Financial Statements and Required Reports
Under Uniform Guidance
As of and For the Year Ended
June 30, 2023

**Together with Independent Auditor's Report** 



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 9, 2023

To the Board of Education of Hyde Park Central School District:

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hyde Park Central School District (School District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District'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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hyde Park Central School District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the School District 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 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair representation 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.

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

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain a 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 auditor's 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk 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 School 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that may raise substantial doubt about the School District'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 general accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedules of proportionate share of net pension (asset) liability and contributions – pension plans and changes in total OPEB liability, and related ratios be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 by placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historic 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 response 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 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, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial statement. The other information comprises the Schedule of Change from Original Budget to Revised Budget and the Real Property Tax Limit – General Fund, Schedule of Project Expenditures – Capital Projects Fund and the Schedule of Net Investment in Capital Assets but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 9, 2023, on our consideration of the School 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 the School District'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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Hyde Park Central School District's (the School District) financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This section is a summary of the School District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is also based on both the School-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the School District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- School-wide net position of the School District was (\$184,254,332).
- School-wide net position was \$944,003 greater than at June 30, 2022.
- Combined fund balance was \$34,176,339.
- Combined fund balance is \$4,062,603 less than at June 30, 2022.
- The School District substantially continued to offer all programs, without reducing services, while maintaining fund balance.
- In February 2022, the voters approved a district-wide capital project of \$35,717,292. The project includes security vestibules at all buildings, middle school and high school auditorium renovations, a new bus loop and parking lot at Ralph R. Smith Elementary, track resurfacing and new field turf at FD Roosevelt High School, roofing at Hyde Park Elementary school and FD Roosevelt High School, HVAC mechanical upgrades at the high school and Violet Ave. Elementary School, kitchen flooring at Haviland Middle School, a new well and water system for Netherwood Elementary School, and a septic system for District Office.
  - The \$35,717,292 capital project work will be performed in three phases. Phase 1 was substantially completed over the summer of 2023 and included the track resurfacing, new field turf, and roofing at FD Roosevelt High School and Hyde Park Elementary School.
- In May 2022, the voters approved the establishment of a new capital reserve to be funded up to \$10,000,000. The School District added \$1,000,000 to the capital reserve in 2022 and \$5,500,000 in 2023. The reserve will be used towards future capital projects and bus purchases.
- The School District saved \$1,971,851 in health insurance costs due to the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortiums "holiday". The savings were used to partially fund the increase to the capital projects reserve.
- In 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, the School District spent \$5,703,008 of the \$9,086,014 funding through ARPA and CRRSA. The CRRSA funds were completely expended by June 30, 2023 and the remaining ARPA funds of \$3,383,006 will be spent by September 30, 2024.
- Due to increasing interest rates, the School District's interest income increased to \$1,367,697 in 2022-2023 from \$58,585 in 2021-2022.

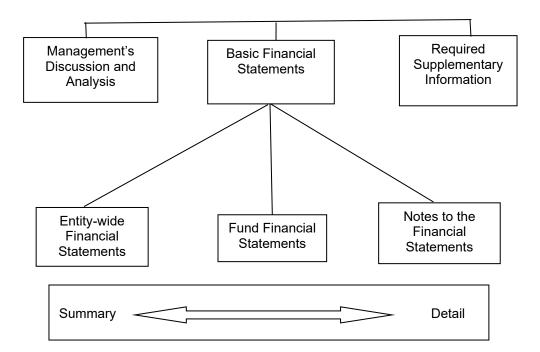
#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of three parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the School District:

- The first two statements are *School-wide* financial statements that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the School District's *overall* financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the School District, reporting the School District's operations in *more detail* than the School-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services, such as special education, were financed in the *short-term*.

The financial statements also include notes that provide additional information about the financial statements and the balances reported. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the School District's budget for the year.

Figure A-1 shows how the various sections of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.



#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the School District's financial statements, including the portion of the School District's activities that they cover and the types of information that they contain. The remainder of this overview section highlights the structure and contents of each statement.

Figure A-2 Major Features of the School-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

		Fund Financial Statements
	School-Wide	Governmental Funds
Scope	Entire School District	The daily operating activities of the School District, such as instruction and special education.
Required financial statements	<ul><li>Statement of net position</li><li>Statement of activities</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Balance sheet</li> <li>Statement of revenue, expenditures, and change in fund balance</li> </ul>
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus.	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus.
Type of asset/liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources information	All assets, liabilities, deferred outflows & inflows of resources both financial and capital, short-term and long-term debt.	Current assets and liabilities that come due during the year or soon after; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included.
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	Revenue for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable.

The School-wide statements report information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the School District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

- Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- For assessment of the overall health of the School District, additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the property tax bases and the condition of buildings and other facilities should be considered.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Net position of the governmental activities differ from the governmental fund balances because governmental fund level statements only report transactions using or providing current financial resources. Also, capital assets are reported as expenditures when financial resources, (dollars), are expended to purchase or build such assets. Likewise, the financial resources that may have been borrowed are considered revenue when they are received. Principal and interest payments are considered expenditures when paid. Depreciation is not calculated. Capital assets and long-term debt are accounted for in account groups and do not affect the fund balances.

School-wide statements use an economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting that involves the following steps to prepare the statement of net position:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets.
- Report long-term debt as a liability.
- Depreciate capital assets and allocate the depreciation to the proper function.
- Calculate revenue and expenses using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting.
- Allocate net position balances as follows:
  - Net investment in capital assets.
  - Restricted net position has constraints placed on use by external sources or imposed by law.
  - Unrestricted net position is net position that does not meet any of the above restrictions.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School District's funds – not the School District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the School District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. The funds have been established by the State of New York.

The School District has the following types of funds:

• Governmental Funds: Most of the School District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the School-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them. The governmental fund statements focus primarily on current financial resources and often have a budgetary orientation. Governmental funds include the general fund, special aid fund, school lunch fund, debt service fund, capital projects fund, and the miscellaneous special revenue fund. Required financial statements are the balance sheet and the statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Figure A-3 Condensed Statement of Net Position (In Thousands of Dollars)

	 Fiscal Year <u>2023</u>		scal Year <u>2022</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 43,729	\$	47,394	-7.73%
Noncurrent assets	 89,419		81,649	9.52%
Total assets	 133,148		129,043	3.18%
Deferred outflows of resources	 123,667		151,516	-18.38%
Current liabilities	11,994		12,609	-4.88%
Long-term liabilities	 288,845		360,362	-19.85%
Total liabilities	 300,839		372,971	-19.34%
Deferred inflows of resources	 140,231	_	129,019	8.69%
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	69,429		62,687	10.75%
Restricted	27,675		28,183	-1.80%
Unrestricted	 (281,358)		(276,068)	-1.92%
Total net position	\$ (184,254)	\$	(185,198)	0.51%

The \$3.7 million decrease in current assets is the result of capital projects expenditures in the amount of \$4 million during 2022-2023 expended with bond proceeds received in 2021-2022.

The change in deferred outflows of resources is primarily due to a change in assumptions used by the actuary in calculating Other Post-Employment Benefits liability and pensions.

The decrease in current liabilities in the current year is due to the year-to-year difference in the bond payment amortization schedule. The bond payments due within one year changed from \$3,365,000 as of June 30, 2022 to \$2,390,000 as of June 30, 2023. The long-term liabilities decreased in current year due to changes in Other Post-Employment Benefits liability. As of June 30, 2022, the School District had a net share of the NYSTRS pension asset of \$33,584,782. By June 2023, there was a pension liability and the School District's proportionate share was \$10,762,121.

#### **Changes in Net Position**

The School District's 2023 revenue was \$118,714,669 (See Figure A-4). Property taxes and New York State aid accounted for the majority of revenue by contributing 56% and 31%, respectively, of the total revenue raised (see Figure A-5). The remainder of revenue came from fees for services, use of money and property, operating grants, and other miscellaneous sources.

The total cost of all programs and services totaled \$117,770,666 for 2023. These expenses are predominately for the education, supervision, and transportation of students (see Figure A-6). The School District's administrative and business activities accounted for 24% of total costs.

Net position increased during the year by \$944,003 due primarily to the effects of recognizing other post-employment benefits as well as the effects of ERS and TRS proportionate liabilities, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (Continued)

#### **Changes in Net Position (Continued)**

Figure A-4 Changes in Net Position from Operating Results (In Thousands of Dollars)

	Fiscal Year 2023		Fis	cal Year <u>2022</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
Revenue:					
Charges for services	\$	733	\$	432	69.69%
Operating grants		10,340		8,388	23.27%
General revenue:					
Property taxes		65,987		64,068	3.00%
Use of money and property		1,416		84	1585.76%
Sale of property and compensation for loss		19		92	-79.79%
State aid		37,137		33,364	11.31%
Medicaid reimbursement		195		218	-10.39%
Miscellaneous		2,888		3,514	-17.82%
Total revenue		118,715		110,160	7.77%
Expenses:					
General support		27,801		17,113	62.46%
Instruction		77,854		96,367	-19.21%
Transportation		9,127		12,173	-25.02%
Debt service - Interest		1,309		486	169.38%
Cost of sales - Food		1,679		2,008	-16.40%
Total expenses		117,771		128,147	-8.10%
Change in net position	\$	944	\$	(17,987)	105.25%

Significant changes in revenue from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023 school year included:

- Real Property Taxes: \$2,459,355 increase
- State Aid: \$3,773,197 increase
- Interest Income: \$1,309,112 increase
- Universal Pre-K grant: \$17,000
- Education Stabilization Funds: \$2,450,237 increase
- Health Insurance Holiday: \$188,538 increase
- Refund of Prior Year expenditures: \$468,731 increase
- Bond Anticipation Notes for BOCES Capital Project: \$391,960 decrease
- Food Service Sales: \$236,810 increase due to a return to the regular National School Lunch program in 2022-2023 which required students to qualify for free and reduced meals or pay full price.

Significant changes in expenditures from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023 school year included:

- Decrease in transfer to capital projects (\$3,286,115). A \$35.7M district-wide capital project that was approved by voters in February 2022 called for the use of capital reserve of \$3,386,115, which was transferred in 2021-2022.
- Increase in BOCES occupational education (Career & Technical Institute) expenses in the amount of \$497,750 due to increased student participation.
- Special Education cost increase of \$1,342,580 due to increased tuition costs for out-ofdistrict placements.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (Continued)

Figure A-5: Revenue Sources for 2023:

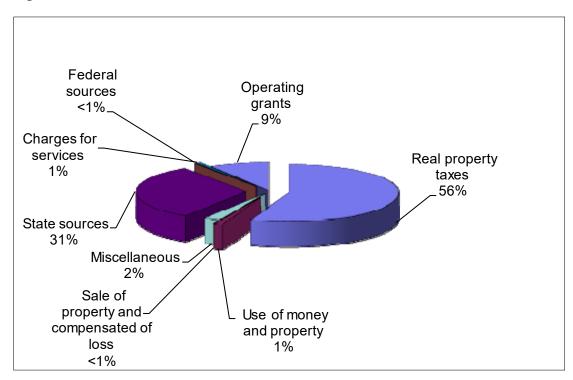
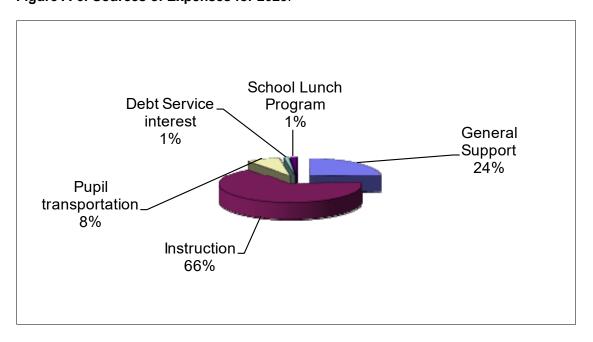


Figure A-6: Sources of Expenses for 2023:



#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (Continued)

#### **Governmental Activities**

Revenue for the School District's governmental activities totaled \$118,714,669 while total expenses were \$117,770,666. Accordingly, net position increased by \$944,003.

