

***RICHMOND COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hamlet, North Carolina***

*Financial Statements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2024*

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Richmond County Board of Education  
Hamlet, North Carolina

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Richmond County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Richmond County Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Richmond County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, State Public School, Federal Grants and Restricted Revenue funds 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 Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Richmond County Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Richmond County Board of Education'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.

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

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

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 10 and the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, OPEB Liabilities (Assets) and the Schedules of Board Contributions on pages 48 through 53, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Richmond County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying individual fund budgetary schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and State 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*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund budgetary schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2024, on our consideration of the Richmond County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Richmond County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Richmond County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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## **RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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This section of the Richmond County Board of Education's (the "Board") financial report represents our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2024. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in this report.

### ***Financial Highlights***

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Board's total government-wide net position increased by \$5.7 million. Governmental activities net position increased by \$6.3 million and business-type activities net position decreased by \$546 thousand.

- Total government-wide net investment in capital assets increased by \$6.5 million, or 13.6%, over the prior year. Governmental activities net investment in capital assets increased by \$6.6 million, or 13.9%, and business-type activities net investment in capital assets decreased by \$70 thousand, or 12.6%.
- Total governmental activities restricted net position decreased by \$1.4 million from the prior year.
- The Board's total government-wide unrestricted net position at June 30, 2024 increased by \$576 thousand over the prior year. Governmental activities unrestricted net position increased by \$1.1 million while business-type activities unrestricted net position decreased by \$476 thousand from the prior year.

### ***Overview of the Financial Statements***

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

- *Independent Auditor's Report*
- *Management's Discussion and Analysis (required supplementary information)*
- *Basic Financial Statements*
- *Required supplemental section that presents the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of Net Pension and OPEB Liabilities (Assets) and the Schedules of Board Contributions.*
- *Supplementary section that presents budgetary schedules for governmental and enterprise funds.*

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

The second set of statements included in the basic financial statements is the *Fund Financial Statements*, which are presented for the Board's governmental funds and proprietary funds. These statements present the governmental funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting, measuring the near-term inflows and outflows of financial resources and what is available at year-end to spend in the next fiscal year. The proprietary funds are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting.

The fund financial statements focus on the Board's most significant funds. Because a different basis of accounting is used in the government-wide statements, reconciliation from the governmental fund financial statements to the government-wide statements is required. The government-wide statements provide information about the Board as an economic unit while the fund financial statements provide information on each of the financial resources of each of the Board's major funds.

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### **Government-wide Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

Richmond County Board of Education has two types of funds:

*Governmental funds:* Most of the Board's basic services are included in the governmental funds, which generally focus on two things – 1) how cash and other assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. As a result of this focus, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the coming year to finance the Board's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental fund statements, in the form of a reconciliation, explains the relationship (or differences) between the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The Board has several governmental funds: the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Individual Schools Fund, the Capital Outlay Fund, the Restricted Revenue Fund and the Federal Grants Fund.

The governmental fund statements are shown as Exhibits 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this report.

*Proprietary fund:* Services for which the Board charges a fee are generally reported in the proprietary funds. The proprietary fund statements are reported on the same full accrual basis of accounting as the



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government-wide statements. The Richmond County Board of Education's only proprietary fund is an enterprise fund, the School Food Service Fund.

The proprietary fund statements are shown as Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 of this report.

**Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole**

Net position is an indicator of the fiscal health of the Board. Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$24.2 million as of June 30, 2024 as compared to \$30.0 million as of June 30, 2023, an improvement of \$5.7 million.

Following is a summary of the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

**Table 1  
Condensed Statement of Net Position  
As of June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23
Current and other assets	\$ 7,328,298	\$ 10,650,839	\$ 1,403,168	\$ 1,963,398	\$ 8,731,466	\$ 12,614,237
Capital assets	54,619,194	48,341,839	481,484	551,048	55,100,678	48,892,887
Total assets	<u>61,947,492</u>	<u>58,992,678</u>	<u>1,884,652</u>	<u>2,514,446</u>	<u>63,832,144</u>	<u>61,507,124</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	40,831,936	32,719,278	1,898,737	1,523,711	42,730,673	34,242,989
Current liabilities	3,174,182	4,317,950	136,006	135,288	3,310,188	4,453,238
Long-term liabilities	102,083,034	86,516,447	4,700,829	3,960,552	106,783,863	90,476,999
Total liabilities	<u>105,257,216</u>	<u>90,834,397</u>	<u>4,836,835</u>	<u>4,095,840</u>	<u>110,094,051</u>	<u>94,930,237</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	19,782,531	29,419,491	919,913	1,370,042	20,702,444	30,789,533
Net investment in						
capital assets	54,154,166	47,557,855	481,484	551,048	54,635,650	48,108,903
Restricted net position	3,237,939	4,604,891	-	-	3,237,939	4,604,891
Unrestricted net position (deficit)	<u>(79,652,424)</u>	<u>(80,704,678)</u>	<u>(2,454,843)</u>	<u>(1,978,773)</u>	<u>(82,107,267)</u>	<u>(82,683,451)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (22,260,319)</u>	<u>\$ (28,541,932)</u>	<u>\$ (1,973,359)</u>	<u>\$ (1,427,725)</u>	<u>\$ (24,233,678)</u>	<u>\$ (29,969,657)</u>

