8
(Continued)

Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (2,172,459)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	53,914
Donated commodities consumed	164,121
Transfers from other funds	87,584
Indirect costs not paid	112,455
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(19,399)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(18)
(Increase) decrease in net OPEB asset	579
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows	(156,166)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	398,182
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability	(248,817)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows	(150,886)
Increase (decrease) in unavailable revenues	(1,578)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	(9,522)
Total adjustments	230,449
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (1,942,010)

*** Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:**

The State Public School Fund paid operating expenses of \$87,584 of the School Food Service Fund during the fiscal year. The payment is reflected as a transfer in and as an operating expense on Exhibit 7.

The School Nutrition Fund received \$8,434 of capital assets as a capital contribution from the Other Special Revenue Fund.

Indirect costs of \$112,455 that would be due to the Other Special Revenue Fund were not paid. These unpaid costs are reflected as a nonoperating revenue and an operating expense on Exhibit 7.

The School Nutrition Fund received donated commodities with a value of \$164,121 during the fiscal year. The receipt of the commodities is recognized as a nonoperating revenue.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Jackson County Board of Education conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity

The Jackson County Board of Education (Board) is a Local Education Agency empowered by State law [Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes] with the responsibility to oversee and control all activities related to public school education in Jackson County, North Carolina. The Board receives State, local, and federal government funding and must adhere to the legal requirements of each funding entity.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Board. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the effect of internal activities upon revenues and expenses. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Board. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Board and for each function of the Board's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Board's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental* and *proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. All expenses are considered to be operating expenses.

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The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Board. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are accounted for in another fund. This fund is also referred to as the "Local Current Expense Fund," which is mandated by State law [G.S. 115C-426].

State Public School Fund. The State Public School Fund includes appropriations from the Department of Public Instruction for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

Individual Schools Fund. The Individual Schools Fund includes revenues and expenditures of the activity funds of the individual schools. The primary revenue sources include funds held on the behalf of various clubs and organizations, receipts from athletic events, and proceeds from various fund raising activities. The primary expenditures are for athletic teams, club programs, activity buses, and instructional needs. The Individual Schools Fund is reported as a special revenue fund.

Other Special Revenue Fund. The Other Special Revenue Fund accounts for proceeds from reimbursements including indirect costs, fees for actual costs, tuition, sales tax refunds, gifts and grants restricted as to use, trust funds, federal appropriations made directly to local school administrative units, funds received for pre-kindergarten programs, and special programs that are not accounted for in the General Fund or other special revenue funds pursuant to G.S. 115C-426(c).

Capital Outlay Fund. The Capital Outlay Fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). It is mandated by State law [G.S.115C-426]. Capital projects are funded by Jackson County appropriations, restricted sales tax moneys, proceeds of Jackson County bonds issued for public school construction, as well as certain State assistance.

Federal Grants Fund. The Federal Grants Fund includes appropriations from the U.S. Government for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

The Board reports the following major enterprise fund:

School Nutrition Fund. The School Nutrition Fund is used to account for the food service program within the school system and is reported as an enterprise fund.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Board gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Board considers all revenues reported

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in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after year-end. These could include federal, State, and county grants, and some charges for services. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Acquisitions under leases qualifying as other than short-term are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Board funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Board's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the Board follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

Budgetary Data

The Board's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Annual budgets are adopted for all funds, except for the individual schools, special revenue funds, as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. No budget is required by State law for individual school funds. All appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds. The Board has authorized the Superintendent to move moneys (up to \$10,000) from one function to another within a fund with a report of such transfers to be made to the Board at its next regular meeting. Line item amounts from objects within a purpose may be transferred without a report to the Board. Proposed expenditures from State, federal or other sources of revenues may be amended upon receipt of information altering the anticipated revenues. Budget amendments shall be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting. Transfers between funds shall not be made without prior approval of the Board. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

Encumbrance accounting is employed in all governmental funds except the Individual Schools Fund. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders, contracts) outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year. There were no outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2023.

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance / Net Position

Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 115C-444]. The Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Board may establish time

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deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. The Board also has money credited in its name with the State Treasurer and may issue State warrants against these funds.

State law [G.S. 115C-443] authorizes the Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; The North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT) is a SEC registered money market mutual fund allowable by G.S. 159-30(c)(8). The NCCMT Government Portfolio is a 2a-7 fund maintaining an AAAm rating from S & P Global Ratings and AAAmf by Moody's Investors Service. The NCCMT Government Portfolio is reported at fair value.

The Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF) is managed by the staff of the Department of State Treasurer and operated in accordance with state laws and regulations. It is not registered with the SEC. It consists of an internal portion and an external portion in which the board participates. Investments are restricted to those enumerated in G.S. 147-69.1.

The Board's investments are reported at amortized cost or at fair value determined by either quoted market prices or a matrix pricing model. Bank deposits are measured at amortized cost. Ownership interest in the STIF is determined on a fair market valuation basis as of fiscal year end in accordance with the STIF operating procedures. Valuation of the underlying assets is performed by the custodian. All investments are measured using the market approach. The STIF is classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy and is valued using prices that are either directly or indirectly observable for an asset or liability. Under the authority of G.S. 147-69.3, no unrealized gains or losses of the STIF are distributed to external participants of the fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Board pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents.

Inventories

The inventories of the Board are valued at average cost, which approximates the first-in, first-out (FIFO) flow assumption in determining cost. Proprietary Fund inventories consist of food and supplies and are recorded as expenses when consumed.

Capital Assets

Donated assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation or forfeiture. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other assets are recorded at original cost. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Certain items acquired before July 1984 are recorded at an estimated original historical cost. The total of these estimates is not considered large enough that any errors would be material when capital assets are considered as a whole.

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It is the policy of the Board to capitalize all capital assets costing more than \$5,000 with an estimated useful life of two or more years. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Jackson County holds title to certain properties, which are reflected as capital assets in the financial statements of the Board. The properties have been deeded to the County to permit installment purchase financing of acquisition and construction costs and to permit the County to receive refunds of sales tax paid for construction costs. Agreements between the County and the Board gives the schools full use of the facilities, full responsibility for maintenance of the facilities, and provides that the County will convey title of the property back to the Board, once all restrictions of the financing agreements and all sales tax reimbursement requirements have been met.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Buildings	40
Land improvements; mobile classrooms; heaters	20
Athletic/health equipment; buses	15
School nutrition equipment	12
Vehicles/trailers; general equipment; furniture and fixtures	7

Depreciation for building and equipment that serve multiple purposes cannot be allocated ratably and is therefore reported as "unallocated depreciation" on the Statement of Activities. The Board carries certain capital assets for which Jackson County carries the offsetting debt.

Right to Use Leased Assets

The Board has right to use leased assets for vehicles. The right to use leased assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases.

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Board has several items that meet this criterion - pension and OPEB related deferrals and contributions made to the plans subsequent to the measurement date. The statement of financial position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Board has several items that meet this criterion - pension and OPEB related deferrals.

Long-term obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities.

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Compensated Absences

The Board follows the State's policy for vacation and sick leave. Employees may accumulate up to thirty (30) days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Board, the current portion of the accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material. The Board's liability for accumulated earned vacation and the salary-related payments as of June 30, 2023 is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements on a FIFO basis. An estimate has been made based on prior years' records, of the current portion of compensated absences.

The sick leave policy of the Board provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Board has no obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

Net Position/Fund Balances

Net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are classified net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represent constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through State statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of three classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Restricted fund balance – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute - portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 115C-425(a)].

Restricted for school capital outlay - portion of fund balance that can only be used for school capital outlay. [G.S. 159-18 through 22]

Restricted for Individual Schools – revenue sources restricted for expenditures for the various clubs and organizations, athletic events, and various fund raising activities for which they were collected.

Committed Fund Balance: This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purpose imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Board's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority) and in certain instances, approval by the County's governing body is required. Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing bodies that approved the original action.

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Special Revenues - portion of fund balance that is committed for special programs that are not accounted for in the General Fund or other special revenue funds.

Assigned fund balance – portion of fund balance that the Board of Education intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent year's expenditures - portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

Unassigned fund balance – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The Board does not have a formal revenue spending policy; however, it is the Board's practice to use resources in the following hierarchy: federal funds, State funds, local non-board of education funds, board of education funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan and OPEB Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF), and the Disability Income Plan of NC (DIPNC) and additions to/deductions from TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Board's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Board has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 2 – DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Assets

Deposits

All of the Board's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Board's agents in the unit's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured

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deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Board or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Board has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2023, the Board had deposits in financial institutions with a carrying amount of \$6,512,689 and with the State Treasurer of \$0. The bank balances with the financial institutions and the State Treasurer were \$531,647 and \$6,723,825, respectively. Of these balances, \$822,717 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$6,432,755 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the name of the State Treasurer.

Investments

At June 30, 2023, the Board had \$5,605,917 invested with the State Treasurer in the STIF. The STIF is unrated and had a weighted average maturity of 1.3 years at June 30, 2023. The Board has no policy for managing interest rate risk or credit risk. The Board has no policy for managing interest rate risk or credit risk.

Accounts Receivable

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Due from other governments	Other
Governmental activities:		
General Fund	\$ 13,673	\$ 1,496
Other governmental activities	-	94,987
Total	<u>\$ 13,673</u>	<u>\$ 96,483</u>
Business-type activities:		
School Food Service	<u>\$ 71,341</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Due from other governments consists of the following:

Governmental activities:		
General Fund	<u>\$ 13,673</u>	Jackson County
Business-type activities:		
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 71,341</u>	USDA Grant Reimbursement

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Capital Assets

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

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Retirements	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,809,021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,809,021
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	73,572,619	-	-	73,572,619
Land improvements	1,229,075	-	-	1,229,075
Mobile classrooms	189,113	323,522	-	512,635
Heaters	364,108	-	-	364,108
Athletic/health equipment	1,270,825	14,190	-	1,285,015
Buses	4,381,926	-	47,197	4,334,729
Vehicles/trailers	366,764	24,589	20,480	370,873
General equipment	1,447,202	22,617	-	1,469,819
Furniture and fixtures	1,053,772	30,354	-	1,084,126
Total capital assets being depreciated	83,875,404	415,272	67,677	84,222,999
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	35,157,952	1,998,329	-	37,156,281
Land improvements	663,771	48,032	-	711,803
Mobile classrooms	179,572	10,585	-	190,157
Heaters	170,090	18,836	-	188,926
Athletic/health equipment	628,850	75,883	-	704,733
Buses	2,778,003	210,445	47,197	2,941,251
Vehicles/trailers	63,176	17,008	20,480	59,704
General equipment	1,245,459	58,220	-	1,303,679
Furniture and fixtures	992,091	38,914	-	1,031,005
Total accumulated depreciation	41,878,964	2,476,252	67,677	44,287,539
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	41,996,440			39,935,460
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 43,805,461</u>			<u>\$ 41,744,481</u>

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Business-type activities:

School Food Service Fund:

Capital assets being depreciated:

Equipment and furniture	\$ 671,284	\$ 147,679	\$ 6,374	\$ 812,589
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Less accumulated depreciation for:

Equipment and furniture	<u>407,412</u>	43,279	6,374	<u>444,317</u>
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School Food Service capital assets, net	<u>\$ 263,872</u>			<u>\$ 368,272</u>
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Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instructional services	\$ 2,046,361
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System-wide support services	227,453
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Unallocated depreciation	<u>202,438</u>
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Total	<u>\$ 2,476,252</u>
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Right to Use Leased Assets

The Board has recorded right to use leased assets for vehicles. The related leases are discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of the footnotes. The right to use leased assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases.

Right to use asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Retirements	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:				
Right to use assets:				
Vehicles	\$ 222,436	139,063	-	\$ 361,499
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Vehicles	<u>53,832</u>	<u>83,114</u>	-	<u>136,946</u>
Right to use assets, net	<u>\$ 168,604</u>			<u>\$ 224,553</u>
Business-type activities:				
Right to use assets:				
Vehicles	\$ 53,177	-	-	\$ 53,177
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Vehicles	<u>9,452</u>	<u>10,635</u>	-	<u>20,087</u>
Right to use assets, net	<u>\$ 43,725</u>			<u>\$ 33,090</u>

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Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	<u>Vendors</u>
Governmental Activities:	
General	\$ 589,673
Other Governmental	148,292
Total - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 737,965</u>

Unavailable Revenues

The balance in unavailable revenues at year-end is composed of the following elements:

	<u>Unavailable Revenue</u>
Prepaid lunch balances (School Food Service Fund)	<u>\$ 37,736</u>

Pension Plan Obligations

a. Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Board is a participating employer in the statewide Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. TSERS membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the employees of Local Education Agencies and charter schools. Article 1 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the TSERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for TSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Benefits Provided. TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members

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are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

TSERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Board employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the TSERS Board of Trustees. The Board's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 17.38% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Board were \$4,358,079 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Refunds of Contributions – Board employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of TSERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60 day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by TSERS.

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

At June 30, 2023, the Board reported a liability of \$22,405,842 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2022 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Board's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating TSERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 and at June 30, 2021, the Board's proportion was 0.151%.

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For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Board recognized pension expense of \$4,481,443. At June 30, 2023, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 97,556	\$ 305,395
Changes of assumptions	1,767,736	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	7,358,977	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	12,266	153,072
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>4,358,079</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,594,614</u>	<u>\$ 458,467</u>

\$4,358,079 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2024	\$ 2,314,761
2025	2,156,132
2026	779,487
2027	3,527,688
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ 8,778,068</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all period included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25% to 8.05%, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including Inflation

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The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements. The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation were based on the actuarial experience study for the prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021. Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections.

Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2017 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including TSERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability reported at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected

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future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50 percent, as well as what the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.50%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (6.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.50%)</u>
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 39,614,671	\$ 22,405,842	\$ 8,201,331

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Other Post-employment Benefits

Healthcare Benefits

Plan description. The Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF) has been established as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is established by General Statute 135-7, Article 1. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, LEAs, charter schools, and some select local governments also participate.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan. The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

Benefits provided. Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees. The plan options change when former employees become

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eligible for Medicare. Medicare retirees have the option of selecting one of two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PDP) options of the self-funded Traditional 70/30 preferred Provider Organization plan option that is also offered to non-Medicare members. If the Traditional 70/30 Plan is selected by a Medicare retiree, the self-funded State Health Plan coverage is secondary to Medicare.

Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) and retirees of the TSERS, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program (ORP), and a small number of local governments, with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007, future coverage as retired employees and retired members of the General Assembly is subject to the requirement that the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the State Health Plan's noncontributory premium.

Section 35.21 (c) and (d) of Session Law 2017-57 repeals retiree medical benefits for employees first hired January 1, 2021. The new legislation amends Article 3B of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes to require that retirees must earn contributory retirement service in TSERS (or in an allowed local system unit), CJRS, or LRS prior to January 1, 2021, and not withdraw that service, in order to be eligible for retiree medical benefits under the amended law. Consequently, members first hired on and after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits.

RHBF's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135-7, Article 1 and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Contributions. By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to RHBF are irrevocable. Also by law, fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF. However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer the RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state—supported retired employees' health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis are determined by the General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill. For the current fiscal year, the Board contributed 6.89% of covered payroll which amounted to \$1,727,685. During the current fiscal year, the plan also recognized a one-time transfer of excess funding from the Public Employees Health Benefits Fund totaling \$180 million, which was isolated from the OPEB expense and allocated to participating employers as a separate revenue item. The Board's proportionate share of this allocation totaled \$236,467.

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At June 30, 2023, Board reported a liability of \$31,108,822 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2022 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 and at June 30, 2021, the Boards proportion was 0.13%

\$1,727,685 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2024	\$ (4,323,110)
2025	(2,775,731)
2026	(3,173,923)
2027	(1,876,938)
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ (12,149,702)</u>

Actuarial assumptions. Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25-8.05%, include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%
Healthcare cost trend rate – medical	5.00% - 6.00%
Healthcare cost trend rate – prescription drug	5.00% - 9.50%
Healthcare cost trend rate – administrative	3.00%
Post-retirement mortality rates	Pub-2010 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females, adjusted for classification for some Participants, further adjusted with scaling factors varying by participant group, and projected for mortality improvement using Scale MP-2019

Discount rate. The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability for the RHBf at June 30, 2023 was 3.54% and 2.16% for 2022. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 3.54% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 3.54% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2022.

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Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.54 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.54 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.54%)	Discount Rate (3.54%)	1% Increase (4.54%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 36,642,083	\$ 31,108,822	\$ 26,588,840

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare trend rates. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Trend Rates (6.50% Medical, 7.25% Rx, 3.00% Administrative Expenses)	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Net OPEB liability	\$ 25,607,170	\$ 31,108,822	\$ 38,219,471

OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ACFR for the State of North Carolina.

Disability Benefits

Plan description. Short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided through the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to the eligible members of TSERS which includes employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, certain Local Education Agencies, and ORP.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

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Benefits Provided. Long-term disability benefits are payable as an OPEB from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provide the following requirements are met: (1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in TSERS or ORP, earned within 96 months prior to the end of the short-term disability period or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers' Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3) the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS after (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing 5 years of membership service, or (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service, or (3) completing 30 years of service at any age.

Contributions. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Bill by the General Assembly and coincide with the State fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, employers made a statutory contribution of 0.10% of covered payroll which was equal to the actuarially required contribution. Board contributions to the plan were \$25,075 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The contributions cannot be separated between the amounts that relate to other postemployment benefits and employment benefits for active employees. Those individuals who are receiving extended short-term disability benefit payments cannot be separated from the number of members currently eligible to receive disability benefits as an other postemployment benefit.

At June 30, 2023, Board reported an OPEB liability of \$39,606 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2022 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 and at June 30, 2021, the Boards proportion was 0.13%.

\$25,075 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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Year ended June 30:

2024	\$	19,991
2025		22,871
2026		16,411
2027		12,578
2028		2,271
Thereafter		4,089
Total	\$	<u>78,211</u>

Actuarial assumptions. Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25% to 8.05%, including a 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	3.00%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.00 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.00 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.00%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (3.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.00%)</u>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 48,771	\$ 39,606	\$ 30,420

Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB liability was calculated through the use of update procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. The update procedures incorporated the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. The entry age normal cost method was utilized.

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer), and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

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DIPNC is primarily invested in the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2022. The long-term expected rate of return was determined based on the combination of expected future real rates of return and expected inflation. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2022 is 1.2%.

Total OPEB Expense, OPEB Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources of Related to OPEB

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>RHBF</u>	<u>DIPNC</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPEB expense	\$ 3,479,221	\$ (59,542)	\$ 3,419,679
OPEB liability (asset)	31,108,822	39,606	31,148,428
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.131%	0.133%	
Deferred of Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 302,026	\$ 44,396	\$ 346,422
Changes of assumptions	2,490,665	2,546	2,493,211
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	269,389	41,891	311,280
Changes in proportion and defferences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	373,692	507	374,199
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,727,685</u>	<u>25,075</u>	<u>1,752,760</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 5,163,457</u>	<u>\$ 114,415</u>	<u>\$ 5,277,872</u>
Deferred of Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 86,081	\$ -	\$ 86,081
Changes of assumptions	14,158,358	7,337	14,165,695
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,341,035	3,792	1,344,827
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 15,585,474</u>	<u>\$ 11,129</u>	<u>\$ 15,596,603</u>

Other Employment Benefits

The Board provides group term life insurance to permanent, full-time employees in the amount of \$15,000 through a commercial carrier at no cost to employees. In addition, the Board contributes toward the cost of dental insurance for those employees that choose to purchase dental insurance. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the total cost to the Board for group term life insurance and dental insurance was \$13,355 and \$64,261, respectively.

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Long-Term Obligations

Leases

The Board has entered into agreements to lease certain vehicles. The lease agreements qualify as other than short-term leases under GASB 87 and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

Agreements were executed to lease vehicles and require monthly payments ranging from \$262 - \$623. There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liability is measured at an imputed discount rate of 4.0%. As a result of the lease, the Board has recorded a right to use asset with a net book value of \$257,643 on June 30, 2023.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments and the net present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2023:

Year Ending June 30:	Governmental Activities			Business Type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 71,203	\$ 6,329	\$ 77,532	\$ 11,282	\$ 682	\$ 11,964
2025	70,293	4,919	75,212	11,558	406	11,964
2026	43,397	2,596	45,993	8,395	135	8,530
2027	29,498	1,354	30,852	1,270	6	1,276
2028	17,662	261	17,923	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 232,053	\$ 15,459	\$ 247,512	\$ 32,505	\$ 1,229	\$ 33,734

Direct Placement Installment Purchases

The Board is authorized to finance the purchase of school buses under G.S. 115C-528(a). Session law 2003-284, section 7.25 authorized the State Board of Education to allot moneys for the payments on financing contracts entered into pursuant to G.S. 115C-528. The State has accepted the bid to purchase Thomas Built Buses through third party direct placement financing arrangements. As of June 30, 2023, the Board has entered into such contracts for the purchase of school buses. The terms of the financing contracts require annual payments of \$101,043.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchases as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities Principal
2024	\$ 101,043

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Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the Board's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Current Maturities
Governmental activities:					
Direct placement					
installment purchases	\$ 202,087	\$ -	\$ 101,044	\$ 101,043	\$ 101,043
Lease liabilities	171,629	139,063	78,639	232,053	71,203
Net pension liability	6,881,840	14,938,806	-	21,820,646	-
Net OPEB liability	39,071,720	-	8,736,826	30,334,894	-
Compensated absences	2,310,282	2,290,077	2,158,904	2,441,455	1,145,751
Total	<u>\$ 48,637,558</u>	<u>\$ 17,367,946</u>	<u>\$ 11,075,413</u>	<u>\$ 54,930,091</u>	<u>\$ 1,317,997</u>
Business-type activities:					
Lease liabilities	\$ 43,519	\$ -	\$ 11,014	\$ 32,505	\$ 11,282
Net pension liability	187,014	398,182	-	585,196	-
Net OPEB liability	1,061,772	-	248,238	813,534	-
Compensated absences	62,324	87,428	96,950	52,802	34,184
Total	<u>\$ 1,354,629</u>	<u>\$ 485,610</u>	<u>\$ 356,202</u>	<u>\$ 1,484,037</u>	<u>\$ 45,466</u>

Compensated absences for governmental activities are typically liquidated by the general and other governmental funds.

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Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

The balance in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources at year-end is composed of the following:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 386,465	\$ 1,497,899
Changes in assumptions	4,260,947	14,165,695
Difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	7,670,257	-
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,110,839	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	<u>443,978</u>	<u>391,476</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,872,486</u>	<u>\$ 16,055,070</u>

Interfund Balances and Activities

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2023 consist of the following:

From the Individual Schools Fund to the Other Special Revenue Fund for use of activity buses	<u>\$ 49,066</u>
From the State Public School Fund to the School Nutrition Fund for operating costs	<u>\$ 87,584</u>

Interfund balances at June 30, 2023 consist of the following:

From the General Fund to the Other Special Revenue Fund for reimbursement of operating expenses	<u>\$ 129,490</u>
From the School Food Service Fund to the General Fund for reimbursement of operating expenses	<u>\$ 48</u>

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Contributed capital between funds for the year ended June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

From the Other Special Revenue Fund to the School Food Service Fund for equipment	<u>\$ 8,434</u>
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Fund Balance

The Board does not have a formal fund balance policy. In addition, all encumbrances lapse at the end of the year. Therefore, the entire amount of unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is available for appropriation.

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is available for appropriation.

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 2,868,850
Less:	
Stabilization by State statute	(15,217)
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2024 budget	<u>(428,201)</u>
Remaining fund balance	<u>\$ 2,425,432</u>

Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Board participates in the North Carolina School Boards Trust (the "Trust"), a member funded risk management program administered by the North Carolina School Boards Association. Through the Trust, the Board maintains general liability and errors and omissions coverage of \$1 million per claim. The Trust has an annual aggregate limit for general liability of \$2,550,000 and an annual aggregate limit of \$2,550,000 for errors and omissions claims. The Trust is reinsured through commercial companies for losses in excess of \$150,000 per claim for errors and omissions and general liability. Statutory workers' compensation coverage is purchased through private insurers. Coverage is provided to the extent employees are paid from Federal or local funds. Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of North Carolina through a self-insured fund, to the extent employees are paid from State funds. The Board also participates in the Public School Insurance Fund (the Fund), a voluntary, self-insured risk control and risk financing fund administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. This insures the tangible property assets of the Board. Coverage is provided on an "all risk" perils contract. Buildings and contents are insured on a replacement cost basis. The Fund purchases excess reinsurance to protect the assets of the Fund in the event of a catastrophic event. The Fund maintains a self-insured retention of \$10 million. Excess reinsurance is purchased through commercial insurers. A limit of \$5 million per occurrence is provided on Flood, Earthquake, Business Interruption and Extra Expense. \$10 million per occurrence is provided on Increased Cost of Construction.

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The Board also participates in the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, a self-funded risk financing pool of the State administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. The Board pays the full cost of coverage for employees enrolled in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.

In accordance with G.S. 115C-442, the Board's employees who have custody of the Board's monies at any given time of the Board's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$250,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$175,000.