Figure A-7 presents the cost of several of the School District's major activities. The figure also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activity and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the School District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Figure A-7 Net Cost of Governmental Activities (In Thousands of Dollars)

	 otal Cost Services 2023	Net Cost of Services <u>2023</u>		 otal Cost Services 2022	let Cost Services 2022
General support Instruction Pupil transportation	\$ 27,801 77,854 9,127	\$	27,801 68,489 9,127	\$ 17,113 96,367 12,173	\$ 17,113 89,917 12,173
Debt service - Interest Cost of sales - Food	 1,309 1,679		1,309 (28)	486 2,008	486 (362)
	\$ 117,771	\$	106,698	\$ 128,147	\$ 119,327

The cost of all governmental activities for the year was \$117,770,666.

- The users of the School District's programs financed \$733,044 of the costs through charges for services.
- The federal and state government financed \$10,339,780 of the costs through operating grants.
- The majority of costs were financed by the School District's taxpayers and unallocated NYS aid

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Variances between years for the governmental fund financial statements are not the same as variances between years for the school-wide financial statements. The School District's governmental funds are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of presentation, governmental funds do not include long-term liabilities for the funds' projects and capital assets purchased by the funds. Governmental funds will include proceeds from the issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and the current payments for debt.

#### **Governmental Funds Highlights**

<u>General Fund</u> – The School District's budget is prepared in accordance with New York State law and is based on the modified accrual basis of accounting, utilizing cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The original budget for the General Fund was revised by \$2,590,317 during the year. The supplemental appropriations consist of the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Holiday (\$1,971,851), transfers from reserves to cover tax certiorari claims (\$22,583), compensation for loss (\$571), donations (\$1,500) and carryover encumbrances from the prior year (\$593,812).

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS (Continued)

#### **Governmental Funds Highlights (Continued)**

In the General Fund for the year-ended, June 30, 2023, actual revenues exceeded expenditures by \$5,300,191. Significant revenue sources include Real Property Taxes, STAR Reimbursement and Other Tax Items (\$65,986,846), and State Aid (\$37,137,132). New York State operating aid is tied to the growth in New York State personal income and the available funds in the state budget. Actual expenditures and encumbrances were \$5,416,844 less than revised budget. For the fiscal year 2023-2024, the School District has appropriated \$2,003,164 of fund balance to reduce the tax levy.

The total fund balance in the General Fund increased by \$5,300,191, during the 2022-2023 school year. At June 30, 2023, unassigned fund balance amounts to \$4,087,573 and total restricted fund balance is \$20,425,949. Significant changes in restricted fund balances between 2021-2022 school year to 2022-2023 school year includes the increase of \$5,500,000 to the capital project reserve, the addition of \$500,000 to the teachers' retirement system reserve.

<u>Special Aid Fund</u> – The School District has been awarded \$9,086,014 to be spent between March 2020 and September 2024. The funds are allocated from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (\$3,240,618), and the American Rescue Plan Act (\$5,845,396). As of June 30, 2023, \$5,703,008 of these federal fiscal stimulus funds have been expended.

<u>School Lunch Fund</u> – The fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$915,828, which is an increase of \$174,064 from prior year. The main factor for the increase in the school lunch fund is the persistent staff shortages. The assistant food service director retired at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year and a replacement was not hired until 2023-2024. The department also experienced a shortage of ten food service helpers and those positions have not yet been filled.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The fund ended the year with a surplus fund balance of \$612,535, a decrease of \$9,718,148 from prior year. The decrease in fund balance is caused by the capital projects expenditures from bond proceeds issued in 2021-2022.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> – The fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$3,852,579.

<u>Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund</u> – The fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$189,859. This fund includes scholarships (\$54,753), extracurricular activities (\$129,515) and donations (\$1,991).

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

This section presents an analysis of significant variances between original and final budget amounts and between final budget amounts and actual results for the general fund.

#### Revenue Variances

 Revenues are more than budgeted primarily due to increased NYS aid and interest earnings.

#### Expenditure Variances

- The School District has a net favorable budgetary surplus of \$8,433,605. Significant budgetary variances include:
  - Central Services: \$218,204 due to staff shortages in the facilities & operations and technology departments
  - Business Office expenditures: \$113,244 due to staff shortages
  - Employee Benefits: \$1,247,553 due to staff shortages, and the transfer of \$818,600 employee benefit expenditures to the fiscal stimulus grants
  - o Transportation salaries: \$1,214,358 due to staff shortages
  - o Regular School Teaching: \$760,678

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS (Continued)

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights (Continued)**

### Results vs. Budget (In Thousands of Dollars)

The general fund is the only fund for which a budget is legally adopted.

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Encumbrances	(Actu	ial/Budget)
Revenue:								
Local sources	\$ 66,817	\$	68,791	\$	70,330	\$ -	\$	1,539
State sources	35,696		35,696		37,137	-		1,441
Federal sources	367		367		368	-		1
Medicaid reimbursement	 160		160		195			35
Total	 103,040	_	105,014		108,030			3,016
Expenditures:								
General support	10,386		11,236		10,582	198		457
Instruction	51,829		53,756		51,231	19		2,506
Transportation	7,028		7,240		6,026	-		1,214
Community service	15		15		-	-		15
Debt service - Interest	-		-		2	-		(2)
Debt service - Principal	-		-		350	-		(350)
Employee benefits	 31,062		30,480		29,232			1,248
Total	 100,321	_	102,727	_	97,422	217		5,089
Other financing sources (uses)								
Proceeds from issuance of lease	-		-		328	-		(328)
Transfer in	-		-		1	-		(1)
Transfers out	 (5,453)		(5,637)		(5,637)			(0)
Total	 (5,453)	_	(5,637)	_	(5,308)			(329)
Revenue over/under expenditures	\$ (2,734)	\$	(3,350)	\$	5,300	\$ (217)	\$	8,434

The most significant budget adjustments include the DEHIC health insurance holiday (\$1.97 million) and transfer from tax cert reserve for a consent judgment (\$22.5 thousand).

### **CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

As of June 30, 2023, the School District had \$89,419,304 invested in buildings, computers, and other educational equipment.

Figure A-8 Capital Assets (In Thousands of Dollars), net of accumulated depreciation

	Fis	cal Year <u>2023</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2022</u>			
Land	\$	1,166	\$	1,166		
Buildings and improvements		75,680		50,364		
Construction in progress		3,067		20,508		
Land improvements		2,157		2,437		
Machinery and equipment		6,857		6,829		
Lease equipment/software		492		345		
Total	\$	89,419	\$	81,649		

#### **CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

#### **Long-Term Liabilities**

As of June 30, 2023, the School District had \$291,245,079 in long-term liabilities. Detailed information about the School District's long-term liabilities is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Figure A-9 Outstanding Long-Term Liabilities (In Thousands of Dollars)

	Fiscal Year <u>2023</u>			scal Year <u>2022</u>
General obligation bonds	\$	22,017	\$	25,453
Compensated absences		2,684		2,454
Lease obligations		21		43
Judgments and claims		1,715		1,747
Net pension liabilities		10,762		-
Total other postemployment benefits		254,045		334,053
Total	\$	291,245	\$	363,750

During 2023, the School District paid down its long term bonded debt by \$3,365,000. Further the School District's OPEB liability decreased by \$80 million due to the net effect of changes in actuarial assumptions.

#### FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the School District was aware of the following existing conditions that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- Hyde Park CSD has been awarded \$9,086,014 to be spent between March 2020 and September 2024. The funds are accounted in the Special Aid fund and allocated from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (\$3,240,618), and the American Rescue Plan Act (\$5,845,396). As of June 30, 2023, \$5,703,008 of these federal fiscal stimulus funds have been expended, and \$3,383,006 remains available to be spent over the next year.
- The School District is currently using about \$2,000,000 per year from fiscal stimulus funds for expenditures that will be moved to the General fund after the fiscal stimulus funds expire in 2024. The expenditures include the salary and benefits for the guidance director, and the salary and benefits for six behavioral teaching assistants and two social workers as part of a social and emotional program known as BRYT (Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition), teaching assistants at the elementary level due to class size, special education staffing due to changes in the integrated co-teaching, four permanent daily subs, two math coaches, and the contractual expenditures for the BRYT program and Brothers @ Bard student mentoring program.

# FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUTURE (Continued)

#### **Bond Ratings**

Moody's Investor Services (Moody's) assigned a rating of Aa3 to outstanding uninsured bonds of the School District, for which the School District has continued to maintain. This rating reflects only the view of such rating agency and an explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from Moody's Investor Service. There can be no assurance that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgment of Moody's circumstances so warrant. Any change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the notes or the availability of a secondary market for the notes. The School District recently underwent a credit rating analysis from Standard and Poor's and received a rating of AA-.

#### CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact:

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# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

JUNE 30, 2023	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Accounts receivable State and federal aid receivable Due from other governments Prepaid expenses Inventory	\$ 3,324,212 27,675,072 23,766 10,048,881 699,532 1,872,221 85,241
Total current assets	43,728,925
NONCURRENT ASSETS: Capital assets, net	89,419,304
TOTAL ASSETS	133,148,229
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES  Deferred outflows of resources - ERS Deferred outflows of resources - TRS Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB Deferred outflows of resources - refunding  Total Deferred Outflows of Resources  TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	4,858,788 20,028,594 98,605,812 174,192 123,667,386 256,815,615
LIABILITIES	250,510,010
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Unearned revenue Bond anticipation notes Due to Teachers' Retirement System Due to Employees' Retirement System Bond interest accrual Due to other governments Lease payable due within one year Bonds payable due within one year	3,093,929 112,918 1,362,234 4,178,068 404,735 41,571 400,702 9,608 2,390,000
Total current liabilities	11,993,765
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: Lease payable, net current portion Bonds payable, net of current portion Bonds premium, net Total other postemployment benefits liability Net pension liability - ERS Net pension liability - TRS Judgments and claims Compensated absences	11,833 19,335,000 292,105 254,045,424 7,018,333 3,743,788 1,715,365 2,683,623
Total long-term liabilities	288,845,471
TOTAL LIABILITIES	300,839,236
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES  Deferred inflows of resources - ERS  Deferred inflows of resources - TRS  Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	357,345 1,652,966 138,220,400
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	140,230,711
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	441,069,947
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	69,428,710 27,675,072 (281,358,114)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (184,254,332)

