

**Gateway Unified School District
Proposition 39 and Measure G
General Obligation Bonds**
Redding, California

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS

June 30, 2023



Gateway Unified School District
Proposition 39 and Measure G General Obligation Bonds

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Gateway Unified School District
Redding, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure G Bond Building Fund (the Bonds) of Gateway Unified School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bonds of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America; and the *2022-23 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel. 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 District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in note 1, the financial statements present only the Bonds and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District, as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's 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; this includes 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.

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 from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. 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*, and the *2022-23 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *2022-23 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

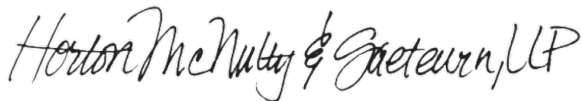
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 7, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



March 7, 2024
Chico, California

FINANCIAL SECTION

Gateway Unified School District
Proposition 39 and Measure G General Obligation Bonds
BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 580,259
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	
Restricted	580,259
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 580,259

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Gateway Unified School District
Proposition 39 and Measure G General Obligation Bonds
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenues	
Other local revenue	\$ 6,439
Net Change in Fund Balance	6,439
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	573,820
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 580,259

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Gateway Unified School District
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Gateway Unified School District (the District) is governed by an elected five-member board. The District operates three elementary schools, one high school, one continuation school, one community day school, and one long-term independent study program in Redding, California. The District is the sponsoring local educational agency for one charter school. These financial statements present only the Measure G Bond Building Fund (the Bonds). These financial statements do not include financial information of the remainder of the District's funds, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented with the financial statements of the District.

On November 4, 2008, \$19,000,000 in general obligation bonds were authorized by an election held within the District. A citizens' oversight committee was appointed on January 21, 2009, to comply with the California Constitution and the *California Education Code*. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public, at least annually, regarding the appropriate use of bond proceeds. On July 8, 2009, bonds in the amount of \$6,320,718 were issued at a premium of \$413,446. The total proceeds from the bond issuance were received by the District and are to be used to modernize, replace, renovate, construct, acquire, equip, furnish, and otherwise improve the District's facilities. The District paid issuance costs totaling \$403,074 from the proceeds.

On December 4, 2013, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$6,300,281 at a discount of \$14,400. The District paid \$198,213 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds of \$5,317,935 were used to redeem the 2006 certificates of participation. The remaining proceeds of \$769,733 will be used for the projects noted above.

On May 16, 2017, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,178,960 at a premium of \$536,433. The District paid \$328,905 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds of \$7,682,837 were used to redeem the 2007 certificates of participation and 2009 general obligation bonds. The remaining proceeds of \$1,703,651 will be used for the projects noted above.

On June 18, 2020, the District refunded the 2013 Series general obligation bonds totaling \$5,220,983 with the 2020 general obligation refunding bonds, Series B. Resources totaling \$7,965,645 were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of \$8,021,579 of general obligation bonds.

On June 18, 2020, the District refunded the 2009 Series general obligation bonds totaling \$520,000 with the 2020 general obligation refunding bonds, Series A. Resources totaling \$533,035 were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of \$533,092 of general obligation bonds.

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On August 2, 2021, the District refunded the 2011 Series A general obligation refunding bonds totaling \$2,680,000 with the 2021 general obligation refunding bonds. The final balance of \$2,680,277, including accrued interest, was redeemed in full.

The board of supervisors for Shasta County are empowered and obligated to levy property taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount (except for certain property which is taxable at limited rates), for payment of principal and maturity value of and interest on the bonds.

The District accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Department of Education's *California School Accounting Manual*. The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP, and used by the District, are discussed below.

Basis of Presentation

Fund Financial Statements Fund financial statements are organized by funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and

Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The Measure G Bond Building Fund is an other governmental fund, the Building Fund, of the District. The Building Fund is used to account for proceeds from the sale of bonds and expenditures for purposes authorized in the ballot measure.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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Measurement Focus In the fund financial statements, governmental funds utilize a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within one year. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. By state law, the District’s Governing Board must adopt a final budget no later than July 1. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District’s Governing Board satisfied these requirements.

These budgets are revised by the District’s Governing Board and the District’s Superintendent during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration was employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures legally cannot exceed appropriations by major object account.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The District’s cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Cash and cash equivalents are combined with investments and displayed as cash and investments.

Highly liquid market investments with maturities of one year or less at time of purchase are stated at amortized cost. All other investments are stated at fair value. Market value is used as fair value for those securities for which market quotations are readily available.