The Board carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 3 – SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Board has received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
*Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Board's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.151%	0.151%	0.152%	0.152%	0.150%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 22,405,842	\$ 7,068,854	\$ 18,374,301	\$ 15,726,674	\$ 14,881,366
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 24,652,586	\$ 22,596,365	\$ 22,404,980	\$ 22,409,830	\$ 21,109,942
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	90.89%	31.28%	82.01%	70.18%	70.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.14%	94.86%	85.98%	87.56%	87.61%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Board's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.151%	0.156%	0.151%	0.144%	0.142%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 11,966,724	\$ 14,298,490	\$ 5,551,751	\$ 1,686,293	\$ 8,645,131
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 20,610,680	\$ 19,913,809	\$ 20,018,706	\$ 18,550,024	\$ 18,890,817
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	58.06%	71.80%	27.73%	9.09%	45.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	89.51%	87.32%	94.64%	98.24%	90.60%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

This schedule is required supplementary information.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contribution	\$ 4,358,079	\$ 4,038,094	\$ 3,339,743	\$ 2,905,926	\$ 2,754,168
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	4,358,079	4,038,094	3,339,743	2,905,926	2,754,168
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 25,075,253	\$ 24,652,586	\$ 22,596,365	\$ 22,404,980	\$ 22,409,830
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.38%	16.38%	14.78%	12.97%	12.29%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,275,652	\$ 2,056,946	\$ 1,811,446	\$ 1,810,186	\$ 1,593,773
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,275,652	2,056,946	1,811,446	1,810,186	1,593,773
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 21,109,942	\$ 20,610,680	\$ 19,913,809	\$ 20,018,706	\$ 18,550,024
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.78%	9.98%	9.10%	9.04%	8.59%

This schedule is required supplementary information.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND
*Last Seven Fiscal Years**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.131%	0.130%	0.133%	0.134%	0.134%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 31,108,822	\$ 40,155,396	\$ 36,939,788	\$ 42,445,352	\$ 38,087,756
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 24,652,586	\$ 22,596,365	\$ 22,404,980	\$ 22,409,830	\$ 21,109,942
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	126.19%	177.71%	164.87%	189.41%	180.43%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	10.58%	7.72%	6.92%	4.40%	4.40%

	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.136%	0.124%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 44,635,464	\$ 56,612,103
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 20,610,680	\$ 19,913,809
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	216.56%	284.29%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	3.52%	2.41%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

This schedule is required supplementary information.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,727,685	\$ 1,550,648	\$ 1,509,437	\$ 1,449,602	\$ 1,405,096
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,727,685	1,550,648	1,509,437	1,449,602	1,405,096
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 25,075,253	\$ 24,652,586	\$ 22,596,365	\$ 22,404,980	\$ 22,409,830
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.89%	6.29%	6.68%	6.47%	6.27%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,277,151	\$ 1,196,982	\$ 1,114,336	\$ 1,099,027	\$ 1,001,762
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,277,151	1,196,982	1,114,336	1,099,027	1,001,762
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 21,109,942	\$ 20,610,680	\$ 19,913,809	\$ 20,018,706	\$ 18,550,024
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.05%	5.81%	5.60%	5.49%	5.40%

This schedule is required supplementary information.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA
*Last Seven Fiscal Years**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset (liability)	0.133%	0.134%	0.134%	0.134%	0.133%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability)	\$ (39,606)	\$ 21,904	\$ 65,856	\$ 58,018	\$ 40,430
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 24,652,586	\$ 22,596,365	\$ 22,404,980	\$ 22,409,830	\$ 21,109,942
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-0.16%	0.10%	0.29%	0.26%	0.19%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB asset (liability)	90.34%	105.18%	115.57%	113.00%	108.47%

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset (liability)	0.134%	0.140%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability)	\$ 81,980	\$ 86,977
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 20,610,680	\$ 19,913,809
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.40%	0.44%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB asset (liability)	116.23%	116.06%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

This schedule is required supplementary information.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contribution	\$ 25,075	\$ 22,187	\$ 20,337	\$ 22,405	\$ 31,374
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	25,075	22,187	20,337	22,405	31,374
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 25,075,253	\$ 24,652,586	\$ 22,596,365	\$ 22,404,980	\$ 22,409,830
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.14%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 29,554	\$ 77,896	\$ 81,684	\$ 82,077	\$ 80,701
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	29,554	77,896	81,684	82,077	80,701
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered-employee payroll	\$ 21,109,942	\$ 20,610,680	\$ 19,913,809	\$ 20,018,706	\$ 18,550,024
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.14%	0.38%	0.41%	0.41%	0.44%

This schedule is required supplementary information.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND
ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

		Exhibit A-1		
		Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative) Variance
Revenues:				
Jackson County:				
Timber		\$ 141,928	\$ -	\$ 141,928
County appropriations		8,913,469	9,055,397	(141,928)
		<u>9,055,397</u>	<u>9,055,397</u>	<u>-</u>
Other:				
Fines and forfeitures		160,000	180,736	20,736
Other		-	1,283	1,283
Interest earned on investments		-	49,377	49,377
Total		<u>160,000</u>	<u>231,396</u>	<u>71,396</u>
Total revenues		<u>9,215,397</u>	<u>9,286,793</u>	<u>71,396</u>
Expenditures:				
Instructional services:				
Regular instructional			1,392,291	
Special populations			131,989	
Alternative programs			207,354	
School leadership			1,127,319	
Co-curricular services			666,763	
School-based support			863,472	
Total instructional services		<u>4,880,278</u>	<u>4,389,188</u>	<u>491,090</u>
System-wide support services:				
Support and development			203,715	
Special population support and development			828	
Alternative programs and services			2,346	
Technology support			412,929	
Operational support			2,465,183	
Financial and human resource services			747,881	
Accountability			144,096	
Systemwide pupil support			63,362	
Policy, leadership and public relations			317,375	
Total system-wide support services		<u>4,927,589</u>	<u>4,357,715</u>	<u>569,874</u>
Ancillary services		<u>83,494</u>	<u>77,990</u>	<u>5,504</u>
Non-programmed charges		<u>925,000</u>	<u>905,079</u>	<u>19,921</u>
Debt service:				
Principal payments			31,489	
Interest expense			4,436	
		<u>45,000</u>	<u>35,925</u>	<u>9,075</u>
Total expenditures		<u>10,861,361</u>	<u>9,765,897</u>	<u>1,095,464</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures		<u>\$ (1,645,964)</u>	<u>(479,104)</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,860</u>
Other financing sources:				
Lease liabilities issued		28,674	28,674	-
Appropriated fund balance		1,617,290	-	(1,617,290)
Total other financing sources		<u>1,645,964</u>	<u>28,674</u>	<u>(1,617,290)</u>
Net change in fund balance		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(450,430)</u>	<u>\$ (450,430)</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year, July 1			<u>3,319,280</u>	
End of year, June 30			<u>\$ 2,868,850</u>	

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit B-1

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
State of North Carolina:			
State appropriations-buses	\$ 426,044	\$ 101,044	\$ (325,000)
Jackson County			
Restricted portion of sales tax	1,455,700	1,455,700	-
Other:			
Interest income	-	18,811	18,811
Other	-	4,215	4,215
	-	23,026	23,026
Total revenues	1,881,744	1,579,770	(301,974)
Expenditures:			
Instructional services			
School-based support	25,000	25,000	-
System-wide support services			
Technology support		717,285	
Operational support		893,685	
Total	1,683,675	1,610,970	72,705
Debt service:			
Principal payments		136,012	
Interest expense		9,159	
Total	482,044	145,171	336,873
Total expenditures	2,190,719	1,781,141	409,578
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(308,975)	(201,371)	107,604
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Lease liabilities issued	71,975	71,975	-
Appropriated fund balance	237,000	-	(237,000)
Total other financing sources	308,975	71,975	(237,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(129,396)	\$ (129,396)
Fund balances:			
Beginning of year, July 1		969,739	
End of year, June 30		\$ 840,343	

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-
GAAP) - SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit C-1

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Operating revenues:			
Food sales and other	\$ 339,000	\$ 610,448	\$ 271,448
Operating expenditures:			
Business support services		2,255,674	
Capital outlay		139,245	
Total operating expenditures	4,034,355	2,394,919	1,639,436
Operating loss	(3,695,355)	(1,784,471)	1,910,884
Nonoperating revenues:			
Federal reimbursements	2,760,000	1,802,688	(957,312)
Federal commodities	156,530	164,121	7,591
State reimbursements	-	13,975	13,975
Interest earned	4,000	10,601	6,601
Gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets	1,000	-	(1,000)
Donated capital assets	10,000	8,434	(1,566)
Other	176,500	-	(176,500)
Total nonoperating revenues	3,108,030	1,999,819	(1,108,211)
Revenues over (under) expenditures before other financing sources	(587,325)	215,348	802,673
Transfers from other funds	45,000	87,584	42,584
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures	(542,325)	302,932	845,257
Appropriated fund balance	542,325	-	(542,325)
Revenues, other sources, and appropriated fund balance under expenditures	\$ -	302,932	\$ 302,932

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-
GAAP) - SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit C-1
(Continued)

Reconciliation of modified accrual to full accrual basis:

Reconciling items:

Depreciation and amortization	(53,914)
Indirect costs	(112,455)
Indirect costs not paid	112,455
Capital outlay	139,245
Increase (decrease) in inventory	19,399
(Increase) decrease in accounts payable	18
(Increase) decrease in unavailable revenues	1,578
(Increase) decrease in compensated absences	9,522
Net pension liability	(398,182)
Net OPEB liability	248,817
Deferred outflows - pension	156,166
Deferred inflows - pension	(398,182)
Change in net position	<u>\$ 27,399</u>

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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**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***

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Jackson County Board of Education
Sylva, North Carolina**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jackson County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Jackson County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Jackson County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Jackson County Board of Education's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

November 20, 2023

Huntersville, North Carolina



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Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Jackson County Board of Education
Sylva, North Carolina**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Jackson County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of Jackson County Board of Education's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Jackson County Board of Education's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Jackson County Board of Education 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 June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Jackson County Board of Education federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in *internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section and above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

November 20, 2023

Huntersville, North Carolina



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**Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major State
Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the State
Single Audit Implementation Act**

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Jackson County Board of Education
Sylva, North Carolina**

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the Jackson County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of Jackson County Board of Education's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Jackson County Board of Education's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Jackson County Board of Education 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 State programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

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) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Jackson County Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Jackson County Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Jackson County Board of Education's State programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in *internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a State program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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 State 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a State 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section and above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

November 20, 2023

Huntersville, North Carolina

**Jackson County Board of Education
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___yes Xno
- Significant deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? ___yes Xnone reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

___yes Xno

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___yes Xno
- Significant deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? ___yes Xnone reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported
In accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

___yes Xno

**Jackson County Board of Education
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

None reported

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

Section IV. State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

**Jackson County Board of Education
Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

Finding: None Reported

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Finding: None reported

Section IV. State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Finding: None reported

**Jackson County Board of Education
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

No findings reported in the prior year.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	State / Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
Federal Grants:			
Cash Assistance:			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Food and Nutrition Service			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Noncash Assistance (Commodities):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	\$ 164,121
Cash Assistance:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	PRC 035	374,414
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	1,272,327
After School Snack Program	10.555	PRC 035	22,306
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	PRC 035	31,437
Supply Chain Assistance	10.559	PRC 035	102,204
Cash Assistance Subtotal			1,802,688
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,966,809
Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program	10.185	PRC 035	13,258
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			1,980,067
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Direct Programs:			
Impact Aid	84.041	N/A	171,659
Indian Education Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.060	N/A	55,387
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981			
Improving America School Act of 1994 (IASA)			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies			
Educationally Deprived Children	84.010A	PRC 050 & 115	1,206,714
School Improvement	84.010A	PRC 105	47,420
Rural Education	84.358	PRC 109	71,156
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	PRC 108	64,881
English Language Acquisition Grants	84.365	PRC 104 & 111	30,125
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	PRC 026	18,360
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	PRC 103	177,734
School Mental Health Support	93.243	PRC 102	339,837

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	State / Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund			
CRRSA:			
ESSER II - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	PRC 171	642,779
ESSER II - Learning Loss Funding	84.425D	PRC 176	45,192
ESSER II - Summer Career Accelerator Program	84.425D	PRC 177	27,267
ESSER II - Competency-Based Assessment	84.425D	PRC 178	12,599
ARP:			
ESSER III - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	PRC 181	2,180,529
ESSER III - Homeless I	84.425W	PRC 183	20,836
ESSER III - Homeless II	84.425W	PRC 184	6,530
ESSER III - Summer Career Acceleratory Programs	84.425U	PRC 188	44,148
ESSER III - Cyberbullying & Suicide Prevention Grants	84.425U	PRC 192	7,694
ESSER III - Gaggle Grants	84.425U	PRC 193	11,614
ESSER III - NBPTS Certification Reimbursement Program	84.425U	PRC 198	8,029
ESSER III - School Psychologists Grant Program	84.425U	PRC 204	6,713
Total Education Stabilization Fund			<u>3,013,930</u>
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Special Education Cluster:			
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	PRC 060	892,906
Special Education - Targeted Assistance	84.027	PRC 118	20,229
Special Education - Targeted Assistance for Preschool	84.173	PRC 119	3,121
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	PRC 049	34,679
COVID-19 ARP:			
ESSER III - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	PRC 185	197,842
ESSER III - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	PRC 186	23,950
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>1,172,727</u>
Special Education State Personnel Development	84.323	PRC 082	2,459
Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology			
Education Act Amendments of 1990			
Basic Grants to States - Program Development	84.048	PRC 017	<u>89,556</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>6,461,945</u>
<u>U.S. Federal Communications Commission</u>			
Direct Program:			
COVID-19 - Emergency Connectivity Fund	32.009	PRC 430	<u>34,971</u>

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>State / Pass-Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>			
Direct Program:			
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grant	16.710	N/A	<u>6,468</u>
Total Federal Assistance			<u>8,483,451</u>
State Grants:			
Cash Assistance:			
<u>N.C. Department of Public Instruction:</u>			
State Public School Fund			26,465,000
Career and Technical Education			
State Months of Employment		PRC 013	1,565,375
Program Support Funds		PRC 014	171,923
Driver Training		PRC 012	68,141
School Technology Fund		PRC 015	20,184
Appropriations for School Buses (non-cash assistance)			<u>101,044</u>
Total N.C. Department of Public Instruction			<u>28,391,667</u>
<u>NC General Assembly</u>			
Passed through Jackson County:			
School Nurse Funding Initiative			<u>50,000</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Agriculture</u>			
State Reduced Breakfast Program			3,701
State Reduced Lunch Program			<u>10,274</u>
			<u>13,975</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Environmental Quality</u>			
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission:			
North Carolina Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council			
North Carolina Schools Go Outside (GO) Grant			<u>15,000</u>
Total State Assistance			<u>28,470,642</u>
Total Federal and State Assistance			<u>\$ 36,954,093</u>

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	State / Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards:

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of Jackson County Board of Education under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Jackson County Board of Education, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Jackson County Board of Education.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

Jackson County Board of Education has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under Uniform Guidance.