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Expenses		Program Charges for Services	ı Rev	enue Operating <u>Grants</u>	ı	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS: General support Instruction Pupil transportation Debt service interest School lunch program	\$ 27,801,344 77,854,187 9,127,187 1,309,167 1,678,781	\$	394,444 - 338,600	\$	8,971,178 - - 1,368,602	\$	(27,801,344) (68,488,565) (9,127,187) (1,309,167) 28,421
TOTAL FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	\$ 117,770,666	<u>\$</u>	733,044	<u>\$</u>	10,339,780	_	(106,697,842)
GENERAL REVENUE: Real property taxes Use of money and property Sale of property and compensation for loss Miscellaneous State sources Medicaid reimbursement						_	65,986,846 1,416,038 18,592 2,887,877 37,137,132 195,360
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE						_	107,641,845
CHANGE IN NET POSITION							944,003
NET POSITION - beginning of year							(185,198,335)
NET POSITION - end of year						\$	(184,254,332)

# BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Accounts receivable Due from other funds State and federal aid receivable Due from other governments Prepaid expenditures Inventory	\$ 2,873,411 20,425,949 22,068 5,544,679 3,782,328 699,532 1,872,221	\$ 307 - - 6,236 5,846,070 - -	\$ - 3,235,994 - 447,828 - - -	\$ 450,494 4,013,129 1,698 61,161 420,483	\$ 3,324,212 27,675,072 23,766 6,059,904 10,048,881 699,532 1,872,221 85,241
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 35,220,188	\$ 5,852,613	\$ 3,683,822	\$ 5,032,206	\$ 49,788,829
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable Bond anticipation notes Unearned revenue Due to other funds Due to other governments Due to Teachers' Retirement System Due to Employees' Retirement System	\$ 1,042,072 95,728 493,465 400,582 4,178,068 404,735	\$ 303,696 - - 5,548,917 - -	\$ 1,694,169 1,362,234 - 14,884 - -	\$ 53,992 17,190 2,638 120	\$ 3,093,929 1,362,234 112,918 6,059,904 400,702 4,178,068 404,735
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,614,650	\$ 5,852,613	\$ 3,071,287	\$ 73,940	\$ 15,612,490

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# BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued) JUNE 30, 2023

FUND BALANCE:	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable: Inventory Prepaid expenditures  Total nonspendable fund balance	\$ - 1,872,221 1,872,221	\$ - - -	\$ -	\$ 85,241 	\$ 85,241 1,872,221 1,957,462
Restricted: Unemployment reserve Retirement contributions - ERS Retirement contributions - TRS Employee benefits and accrued liabilities Capital projects Tax certiorari Liability reserve Repair reserve Debt service Other	112,915 5,200,222 2,581,455 2,478,623 6,532,362 2,747,612 661,845 110,915	- - - - - - - -	3,235,994 - - - -	3,820,479 192,650	112,915 5,200,222 2,581,455 2,478,623 9,768,356 2,747,612 661,845 110,915 3,820,479 192,650
Total restricted fund balance Assigned: Unappropriated	<u>20,425,949</u> 216,631	<del>_</del>	3,235,994	4,013,129 862,687	<u>27,675,072</u> 1,079,318
Appropriated for subsequent year expenditures  Total assigned fund balance	<u>2,003,164</u> <u>2,219,795</u>	<u>-</u>		862,687	2,003,164 3,082,482
Unassigned	4,087,573	<u> </u>	(2,623,459)	(2,791)	1,461,323
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	28,605,538		612,535	4,958,266	34,176,339
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 35,220,188	\$ 5,852,613	\$ 3,683,822	\$ 5,032,206	\$ 49,788,829

# RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Total governmental fund balance	\$ 34,176,339
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	89,419,304
Pension related government wide activity: Deferred outflows - ERS/TRS Deferred inflows - ERS/TRS Net pension liability - ERS/TRS	24,887,382 (2,010,311) (10,762,121)
OPEB related government wide activity: Deferred outflows of resources Deferred inflows of resources Total OPEB liability	98,605,812 (138,220,400) (254,045,424)
Long-term bonds payable and lease payable are not due in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	(21,746,441)
Bond premium is recorded as revenue in the fund financial statements, but is amortized over the life of the bond under full accrual accounting.	(292,105)
Deferred amount on bond refundings in governmental-wide statements using the full accrual method of accounting, not recognized on the fund financial statements, which use the modified accrual method	174,192
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences and judgments and claims are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	(4,398,988)
Interest payable is to be recorded in the government-wide statements under full accrual accounting	 (41,571)
TOTAL NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ (184,254,332)

# STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUE:					<del></del>
Real property taxes	\$ 65,986,846	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,986,846
Charges for services	394,444	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	_	394,444
Use of money and property	1,271,613	_	-	144,425	1,416,038
Sale of property and compensation for loss	18,592	_	-	, -	18,592
Miscellaneous	2,658,311	-	-	222,516	2,880,827
State sources	37,137,132	2,165,430	-	33,462	39,336,024
Medicaid reimbursement	195,360	· · · · -	-	· -	195,360
Federal sources	368,105	6,437,643	-	1,335,140	8,140,888
Sales - School lunch				338,600	338,600
Total revenue	108,030,403	8,603,073	<del>-</del>	2,074,143	118,707,619
EXPENDITURES:					
General support	10,581,650	188,867	_	_	10,770,517
Instruction	51,230,904	8,230,868	_	_	59,461,772
Pupil transportation	6,025,676	412,473	-	_	6,438,149
Employee benefits	29,232,322		=	331,187	29,563,509
Debt service - Interest	1,683	-	-	1,358,777	1,360,460
Debt service - Principal	349,592	-	-	3,772,000	4,121,592
Cost of sales	-	-	-	1,395,776	1,395,776
Capital outlay	-	_	10,221,780	-	10,221,780
Other	<del>_</del>			178,701	178,701
Total expenditures	97,421,827	8,832,208	10,221,780	7,036,441	123,512,256
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	10,608,576	(229,135)	(10,221,780)	(4,962,298)	(4,804,637)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
BANs redeemed from appropriations	_	_	407,000	=	407,000
Premium on issuance of debt	-	-	· <u>-</u>	7,050	7,050
Proceeds from the issuance of leases	327,984	-	-	· -	327,984
Operating transfers in	594	229,135	100,000	5,310,602	5,640,331
Operating transfers (out)	(5,636,963)		(3,368)	<u> </u>	(5,640,331)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(5,308,385)	229,135	503,632	5,317,652	742,034
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING					
SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	5,300,191	<del>-</del>	(9,718,148)	355,354	(4,062,603)
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	23,305,347	<del>_</del>	10,330,683	4,602,912	38,238,942
FUND BALANCE - end of year	\$ 28,605,538	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 612,535	\$ 4,958,266	\$ 34,176,339

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Net changes in fund balance - Total governmental funds	\$	(4,062,603)
Capital outlays, net of disposals, are expenditures in governmental funds, but are capitalized in the statement of net position.		11,425,660
Depreciation is not recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but is recorded in the statement of activities.		(3,802,953)
Amortization is not recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but is recorded in the statement of activities .		(180,699)
Leases are expenditures in governmental funds, net of disposals, but are capitalized in the statement of net position.		327,984
Repayments of long-term debt, including leases, are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are recorded as payments of liabilities in the statement of net position.		3,714,592
Bond premiums amortization is not recorded as revenue in the governmental funds, but is recorded in the statement of activities.		70,711
Deferred amount on bond refunding amortization is not recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are recorded in the statement of activities.		(43,548)
Issuance of long-term lease liabilities are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are recorded as a liability in the statement of net position.		(327,984)
Compensated absences do not require the expenditure of current resources and are, therefore, not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		(229,808)
Other postemployment benefits do not require the expenditure of current resources and are, therefore, not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		(3,196,355)
Pension expense resulting from GASB 68 related reporting is not recorded as an expenditure in the government funds but is recorded in the statement of activities.		(2,806,330)
Certain expenses in the statement of activities do not require the expenditure of current resources and are, therefore, not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		55,336
Change in net position - Governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	944,003

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2023

#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Hyde Park Central School District provides K-12 public education to students living within its geographic borders.

The financial statements of Hyde Park Central School District (School District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the School District are described below:

#### **Reporting Entity**

Hyde Park Central School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The School District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls all activities related to public school education within the School District. The Board of Education has the authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the School District is based upon criteria set forth by generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the School District. The School District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the School District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is included in the School District's reporting entity:

#### Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The extraclassroom activity funds of the School District represent funds of the students of the School District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. Separate audited financial statements, (cash basis) of the extraclassroom activity funds can be found at the School District's business office. The School District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in the Miscellaneous Special Revenue fund.

#### **Joint Venture**

The School District is a component School District of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of School Districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a School District can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES board as a corporation (§1950(6)). In addition, BOCES boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n (a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component School District's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public School District enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component School Districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

#### School-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities present financial information about the School District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenue, and other exchange and non-exchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital), grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenue for each function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenue include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenue that is not classified as program revenue, including all taxes, is presented as general revenue.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The School District uses funds to maintain its accounting records. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

The fund statements provide information about the School District's funds.

Separate statements for each fund category (governmental) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

### **Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

The accounts of the School District are organized into funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance, revenue, and expenditures. The various funds are summarized by type in the financial statements. Significant transactions between funds within a fund type have been eliminated. The fund types used by the School District are as follows:

#### Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those in which most governmental functions of the School District are reported. The acquisition, use, and balances of the School District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through the governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position rather than upon determination of net income.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund:* This is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Aid Fund: These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes and other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties.

Capital Projects Fund: This fund is used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

The School District reports the following non-major governmental funds:

School Lunch Fund: This fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for school lunch operations. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties.

Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund: This fund accounts for proceeds from various funding sources, which may be restricted by donors or designated by the School District for specific purposes. The transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds and scholarships are included in this fund.

Debt Service Fund: This fund is used to account for and report on the accumulation of resources to be used for redemption of general long-term indebtedness.

#### **Use of 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 the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

### **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured, whereas basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The School-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Non-exchange transactions in which the School District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange include property taxes, grants, and donations.

On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenue reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenue is collected within sixty days after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, 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. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of funds deposited in demand deposit accounts and amounts with the New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF). The School District's deposit and investment policies are governed by State statutes. The School District has adopted its own written investment policy, which provides for the deposit of funds in FDIC insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The School District is authorized to use demand deposit accounts, time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include NYLAF, obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Agencies and obligations of New York State or its political subdivisions and accordingly, the School District's policy provides for no credit risk on investments.

Collateral is required for demand deposit accounts, time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit at 100% of all deposits not covered by FDIC insurance. The School District has entered into custodial agreements with the various banks which hold their deposits. These agreements authorize the obligations that may be pledged as collateral. Such obligations include, among other instruments, obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipal and School District subdivisions.

### **Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Restricted cash represents cash where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purpose.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

#### **Inventory and Prepaid Items**

Inventory of food in the school lunch fund is recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates market. Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the School District for which benefits extend beyond year-end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the School-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position or balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A portion of fund balance has been classified as nonspendable to indicate that inventory and prepaids do no constitute available spendable resources.

#### **Interfund Transactions**

The operations of the School District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The School District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenue to provide financing or other services.

