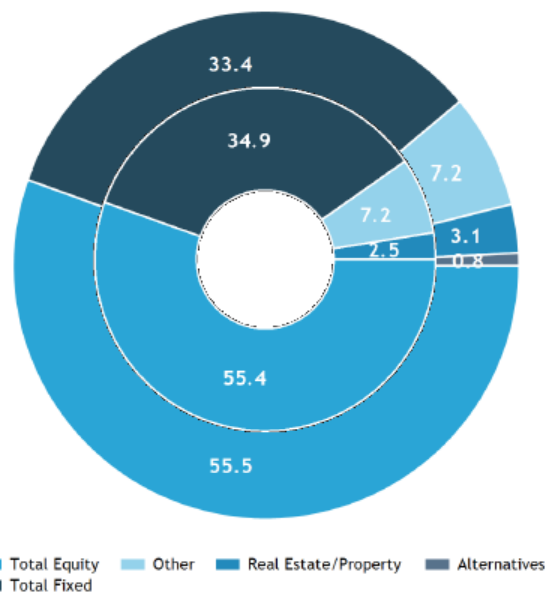


# Fulton County Schools Employee Retirement Plan Quarterly Investment Review, June 30, 2023

Asset Allocation (%)  
Actual (Outer Ring) vs. Target (Inner Ring)



## Portfolio Review

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the Pension Plan generated a positive absolute return of 3.49%, driven by a broad-based rally in risk assets amid improved investor sentiment. Global equity markets continued the rally that began in late 2022, albeit with significant volatility. Positive returns were achieved across all capitalizations, but returns were concentrated in the high growth technology companies. Amazingly, 75% of equity returns for the period can be attributed to only 7 stocks. We continue to focus on our core approach; favoring high quality companies with positive earnings momentum at reasonable valuations. The Equity asset class was the best performing for the quarter, up 5.4%, and 16.4% FYTD. The portfolios Fixed income performance for the quarter was flat, despite rising bond yields (bond prices decline as yields rise) as the portfolio benefited from the strategic allocation to floating rate, high yield and emerging market strategies. The fixed income asset class has returned 0.4% in Q2 and 2.61% FYTD through 6/30/2023.

## Our View on the Economy and Markets

As we move forward into the second half of 2023 we remain broadly cautious. We see risks in elevated equity prices, resolute central banks and the yet-to-be-fully-felt effects of interest rate increases on economies, markets, corporations, and consumers. In addition, while we expect inflation to continue to moderate, we believe the path to lower interest rates will still take longer than the market expects prompting central banks to maintain higher rates for a longer period. From a top down perspective, we maintain elevated cash levels relative to U.S. equities as we believe the second half of the year will be particularly challenging given current valuations and perhaps still too optimistic earnings expectations given our view of the macroeconomic backdrop. Regarding fixed income, interest rate volatility remains historically high; therefore, our directional interest rate positioning remains modest with a slight bias for lower rates into year-end. Accordingly, SEI believes in maintaining a diversified approach to investing, which should provide better risk adjusted returns over a market cycle.

|   | Total Assets (\$) | Actual Alloc (%) | 1 Month | 3 Months | YTD  | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Inception 12/31/2015 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|---------|----------|------|------------|--------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Portfolio Return<sup>1</sup></b> | 494,865,205       | 100.0            | 4.29    | 3.49     | 9.19 | 10.65      | 10.65  | 6.97    | 6.12    | 7.27                 |
| <i>Standard Deviation Portfolio</i>       |                   |                  |         |          |      |            |        | 12.60   | 13.00   |                      |
| <b>Policy Benchmark</b>                   |                   |                  | 3.26    | 3.61     | 9.26 | 10.38      | 10.38  | 5.69    | 5.94    | 6.43                 |



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# Important information: asset valuation and portfolio returns

1. SEI investments began managing the portfolio for Fulton County Schools on 12/31/2015, therefore that is considered the inception date for performance reporting purposes.

The Policy Index return is composed of the following:

**55% MSCI World Index (Net)**  
**35% Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Bond Index**  
**10% ICE BofA ML 3 Month US T-Bill Index + 2%**

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Inception date 12/31/15; Historical Total Index can be provided upon request.

The Portfolio Return and fund performance numbers are calculated using Gross Fund Performance, using a true time-weighted performance method (prior to 6/30/2012, the Modified Dietz method of calculation was used). Gross Fund Performance reflects the effective performance of the underlying mutual funds that are selected or recommended by SIMC to implement an institutional client's investment strategy. Gross Fund Performance does not reflect the impact of fund level management fees, fund administration or shareholder servicing fees, all of which, if applicable, are used to offset the account level investment management fees the client pays to SIMC. Gross Fund Performance does reflect certain operational expenses charged by the funds and the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. The inclusion of the fund level expenses that the client incurs but that are offset against the client's account level investment management fees would reduce the Gross Fund Performance of the mutual funds. For additional information about how performance is calculated, please see your monthly performance report.

If applicable, alternative, property and private assets performance and valuations may be reported on a monthly or quarterly lag. Alternative, property and private assets performance is calculated gross of investment management fees and net of administrative expenses and underlying fund expenses. However: Structured Credit Fund performance is calculated gross of investment management fees and net of administrative expenses; SEI Offshore Opportunity Fund II Ltd. Class A performance is calculated net of investment management and administrative expenses; and Energy Debt Fund performance is calculated net of management fees, performance fees, as applicable, and operating expenses.