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

(Updated December 2023)



It is the intent of the Jackson County Public Schools (JCPS) system that all American Indian children of school age have equal access to all programs, services, and activities offered in the school district. To this end, Jackson County Public Schools will consult with local tribal officials and parents of Indian children in the planning and development of Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs), general education programs, and activities. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually in December of each year and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not being adequately met. The Indian Education Policies and Procedures will be submitted to the local school board for approval on or before the called January meeting.

ATTESTATIONS

The Jackson County Public Schools attests that it has established Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) as required in section 7003 of the Impact Aid law for any children claimed who reside on eligible Indian lands. The IPPs have been adequately disseminated to the tribes and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands. A copy of the current policies and procedures was attached to the fiscal year 2023 Impact Aid application.

The Jackson County Public Schools attests that it has provided a copy of written responses to comments, concerns, and recommendations received from tribal leaders and parents of Indian children through the Indian policies and procedures consultation process and disseminated these responses to tribal leaders and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of the fiscal year 2023 Impact Aid application.

INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In order to fulfill the requirements of Title VIII (Impact Aid Program) and Title VII (Indian Education Formula Grant), the following policies and procedures shall become effective upon school board approval.

PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

The preferred method of communication between school officials, the tribe, and parents of Indian children will be the Indian Education Committee meetings. In accordance with the tribe's preferred method of communication, documentation related to agenda items will be provided and committee members will have allotted time during each meeting to express feedback and offer input both verbally and in writing.

Additionally, the Indian Student Policies and Procedures, Indian Education application and Impact Aid application will be made available for review through one or more of the following: on the district website, at a regular school board meeting, at a regular Indian Education Committee meeting, in the school office, and in the district office.

POLICY 1: Jackson County Public Schools will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the LEA's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations [34CFR222.94(a)(1)]

PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Jackson County Public Schools will disseminate information and seek timely input regarding the following programs (including, but not limited to): Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title VII, Title VIII. The completed applications, evaluations and program planning for these educational programs will be made available to parents of Indian children, tribal officials, and the Indian Education Committee via the JCPS website and by hard copy upon request. Input meetings for these program areas will be planned each year in April. An agenda will be prepared and disseminated at least 5 business days in advance of public hearings to afford interested parties the opportunity to review the meeting agenda and to have sufficient time to provide thoughtful input at public meetings. These hearings will be publicly advertised by one or more channels (JCPS website, newsletter, Connect-Ed calls, postings of meetings) according to Open Meetings law.
- 1.2 During each Indian Education Committee meeting, parents of Indian children, tribal officials, and the public will be provided time to give input, the opportunity to review and make recommendations as well as time to ask questions on the district's current educational programming. Minutes from the Indian Education Committee meetings will be available in the school and district office for review.

POLICY 2: Jackson County Public Schools will provide an opportunity for the Eastern Band of Cherokee tribe and parents of Indian children to provide their views on the district's educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and on how the district may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities [34CFR222.94(a)]

PROCEDURES

- 2.1 The Indian Education Parent Committee of the Jackson County Public School district will meet at least quarterly for the purpose of addressing comments and concerns of parents of Indian children regarding the district's educational programs and activities. The meeting agendas will be distributed and approved and all meetings are open to the public allowing for tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations for consideration. The Indian Education Committee will hold meetings at mutually agreed upon times between school officials, tribal members, and parents to ensure maximum participation. When possible, these meetings will be aligned with other special school events so that parents may attend those events and be involved in his/her child's educational programming.
- 2.2 At each monthly school board meeting, a section of time is set aside for communications/comments from the public. This is a time to offer comments and suggestions regarding programming for Indian students.
- 2.3 Once per year, a public hearing is scheduled in April to specifically address questions regarding all federal programs. Tribal officials and Indian parents will be invited.

- 2.4 In Jackson County Public Schools policy, 3200, Selection of Instructional Materials, the board established a process for the selection of instructional materials to meet State Board of Education requirements and the educational goals of the board. That process provides an opportunity for parental input in the selection of materials. To involve parents in the education of their children, the board also provides opportunities for parents to review instructional materials and a process for parents to use when they object to instructional materials.

POLICY 3: The Jackson County Public School district will annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the district's educational program and activities. [34CFR222.94(a)(3)]

The JCPS district will seek input, when necessary, in order to modify educational programs and services to ensure that Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children served by the district

PROCEDURES

- 3.1 When assessment data indicate that Indian students do not participate on an equal basis with non-Indian students, or make adequate progress, JCPS administrators and teachers will work with the Indian Education Committee to modify educational programs and services in order to attain equal participation or adequate progress.
- 3.2 Jackson County Public Schools will take the following measures to annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the district's education program and activities.
- A. The district will monitor Indian student participation in all academic and co-curricular activities.
 - B. School district officials will review school data to assess the extent of Indian children's participation in the district's educational programs on an equal basis.
 - C. The district will share an assessment of district funding, Indian student participation, related academic achievements and other related data with the parents of Indian children and tribal officials during Indian Education Parent Committee meetings.
 - D. Information garnered during the evaluation will be available 10 days prior to the Indian Education Committee so that committee members may have time to review data and provide meaningful feedback for the school district.
 - E. Parents of Indian children, tribal officials, and other interested parties may express their views on participation through direct communication with the school district, at any school board meeting or to the Indian Education Committee.
 - F. Annual performance of schools where Indian children are enrolled will be made available via the district website in October of each year when state report card data is finalized. This data will be reviewed during the Indian Education Parent Committee meeting following the finalization of data. This meeting will occur at least two weeks after the data is finalized.

POLICY 4: The Jackson County Public School District will modify the Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document. [34CFR222.94(a)(4)]

PROCEDURES

- 4.1 During the organization meeting of the Indian Education Committee, the Indian Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised if necessary. Once this has happened, the document will be forwarded to the Jackson County Public Schools

School Board as well as tribal officials and parents of Indian children for review and consideration. If necessary, the Indian Education Committee may suggest revisions at other times of the year as appropriate. Any updates will be sent to parents of Indian children and tribal officials with four weeks of adoption by the School Board.

- 4.2 The Indian Education Committee will annually review the components of the Indian Policies and Procedures to ensure that they meet federal regulatory and statutory requirements and meet the needs of the district. The Indian Education Committee shall serve as a task force to review the meaningfulness of Indian input, to review the extent of opportunity for Indian input and to review the District's response to Indian commentary. The Committee will review the effectiveness of the District's methods of gathering the input of Indian parents and Tribal members; calculate the number of Indian suggestions which were actually implemented; permit Indian parents and Tribal officials to suggest more effective ways of communicating their views. If necessary, the Indian Education Committee shall make recommendations to modify its policies and procedures. If modification is necessary the school district will facilitate the revisions to be on the action agenda in the next month's regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 4.3 The Jackson County Public Schools district will notify parents of Indian children, tribal officials, and the general public of any changes to the Indian Policies and Procedures by newsletter and/or web posting.

POLICY 5: The Jackson County Public School district will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to the tribe and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of the IPPs by the LEA. [34CRF222.94(a)(5)]

PROCEDURES

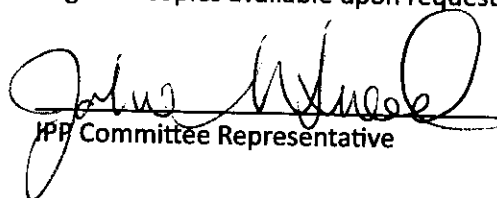
- 5.1 The Jackson County Public Schools district will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by the Indian Education Committee, tribal officials, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by direct mail, email, or newsletter prior to the submission of the IPPs by the district.

POLICY 6: Jackson County Public Schools will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CRF222.94(a)(6)]

PROCEDURES

- 6.1 The Jackson County Public School district will provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to the Eastern Band Tribe by posting on the JCPS webpage and by making hard copies available upon request.

APPROVED BY:


IPP Committee Representative

12/12/23
Dated

Superintendent, JCPS

Dated

Board Chair, JCPS

Dated

Memorandum of Agreement
Jackson County Public Schools and HIGHTS, INC.
School Based Mental Health Services

This agreement is made and entered into January 1, 2024 by and between the Jackson County School Board of Education ("Board"), a body politic and political subdivision of the state of North Carolina and HIGHTS, INC., Inc. ("HIGHTS, INC."), a North Carolina Professional Non-Profit organization.

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of providing psychological services to its students who are in need of such service; and

WHEREAS, HIGHTS, INC., has employees with the skill, knowledge, and experience to provide such services as needed; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have agreed to enter a contract to provide services for such students and their families who need services;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein below and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Responsibilities of HIGHTS, INC.:

1. Provide mental health services on Jackson County school grounds by qualified staff.
2. Provide on-site mental health consultation for school personnel as it relates to student's mental health needs/concerns.
4. Make available referral forms and screening process forms for appropriate referrals for services.
5. Assimilate into each school's culture and respect school values, priorities, and territory. Provide services to students on Jackson County school grounds and off campus depending on clinical need/preference. Employees will try to take students out of classrooms utilizing our optimal school schedule.
7. Provide necessary student information to identified faculty for the purpose of continuation of care when a written release of confidential information is on file.
8. Be available to attend or have input to student meetings (IEP, 504, PEP, parent/teacher conferences) as clinically necessary when schedule and caseload management needs allow.
9. Check in with point person at each school to gather school updates, communicate necessary information, discuss what is working and what is not working with school-based services.
11. Provide assistance in referring students and families to other community resources as needed. Employees will work collaboratively with other agencies serving children utilizing System of Care values and principles.
12. HIGHTS, INC., its employees, and agents, shall respect the confidentiality of student's records and information, and shall not violate the confidentiality requirements of G.S. 115C-401.1 and G.S. 115C-402, or federal law known as FERPA.

13. HIGHTS, INC. shall carry adequate professional liability insurance to cover any assertions, claims, or litigations alleging malpractice by it or any of its employees. Additionally, HIGHTS, INC., its successors and assigns, shall save, hold harmless, and indemnify the Board, ITS Board members, officers, employees, and agents from any claim, cause of action, damages, losses, costs, attorneys' fees, and liability arising out of or resulting from HIGHTS, INC. or any of its employees' performance hereunder. HIGHTS, INC. agrees not to sue the Board for any injury or liability arising out of or resulting from HIGHTS, INC.' performance hereunder.

14. Under North Carolina law, certain sex offenders are prohibited from coming onto school campuses. HIGHTS, INC. agrees to conduct an annual check of the N.C. Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program and the National Sex Offender Registry for all of its employees whose job involves direct interaction with students as part of the job. The Board prohibits any personnel listed on such registries from being on any property owned or operated by the Board and from having any direct interaction with students. As a term of the Agreement, said checks must be performed by HIGHTS, INC. and reported to the Board's Superintendent or designee, if HIGHTS, INC.'s employees will be working directly with students. Under provisions set forth in the Jessica Lunsford Act under North Carolina law, the signature below certifies that neither HIGHTS, INC. nor any employee or agent of HIGHTS, INC. is listed as a sex offender on the NC Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program, and/or the National Sex Offender Registry.

Responsibilities of School:

1. Make funding available to HIGHTS, INC. in the form of \$5,000.00 through the Exceptional Children's Program Budget and \$5,000 from the Local Budget for the following school based mental health services:
 - a. Outpatient Counseling Services provided by a Mental Health Professionals.
 - b. Case Management Services
 - c. Clinical Consultation
 - d. Substance Use Assessments and Treatment Services provided by qualified professionals
 - e. Assistance with Special Assessments on an "exceptional" case-by-case basis.
 - Threat Assessments will be reimbursed at \$300 per assessment. They require prior staffing between a Project AWARE Administrator and HIGHTS.
 - Suicide Assessments will be reimbursed at \$125 per assessment. They require prior staffing between a Project AWARE Administrator and HIGHTS.
 - f. Provide teacher trainings on relevant subject matter as approved by the Curriculum Team
 - g. Assist qualifying students with work training opportunities.

If HIGHTS, INC. fails to perform any of the terms and provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement, the Board will be entitled to a refund for fees paid on account of services not rendered.

2. Provide school-based mental health professionals with suitable office space, internet access. and phone if cell service is unavailable.

3. Provide mental health professionals access to equipment: Fax, printer, copier machine for the purpose of continuation of care.
4. Make available a person at each school to manage referrals (routine/suicide/threat,) communicate mental health concerns, and manage school-based issues.
5. Follow the student referral process by having conversations with the parent about services and the signing of the referral form.

(OE: OEi0728S3.DOE)

6. School personnel shall respect the confidentiality of HIGHTS, INC.'s clients and their information and shall not violate the confidentiality requirement of G.S 122C-51 and 122C-52.