In the School-wide statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different funds. Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the School District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

#### **Capital Assets, Net**

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. Capitalization thresholds, (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the School-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization <u>Threshold</u>	Depreciation Method	Estimated <u>Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ 5,000	N/A	N/A
Buildings and improvements	5,000	SL	20-50
Machinery and equipment	5,000	SL	5-20

Capital assets also include lease assets with term greater than one year. The School District does not implement a capitalization threshold for lease assets. Lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### **Property Taxes**

Real property taxes are levied annually by the board of education no later than September 1, and become a lien on August 22. Taxes are collected during the period September to mid-October.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Town Treasurers of Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park in which the School District is located. The taxes for the Towns of Pleasant Valley, Clinton, and Rhinebeck, which are also included in the levy, are collected by the School District. The County guarantees the full payment of the School District warrant and assumes responsibility for uncollected taxes.

#### **Vested Employee Benefits**

### Compensated absences

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based principally on length of service and service positions. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts, and in individual employment contracts. Sick leave use is based on a last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis.

Upon retirement, resignation, or death, employees may receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave, based on contractual provisions.

The liability for compensated absences has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the school-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

In the funds statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you go basis.

#### Other Benefits

School District employees participate in the New York State Employees' Retirement System or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

#### **Other Postemployment Benefits**

In addition to providing the pension benefits described, the School District provides postemployment health insurance coverage to its retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provisions of the employment contracts negotiated between the School District and its employee groups. Substantially all of these employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the School District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing postemployment benefits is shared between the School District and the retired employee.

#### **Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue is reported when potential revenue meets both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenue also arises when resources are received by the School District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incidence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both recognition criteria are met, or when the School District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recorded.

Statute provides the authority for the School District to levy taxes to be used to finance expenditures within the first 120 days of the succeeding fiscal year. Consequently, such amounts are recognized as revenue in the subsequent fiscal year rather than when measurable and available.

Unearned revenue recorded in governmental funds is generally not recorded in the Schoolwide statements.

### **Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

Payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the School-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources.

Claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the School District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

#### **Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Deferred outflows of resources, in the statement of net position, represents a consumption of net position that applies to the future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time.

#### **Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### **Restricted Resources**

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the School District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these notes.

#### **Fund Balance/Net Position Classifications**

School-Wide Statements

In the School-wide statements, there are three classes of net position:

Net investment in capital assets - consists of net capital assets, (cost less accumulated depreciation) plus unspent bond proceeds reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

Restricted net position - reports net position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors, (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Restricted net position consists of the following:

Unemployment reserve	\$ 112,915
Retirement contributions - ERS	5,200,222
Retirement contributions - TRS	2,581,455
Employee benefits and accrued liabilities	2,478,623
Capital Projects	9,768,356
Tax certiorari	2,747,612
Liability reserve	661,845
Repair reserve	110,915
Debt service	3,820,479
Other	 192,650
Total:	\$ 27,675,072

Unrestricted net position - reports all other net position that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the School District.

#### **Governmental Fund Statements**

In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable fund balance – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually are required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the school lunch fund and prepaid expenditures in the general fund.

#### **Fund Balance/Net Position Classifications (Continued)**

Governmental Fund Statements (Continued)

Restricted fund balance – Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School District has available the following restricted fund balances:

#### Capital Reserve

Capital reserve (Education Law §3651) is used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve; the ultimate amount, its probable term, and the source of the funds. Expenditures may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for the required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education Law. This reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Repair

Repair reserve (GML §6-d) is used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The board of education, without voter approval, may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve, (opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years. This reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation reserve (GML §6-j) is used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by board action, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Unemployment Insurance

Unemployment insurance reserve (GML §6-m) is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the School District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. This reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Fund Balance/Net Position Classifications (Continued)

Governmental Fund Statements (Continued)

#### Reserve for Debt Service

Mandatory reserve for debt service (GML §6-I) is used to establish a reserve for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of School District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations which remain outstanding at the time of sale. The funding of the reserve is from the proceeds of the sale of School District property or capital improvement. The reserve is accounted for in the debt service fund under restricted fund balance.

### Insurance Reserve

Insurance reserve is used to pay liability, casualty, and other types of losses, except losses incurred for which the following types of insurance may be purchased: life, accident, health, annuities, fidelity and surety, credit, title residual value, and mortgage guarantee. In addition, this reserve may not be used for any purpose for which a special reserve may be established pursuant to law, (for example, for unemployment compensation insurance). The reserve may be established by Board action, and funded by budgetary appropriations, or such other funds as may be legally appropriated. There is no limit on the amount that may be accumulated in the insurance reserve; however, the annual contribution to this reserve may not exceed the greater of \$33,000 or 5% of the budget. Settled or compromised claims up to \$25,000 may be paid from the reserve without judicial approval. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Liability Claims and Property Loss

Liability claims and property loss reserve, (Education Law §1709(8) (c), are used to pay for property loss and liability claims incurred. Separate funds for property loss and liability claims are required, and these reserves may not in total exceed 3% of the annual budget or \$15,000, whichever is greater. This type of reserve fund may be utilized only by School Districts, except city School Districts with a population greater than 125,000. These reserves are accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Tax Certiorari Reserve

Tax certiorari reserve, (Education Law §3651.1-a), is used to establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari and to expend from the fund without voter approval. The monies held in the reserve shall not exceed the amount which might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. Any resources deposited to the reserve which are not expended for tax certiorari proceedings in the year such monies are deposited must be returned to the general fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit of these monies. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve

Reserve for employee benefit accrued liability (GML §6-p) is used to reserve funds for the payment of accrued employee benefit due to an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the board, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

#### Employee Retirement Contribution

Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML §6-r) is used for the purpose of financing retirement contributions. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the board. This reserve is accounted for in the general fund under restricted fund balance.

### **Fund Balance/Net Position Classifications (Continued)**

Governmental Fund Statements (Continued)

Committed fund balance – Includes amounts that can be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2023.

Assigned fund balance – Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the general fund are classified as assigned fund balance in the general fund. Encumbrances reported in the general fund amounted to \$216,631. As of June 30, 2023, the School District's encumbrances were classified as follows:

General support	\$ 197,640
Instruction	18,991
Total encumbrances	\$ 216,631

#### Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments of expenditures are recorded for budgetary control purposes in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing over-expenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances are reported as restricted fund balance in all funds other than the general fund, since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year.

Unassigned fund balance - Includes all other general fund amounts that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the School District.

New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds the School District can retain to no more than 4% of the School District's budget for the general fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the general fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

### Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School District's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, nonspendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the general fund are classified as assigned fund balance. In the general fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

# 2. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHOOL-WIDE STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the School-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the statement of activities compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

Total Fund Balance of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balance of the School District's governmental funds differs from net position of
governmental activities reported in the statement of net position. This difference primarily
results from the additional long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus
the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets.

Differences between the governmental funds statement of revenue, expenditures, and
changes in fund balance and the statement of activities fall into one of three broad categories.

# Long-Term Revenue and Expense Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenue only when it is considered available, whereas the statement of activities reports revenue when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the statement of activities.

# **Capital Related Differences**

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the statement of activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the statement of activities.

# Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities

# **Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences**

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the statement of activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the statement of net position.

# Pension Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the School District's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the School District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

## **OPEB Differences**

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the School District's total OPEB liability and differences between the School District's contributions and OPEB expense.

# 3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

# **Budgets**

The School District's administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted:

The voters of the School District approved the proposed appropriations budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year.

Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These Supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. No supplemental appropriations occurred during the year.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project funds expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the School District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

## **Fund Balance**

Portions of fund balances are restricted and not available for current expenditures, as reported in the governmental funds' balance sheet.

# 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the School District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the School District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these Notes.

The School District participates in NYLAF, a multi-municipal cooperative investment pool agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law, whereby it holds a portion of the investments in cooperation with other participants. At June 30, 2023, the School District held \$12,127,471 in NYLAF consisting of various investments in securities issued by the United States and its agencies. NYLAF is rated 'AAAm' from Standard & Poor's Global Ratings. Amounts held with NYLAF are highly liquid, and the amount held represents the amortized cost of the investment pool shares, which are considered to approximate fair value. Due to the highly liquid nature of these investments, they are classified as cash equivalents in the financial statements. Additional information concerning NYLAF, including the annual report, can be found on its website at www.nylaf.org.

# 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

The School District's aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

	Bank <u>Balance</u>	Carrying <u>Amount</u>
Cash Cash equivalents	\$ 21,395,733 12,127,471 \$ 33,523,204	\$ 18,871,813 12,127,471 \$ 30,999,284
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name	\$ 20,895,733	
Covered by FDIC insurance	500,000	
Total	\$ 21,395,733	

Restricted cash represents cash where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes.

Restricted cash consists of the following:

General fund: Unemployment reserve Retirement contributions - ERS Retirement contributions - TRS Employee benefits and accrued liabilities Capital Projects Liability reserve Repair reserve Debt service	22 66 22	112,915 5,200,222 5,581,455 5,478,623 5,532,362 2,747,612 661,845 110,915 1,425,949
Capital Projects fund	<u>\$ 3</u>	,235,994
Debt Service fund	\$ 3	,820,479
Miscellaneous Special Revenue fund:  Cash on deposit for scholarships and extraclassroom activity funds	\$	192,650

# 5. PARTICIPATION IN BOCES

During the year, the School District was billed \$9,598,778 for BOCES administrative and program costs. The School District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$2,302,765.

# 6. CAPITAL ASSETS, NET

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets that are not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,166,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,166,185
Construction in progress	20,507,563	2,857,530	20,298,337	3,066,756
Total non-depreciable cost	21,673,748	2,857,530	20,298,337	4,232,941
Capital assets that are depreciated:				
Land improvements	5,337,123	-	-	5,337,123
Buildings and improvements	77,786,160	27,119,826	-	104,905,986
Machinery and equipment	21,309,115	1,769,338	2,107,629	20,970,824
Total depreciable historical cost	104,432,398	28,889,164	2,107,629	131,213,933
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	2,899,741	280,631	-	3,180,372
Buildings and improvements	27,421,912	1,804,152	-	29,226,064
Machinery and equipment	14,480,238	1,718,170	2,084,932	14,113,476
Total accumulated depreciation	44,801,891	3,802,953	2,084,932	46,519,912
Lease assets, being amortized				
Intangible Right-to-Use Software Arrangement	-	60,429	-	60,429
Intangible Right-to-Use Lease - Equipment	451,819	267,555	50,777	668,597
Total lease assets, being amortized	451,819	327,984	50,777	729,026
Less accumulated amortization				
Intangible Right-to-Use Software Arrangement	-	20,143	-	20,143
Intangible Right-to-Use Lease - Equipment	106,762	160,556	50,777	216,541
Total accumulated amortization	106,762	180,699	50,777	236,684
Total governmental activities capital asset, net	\$ 81,649,312	\$ 28,091,026	\$ 20,321,034	\$ 89,419,304

# 6. CAPITAL ASSETS, NET (Continued)

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2023, was allocated to specific functions as follows:

	D	<u>epreciation</u>	<u>Ar</u>	<u>nortization</u>
General support	\$	674,644	\$	-
Instruction		2,430,467		180,699
Pupil transportation		697,842	_	
Total	\$	3,802,953	\$	180,699

#### 7. SHORT-TERM DEBT

The School District may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANs) and Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs), in anticipation of the receipt of revenue. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. RANs and TANs represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The School District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The School District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

At June 30, 2023, the School District had the following BANs outstanding:

