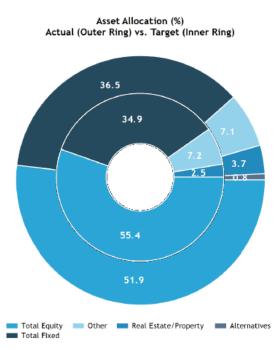
## Fulton County Schools Employee Retirement Plan Quarterly Investment Review, September 30, 2022



## Portfolio Review

The Fulton County Schools (FCS) portfolio is well-diversified across global capital markets, which is designed to provide a degree of protection in down markets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ended where it began, with both stocks and bonds declining and volatility remaining elevated. Investor concerns of persistently high inflation and rising interest rates extended the market weakness which began in January. Stocks as an asset class were down 7.7% for the quarter, with Non-US stocks down more sharply, declining -11.1% due to rising energy prices in Europe and an extensive COVID lockdown in China. Bond returns, normally a safe haven during times of market stress, declined a further 3.9%, due in large part to the reasons stated earlier. SEI attempts to lessen the impact of rising interest rates and higher inflation on the portfolio through strategic investments to shorter duration fixed income, private real estate, and dynamic asset allocation strategies.

## Our View on the Economy and Markets

The reasons for the continued stress in financial markets during the first nine months of this year are well-known: the worst inflation in four decades; rising interest rates; Russia's continued war on Ukraine; and fears that China's zero-COVID-19 policy will continue to disrupt the world economy. *SEI believes that both inflation and interest rates will be "higher for longer"*. Inflation will improve throughout the remainder of 2022, but will certainly remain well above the Federal Reserve target of 2%. If correct, that would indicate that interest rates will continue to rise into 2023 placing additional pressures on consumer spending and creating a headwind to US and global economic growth.

The U.S. economy is fundamentally sound and may show a resiliency that surprises both the Fed and investors. Accordingly, SEI believes in maintaining a diversified approach to investing. A focus on diversification, fundamentals and sound planning matter more now than ever.

	Total	Actual				Fiscal				Inception
	Assets (\$)	Alloc (%)	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	12/31/2015
Total Portfolio Return 1	428,641,958	100	-7.36	-5.69	-20.94	-5.69	-17.98	2.71	3.65	5.57
Standard Deviation Portfolio								14.13	12.31	
Policy Benchmark			-6.58	-4.89	-19.07	-4.89	-15.57	1.99	3.47	4.83



## 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%

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.