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In accordance with *California Education Code*, Section 41001, the District maintains substantially all of its cash in the Shasta County Treasury (the County) as part of the common investment pool. The County is restricted by *California Government Code*, Section 53635 pursuant to Section 53601, to invest in time deposits, U.S. government securities, state registered warrants, notes, or bonds, State Treasurer's investment pool, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit, and repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements. The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is based on the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis. The pool has deposits and investments with a weighted-average maturity of more than one year. As of June 30, 2023, the fair value of the County pool was 96.74% of the carrying value and is deemed to represent a material difference. Information regarding the amount of dollars invested in derivatives with the County was not available. The County investment pool is subject to regulatory oversight by the Treasury Oversight Committee, as required by *California Government Code*, Section 27130. The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in the external investment pool.

The calculation of realized gains is independent of the calculation of the net increase in the fair value of investments. Realized gains and losses on investments that had been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current year may have been recognized as an increase or decrease in the fair value of investments reported in the prior year. The net increase in the fair value of investments during the year ended June 30, 2023, was \$107. This amount takes into account all changes in fair value (including purchases and sales) that occurred during the year. The unrealized loss on investments held at June 30, 2023, was \$19,553.

Equity Classifications

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified and displayed in five components:

Nonspendable Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constraints that are externally imposed by groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or because of laws through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's Board of Trustees. The District's Board of Trustees is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions or budget adoption approved by the District's Board of Trustees.

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Assigned Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that the District intends to use for specific purposes. Assignments may be established either by the District’s Board of Trustees or a designee of the District’s Board of Trustees.

Unassigned Fund Balance: Consists of the residual balance in the General Fund of the District that has not been assigned to other funds and that is not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District’s Board of Trustees has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

Expenditures

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

- Governmental funds – by character:
 - Current (further classified by function)
 - Debt service
 - Capital outlay

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The following is a summary of cash and investments:

June 30, 2023	Maturities	Fair Value
Investments That Are Not Securities (1)		
County treasurer's investment pool	22.4 months average	\$ 580,259

(1) *Investments That Are Not Securities* A “security” is a transferable financial instrument that evidences ownership or creditorship, whether in physical or book-entry form. Investments that are not securities do not have custodial credit risk because they do not involve a transferable financial instrument. Thus, they are not categorized into custodial credit risk categories.

All cash and investments are restricted to expenditures for purposes authorized in the ballot measure.

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Investment Credit Risk

California Government Code, Section 53601, limits investments in commercial paper to “prime” quality of the highest ranking, or of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO), and limits investments in medium-term notes to a rating of A or better. The District does not have an investment policy that would further limit investment choices. The District’s investment in the County investment pool is unrated.

Fair Value Measurements

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

- County treasurer's investment pool of \$580,259 is valued using quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active (level 2 inputs).

Concentration of Credit Risk – Investments

California Government Code, Section 53635, places the following concentration limits on the County investment pool:

No more than 40% may be invested in eligible commercial paper and no more than 10% may be invested in the outstanding commercial paper of any single issuer.

California Government Code, Section 53601, places the following concentration limits on the District’s investments:

No more than 10% may be invested in the securities of any one issuer, except the obligations of the U.S. government, U.S. government agencies, and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises and where otherwise noted; no more than 10% may be invested in any one mutual fund; no more than 25% may be invested in commercial paper; no more than 40% may be invested in bankers’ acceptances and no more than 30% may be invested in bankers’ acceptances of any one commercial bank; no more than 30% may be invested in negotiable certificates of deposit; no more than 20% may be invested in reverse repurchase agreements; no more than 30% may be invested in medium-term notes; no more than 20% may be invested in mortgage passthrough and related securities; and no more than 30% may be invested in certain unsecured, unsubordinated obligations.

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3. FUND BALANCE COMPONENTS

Fund balance is composed of the following:

June 30, 2023

Restricted	
Restricted for capital projects	\$ 580,259

4. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

During 2023-24, the District entered into two commitments as follows: LED field lighting at a cost of \$347,892 and fencing at a cost of \$192,250. In addition, the District determined not to proceed with the track improvements that had been planned to be paid from Measure G General Obligation funds due to the cost being prohibitive. The District paid the portion of the project completed prior to cancelation from other District sources.

OTHER REPORT SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Board of Trustees
Gateway Unified School District
Redding, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the Measure G Bond Building Fund of Gateway Unified School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023; and the related notes to the financial statements; and have issued our report thereon dated March 7, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

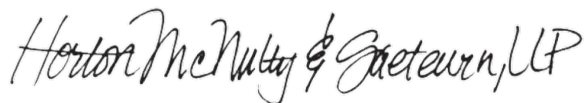
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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Measure G Bond Building Fund of the District are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 7, 2024
Chico, California

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION

Gateway Unified School District
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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
June 30, 2023

None.

Gateway Unified School District
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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

None.