			Interest		Beginning			Principal				Ending
BAN	Issued	Maturity	Rate	_	Balance	_	Issued	Paid	_	Redeemed		Balance
Buses & BOCES Capital Project	6/17/2022	6/16/2023	2.24%	\$	1,172,000	\$	-	\$ 407,000	\$	765,000	\$	-
Capital Project Buses 2022-2023	10/18/2022	6/16/2023	3.71%		-		597,234	-		597,234		-
Capital Project Buses 2023-2024	6/16/2023	6/14/2024	4.75%		-		1,362,234	 		-	_	1,362,234
				\$	1,172,000	\$	1,959,468	\$ 407,000	\$	1,362,234	\$	1,362,234

# 8. LONG-TERM DEBT

Interest on long-term debt for the year was composed of:

Interest paid	\$ 1,360,460
Less: interest accrued in the prior year	(65,701)
Less: amortization expense on bond premium	(70,711)
Plus: interest accrued in the current year	41,571
Plus: amortization expense on refunding bonds	 43,548
Total expense	\$ 1,309,167

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

					Amounts	
	July 01, 2022			June 30, 2023	Due Within	Long-term
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u>	One Year	<u>Portion</u>
Government activities:						
Bonds and notes payable						
General obligation debt:						
Serial bonds	\$ 25,090,000	\$ -	\$ 3,365,000	\$ 21,725,000	\$ 2,390,000	\$ 19,335,000
Bond premium	362,816	-	70,711	292,105	-	292,105
Other long-term debt:						
Compensated absences	2,453,815	229,808	(A) -	2,683,623	-	2,683,623
Lease obligations	43,049	327,984	349,592	21,441	9,608	11,833
Net pension liabilities	-	10,762,121		10,762,121	-	10,762,121
Judgments and claims	1,746,571		31,206	1,715,365		1,715,365
Total other postemployment benefits	334,053,320	20,521,610	100,529,506	254,045,424		254,045,424
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 363,749,571	\$ 31,841,523	\$104,346,015	\$291,245,079	\$ 2,399,608	\$ 288,845,471

<sup>(</sup>A) Additions and deletions to compensated absences are shown net because it is impractical to determine these amounts separately.

Issue dates, maturities, and interest rates on outstanding debt are as follows:

				June 30, 2023
Bond Issue	<u>lssued</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	Interest Rate	<u>Balance</u>
Construction Bond	2015	2029	2.00 - 2.50%	\$ 3,415,000
Construction Bond	2017	2032	2.00 - 3.00%	855,000
Construction Bond - 2017 Refunding	2017	2027	4.00	2,030,000
Construction Bond	2022	2035	4.00%	1,310,000
Construction Bond	2022	2038	5.00%	14,115,000
				\$ 21,725,000

# 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

The following is a summary of the maturity of bonds payable:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,		<u>Principal</u>	<u>ipal</u> <u>Interest</u>		<u>incipal</u> <u>Inte</u>			<u>Total</u>
2024	\$	2,390,000	\$	941,942	\$	3,331,942		
2025		2,400,000		850,608		3,250,608		
2026		1,865,000		758,052		2,623,052		
2027		1,915,000		687,226		2,602,226		
2028		1,735,000		612,700		2,347,700		
2029-2033		6,595,000		2,112,550		8,707,550		
2034-2038		4,825,000		578,400		5,403,400		
Totals	\$	21,725,000	\$	6,541,478	\$	28,266,478		
iotais	Ψ_	21,123,000	Ψ	5,511,470	Ψ_	20,200,410		

In prior years, the School District defeased certain general obligations and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the School District's financial statements. \$1,790,000 of bonds outstanding are considered defeased at June 30, 2023.

#### **Constitutional Debt Limit**

The constitution of the state of New York limits the amount of indebtedness which may be issued by the School District. The School District may issue indebtedness to the extent that the aggregate outstanding debt issues which are subject to such limit do not exceed 10% of the average full valuation of taxable real estate within such District. At June 30, 2023, the School District has exhausted 10% of its constitutional debt limit.

## 9. LEASES/SBITA ARRANGEMENTS

The School District leases various equipment, primarily from Pitney Bowes and Dutchess BOCES. The leases do not contain renewal options. The leases have various inception dates and remaining terms of 14-72 months. Lease agreements are summarized as follows:

Description	Interest Rat	-	ا مم	Total
<u>Description</u>	interest real	<u>.c</u>	LCas	C LIADIIILY
Pitney Bowes Equipment	2.16%	)	\$	21,441
	Total		\$	21,441

Activity of lease liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, is summarized as follows:

				Amount Due
Beginning Balance	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	Within One Year
\$ 43,049	\$ 267,555	\$ 289,163	\$ 21,441	\$ 9,608

# 9. LEASES/SBITA ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations and related interest are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u> <u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>	
2024	\$ 9,608	\$	383	\$ 9,991
2025	9,342		172	9,514
2026	2,491		11	2,502
Total Future Payments	\$ 21,441	\$	566	\$ 22,007

# **SBITA Liability**

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscriptions-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*. GASB Statement No. 96 establishes requirements for recognition of an intangible right-of-use subscription asset and a corresponding subscription liability if certain criteria are met. A SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's information technology (IT) software, as specified in the contract for period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. These changes were incorporated in the School District's financial statement and had no effect on the beginning net position of the governmental activities.

\$60,429 has been recorded as intangible right-to-use software arrangements in the General Fund capital assets. Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96, these arrangements for software met the criteria of a SBITA; thus requiring it to be recorded by the School District as intangible assets and a SBITA liability. These assets will be amortized over the lease terms of three years. The SBITA liability was paid in full during the current fiscal year.

Activity of lease liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, is summarized as follows:

				Amount Due
Beginning Balance	<u>Additions</u>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	Within One Year
\$	\$ 60,429	\$ 60,429	\$ -	\$ -

## 10. INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITY

Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities, are eliminated on the statement of net position.

The School District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues.

The following is a summary of interfund activity:

j ,	Ínte	rfund	Interfund			
	Receivable	<u>Payable</u>	Revenue	Expenditures		
General fund	\$ 5,544,679	\$ 493,465	\$ 594	\$ 5,636,963		
Special Aid fund	6,236	5,548,917	229,135	-		
School Lunch fund	29,061	-	177,052	-		
Debt Service fund	32,100	-	5,133,550	-		
Capital Projects fund	447,828	14,884	100,000	3,368		
Misc. Special Revenue fund		2,638				
Totals	\$ 6,059,904	\$ 6,059,904	\$ 5,640,331	\$ 5,640,331		

All interfund payables are expected to be repaid within one year.

# 11. PENSION PLANS

# New York State Employees' Retirement System

The School District participates in the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System (ERS) also referred to as New York State and Local Retirement System (the System). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system, providing retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once an employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable.

The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The School District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The system is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

#### Contributions

The system is noncontributory except for employees who joined the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System after July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 (ERS) who generally contribute 3 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. Under the authority of the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required, and were as follows:

	<u>ERS</u>
2023	\$ 1,514,616
2022	1,190,225
2021	1,710,700

New York State Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2023, the School District reported a net pension liability of \$7,018,333 for its proportionate share of the ERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by the actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2022. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2023, the School District's proportion was 0.032729%, which was an increase from its proportion measured at June 30, 2022 of 0.032377%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized pension expense of \$2,592,495. At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	747,507	\$	197,101	
Changes of Assumptions		3,408,556		37,672	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		-		41,232	
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's					
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		297,990		81,340	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		404,735		-	
Total	\$	4,858,788	\$	357,345	

The School District recognized \$404,735 as deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of March 31, 2023 which will be recognized as an increase of the net pension liability in the year ending 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:

Plan's Year Ending March 31,	2024	\$ 1,009,157
	2025	(322,717)
	2026	1,478,467
	2027	1,931,801
The	reafter	 <u>-</u>
		\$ 4,096,708

New York State Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

# **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability at March 31, 2023 was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2022, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial cost method Entry age normal

Inflation 2.90%

Salary scale 4.4 % indexed by service Projected COLAs 1.5% compounded annually

Decrements Developed from the Plan's 2020 experience study of the

period April 1, 2015 through April 1, 2020

Mortality improvement Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2021

Investment Rate of Return 5.9% compounded annually, net of investment expenses

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges 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 and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized below:

	Target	Long-term expected
Asset Class	Allocation	real rate of term
Domestic Equity	32%	4.30%
International Equity	15%	6.85%
Private Equity	10%	7.50%
Real Estate	9%	4.60%
Opportunistic/ARS portfolio	3%	5.38%
Credit	4%	5.43%
Real Assets	3%	5.84%
Fixed Income	23%	1.50%
Cash	1%	0.00%
	100%	

# **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 5.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# New York State Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

# Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.9%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (4.90%) or 1% higher (6.90%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease		Current Discount		1% Increase	
		(4.90%)		(5.90%)		(6.90%)
Employer's Proportionate Share of						
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	16,960,301	\$	7,018,333	\$	(1,289,338)

# **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

The components of the pension plan's net pension liability as of March 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Pension Plan's		
	Fiduciary Net		
		Position	
Total pension liability	\$	232,627,259	
Net position		211,183,223	
Net pension liability (asset)	\$	21,444,036	
ERS net position as a percentage of total pension liability		90.78%	

# New York State Teachers' Retirement System

The School District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS). This is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. The system offers a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability.

The New York State Teachers' Retirement Board administers NYSTRS. The system provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. NYSTRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. The report may be obtained by writing to NYSTRS, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, New York 12211-2395.

# Contributions

The System is noncontributory for the employees who joined prior to July 27, 1976. For employees who joined the System after July 27, 1976, and prior to January 1, 2010, employees contribute 3% of their salary, except that employees in the System more than ten years are no longer required to contribute. For employees who joined after January 1, 2010 and prior to April 1, 2012, contributions of 3.5% are paid throughout their active membership.

# New York State Teachers' Retirement System (Continued)

# Contributions (Continued)

For employees who joined after April 1, 2012, required contributions of 3.5% of their salary are paid until April 1, 2013 and they then contribute 3% to 6% of their salary throughout their active membership. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law, the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board establishes rates annually for NYSTRS.

The School District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The School District contributions made to the systems were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each year. The required contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

	TRS
2023	\$ 3,786,792
2022	3,387,378
2021	3,139,219

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

At June 30, 2023, the School District reported a net pension liability of \$3,743,788 for its proportionate share of the NYSTRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School Districts' long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2023 the School District's proportionate share was 0.195102%, which was a increase from its proportion measured at June 30, 2022 of 0.193806%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized pension expense of \$4,860,577. At June 30, 2023 the School District reported deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience Changes of Assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments Changes in proportion and differences between the District's	\$	3,923,016 7,262,316 4,837,328	\$	75,019 1,508,104 -
contributions and proportionate share of contributions  Contributions subsequent to the measurement date  Total	\$	219,142 3,786,792 20,028,594	\$	69,843 - 1,652,966

The School District recognized \$3,786,792 as a deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from the School District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2022, which will be recognized as an increase of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2024.

New York State Teachers' Retirement System (Continued)

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Plan's Year Ending June 30,	2023	\$ 2,883,458
	2024	1,514,421
	2025	(591,307)
	2026	9,517,640
	2027	1,214,852
Th	nereafter	49,772
		\$ 14,588,836

# **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability at the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2022. These actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Inflation	2.40%

Projected Salary Increases Rates of increase differ based on service.