General Provisions

1. It is understood that HIGHTS, INC. executes the Agreement as an independent contractor and that HIGHTS, INC. shall have the exclusive control over the means, methods and details of fulfilling its obligation under the Agreement. The Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of principal-agent, master-servant, employer-employee, partnership, joint venture, joint enterprise, or association between the Parties or any of their owners, officers, directors, members, managers, partners, representatives, employees or agents. HIGHTS, INC. agrees to perform and discharge all obligations of an independent contractor under any and all laws, whether existing or in the future in any way pertaining to the tasks hereunder, including but not limited to Social Security laws, Workers' Compensation Insurance, income taxes, and State Employment Insurance taxes or contributions; and HIGHTS, INC. will hold the Board harmless against all such laws.
2. The Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other. In the event the Agreement is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, the Board shall have no obligation to compensate HIGHTS, INC. for services which have not been performed. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, HIGHTS, INC. shall continue to provide services to the Board during the thirty (30) day notice period, at the same rate of service performed by HIGHTS, INC. during the thirty (30) days prior to receipt of notice. If HIGHTS, INC. fails to do so, the Board may retain any monies otherwise due to HIGHTS, INC..
3. Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, the agreed upon price for the services provided herein includes travel expenses, accommodation expenses and any and all other expenses, costs, and remuneration (including, but not limited to, equipment, tools, and supplies) the Parties have agreed to unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement.
4. The Parties agree that the Agreement was entered into in the State of North Carolina and that the laws of North Carolina shall govern the Agreement, as to interpretation and performance. It is further agreed that the place of the Agreement, its situs and forum, will be in the county in North Carolina where the Board's Central Office is located. The Parties agree that the proper venue for any claims brought hereunder is in the county in North Carolina where the Board's Central Office is located.
5. In the event of a dispute between the Parties regarding the enforceability of the Agreement, each party shall be responsible for its own attorney's fees.
6. The Agreement is fully integrated and represents the entire understanding between the Parties. The Agreement may be modified or amended only by written instruments signed by both Parties. Unless explicitly stated in the Agreement, nothing contained in the Agreement is intended to benefit any third party. The Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by both Parties and any ambiguities in the construction of the Agreement shall not be construed solely against the Board.
7. The Agreement is severable and if any provisions of the Agreement are deemed invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable.

8. Notwithstanding any other term or provision in the Agreement, nothing herein is intended nor shall be interpreted as waiving any claim or defense based on the principle of Sovereign or governmental immunity or other State or federal constitutional or statutory provision or principle that otherwise would be available to the Board under applicable law.

9. Execution of the Pre-Audit Certification below is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the signatures set-forth below.

10. The Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute and be construed as one and the same instrument.

Jackson County Public Schools

Board of Education

Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent:

Date: _____

HIGHTS, INC.

Marcus Metcalf, Executive Director:

Date: _____

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the School/ Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Finance Officer

Date: _____

**CHILLER REPLACEMENT AT SMOKY
MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
Bid # 199-500231206**

Company Superior Mechanical Services, Inc. GC License #
18629

(Attach Copy)

Address/City//State/Zip 607 Industrial Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27406

OFFER

A. This offer shall be open to acceptance and is irrevocable for a minimum of Ninety Days from the bid closing date.

B. Having examined the Place of Work and all matters referred to in the Bid/Contract Documents prepared by Jackson County Public Schools for the above-mentioned project, we, the undersigned, hereby offer to provide a complete Work product for:

BID \$ 95,600 (U.S. Dollars)

****Attach full written bid proposal to your submission****

C. If this Bid is accepted, we will complete the Work within 259 calendar days from Notice of Award Proceed.

Terms & Conditions Acceptance: By signing below, the individual accepts and verifies:

- a) That he/she is a duly authorized representative of the company and is able to legally bind the company to this agreement.
- b) Understanding of all terms and conditions contained within this solicitation and that this solicitation, its terms and conditions, become the entire contract to which Jackson County Public Schools and contractor will be bound for this project, and shall override and supersede all other terms and conditions, regardless of form or delivery.
- c) That this offer is not a "sham" offer and is made without collusion.
- d) Acceptance of and agreement to fulfill the insurance & risk requirements set forth above.

James R. Fields
Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Signature

President
Title

12/5/23
Date

**Base Bid: Replace existing chiller (Trane Model# RTAA0804YM0IA3DOB) with equivalent 80-ton chiller with 460V/60HZ/3 Phase.
Must work with current controller system.**

Dollar \$

95,600

General Subcontractor:

NA

Name

License Number

Plumbing Subcontractor:

NA

Name

License Number

Mechanical Subcontractor:

Superior Mechanical Services, Inc.

Name

18629

License Number

Electrical Subcontractor:

ELROD ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Name

10280U

License Number

☐

Subcontractors will not be used on this project

GS143-128(d) requires all single prime bidders to identify their subcontractors for the above subdivisions of work. A contractor whose bid is accepted shall not substitute any person as subcontractor in the place of the subcontractor listed in the original bid, except (i) if the listed subcontractor's bid is later determined by the contractor to be non-responsible or non-responsive or the listed subcontractor refuses to enter into a contract for the complete performance of the bid work, or (ii) with the approval of the awarding authority for good cause shown by the contractor.

Chiller
Manufacturer:

CARRIER

Model #:

30RBX08064

Estimated Lead
Time:

35 WEEKS

By submitting this proposal, the potential contractor certifies the following: 1) this proposal is signed by an authorized representative of the firm, 2) It can obtain and will submit to Buncombe County Schools insurance certificates as required, within 5 calendar days after the notice to award. 3) all taxes have been determined and are included in the proposed cost 4) the potential contractor has read and understands the conditions set forth in this RFP and agrees to them with no exceptions.

Contractor's Name: Superior Mechanical Services, Inc.

Federal ID #: 56-1716717

Address: 607 Industrial Avenue

City: State: Zip Code: Greensboro, NC 27406

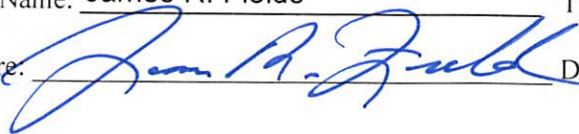
Telephone Number: Fax Number: 336-274-3008 Phone & 336-274-3065 Fax

Email Address: dalmond@superiormechserv.com

Principal Place of Business if different from above:

Printed Name: James R. Fields

Title: President

Signature: 

Date: 12/5/23

Attest: (Corporate Seal)

By: 

License #: 18629

Title: Carole Gibson, Corporate Secretary

(End of Proposal Form for RFP 199-500231206)



**To: Jackson County Public Schools
Mr. Jake Buchanan – Deputy Superintendent
RE: Chiller Replacement at Smoky Mountain High School
12/5/2023**

**From: Superior Mechanical Services
607 Industrial Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27406
NC Mechanical License Number 18629**

Our Base Price Scope is as follows:

- Provide complete Scope of Work included in RFP #199-500231206.
- Disconnect Piping and Electrical from Existing Chiller
- Remove and Dispose of Existing Chiller, Refrigerant Shall be Evacuated per EPA Standards
- Provide all Crane and Rigging for Project to set New Chiller in Place
- Connect Piping to new Chiller, including new Isolation Valves.
- Provide Gauges and Thermometers on Entering and Leaving side of Chiller
- Connect to existing Electrical, existing Disconnect shall remain
- New Carrier Chiller shall meet all Specifications.
- Start Up and Checkout of new Chiller shall be performed by Certified Carrier Technician
- Coordinate with MSS for Controls portion. MSS shall contract Controls Work directly with the Owner and their Price is excluded from our Proposal.

LUMP SUM BASE PRICE \$95,600

Ninety-Five Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this quotation and your continued interest in the services of our firm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Almond", written over a horizontal line.

David Almond

License Number
18629

North Carolina
State Board of Examiners of Plumbing,
Heating & Fire Sprinkler Contractors
State License No. 18629

Expiration Date
December 31, 2024

Superior Mechanical Services Inc.
607 Industrial Ave
Greensboro, NC 27406

This is to Certify that:

James Robert Fields

James Robert Fields: Heating Group 1 - Class I, Heating Group 2, Heating Group 3 - Class I; Joseph Wayne Gillett:
Plumbing Class I

Is duly registered, licensed and authorized to engage in the business of
Heating Group 1 - Class I, Heating Group 2, Heating Group 3 -
Class I, Plumbing Class I

*Within the State of North Carolina until December 31, 2024 , when this
license expires. This authority is granted in accordance with the provisions
of Chapter 87, Article 2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.*



Witness my hand and seal of the Board

This 1st day of January 2024

Chairman

Executive
Director

December 5, 2023

Project: Smoky Mountain High School Chiller Replacement

Subject: Statement of Qualifications/Projects

References:

Chiller Installations:

1 - Rick McElwee, Daikin Factory Service 336-339-8010

*Excellent Review
Top Rated*

Johnson C Smith University – Install Chiller
Siemens Technology – Install Chiller
Discovery Place – Install Chiller
East Rowan High School – Install Chiller
Liberty University - Install Chiller
North Rowan Middle School – Install Chiller
Embassy Suites – Install Chiller
VA Hospital – Install Chiller
Brevard College – Install Chiller
Jesse Carson High School – Install Chiller
Pulaski High School – Install Chiller

2 - Caleb Wilson, Project Manager, Rodgers Builders 704-303-2626

UNC-G South Chiller Plant
(2) 1500 Ton Chillers

3 - Mike Corriher, CCAC 336-207-2587

Building 5230 The Exchange- Install Chiller
Building 5200 The Exchange- Install Chiller
Building 5550 The Exchange- Install Chiller
International Furniture Market – Install 2 Chillers
Consolidated Container Corporation – Install Chillers, AHU

4 – Brandon Williams, Wake County Public Schools 919-694-7553

Adams Elementary- Install Chillers
East Cary Middle School – Install Chillers

5. Brian Swierenga – Vice-President, Cambrex 336-991-6056

Reactor Laboratories – Install chiller



- 607 Industrial Avenue
- Greensboro, NC 27406
- Phone (336) 274-3008
- Fax (336) 274-3065

December 5, 2023

Jackson County Public Schools
398 Hospital Road
Sylva, NC 28779
Attn: Jake Buchanan

Mr. Buchanan,

This letter serves as an introduction to Superior Mechanical Services. We were established in October of 1990 and have been a family-owned business for 33 years. We have 36 full-time employees and one part-time. We are a licensed mechanical contractor and have enclosed a copy of our mechanical license.

James Fields is the President and has been in mechanical contracting for over 40 years. Charlie Fields serves as Vice-President and has been in this industry for over 45 years. Our employees have on average over 15 years of experience, including welders, pipefitters, layman and apprentices.

Please accept this bid proposal for Smoky Mountain High School – Chiller Replacement. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Gibson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carole Gibson

Office Manager



JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Jacob Buchanan, *Deputy Superintendent*
jbuchanan@jcpsmail.org

December 13, 2023

Mr. Nathan Maune,

You will find in this document three grant applications for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund for Jackson County Public Schools. JCPS's priority is as follows:

1. Farview Cafeteria and Classrooms
2. Smoky Mtn High School Stadium ADA Upgrades and New Track
3. Blue Ridge Schools Gym and Classrooms

Please let me know if you need any additional information and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jake Buchanan

Deputy Superintendent

Jackson County Public Schools

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund

2023-24 Grant Application

Application Deadline: January 5, 2024

Rev. 11/13/2022

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: 12/13/23

BACKGROUND

The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund was established to assist counties with their critical public school building capital needs. Grants from the NBPSCF are funded with revenue from the NC Education Lottery. Grant funds are available to eligible counties for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations of existing school facilities.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| • Guidance Issued | October 13, 2023 |
| • Application Opens | November 13, 2023 |
| • Application Deadline | January 5, 2024 |

ELIGIBILITY

Counties with an adjusted market value of taxable real property of less than \$40 billion are eligible to apply for a grant under the NBPSCF program. The list of eligible counties is published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The list of eligible counties for FY2023-24 is available here: [FY23-24 Eligibility](#)

Grant funds must be used only for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations. Grant funds cannot be used for real property acquisition or for capital improvements to administrative buildings.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding appropriated for NBPSCF Grant awards exceeds \$254 million for FY2023-24.

MATCHING FUNDS

Counties receiving a grant are required to provide local matching funds from county funds, other non-state funds, or a combination of these sources, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.11.(a). Local matching fund requirements range from 0% to 35% of the grant amount, and are published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The local match requirement applicable to the project is the published local match requirement in effect at the time of the grant award. Local matching requirements for FY2023-24 grant applicants are available here: [FY23-24 Local Matching Requirements](#)

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: 12/13/23

MAXIMUM AWARD

Grant award maximums are as follows:

- Up to \$42 million for an Elementary School
- Up to \$52 million for a Middle School
- Up to \$62 million for a High School

An applicant may not apply for projects that exceed an aggregate amount greater than the maximum grant award amounts listed above in any single year.

Applications will be reviewed in the context of projected enrollment to evaluate the reasonableness of project size and scope.

REPORTING

Grant recipients are required to submit a report by April 1 of each year, with each grant funds distribution request, and upon completion of the project, detailing: the use of grant funds, progress on the project, and impact of the project on the county's school capital plan.

Grant funds will be disbursed in a series of payments based on the progress of the project. To receive a distribution, the grant recipient must submit a request for distribution, along with documentation of the expenditures for which the distribution is requested, and evidence that the matching requirement has been met. DPI will provide grant recipients with Reporting and Distribution Request forms following announcement of awards.

AGREEMENT

A county receiving Needs-Based grant funds is required to enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12.(a). DPI will provide grant recipients with Agreement Forms following announcement of awards. Signed Agreements are due within 60 days of award announcement.

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION**PROGRAM CRITERIA**Date: 12/13/23**EVALUATION**

Applications are evaluated on critical needs, budget detail, and the following criteria per G.S. 115C-546.10.:

Prioritization	Definition/Calculation/Data Source
Tier Designation	Counties designated as development tier one areas. (NC Department of Commerce, 2023 NC Development Tier Designations)
Ability to Generate Tax Revenue	Total revenue generated by a one-cent per \$100 valuation increase in the county property tax rate. (NC State Treasurer, Analysis of Debt of North Carolina Counties 6-30-2022)
Ratio of Debt to Tax Revenue	<u>Debt</u> : Sum of County Debt from [General Obligation Bonds, Installment Purchase Debt, Special Obligation Bonds, QZABs and QSCBs, Certificates of Participation] (NC State Treasurer, Analysis of Debt of North Carolina Counties 6-30-2022) <u>Revenue</u> : Sum of County Revenues from Property Taxes, Other Taxes, and Sales Tax, FY 2021-22 (NC DOR, Statistical Abstract of North Carolina Taxes 2022, Advance Edition)
Critical Deficiency	The extent to which a project will address critical deficiencies in adequately serving the current and future student population.
Facility Construction	Projects with new construction or complete renovation of existing facilities.
Facility Replacement	Projects that will consolidate two or more schools into one new facility.
Applicant Status	Counties that have not received a grant in the previous three years.