They have been calculated based upon recent NYSTRS

member experience.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
5	5.18%
15	3.64%
25	2.50%
35	1.95%

Projected COLAs 1.30% compounded annually

Investment Rate of Return 6.95% compounded annually, net of pension plan investment

expense, including inflation.

Annuitant morality rates are based on plan member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2021, applied on a generational basis. Active member mortality rates are based on plan member experience.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed investment rate of return. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class as well as historical investment data and plan performance.

New York State Teachers' Retirement System (Continued)

# **Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems target asset allocation as of the measurement date of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

	Target	Long-term expected
Asset Class	Allocation	real rate of term
Domestic Equity	33%	6.5%
International Equity	16%	7.2%
Global Equity	4%	6.9%
Real Estate Equity	11%	6.2%
Private Equity	8%	9.9%
Domestic Fixed Income	16%	1.1%
Global Bonds	2%	0.6%
High-Yield Bonds	1%	3.3%
Private Debt	2%	5.3%
Real Estate Debt	6%	2.4%
Cash Equivalents	1%	-0.3%
	100%	

## **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 was 6.95%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from School Districts will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the NYSTRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the School District calculated using the discount rate of 6.95 percent, as well as what the School Districts' net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.95 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.95 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease		Cur	rent Discount	1% Increase	
		(5.95%)		(6.95%)		(7.95%)
Employer's Proportionate Share of						
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	34,519,482	\$	3,743,788	\$	(22,138,368)

New York State Teachers' Retirement System (Continued)

# **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

The components of the current year net pension liability (asset) of the employers as of June 30, 2022, were as follows:

		Pension Plan's			
	F	iduciary Net			
		Position			
Total pension liability	\$	133,883,474			
Net position		131,964,582			
Net pension liability (asset)	\$	1,918,892			
TRS net position as a percentage of total pension liability		98.57%			

## 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

# **Plan Description**

The School District administers a defined benefit OPEB plan and provides OPEB for all permanent full-time general and public safety employees of the School District. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit plan (the Plan). The Plan provides for Article 11 of the State Compiled Statues which grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financial requirements to the School District's Board, subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements, and Board of Education policy. The Plan does not issue a separate financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan. No assets are accumulated in trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

## **Funding Policy**

The obligations of the Plan members, employers and other contributing entities are established by action of the School District pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and other employment agreements. Employees contribute varying percentages of the premiums, depending on when the retirees health benefits are upon meeting the following requirements: 1) retire from the School District, 2) age 55 with 5 years of service and 3) enrollment in District provided health care at time of retirement. The School District currently funds the plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The contribution requirements of the Plan members and the District are established by the Board of Education. Until changes are made in the NYS law to permit funding, there is no legal authority to fund Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB), other than "pay as you go".

# **Benefits Provided**

The School District provides for continuation of medical and prescription drug benefits for certain retirees and their survivors and can be amended by action of the School District subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The specifics of each contract are on file at the School District offices and area available upon request.

## **Employees Covered by Benefit Terms**

At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Actives	605
Retirees	537
Beneficiaries	-
Spouses of Retirees	257
Total participants	1,399

# 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

# **Total OPEB Liability**

The School District's total OPEB liability of \$254,045,424 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

# **Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Payroll growth 2.40 percent including inflation
Discount Rate 3.65 percent as of June 30, 2023

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates 5.8 percent, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.8 percent

over 55 years.

Participation rate Assumed that 100% of future retirees eligible for coverage

will elect the benefit.

Cost method Entry Age Normal

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year municipal bond index.

Mortality rates were RP-2014 adjusted to 2006 Total Dataset Mortality Table projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2021 Ultimate Scale.

Retirement participation rate assumed that 100% of future retirees eligible for coverage will elect the benefit and 60% of active employees are assumed to elect family coverage at retirement with male spouses assumed to be 3 years older than female spouses. For current retirees, actual census information was used. Additionally, a tiered approach based on age and years of service was used to determine retirement rate assumption.

Termination rates are based on tables used by the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and the New York State and Local Retirement System. Rates are tiered based on the percentage of employees who will terminate employment at any given age each year, for reasons other than death or retirement.

\$334 053 320

# **Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at July 1, 2022

Dalance at July 1, 2022	\$334,033,320
Changes for the Year	
Service cost	8,541,679
Interest	11,979,931
Effect of plan changes	(2,691,297)
Effect of demographic gains or losses	(80,692,278)
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	(8,714,876)
Benefit payments	(8,431,055)
Net changes	(80,007,896)
Balance at June 30, 2023	\$254,045,424

# 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

# Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School District, as well as what the School District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.65%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate:

1%	Current	1%
Decrease	Discount	Increase
(2.65%)	<u>(3.65%)</u>	<u>(4.65%)</u>

Total OPEB Liability <u>\$294,183,096</u> <u>\$254,045,424</u> <u>\$2</u>21,481,834

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School District, as well as what the School District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (4.80%) or 1 percentage point higher (6.80%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	Healthcare	
1%	Current	1%
Decrease	Discount	Increase
<u>(4.80%)</u>	<u>(5.80%)</u>	<u>(6.80%)</u>

Total OPEB Liability \$216,394,105 \$254,045,424 \$301,964,684

# **OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$11,627,410. At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions	\$ 32,789,092 65,816,720	\$ 67,854,628 70,365,772
Total	\$ 98,605,812	\$138,220,400

# 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

# OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June	<u>Amount</u>
2024 2025 2026 2027 2028	\$ (5,901,609) (1,898,702) (8,163,254) (8,163,254) (15,487,769)
Thereafter	\$ (39,614,588)

#### 13. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage, injuries, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and other risks. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past two years.

The School District and other school districts have formed a reciprocal insurance company to be owned by these districts. This Company operates under an agreement effective July 1, 1989. The purpose of the Company is to provide general liability, auto liability, all risk building and contents and auto physical damage coverage. In addition, as part of the reciprocal program, excess insurance, school board legal liability, equipment floaters, boilers and machinery and crime and bond coverages will be purchased from commercial carriers and be available to the subscriber districts. The Company retains a management company which is responsible for overall supervision and management of the reciprocal.

Governors and an Attorney-in-fact, which is comprised of employees of the subscriber districts. The subscribers have elected those who sit on the board and each subscriber has a single vote. The Company is an "assessable" insurance company, in that the subscribers are severally liable for any financial shortfall of the Company and can be assessed their proportionate share by the State Insurance Department if the funds of the Company are less than what is required to satisfy its liabilities. The subscriber districts are required to pay premiums as well as a minimum capital contribution.

The School District purchases various insurance coverages from the Company to reduce its exposure to loss. The School District maintains a general liability insurance policy with coverage up to \$1 million and an excess catastrophe liability policy with coverage up to \$10 million. The School District maintains liability coverage for school board members up to \$1 million. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The School District and neighboring school districts in Dutchess County participate in the Duchess Education Health Insurance Consortium, a public entity risk pool operated by the benefit of individual governmental units located within the County. The School District pays an annual premium to the Plan for its coverage. The Plan is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide coverage for its members and the School District has essentially transferred all related risk to the Plan.

# 13. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The School District participates in a claims-servicing public entity risk pool, Dutchess County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation (Cooperative) to insure workers' compensation claims. The Cooperative was formed under NYS General Municipal Law on July 1, 1991. The Cooperative is governed by an agreement administered by a Board of Directors, consisting of one Director for each member. As of June 30, 2023, there were 13 members in the Cooperative. Workers' Compensation benefits are provided by the Cooperative and administered under a contract with Wright Risk Management, the third party claims administered for the Cooperative. The School District's share of the liability for unbilled open claims is \$1,715,365 at June 30, 2023.

The purpose of the Cooperative is to provide efficiency and economy through centralized administration and accounting for self-insured workers' compensation coverage to members. Revenues are predominately from premiums and members continue to be individually liable for the ultimate Workers' Compensation risk for employees and third parties. The Cooperative purchases an excess-loss insurance policy on an annual basis in order to limit its exposure for claims paid for workers' compensation and employer's liability within any one fiscal year. The excess loss insurance includes \$500,000 specific retention per occurrence with a maximum benefit of \$3.000.000.

## 14. TAX ABATEMENTS

All real property in New York State is subject to taxation unless specific legal provision grant it exempt status. Real property exemptions are granted on the basis of many different criteria, including the use to which the property is put, the owner's ability to pay taxes, the desire of the state and local governments to encourage certain economic or social activities, and other considerations. Most exemptions are granted under Article 4 of the Real Property Tax Law, but others are authorized by a wide variety of statutes ranging from Article 18-A of the Real Property Tax Law, the Agriculture and Markets Law and the Transportation Law. Certain exemptions provide full relief from taxation (wholly exempt property) and others reduce the taxes which would otherwise be payable by varying degrees (partially exempt property). Some exemptions apply to taxes levied for county, city/town, and school purposes, whereas others pertain only to certain of these purposes. Some tax exemptions are mandated by State law, others are subject to local option and/or local determination of eligibility criteria.

The County of Dutchess enters into various property tax and sales tax (if applicable) abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The School District did not have any significant abatements during June 30, 2023. The School District received Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) payments totaling \$78,643.

Owner/Property	Purpose	Assessment	Tax Rate	Tax Value	PILOT Received	Percent of Tax Abated
Parker/Hamilton Corporation	PILOT	\$ 1,450,000	19.370654	\$ 28,087	\$ 28,087	0%
Underhill Solar LLC	Solar PILOT	296,506	19.370654	5,744	9,552	-66.3%
Salt Point Solar	Solar PILOT	1,000,000	43.28658	43,287	9,365	78.4%
54-Hyde LLC/ 225 Cream St.	Solar PILOT	1,969,953	43.28658	85,273	13,767	83.9%
Athanas Solar/ 1436 Route 9 G	Solar PILOT	75,520	43.28658	3,269	6,028	-84.4%
128 & 133 Cream St.	Solar PILOT	141,944	43.28658	6,144	11,844	-92.8%
Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes				<u>\$ 171,804</u>	\$ 78,643	54.2%

# 15. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

#### **General Information**

The School District federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursements to grantors agencies or expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant.

The School District has various commitments with contractors for the completion of capital projects over the next several years.

# Litigation

The School District has been named as defendant in various actions. A review of these actions by School District management indicated that they are either fully covered by insurance or not substantial enough to materially affect the financial position of the School District.

There are currently pending certiorari proceedings, the results of which could require the payment of future tax refunds by the School District if existing assessment rolls are modified based on the outcome of the litigation proceedings. However, the amount of these possible refunds cannot be determined at the present time. Any payment resulting from adverse decisions will be funded in the year the payment is made.

# 16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end the School District issued a bond anticipation note on August 16, 2023, for \$6,500,000 at an interest rate of 4.75% with a maturity date of June 25, 2024.



# SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUE	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Encumbrances	Final Budget Variance with Budgetary Actual
LOCAL SOURCES:					
Real property taxes	\$ 66,002,357	66,002,357	\$ 65,986,846	\$ -	\$ (15,511)
Charges for services	415,000	415,000	394,444	-	(20,556)
Use of money and property	200,000	200,000	1,271,613	-	1,071,613
Sale of property and compensation for loss	-	571	18,592	-	18,021
Miscellaneous	200,000	2,173,351	2,658,311		484,960
Total local sources	66,817,357	68,791,279	70,329,806	-	1,538,527
State sources	35,695,953	35,695,953	37,137,132	-	1,441,179
Federal sources	367,000	367,000	368,105	-	1,105
Medicaid reimbursement	160,000	160,000	195,360	<u> </u>	35,360
Total revenue	\$ 103,040,31 <u>0</u>	\$ 105,014,232	\$ 108,030,40 <u>3</u>	\$ -	\$ 3,016,17 <u>1</u>

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED) (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

EXPENDITURES	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Encumbrances	Variance with Budgetary Actual and Encumbrances
GENERAL SUPPORT:					
Board of education Central administration	\$ 162,887	\$ 186,353	\$ 165,118	\$ -	\$ 21,235
Finance	315,694 1,076,098	331,519 934,518	319,951 821,274	-	11,568 113,244
Staff	674,980	622,456	540,096	-	82,360
Central services	7,173,342	8,177,701	7,761,857	197,640	218,204
Special items	983,426	983,936	973,354		10,582
Total general support	10,386,427	11,236,483	10,581,650	197,640	457,193
INSTRUCTION:					
Instruction, administration, and improvement	4,079,374	4,285,132	4,085,890	_	199,242
Teaching - Regular school	23,165,437	23,274,983	22,500,437	13,868	760,678
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	15,101,869	15,072,571	14,555,045		517,526
Occupational education Instructional media	2,433,404 2,714,354	2,642,998	2,621,996	5,123	15,879
Pupil services	4,334,148	4,045,922 4,434,224	3,360,130 4,107,406	_	685,792 326,818
r upii services	4,004,140	<u> </u>	4,107,400		020,010
Total instruction	51,828,586	53,755,830	51,230,904	18,991	2,505,935
Pupil transportation	7,028,248	7,240,034	6,025,676	_	1,214,358
Community services	15,000	15,000	-	-	15,000
Employee benefits	31,062,421	30,479,875	29,232,322	-	1,247,553
Debt service - Interest	=	-	1,683	=	(1,683)
Debt service - Principal			349,592		(349,592)
Total expenditures	100,320,682	102,727,222	97,421,827	216,631	5,088,764
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds from the issuance of leases	=	-	327,984	-	327,984
Operating transfers in	(5.450.004)	- (5.007.055)	594	=	594
Operating transfers (out)	(5,453,281)	(5,637,055)	(5,636,963)		92
Total other financing sources (uses)	(5,453,281)	(5,637,055)	(5,308,385)		328,670
Total expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	105,773,963	108,364,277	102,730,212	216,631	5,417,434
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(2,733,653)	(3,350,045)	5,300,191	(216,631)	8,433,605
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	23,305,347	23,305,347	23,305,347		<del>-</del>
FUND BALANCE - end of year	\$ 20,571,694	<u>\$ 19,955,302</u>	\$ 28,605,538	<u>\$ (216,631)</u>	\$ 8,433,605

# SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Last 10 Plan Fiscal Years (Dollar amounts displayed in thousands)									
NEW YORK STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proportion of the net pension liability (asset) Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) Covered-employee payroll Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	0.032729% \$7,018 \$12,425 56.49% 90.78%	0.032377% (2.647) \$10,834 -24.43% 103.65%	0.032694% \$33 \$11,228 0.29% 99.95%	0.034100% \$9,029 \$10,802 83.59% 86.39%	0.033600% \$2,831 \$10,372 27.29% 98.24%	0.032400% \$1,048 \$10,006 10.47% 98.24%	0.033000% \$3,105 \$9,737 31.89% 94.70%	0.345000% \$5,537 \$9,358 59.17% 90.70%	0.356000% \$1,203 \$9,371 12.84% 97.90%	Information for the periods prior to implementation of GASB 68 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as they become
				Last 10 Pla	n Fiscal Years (Dol	lar amounts displa	ayed in thousands	)		available.
NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proportion of the net pension liability (asset) Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) Covered-employee payroll Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	0.195102% \$3,744 \$36,801 10.17% 98.57%	0.193806% (\$33,585) \$34,565 -97.16% 113.25%	0.195153% \$5,393 \$32,940 16.37% 97.76%	0.195200% (\$5,070) \$33,468 -15.15% 102.20%	0.196600% (\$3,556) \$32,997 -10.78% 101.53%	0.200800% (\$1,526) \$32,416 -4.71% 100.66%	0.203400% \$2,179 \$32,282 6.75% 99.01%	0.205800% (\$21,381) \$31,922 -66.98% 110.46%	0.209400% (\$23,331) \$31,170 -74.85% 111.48%	Information for the periods prior to implementation of GASB 68 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as they become available.

# SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION PLANS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Last 10 Plan Fiscal Years (Dollar amounts displayed in thousands)																	
NEW YORK STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	 2016		2015	2014
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	1,515 1,515 -	\$	1,190 1,190 -	\$	1,711 1,711 -	\$	1,505 1,505	\$	1,478 1,478	\$	1,480 1,480 -	\$	1,459 1,459 -	\$ 1,661 1,661 -	\$	1,807 1,807	Information for the periods prior to implementation of GASB 68 is
Covered-employee payroll  Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	\$	12,425 12.19%	\$	10,834 10.98%	\$	11,228 15.24%	\$ ast 10	10,802 13.93%	\$ Years (	10,372 14.25%	\$ unts di	10,006 14.79%	\$ thous	9,737 14.98%	\$ 9,358 17.75%	\$	9,371 19.28%	unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as they become available.
NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	2016		2015	2014
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution Contribution deficiency (excess)  Covered-employee payroll Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	\$ \$	3,787 3,787 - 36,801 10.29%	\$ \$	3,387 3,387 - 34,565 9.80%	\$ \$	3,139 3,139 - 32,940 9.53%	\$ \$	3,460 3,460 - 33,468 10.34%	\$ \$	3,139 3,139 - 32,997 9.51%	\$ \$	3,729 3,729 - 32,416 11.50%	\$ \$	4,162 4,162 - 32,282 12.89%	\$ 5,420 5,420 - 31,922 16.98%	\$ \$	5,027 5,027 - 31,170 16.13%	Information for the periods prior to implementation of GASB 68 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going
, 3 , 5																		forward as they become available.

# SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Last 10 Fiscal Years (Dollar amounts displayed in thousands)												
	2023		2022		2021		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total OPEB Liability Service cost Interest Effect of plan changes Effect of demographic gains or losses Effect of assumptions changes or inputs Benefit payments Total change in total OPEB liability Total OPEB liability - beginning Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 8,54 11,98 (2,69 (80,69 (8,71 (8,43 (80,00 334,05 \$ 254,04	0 11) 22) 55) 11) 33	17,665 8,967 - (85,478) (9,104) (67,950) 402,003 334,053	\$	11,747 8,803 - 51,827 94,949 (8,685) 158,641 243,362 402,003	\$	10,726 10,050 (35,133) (3,957) 16,623 (7,755) (9,446) 252,808 243,362	\$ 9,107 7,845 - 10,014 19,061 (6,415) 39,612 213,197 \$ 252,809	\$ 8,792 6,798 - (29,828) (4,545) (18,783) 231,981 \$ 213,198	Inforn imp unavaila each	ed for		
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 40,82	3 \$	40,105	\$	40,105	\$	42,409	\$ 33,054	\$ 38,914				
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered- employee payroll	622.2	%	832.9%		1002.4%		573.8%	764.8%	547.9%				
Notes to schedule:  Changes of assumptions. Changes in assun  Discount rate	nptions and othe	•	flect the effect	ts of c	hanges in the 2.16%	disco	ount rate eac 3.51%	ch period. The 3.87%	•	he discount rate	e used each per	iod:	

Information for the periods prior to implementation of GASB 75 is unavailable and will be completed for each year going forward as they become available.

Plan Assets. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB 75, paragraph 4, to pay related benefits:

- Contributions from the employer and any nonemployer contributing entities, and earnings thereon, must be irrevocable.
- Plan assets must be dedicated to providing OPEB to Plan members in accordance with the benefit terms.
- Plan assets must be legally protected from the creditors of the employer, nonemployer contributing entities, the Plan administrator, and Plan members.



# HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

# SCHEDULE OF COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

	 School Lunch	cellaneous ial Revenue		Debt Service	Total Non-Major rnmental Funds
ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Accounts receivable Due from other funds State and federal aid Inventory	\$ 450,494 - 1,698 29,061 420,483 85,241	\$ 192,650 - - - -	\$	3,820,479 - 32,100 -	\$ 450,494 4,013,129 1,698 61,161 420,483 85,241
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 986,977	\$ 192,650	\$	3,852,579	\$ 5,032,206
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities Accounts payable Due to other governments Due to other funds Unearned revenues	\$ 53,839 120 - 17,190	\$ 153 - 2,638 -	\$	- - -	\$ 53,992 120 2,638 17,190
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 71,149	2,791		_	73,940
Fund balance Nonspendable Inventory Restricted Debt	 85,241 -	 <u>-</u>			85,241 3,820,479
Other Total restricted fund balance	 <u>-</u>	192,650 192,650		3,820,479	 192,650 4,013,129
Assigned Other	830,587	-	_	32,100	862,687
Total assigned fund balance Unassigned	 830,587	 (2,791)		32,100	862,687 (2,791)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	 915,828	189,859		3,852,579	4,958,266
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 986,977	\$ 192,650	\$	3,852,579	\$ 5,032,206

# HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

# SCHEDULE OF COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

	 School Lunch		cellaneous ial Revenue		Debt Service	Gov	Total Non-Major vernmental Funds
REVENUE:		_				_	
Use of money and property	\$ 1,246	\$	-	\$	143,179	\$	144,425
Miscellaneous	15,527		206,989		-		222,516
State sources	33,462		-		-		33,462
Federal sources	1,335,140		-		-		1,335,140
Sales - school lunch	 338,600						338,600
Total revenue	 1,723,975		206,989	_	143,179		2,074,143
EXPENDITURES:							
Employee benefits	331,187		-		-		331,187
Debt service - Interest	-		-		1,358,777		1,358,777
Debt service - Principal	-		-		3,772,000		3,772,000
Cost of sales	1,395,776		-		-		1,395,776
Other	 <u> </u>		178,701				178,701
Total expenditures	 1,726,963		178,701		5,130,777		7,036,441
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE							
OVER EXPENDITURÉS	 (2,988)		28,288		(4,987,598)		(4,962,298)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Premium on issuance of debt	-		-		7,050		7,050
Operating transfers in	 177,052				5,133,550		5,310,602
Total other sources (uses)	 177,052		<u>-</u>		5,140,600		5,317,652
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES (USES)	174,064		28,288	_	153,002		355,354
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	 741,764		161,571		3,699,577		4,602,912
FUND BALANCE - end of year	\$ 915,828	\$	189,859	\$	3,852,579	\$	4,958,266



SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO REVISED BUDGET - GENERAL FUND AND SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

#### CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO REVISED BUDGET

Adopted budget	\$	105,773,963	
Add: Prior year's encumbrances	_	593,812	
Original budget		106,367,775	
Budget revision:	_	1,996,502	
Final budget	\$	108,364,277	
SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION			
2023-24 voter-approved expenditure budget Maximum allowed (4% of 2023-24 budget)	\$	115,266,441	\$ 4,610,658
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law*:			
Unrestricted fund balance: Assigned fund balance Unassigned fund balance	\$	2,219,795 4,087,573 6,307,368	
Less: Appropriated fund balance Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance Total adjustments	\$	2,003,164 216,631 2,219,795	
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	′		\$ 4,087,573
Actual percentage			3.55%

<sup>\*</sup> Per Office of the State Comptroller's "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", Updated April 2011 (Originally Issued November 2010), the portion of [General Fund] fund balance subject to Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law is: unrestricted fund balance (i.e., the total of the committed, assigned, and unassigned classifications), minus appropriated fund balance, amounts reserved for insurance recovery, amounts reserved for tax reduction, and encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance.

# SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

			Expenditures							Methods of Financing										
		Revised		Prior		Current			U	Inexpended	Р	roceeds of		State		Local			Fu	ınd Balance
	<u>Ap</u>	propriation		<u>Years</u>		<u>Year</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Balance</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Obligations</u>		<u>Aid</u>		Sources		<u>Total</u>	Ju	ne 30, 2023
PROJECT TITLE																				
Buses 2017-2018	\$	982,226	\$	967,226	\$	2,774	\$	970,000	\$	12,226	\$	970,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	970,000	\$	-
Buses 2019-2020		753,540		747,009		_		747,009		6,531		553,000		-		-		553,000		(194,009)
Buses 2020-2021		519,344		517,358		-		517,358		1,986		189,853		-		124,491		314,344		(203,014)
Buses 2021-2022		501,173		486,943		_		486,943		14,230		122,000		-		-		122,000		(364,943)
Buses 2022-2023		601,434		-		542,761		542,761		58,673		-		-		-		-		(542,761)
NPE Platform Lift		100,000		-		_		-		100,000		-		-		100,000		100,000		100,000
FDR Entryways		100,000		99,406		594		100,000		-		-		-		100,000		100,000		-
HMS Flooring Project		100,000		-		92,972		92,972		7,028		-		-		100,000		100,000		7,028
Smart Schools Bond Act		2,176,655		2,086,353		_		2,086,353		90,302		-		2,068,862		-		2,068,862		(17,491)
FDR Tech Project		1,015,512		749,393		143,329		892,722		122,790		-		-		1,015,513		1,015,513		122,791
Science Labs/HVAC (part of \$26.2M project)		26,224,708		19,548,944		6,585,187		26,134,131		90,577		22,743,020		-		4,876,688		27,619,708		1,485,577
District Wide Project (\$35.7M)		35,717,292		209,226		2,857,531	_	3,066,757		32,650,535				<u>-</u>		3,286,114	_	3,286,114		219,357
Total	\$	68,791,884	\$	25,411,858	\$	10,225,148	\$	35,637,006	\$	33,154,878	\$	24,577,873	\$	2,068,862	\$	9,602,806	\$	36,249,541	\$	612,535

# SCHEDULE OF NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Capital assets, net		\$ 89,419,304
Deduct:		
Bond anticipation notes	1,362,234	
Unamortized bond premium	292,105	
Short-term portion of bonds payable	2,390,000	
Long-term portion of bonds payable	19,335,000	
Short-term portion of lease payable	9,608	
Long-term portion of lease payable	11,833	
<u>-</u>		23,400,780
Add:		
Unamortized amount on refunding bonds		174,192
Unspent bond proceeds		3,235,994
Net investment in capital assets		\$ 69,428,710



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

October 9, 2023

To the Board of Education of Hyde Park Central School District:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hyde Park Central School District (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 9, 2023.

# **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School 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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School 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 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 to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (Continued)

# **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's financial statements 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 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE

October 9, 2023

To the Board of Education of Hyde Park Central School District:

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

# Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Hyde Park Central School District's (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Hyde Park Central School District complied, in all material respects with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the School District 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 provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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# 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 the School District's federal programs.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

# Auditor's 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 the School District'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance 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 the School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, 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 the School District'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 the School District'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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District'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.

# **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the School District's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

# Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001 to be a material weakness. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-002 to be a significant deficiency.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the School District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance <u>Listing</u>	Pass Through Grant <u>Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed through New York State Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Cluster  National School Lunch Program (food donations)	10.555	N/A	\$ 120,826 *
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A N/A	250,735
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	947,949 *
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	N/A	11,234
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,330,744
State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Administrative			
Costs Grant	10.649	N/A	4,396
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			1,335,140
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed through New York State Department of Education			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0032-23-0173	1,064,298
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States Total Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	5532-22-0173	202,662 1,266,960
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0033-23-0173	55.345
COVID-19 - Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173X	5533-22-0173	22,635
Total Special Education Preschool Grants			77,980
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			1,344,940
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011-23-3072	86,969
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011-22-3072	7,062
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-23-0650	682,288
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010 84.010	0021-22-0650 0011-23-8082	11,916 7,108
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	04.010	0011-20-0002	795,343
Impact Aid	84.041	N/A	368,105
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0293-23-0650	13,175
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0293-22-0650	7,964
Total English Language Acquisition State Grants			21,139
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-23-0650	59,627
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-22-0650	113,770
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			173,397
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-23-0650	26,583
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-22-0650	(6,374)
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program			20,209
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid,			
Relief, and Economic Security Act - ARP Homeless	84.425U	5218-21-0650	5,993
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid,	04 4050	E006 24 06E0	47.040
Relief, and Economic Security Act - CRRSA - GEER II COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid,	84.425C	5896-21-0650	47,049
Relief, and Economic Security Act - CRRSA - ESSER II	84.425D	5891-21-0650	2,306,836
COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary			
Emergency Relief - APR ESSER III	84.425U	5880-21-0650	1,722,737
Total COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund			4,082,615
Total U.S. Department of Education			6,805,748
Total expenditures of federal awards			\$ 8,140,888
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# NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the Hyde Park Central School District (the School District), under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the 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)*. Because the Schedule presents only a portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows for the School District.

## 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Schedule is presented using generally accepted accounting principles, as described in the School District's basic financial statements.

## 3. PASS-THROUGH PROGRAMS

Where the School District receives funds from a government entity other than the federal government (pass-through), the funds are accumulated based upon the Assistance Listing number advertised by the pass-through grantor.

Identifying numbers, other than Assistance Listing numbers, which may be assigned by pass-through grantors are not maintained in the School District's financial management system. The School District has identified certain pass-through identifying numbers and includes them in the schedule of expenditures of federal award, as available.

# 4. INDIRECT COSTS

Indirect costs are included in the reported expenditures to the extent they are included in the financial reports used as the source for the expenditures presented.

The School District did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

# 5. MATCHING COSTS

Matching costs, i.e., the School District's share of certain program costs, are not included in the reported expenditures.

# 6. SUBRECIPIENTS

No amounts were provided to subrecipients.

## 7. NONMONETARY ASSISTANCE

The School District is the recipient of a federal financial award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements termed a non-monetary program. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District received food commodities; the fair value of which amounted to \$120,826 is presented in the Schedule as National School Lunch Program (Assistance Listing No. 10.555).

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Financial Statements Type of report the auditor issued on whether audited were prepared in accordance with G		Unmod	dified
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	<u>x</u> No
Significant deficiencies identified?		Yes	x None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement	ts noted?	Yes	<u>x</u> No
Federal Awards Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?		x Yes	No
Significant deficiencies identified		x Yes	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance major federal programs	e for	Unmod	dified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required accordance with 2 CFR 200.516 (a)?	-	x Yes	No
Identification of major federal programs:			
Assistance Listing Number(s) Na	ame of Federal Program or C	<u>luster</u>	
84.425C, 84.425D, 84.425U C	OVID-19 - Education Stabilizat	ion Fund	
10.553, 10.555, 10.559 C	hild Nutrition Cluster		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between 1 programs:	Гуре A and Type B	\$ 750	,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		x Yes	No

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

**Section II—Financial Statement Findings** 

None.

Section III—Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

U.S. Department of Education

Passed-Through Entity: New York State Education Department

Finding Reference: 2023-001

**Child Nutrition Cluster:** 

National School Lunch Program (Assistance Listing # 10.555) School Breakfast Program (Assistance Listing # 10.553) Summer Food Service Program for Children (Assistance Listing # 10.559)

**Compliance Requirement: Eligibility** 

## Criteria

Children from households with incomes at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible to receive meals or milk free under the School Nutrition Program. Children from households with incomes above 130 percent but at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible to receive reduced price meals. Persons from households with incomes exceeding 185 percent of the poverty level pay the full price (7 CFR sections 245.2, 245.3, and 245.6; section 9(b)(1) of the NSLA (42 USC 1758 (b)(1)); sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e) of the CNA (42 USC 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e))). The School District must:

- (a) Establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- (b) Comply with the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal awards.
- (c) Evaluate and monitor the non-Federal entity's compliance with statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of Federal awards.
- (d) Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings.
- (e) Take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or the non-Federal entity considers sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and responsibility over confidentiality.

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

# Section III—Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

## **Condition/Context**

We haphazardly sampled 40 students receiving benefits under the Child Nutrition Cluster. We viewed the applications determining eligibility that are to be reviewed and signed by the Director of Food Services to ensure the eligibility status was deemed correct for each application. We noted that 24 applications were not documented as having been reviewed. Known and likely questioned costs were determined not to exceed \$25,000. The sampling methodology used was not statistically valid.

#### Cause

Adequate oversight of the eligibility determination process was not in place in order to identify mistakes in determining eligibility.

## **Effect**

Without demonstrable, documented controls supporting compliance with Child Nutrition compliance standards, compliance with the requirements may not be assured.

# Recommendation

We recommend that the School District institute additional procedures to ensure that eligibility determinations are reviewed and accurate.

# View of Responsible Officials

The School District will institute additional procedures to ensure that eligibility determinations are reviewed and accurate.

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section III—Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

U.S. Department of Education

Passed-Through Entity: New York State Education Department

Finding Reference: 2023-002

**Child Nutrition Cluster:** 

National School Lunch Program (Assistance Listing # 10.555) School Breakfast Program (Assistance Listing # 10.553) Summer Food Service Program for Children (Assistance Listing # 10.559)

**Compliance Requirement: Eligibility** 

### Criteria

Children from households with incomes at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible to receive meals or milk free under the School Nutrition Programs. Children from households with incomes above 130 percent but at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible to receive reduced price meals. Persons from households with incomes exceeding 185 percent of the poverty level pay the full price (7 CFR sections 245.2, 245.3, and 245.6; section 9(b)(1) of the NSLA (42 USC 1758 (b)(1)); sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e) of the CNA (42 USC 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e))).

## Condition

We haphazardly sampled 40 students receiving benefits under the Child Nutrition Cluster program. We noted two students received free lunch benefits who should have received reduced lunch benefits. In this instance, income was incorrectly calculated when determining eligibility, causing an incorrect certification. Additionally, we noted that one student was denied lunch benefits but should have received free lunch benefits. Known and likely questioned costs were determined not to be material or exceed \$25,000. The sampling methodology used was not statistically valid.

# Cause

Adequate oversight of the eligibility determination process was not in place in order to identify mistakes in determining eligibility.

#### **Effect**

Without demonstrable, documented controls supporting compliance with Child Nutrition compliance standards, compliance with the requirements may not be assured.

## Recommendation

We recommend that the School District institute additional procedures to ensure that eligibility determinations are made correctly. We also recommend that the School District ensures that the household number and income be compared to the National Income Eligibility Guidelines to calculate whether the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch.

## **View of Responsible Officials**

The School District will institute additional procedures to ensure that eligibility determinations are reviewed and accurate.