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date: 12/13/23

SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION PER SCHOOL CAMPUS – A PROJECT MAY INCLUDE MULTIPLE BUILDINGS

County: Jackson

Primary Contact: Darlene Fox

Title: CFO/Acting County Manager

Address: 401 Grandstaff Cove Rd, Sylva NC, 28779

Phone: 828-586-4055

email: darlenefox@jacksonnc.org

School Unit: Jackson County Public Schools

Primary Contact: Jake Buchanan

Title: Deputy Superintendent

Address: 398 Hospital Rd Sylva NC 28779

Phone: 828-506-5733

email: jbuchanan@jcpsmail.org

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Submit completed applications and supporting materials by Friday, January 5, 2024, via email to:

Nathan Maune | School Planning Section Chief | 984-236-2919 | nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST – SUBMIT ALL FILES IN PDF FORMAT

- Contact Information
- Application Form
- Project Narrative
- Budget Estimate
- Additional Documentation (as appropriate)
- Signed Assurance Page

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: 12/13/23

Project Title:

Fairview Careteria and Classrooms

Location:

Fairview Elementary School

Type of Facility:

New building to include classrooms and kitchen/lunchroom

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project:

Please see attached document

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

Please see attached document

(please attach additional information as necessary)

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: 12/13/23

Was this project identified in the 5-year plan in the 2020-21 Facility Needs Survey?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If not, provide explanation and attach equivalent information:

See attached document

Will this project replace any existing facilities?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, which school(s):

How many students will be served by this project? 744

Has Advanced Planning been done for this project?

☒ YES ☐ NO

Conceptual designs are being done by Clarke Nexsen

Have Construction Documents been completed for this project?

☐ YES ☒ NO

Anticipated or Actual Bid Date: July 15, 2024

Planned Start Date of Construction*: Sept 1, 2024

Planned Completion Date of Construction: March 30, 2027

*Construction must begin within 24 months of grant award under G.S. 115C-546.12.(b) .

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT BUDGET

Date: 12/13/23

Total NBPSCF Grant funding requested for this project: \$12,805,006

Minimum NBPSCF Grant funding for project to proceed (optional): _____

Estimated Project Costs	Local (non-State)	NBPSCF Grant Funds	Total
Planning	\$ <u>1,046,826</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>1,046,826</u>
Construction	\$ <u>280,321</u>	\$ <u>12,805,006</u>	\$ <u>13,085,327</u>
Other Costs*	\$ <u>932,559</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>932,559</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,259,707</u>	\$ <u>12,805,006</u>	\$ <u>15,064,713</u>

*Project costs normally categorized as 'owner's direct costs' on a construction project – may include items such as site surveys, materials testing, site utilities, geotechnical reports, etc. Land acquisition costs are not eligible.

Source(s) of required Local Matching Funds:

Article 40,41, and 46 sales tax

Have any of the Local Matching Funds been expended at the time of application?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, provide amount expended: \$37,230

If YES, provide description of work: Conceptual design Work - Clarke Nexen

Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Planned Expenditures	2022-23 or earlier	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 or later	Total
Local Matching Funds	37,230 \$	466,279 \$	746,600 \$	0 \$	2,259,707 \$
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*	0 \$	0 \$	9,290,583 \$	3,794,744 \$	12,805,006 \$
Total Estimated Expenditures by Fiscal Year	37,230 \$	466,279 \$	10,037,183 \$	3,794,744 \$	15,064,713 \$

*Total requested grant funding cannot exceed maximum allowed under G.S. 115C-546.11.(c) .

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Date: 12/13/23

Any project funded with a grant from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund must follow the same review process as any other LEA capital project.

- A registered Architect and/or registered Engineer shall prepare the drawings and specifications in accordance with G.S. 133-1 through 133-4.1, as applicable.
- School Planning design review is required. Design documents must be submitted at appropriate intervals during design – SD, DD, and CD. Neither the LEA nor the County shall invest any funds in construction of the project until the review process is completed.
- Transmittal of drawings and specifications to School Planning must include the form at: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/project-submittal-form/download>
- Design of the project should be in compliance with DPI School Planning Guidelines: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning>
- DPI Facility Design Guidelines can be found at: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/facility-design-guidelines/download>
- DPI School Science Facility Requirements can be found at:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/science-facilities-planner/download>
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/science-safety-checklist/download>
- For projects involving the closing of an existing school, the LEA must follow these procedures: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/school-closing-procedure/download>
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(Date)

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Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project

This project aims to improve upon the deficiencies in three areas at Fairview Elementary School, a K-8 that serves 744 students. First, to provide adequate lunchroom space for students to comfortably eat breakfast and lunch at a reasonable time of day. Second, to provide classroom space for the 6th-grade students at the school. Third, provide adequate kitchen space for staff to produce breakfast and lunch. This project, if funded, would provide 8000 square feet for kitchen and lunchroom space and 8000 square feet for 6th-grade classroom space.

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

Fairview is a K-8 school in Jackson County with a unique setup based on the open classroom concept from the 1970s. The main building consists of 6 different "pods"--round buildings connected by hallways. Each pod is an open round space divided into separate classroom spaces by furniture such as bookshelves or cabinets. Three of these buildings contain seven classrooms each. The fourth building houses eight 5th and 6th-grade classrooms. One building/pod serves as our media center, and the last building has multiple offices and a common area for students. While the school was constructed as an open classroom design concept, research and best practice have moved away from this concept. As a result, it is even more challenging for middle school students. In addition, middle school students from Fairview are at a disadvantage to their peers at other schools because the 6th grade is still following a K-5 model and not preparing students for the transition to high school until 7th and 8th grade.

The school is struggling with a lack of space, especially in our cafeteria, which is very small and can only accommodate three grade levels at a time. The kitchen and dining area come to 4000 square feet. For a school with this enrollment, the kitchen should be 2,208 square feet, and the dining area should be 3,967. Because of the deficiencies in space, the school starts feeding students at 10:30 a.m. and does not finish serving until 1:00 p.m. Two grade levels aren't able to eat in the cafeteria at all and must eat in their classrooms. With the number of students in each building, teachers struggle to keep the noise level contained, and there is no space for students to spread out during instruction. In addition, grade levels are split among buildings, making collaboration and team planning more difficult. Due to limited office space, our support positions are in office areas in the middle of the pods or buildings, which makes it difficult for movement in the building. Currently, half of our enrichment teachers do not have their own classrooms, requiring them to push into other classrooms to provide instruction. As a result,

many teachers don't have planning in their classrooms because students stay in the class during these planning blocks.

Building a new cafeteria with additional classroom space would help the school address all these issues by opening enough classroom space to house one grade per pod with room to spare for support staff. In addition, this will establish a shared space for group activities, provide a space for our interventionists to work, and create additional room for enrichment teachers.

The kitchen space is not only too small by NCDPI guidelines; the layout does not match current industry standards. These insufficiencies include:

- The manager's office is 6 ft. X 6 ft. The office is also very distant from the kitchen.
- There is only one hand sink in the entire kitchen.
- The walk-in cooler and freezer are outside. Anytime the staff needs anything they must leave the building to get it.
- There is no division between the kitchen and cafeteria. This is a potential danger for staff and students.
- There is not enough space for additional equipment such as a reach-in cooler, freezer, and warmer.
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- The prep area is practically in the dish room.
- There is no space near the point of sale to sell a la carte items.
- There is not enough storage for dry goods and paper products. The student nutrition department recently purchased a shed so they can store paper products; staff must go outside to get anything they need.
- There are limited electrical capabilities which make upgrades and equipment replacement more difficult or impossible.
- There is limited drainage, and there is not a floor drain for the braising pan
- The kitchen/cafeteria facilities are not well insulated. As a result, the water freezes in the mop room in the winter. We also get unwanted rodents due to a lack of insulation.
- The kitchen needs energy upgrades; it is not energy efficient.



This picture show how crowded the cafeteria is due to its size and the number of students who need to be served each day. Please take note of how close each of the tables are to each other.



This picture shows the only interior entrance to the cafeteria. Students who are not able to use the stairs must walk down an outside sidewalk to access the cafeteria.



This picture show the only inside dry storage for the kitchen.



This picture shows a fifth and a sixth grade classroom separated by bookshelves and filing cabinets.

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Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund

2023-24 Grant Application

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: 12/13/23

Project Title:

Smoky Mtn High School Stadium ADA Upgrades and New Track

Location:

Smoky Mtn High School

Type of Facility:

Stadium and Track

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project:

See attached document

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

See attached document

(please attach additional information as necessary)

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: 12/13/23

Was this project identified in the 5-year plan in the 2020-21 Facility Needs Survey?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If not, provide explanation and attach equivalent information:

See attached document

Will this project replace any existing facilities?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, which school(s):

How many students will be served by this project? 875

Has Advanced Planning been done for this project?
Conceptual Design Work - Clark Nexsen

☒ YES ☐ NO

Have Construction Documents been completed for this project?

☐ YES ☒ NO

Anticipated or Actual Bid Date: July 15, 2024

Planned Start Date of Construction*: Sept 1, 2024

Planned Completion Date of Construction: March 30, 2027

*Construction must begin within 24 months of grant award under G.S. 115C-546.12.(b) .

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION**PROJECT BUDGET**Date: 12/13/23Total NBPSCF Grant funding requested for this project: \$8,650,791

Minimum NBPSCF Grant funding for project to proceed (optional): _____

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Total	<u>\$ 1,526,610</u>	<u>\$ 8,650,791</u>	<u>\$ 10,177,401</u>

*Project costs normally categorized as 'owner's direct costs' on a construction project – may include items such as site surveys, materials testing, site utilities, geotechnical reports, etc. Land acquisition costs are not eligible.

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If YES, provide description of work: _____

Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Planned Expenditures	2022-23 or earlier	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 or later	Total
Local Matching Funds	0	31,200	763,305	763,305	1,526,610
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*	0	0	6,486,842	2,163,949	8,650,791
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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Date: 12/13/23

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Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project

The goal for this project would be to bring the facilities related to the school stadium up to complete ADA standards. This project would also construct a regulation size track on the campus of SMHS—something the campus has never had since its construction in 1960.

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

A new track and football stadium renovations are greatly needed for Smoky Mountain High School and the Jackson County Community. Currently, the stadium at SMHS does not have accessible seating on the home side, a permanent visitor bathroom, an ADA-compliant concession stand, or an ADA-compliant press box. The stadium was constructed in the 1960s when the original school was built; no thought was given to students, staff, or visitors that have mobility issues. The stadium on the home side is on two levels because it was built into the side of a hill; the upper and lower levels are only accessible to each other via stairs. SMHS has had students with mobility issues who have served as team managers and writers for the school's newspaper. Because of the lack of an ADA ramp from the upper portion of the stadium, which is attached to the school and ADA parking lots, to the lower portion of the stadium, these students must be driven by car to the lower level. In addition, we do not currently have adequate ADA parking for visitors because the ADA parking is attached to the upper level, which does not have access to the visitor's side.

Smoky Mountain High School is currently in the Mountain Seven Conference for Athletics. SMHS is the only school without a regulation track. A new track would benefit all the athletic programs at SMHS, especially cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track; participation in these programs is at an all-time high. A new track at SMHS would also allow indoor track and outdoor track to host meets in the winter and spring. SMHS has not hosted a meet since the 1990s. District middle school athletics (JCPS has all K-8 schools with no traditional middle school) could also hold practice and host meets. A new track would also serve as a classroom for students at SMHS. Physical education classes at SMHS would use the track daily. Other academic courses would have the ability to use the track as a classroom. Other schools in JCPS would benefit from a new track for physical education testing and future field days. Because the only other track in the county is on the campus of Western Carolina University (as it does not have easy access to the general public), the Jackson County Community would also benefit from a new track.

Every day, SMHS has people stop in from the community to walk around the school. A new track would provide community members the opportunity to improve their cardiovascular endurance year-round in an inviting, safe environment. SMHS has also served as the host for Special Olympics each year. A new track is needed to host the fantastic event. A new track at SMHS would provide many opportunities for JCPS and the Jackson County Community. The opportunities are endless.



This picture shows how there is no access from the upper level of the stadium to the lower level except for stairs. The ramp would be constructed to the left of the stairs in the far side of this picture.



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This picture again shows that there is no accessibility to the home stands other than stairs from either the lower level or upper level.



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PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: 12-13-23

Project Title:

Blue Ridge School Gym and Classrooms

Location:

Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College (Shared Campus)

Type of Facility:

New Gym and Classroom Spcae

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project:

See attached document

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

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PROJECT INFORMATION

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Was this project identified in the 5-year plan in the 2020-21 Facility Needs Survey?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If not, provide explanation and attach equivalent information:

See attached document

Will this project replace any existing facilities?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, which school(s):

How many students will be served by this project? 290

Has Advanced Planning been done for this project?

☒ YES ☐ NO

Conceptual Designs by Clark Nexsen

Have Construction Documents been completed for this project?

☐ YES ☒ NO

Anticipated or Actual Bid Date: July 15th, 2024

Planned Start Date of Construction*: Sept 1, 2024

Planned Completion Date of Construction: March 30th, 2027

*Construction must begin within 24 months of grant award under G.S. 115C-546.12.(b) .

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT BUDGET

Date: 12-13-23

Total NBPSCF Grant funding requested for this project: \$10,758,888

Minimum NBPSCF Grant funding for project to proceed (optional):

Estimated Project Costs	Local (non-State)	NBPSCF Grant Funds	Total
Planning	\$892,793	\$0	\$892,793
Construction	\$401,036	\$10,758,888	\$10,758,888
Other Costs*	\$604,797	\$0	\$604,797
Total	\$1,898,627	\$10,758,888	\$12,657,516

*Project costs normally categorized as 'owner's direct costs' on a construction project – may include items such as site surveys, materials testing, site utilities, geotechnical reports, etc. Land acquisition costs are not eligible.

Source(s) of required Local Matching Funds:

Article 40,41, and slaes tax

Have any of the Local Matching Funds been expended at the time of application?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, provide amount expended: \$29,200

If YES, provide description of work: Conceptual Design - Clark Nexsen

Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Planned Expenditures	2022-23 or earlier	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 or later	Total
Local Matching Funds	29,200	892,793	0	976,634	1,898,627
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*	0	0	7,923,545	2,835,343	10,758,888
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Estimated Expenditures by Fiscal Year	29,200	892,793	7,923,545	3,811,977	12,657,516
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

*Total requested grant funding cannot exceed maximum allowed under G.S. 115C-546.11.(c) .

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Date: 12-13-23

Any project funded with a grant from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund must follow the same review process as any other LEA capital project.

- A registered Architect and/or registered Engineer shall prepare the drawings and specifications in accordance with G.S. 133-1 through 133-4.1, as applicable.
- School Planning design review is required. Design documents must be submitted at appropriate intervals during design – SD, DD, and CD. Neither the LEA nor the County shall invest any funds in construction of the project until the review process is completed.
- Transmittal of drawings and specifications to School Planning must include the form at: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/project-submittal-form/download>
- Design of the project should be in compliance with DPI School Planning Guidelines: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning>
- DPI Facility Design Guidelines can be found at: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/facility-design-guidelines/download>
- DPI School Science Facility Requirements can be found at:
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/science-facilities-planner/download>
<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/science-safety-checklist/download>
- For projects involving the closing of an existing school, the LEA must follow these procedures: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/school-closing-procedure/download>
- For projects involving the demolition of an existing school building, the LEA must follow the closing procedure noted above and must submit a Feasibility and Cost Analysis: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/costfeas-1/download>
- DPI Lottery Capital Funding FAQ can be found at: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/schoolplanning/lottery-capital-funding-faq-document/download?attachment>

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2023-24 GRANT APPLICATION

ASSURANCE PAGE

Date: 12-13-23

By signing below, we assure the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction that we are officials of our respective organizations and we are authorized to submit this application on behalf of these organizations.

We certify the following:

- The information provided in this proposal is correct and complete.
- The project described in the application is within the parameters of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund as required in Article 38B of G.S. 115C-546, and that all of the required local funding is available and designated as a match for this project.
- All Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant proceeds and the required Local Matching funds will be used for the construction project described in the application.
- We will work cooperatively with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in monitoring and evaluating the progress of the project to meet statutory reporting requirements. We will report on project status and State and local funds expended by April 1 of each year, at the time of each distribution request, and within 90 days of project completion.
- Within 60 days of receiving a Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant award, we will enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12.(a).
- All applicable federal and state laws will be adhered to, including promotion of equal opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, political affiliation, or national origin.
- Generally accepted fiscal control and accounting procedures will be followed to ensure proper disbursement and accounting of funds from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant proceeds and required Local Matching funds.
- All Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant proceeds are subject to forfeiture provisions, requiring full repayment, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12.(c).

(Signature – Chair, County Commissioners)

(Date)

(Signature – Chair, Board of Education)

(Date)

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project

The goal for this project has two parts. The first part is to provide a new gym with performance space for Blue Ridge School and Early College—two schools on one campus serving Pre-K through Early College students. It is located in the remote southern part of Jackson County and serves the children and families of the Cashiers community. The second part is to provide classroom space for the PreK - 5th-grade portion of the campus, known as Blue Ridge School.

Describe the critical need this project addresses and the impact on student outcomes:

Building a new gym at Blue Ridge would first and foremost provide a better learning environment for our students involved in physical education and health classes. The current gym does not offer classrooms for health. Elementary and high school classes have to share the gym simultaneously, which can cause disruptions or force one class out of their learning space. Students in health classes either have to drag chairs out of the lobby to sit inside the gym or crowd into the weight room. A new gymnasium with an appropriate learning space would create a more stable and comfortable learning environment for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Furthermore, building a new gym would allow the school to be comparable to our area's surrounding schools' facilities. The gym is one of the smallest in the state of North Carolina. At times, we have had to utilize our cafeteria for crowd overflow and offer the game via a camera feed to stay in compliance with fire marshall guidelines. The court size is extremely small and is not regulation size. The court is so close to the bleachers that we have had unnecessary interactions with spectators, players, and officials. There is no clear path to enter the bleachers without walking near players and coaches. The baseline is very close to the wall and bleachers, which is hazardous for athletes and spectators. Because of the lack of space, the home team's bench area is located in the visitor's section, resulting in many unnecessary incidents with visiting fans.

In addition to the small court size, various objects on the wall protrude and impede play. If a player or spectator were to run into these objects, they could be injured. Students cannot shower after games at times because the locker rooms must also be used for storage. Furthermore, the doors in the gym cause constant foot traffic near the court resulting in disruptive actions. Teams have to sit in the crowd during games and be exposed to fans because we do not have proper space to separate teams from spectators; this is another safety risk. The construction of a new gym would benefit our sports teams that use the gym in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Our gym is

used by both our middle school and high school teams. We cannot provide gym access to all of our teams, resulting in busing students to the local recreation center for practices. We also have to push our practice times to later in the evening, resulting in our students getting home later. Having a second gym would allow all of our teams for practices and cut down on time spent after school hours for our teachers and students.

Blue Ridge School and Early College do not currently have a performance arts space or an adequate music and theater instruction classroom. Music classes and storage were recently housed in a couple of old portable classrooms behind the school. Currently, any performance on campus would take place in the cafeteria. Students and families would have to travel 45minutes to the closest proper performance space. Even though Blue Ridge has a small student body, it has been a goal to offer many of the same opportunities the students would have at a larger school, including experience in performing arts. As these students apply to college, it is helpful for them to show a variety of pursuits on their transcripts and resumes, including artistic endeavors and classes.

Blue Ridge School was initially built with the open classroom concept design in the 1970s. Over the years, the two pods that were used by the PreK-5th grades have been divided up with wooden construction walls and temporary barriers. Also, spaces to serve Pre-k students, students with disabilities, and English language learners have been created out of closets and hallways. These make-shift classrooms and DIY classroom divisions also cause difficulties for HVAC systems that are designed for large spaces to be subdivided into small spaces. Though the school recently replaced the HVAC units in these spaces, it was impossible for the architect and engineer to develop a comfortable and efficient system for the makeshift spaces.



This picture shows how close fans are to the playing court. Also, take notices of the visiting team athletes setting with home fans.



Again, this picture shows how there is not enough room for a traditional bench for student athletes and they are forced to set in the stands with fans.

Why not in 5 year Plan

For the past ten years, the school system's primary concern has been failing roofs and HVAC systems on all of our seven campuses. This has been reflected in the capital request to the Jackson County Commissioners, and the Facility Needs Surveys for NCDPI. Fortunately, JCPS and the Jackson County Board of Commissioners could secure a QSAB loan for \$10 million to address the failing roof and HVAC needs. After three years of projects, we are happy to report that our roofs and HVAC are up to the needed standards. Since completing those projects, the district has now focused on other capital improvement needs. This is why this project has not appeared on the Facility Needs Survey for the past ten years.

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STANDARD SUBCONTRACTOR BID PROPOSAL

DATE: 10-16-23

SUBMITTED TO: EMAIL: jbuchanan@jcpsmail.org

PROJECT NAME: Jackson Community School

CONTACT: Jake Buchanan 828-506-5733

PROJECT ADDRESS: 3770 Old 19-23

Sylva, NC 28779

SCOPE OF WORK: New Equipment Replacement / Wood Shop

SPECIFICATION SECTION: N/A

ADDENDUM RECEIVED: N/A

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: N/A

This proposal includes furnishing all materials and performing all work in the Scope of Work listed above, as required by the plans, specifications, general and special conditions, and referenced Addenda.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Remove and dispose of existing equipment per EPA standards.2) Install (1) CARRIER 5Ton Heat Pump outdoor unit with pad.3) Install (2) CARRIER 5Ton Air handler unit with 10kw back up electric heater.4) Install all New condensate piping.5) Change electrical breakers/fuses per new equipment specs. Electrical circuit needs upgrade to new outdoor heat pump unit.6) Reconnect back to existing condensate piping. Indoor unit we will reconnect back to existing.7) Install (1) New HONEYWELL 5000 Thermostat.8) Install all New refrigerant piping.9) Install New return plenum and drain pan with safety switch.10) Reconnect back to existing supply duct work.11) Reconnect back to existing electrical.12) Complete start up, and check.13) All permits and inspections as required.14) The warranty is one full year on all labor and materials, 1 yr. parts. 5yrs. Compressor.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Unforeseen conditions and/or price increases (tariffs, material shortages, etc.)2) Does not include existing equipment, design, sizing, conditions and or diagnosis.3) Any roof patching/flashing (by others)4) Not responsible for delays caused by supplier delivery delays.5) Painting of exposed HVAC components6) Commissioning/Coordination drawings/BIM7) Dumpster and/or dumpster fees8) P&P and/or Bid Bonds.9) Temporary Heating and Cooling10) Structural Steel Framing and wall penetration supports.11) Preventative Maintenance by others12) Warranty on existing equipment.13) Condition of existing Refrigerant piping within concealed walls are under ground.14) Costs for necessary repairs or alterations discovered during execution of quoted work.

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TOTAL HVAC BASE BID: \$ 13,811.00	
ADD OPTION:	
ALTERNATE:	
Applicable sales tax is included in this proposal. This does not apply to projects defined as "Capital Improvement" by the NC Department of Revenue G.S. 105-164.4(a) (16), which is predicated upon receipt of a signed E-589CI form.	
Applicable sales tax is <i>not</i> included in this proposal and will be billed at the assigned State rate based on the physical location of the project. This does not apply to projects defined as "Capital Improvement" by the NC Department of Revenue G.S. 105-164.4(a) (16), which is predicated upon receipt of a signed E-589CI form.	
<i>North Carolina Mechanical License Number 34943 Heating Group 1-Class 1, Heating Group 2, Heating Group 3-Class 1 South Carolina Mechanical License Number M101293-Airconditioning-AC5, Heating HT5 Tennessee Mechanical License Number 34943-Unlimited; CMC-A, CMC-C</i>	

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications and all applicable codes and regulations. Invoices will be submitted monthly to include labor and material (installed and/or stored). This amount will be due 30 days from the date of invoice. Final payment is due within 30 days of work completion. All quoted work is to be performed during normal business hours unless specifically noted and includes a one (1) year Parts and Labor Warranty, which covers the quality of material and workmanship provided, under normal use within this Warranty Period. If at any time during the project, building materials containing asbestos or lead are discovered, it will be the owner's responsibility to lawfully perform at least the minimum abatement required by law before we proceed with the work. This proposal may be withdrawn by HAYNES HEATING & COOLING if not accepted within 30 days from the date of this proposal.

Authorized MB HAYNES Signatures:

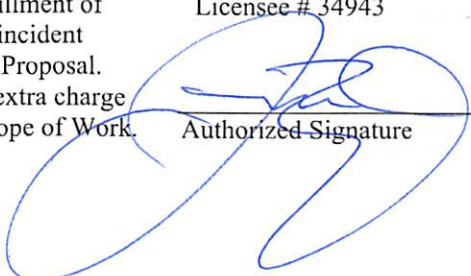
Acceptance of Proposal:

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. As a subcontractor, we agree to enter into a subcontract, and, if required, we agree to furnish performance and payment bonds from CIC AGENCY, guaranteeing fulfillment of performance, completion of work, payment of all costs incident thereto. The cost of these bonds are not included in this Proposal.

The undersigned agrees to bear at his/her sole cost any extra charge arising from any deviation/alteration from the above Scope of Work.

Thomas Smith 10-16-
23
Project Manager Date

Joseph Christopher
Gillespie
Licensee # 34943


Authorized Signature

11/2/23
Date

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STANDARD SUBCONTRACTOR BID PROPOSAL

DATE: 9-20-23

SUBMITTED TO: EMAIL: jbuchanan@jcpsmail.org

PROJECT NAME: Scotts Creek Elementary School

CONTACT: Jake Buchanan 828-506-5733

PROJECT ADDRESS: 516 Parris Branch Rd.

Sylva, NC 28779

SCOPE OF WORK: New Equipment Replacement

SPECIFICATION SECTION: N/A

ADDENDUM RECEIVED: N/A

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: N/A

admin area

This proposal includes furnishing all materials and performing all work in the Scope of Work listed above, as required by the plans, specifications, general and special conditions, and referenced Addenda.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Remove and dispose of existing equipment per EPA standards.2) Install (2) New CARRIER 5Ton straight AC outdoor unit.3) Install (2) New CARRIER 5Ton Air handler units. Without back up electric heaters.4) Reconnect back to existing condensate piping.5) Change electrical breakers per new equipment specs.6) Reconnect back to existing refrigerant piping.7) Reconnect back to existing duct work.8) Reconnect back to existing electrical.9) Reconnect back to existing low voltage.10) Complete start up, and check.11) All permits and inspections as required.12) The warranty is one full year on all labor and materials, 1 yr. parts. 5yrs. Compressor.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Unforeseen conditions and/or price increases (tariffs, material shortages, etc.)2) Does not include existing equipment, design, sizing, conditions and or diagnosis.3) Any roof patching/flashing (by others)4) Not responsible for delays caused by supplier delivery delays.5) Painting of exposed HVAC components6) Commissioning/Coordination drawings/BIM7) Dumpster and/or dumpster fees8) P&P and/or Bid Bonds.9) Temporary Heating and Cooling10) Structural Steel Framing and wall penetration supports.11) Preventative Maintenance by others12) Warranty on existing equipment.13) Condition of existing Refrigerant piping within concealed walls are under ground.14) Costs for necessary repairs or alterations discovered during execution of quoted work.
TOTAL HVAC BASE BID: \$ 17,434.00	
ADD OPTION:	

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TERMS & CONDITIONS:

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Authorized MB HAYNES Signatures:

Acceptance of Proposal:

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. As a subcontractor, we agree to enter into a subcontract, and, if required, we agree to furnish performance and payment bonds from Towers Ellis Watson, guaranteeing fulfillment of performance, completion of work, payment of all costs incident thereto, The cost of these bonds are not included in this Proposal. The undersigned agrees to bear at his/her sole cost any extra charge arising from any deviation/alteration from the above Scope of Work.

Thomas Smith 9-20-
23
Project Manager Date

Joseph Christopher
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Licensee # 34943


Authorized Signature

11/2/23
Date

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E-589CI Affidavit of Capital Improvement

Form E-589CI, Affidavit of Capital Improvement, may be used to substantiate that a contract, or a portion of work to be performed to fulfill a contract, is to be taxed for sales and use tax purposes, as a real property contract for a capital improvement to real property.

The receipt of an affidavit of capital improvement for services to real property, absent fraud or other egregious activities, establishes that the subcontractor or other person receiving the affidavit should treat the transaction as a real property contract for sales and use tax purposes.

A real property contract is a contract between a real property contractor and another person to perform a capital improvement to real property.

Section I. Single Use (Complete this section to issue the affidavit for a single capital improvement.)

<p>(A) Owner, Lessee/Tenant, or Real Property Contractor</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p>	<p>(B) Real Property Contractor (General Contractor or Subcontractor) <i>Hired to perform capital improvement</i></p> <p>HAYNES HEATING AND COOLING</p> <p>Address</p> <p>187 DEAVERVIEW ROAD</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p>ASHEVILLE NC 28806</p>
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Describe capital improvement to be performed:

Project Name

Project Address (where the work is to be performed)

City

State

Zip Code

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this affidavit is accurate and complete and that the transaction described to be performed by the Real Property Contractor (General Contractor or Subcontractor identified in box "B") shall be treated as a real property contract for a capital improvement to real property for sales and use tax purposes. I understand that if it is determined that I issued this affidavit in error and the transaction is subject to sales tax as a retail sale of repair, maintenance, and installation services to real property, I will be liable for payment of any additional taxes determined to be due.

Signature of Authorized Person: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Section II. Blanket Use (Complete this section to execute a blanket affidavit for capital improvements.)

<p>(C) Real Property Contractor</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p>	<p>(D) Real Property Contractor or Subcontractor <i>Hired to perform capital improvement</i></p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p>
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To be completed by the Real Property Contractor identified in Box C.

I certify that I am a Real Property Contractor who performs capital improvements to real property and all transactions with the real property contractor (subcontractor) identified in box "D" shall be treated as real property contracts for capital improvements to real property for sales and use tax purposes. I understand that if it is determined that I issued this affidavit in error and the transaction is subject to sales tax as a retail sale of repair, maintenance, and installation services to real property, I will be liable for payment of any additional taxes determined to be due.

Signature of Authorized Person: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Affidavit of Capital Improvement Instructions

Form E-589CI, Affidavit of Capital Improvement, may be issued to substantiate that a contract, or a portion of work performed to fulfill a contract, is a capital improvement to real property and subject to sales and use tax as a real property contract. Generally, services to real property are retail sales of or the gross receipts derived from repair, maintenance, and installation services, unless a person substantiates that a transaction is subject to tax as a real property contract, subject to tax as a mixed transaction contract, or the transaction is not subject to sales and use tax. A "real property contract" is a contract between a real property contractor and another person to perform a capital improvement to real property.

A mixed transaction contract is a contract that includes both a real property contract for a capital improvement and repair, maintenance, and installation services for real property that are not related to the capital improvement. For a mixed transaction contract, if the allocated sales price of the taxable repair, maintenance, and installation services included in the contract is less than or equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the contract price, then the repair, maintenance, and installation services portion of the contract, and the tangible personal property, digital property, or service used to perform those services, are taxable as a real property contract for sales and use tax purposes.

- A person that issues Form E-589CI is liable for any additional tax due on the transaction in excess of tax paid on purchases pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 105-164.4H(a), if it is determined that the transaction is not a capital improvement, but rather the transaction is subject to tax as a retail sale.
- A person who receives Form E-589CI from another person, absent fraud or other egregious activities, is not liable for any additional tax on the gross receipts from the transaction if it is determined that the transaction is not a capital improvement.
- Form E-589CI is **not** an affidavit of tax paid on tangible personal property, or digital property purchased or used to fulfill a real property contract.
- Form E-589CI may not be used to purchase tangible personal property, or digital property exempt from sales and use tax.

Exceptions from the Issuance of Form E-589CI to Establish a Transaction Is to be Taxed as a Real Property Contract

In lieu of issuing an affidavit of capital improvement, a person may substantiate by other records that a transaction is a real property contract or a mixed transaction contract subject to tax as a real property contract, as discussed above, for a capital improvement to real property. However, where subcontractors are involved, it may be in the best interest of all parties to use Form E-589CI to ensure proper application of the sales and use tax laws.

Section I. Single Use Instructions

A person may complete "Section I - Single Use" for a one time use to substantiate that a transaction is a real property contract for a single capital improvement to real property and subject to sales and use tax as a real property contract. When a real property contractor hires a subcontractor to perform a portion of the overall real property contract and there is not a recurring business relationship between the two parties (when a period of no more than twelve months elapse between transactions between two parties), "Section I - Single Use" may be completed and the form issued to the subcontractor as notice that the transaction is subject to sales and use tax as a real property contract.

The following scenarios are for reference to assist a person to complete and issue Form E-589CI. The scenarios presented are not intended to cover all possible uses of the form.

A property owner oversees the entire activity to real property that is a real property contract for a capital improvement to real property. The property owner hires various subcontractors to complete the real property contract or portions thereof:

- **Box A - Owner, Lessee/Tenant or Real Property Contractor:** Enter property owner's name and address.
- **Box B - Real Property Contractor (General Contractor or Subcontractor):** Enter a single subcontractor's name and address.
- Owner listed in Box A must describe the real property contract activity to be performed.
- Owner listed in Box A must enter the project address (if different than the address entered in Box A).
- Authorized Person (owner) signs, enters title (owner), enters the date, and issues to the person listed in Box B.

A property owner hires a general contractor to oversee the entire activity to real property that is a real property contract for a capital improvement to real property. The general contractor hires a subcontractor to perform the real property contract, or portion thereof:

- **Box A - Owner, Lessee/Tenant or Real Property Contractor:** Enter general contractor's name and address.
- **Box B - Real Property Contractor (General Contractor or Subcontractor):** Enter subcontractor's name and address.
- General contractor listed in Box A must describe the real property contract activity to be performed.
- General contractor listed in Box A must enter the project address.
- Authorized Person (general contractor) signs, enters title (general contractor), enters the date, and issues to the person listed in Box B.

A lessee/tenant hires a general contractor for the installation of equipment that is to be attached to real property and will be depreciated under the Internal Revenue Code:

- **Box A - Owner, Lessee/Tenant or Real Property Contractor:** Enter lessee/tenant's name and address.
- **Box B - Real Property Contractor (General Contractor or Subcontractor):** Enter general contractor's name and address.
- Lessee or tenant listed in Box A must describe the capital improvement to be performed and indicate the equipment will be depreciated under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Authorized Person (typically lessee or tenant) signs, enters title (lessee or tenant), enters the date, and issues to the person listed in Box B.

Section II. Blanket Use Instructions

A real property contractor may complete "Section II - Blanket Use" and issue the form to another real property contractor (subcontractor) who is used exclusively to perform part, or all, of real property contracts with respect to capital improvements to real properties, where the parties have a recurring business relationship (when a period of no more than twelve months elapse between transactions between two parties). A blanket use affidavit continues in force so long as the real property contractor named in "Box C" and the real property contractor (subcontractor) named in "Box D" maintain a recurring business relationship or until the affidavit is withdrawn or otherwise notified by the issuer of the form.

The blanket use will generally apply for the following: (1) a builder who hires the same contractor(s) only for new construction; (2) a real property contractor who hires the same subcontractor(s) only for reconstruction; (3) a real property contractor who hires the same subcontractor(s) for remodeling or renovation and the activities performed by the subcontractor(s) for the other party are never repair, maintenance, and installation services for real property based on the contract or agreement between the parties; and (4) a real property contractor who exclusively hires the same subcontractor(s) to perform part, or all, of its real property contracts for capital improvements to real properties.

A general contractor or subcontractor hires a subcontractor that will replace the complete electrical wiring in all renovated homes:

- **Box C - Real Property Contractor:** Enter the hiring real property contractor's name and address.
- **Box D - Real Property Contractor (General Contractor or Subcontractor):** Enter the hired subcontractor's name and address.
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Travel Request Form

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Trip Number

8944

* Category

Travel With Students

* Type of Trip

Field Trip

* Field Trip Event

Standard Field Trip

Trip Leave

* Date

1/18/24

Thursday

* Time

1:00 PM

Trip Return

* Date

1/20/24

Saturday

* Time

10:00 PM

Trip Year/Week 2024-03

* Overnight or Out-of-State Yes

Comments

* Your School/Dept 

337 Smokey Mountain Elementary

884 N U.S 441, Whittier, NC 28789

* Main Destination 

North Carolina State University

, Raleigh, NC 27607

* Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip

596.69

Special Instructions for Permission Slip

Funding Source #1

CTE

Budget Code

1.5100.01.121

Funding Source Desc

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Funding Approver adills@jcpsmail.org

Are funds payable to a third party? No

(Does venue require payment prior to trip?)

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name

Scott Miller

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone #

8282791223

Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email

smiller@jcpsmail.org

Dana L. L. L.
11/27/23

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info

☒ Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff

- * Emergency Contact Name Scott Miller
- * Emergency Contact Phone # 8282791223

* Grade Level(s) Making Trip

7

8

- * Description of Group or Person(s) Making Trip FVS and SME will each be taking 3 teams of 4 students to NCSU to compete in the Future City competition.
- * Educational Objective for Field Trip Future City is an international competition that requires students to write about and design a city at least 100 years in the future that is a model of energy independence.

Special Indicators

Number of Individuals Making Trip

- * Male Adults 2
- * Female Adults 3
- * Male Students 10
- * Female Students 14

Total Adults 5

Total Students 24

Need 1 adult(s) for 10 or more students.
Need 1 adult(s) for every additional 10 students.

- * Will the students be away from school during lunch? Yes
- * If so, will these students need packed lunches? No

Nbr Students 24 Teacher Scott Miller

Students will be away from school during the lunch period.

Additional Information

- * Please list all Chaperones:

Scott Miller
Kate Miller
Jamie Frese
Roy Crawford
Nancy Crawford
Cherokee Boys Club

- * Please list the driver's name:

- * Will you be using external transportation (ex. train, plane, walking)? Yes
- * Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itineraries.
Indicate chartered transportation company if applicable.
Cherokee Boys Club

1/18/2024 - Depart Sylva 1:00 - Arrive in Raleigh 8:00, Dinner stop on the way
1/19/2024 - NCSU for tour and lunch, hotel to work, Frankie's for games, hotel for work, and pizza for dinner
1/20/2024 - NCSU for Future City competition, depart Raleigh at 4:00

Vehicles Needed

- * Do you need vehicles? No

Person Submitting Request

smiller@jcpsmail.org

Date Submitted

Field Trip Acceptance of Responsibility

By submitting this request, the trip sponsor (Teacher, Coach, Staff Member, etc.) is validating the following conditions:

1. Possess a current/valid Driver's License for the vehicle you will be driving
2. Absent of any medical condition, medications/alcohol/drugs that will impede the operation of a vehicle
3. You will obey all traffic laws while operating the vehicle
4. You will not "text" or operate any device that may distract you while driving the vehicle
5. Properly authorized use of a JCPS vehicle for official travel
6. Will only transport authorized passengers for the purpose of official travel
7. The lift is to be operated only for wheelchairs.
8. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.
9. There must be one adult for every five students in grades K-6 for overnight trips.
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11. There must be one adult for every ten students in grades K-13 for non-overnight trips.
12. Chaperones must have an approved VOLUNTEER application on file with JCPS Human Resources

* I have read and understand the information above.

Yes

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision	Approved
Name	jfrese@jcpsmail.org
Decision Date	Nov 21, 2023, 3:46:07 PM

Level 05 Approval - Funding Source Approval

Comment

Decision	Approved
Name	adills@jcpsmail.org
Decision Date	Nov 26, 2023, 2:17:18 PM

Level 07 Approval - Central Office Approval

Comment

Decision	
Designated Approver	cfields@jcpsmail.org
Name	
Decision Date	