The net deficit of the Board's governmental activities decreased \$6.3 million during the year, from \$(28.5) million at June 30, 2023 to \$(22.3) million at June 30, 2024, indicating an improvement in the financial condition of the Board. Restricted net position decreased by \$1.4 million while unrestricted net position increased \$1.1 million over the prior year. Net investment in capital assets increased \$6.6 million due primarily to an excess of capital additions over depreciation expense for the year. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relate entirely to the pension and OPEB plans which the Board participates in. The Board is required to record its proportionate share of these items along with its proportionate share of the plan liabilities. See Note 2 of the financial statements for more details regarding these plans.

Net position of the Board's business-type activities decreased \$546 thousand during the year. This decrease is the net loss incurred by our school food service operations during the 2024 fiscal year.

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The following table shows the revenues and expenses of the Board for the current and prior fiscal years:

**Table 2  
Condensed Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,852,481	\$ 1,701,155	\$ 315,146	\$ 339,097	\$ 2,167,627	\$ 2,040,252
Operating grants and contributions	73,394,041	66,412,366	5,236,545	5,606,695	78,630,586	72,019,061
Capital grants and contributions	215,992	289,732	-	-	215,992	289,732
General revenues:						
County appropriations	11,112,802	10,657,829	-	-	11,112,802	10,657,829
State appropriations	4,716,866	4,496,350	-	-	4,716,866	4,496,350
Other revenues	650,412	645,190	-	-	650,412	645,190
Total revenues	91,942,594	84,202,622	5,551,691	5,945,792	97,494,285	90,148,414
Expenses:						
Governmental activities:						
Instructional services	66,855,802	56,351,292	-	-	66,855,802	56,351,292
System-wide support services	16,846,168	17,091,711	-	-	16,846,168	17,091,711
Ancillary services	27,765	5,503	-	-	27,765	5,503
Payments to other governments	76,069	49,832	-	-	76,069	49,832
Interest on long-term debt	37,159	17,704	-	-	37,159	17,704
Unallocated depreciation	1,752,737	1,741,425	-	-	1,752,737	1,741,425
Business-type activities:						
School food service	-	-	6,162,606	5,606,987	6,162,606	5,606,987
Total expenses	85,595,700	75,257,467	6,162,606	5,606,987	91,758,306	80,864,454
Excess (deficiency) before transfers	6,346,894	8,945,155	(610,915)	338,805	5,735,979	9,283,960
Transfers in (out)	(65,281)	(45,000)	65,281	45,000	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	6,281,613	8,900,155	(545,634)	383,805	5,735,979	9,283,960
Beginning net position (deficit)	(28,541,932)	(37,442,087)	(1,427,725)	(1,811,530)	(29,969,657)	(39,253,617)
Ending net position (deficit)	\$ (22,260,319)	\$ (28,541,932)	\$ (1,973,359)	\$ (1,427,725)	\$ (24,233,678)	\$ (29,969,657)

Total governmental activities generated revenues of \$91.9 million while expenses in this category totaled \$85.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2024, resulting in an increase in net position of \$6.3 million (including transfers to business-type activities of \$65 thousand). Comparatively, revenues were \$84.2 million, expenses totaled \$75.3 million and transfers out were \$45 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2023, resulting in an increase in net position of \$8.9 million. In comparing the two years, revenues increased \$7.7 million, or 9.2%, while expenses increased by \$10.3 million, or 13.7%, over the prior year. Revenues rose due to increased State and federal grant allocations received through the State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund. The change in expenses was largely due to an increase in instructional services costs. Expenses were also significantly impacted by a year-over-year increase of \$8.9 million in pension and OPEB expense due to changes in actuarial valuations and allocation percentages.

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The Board's primary sources of revenues were funding from the State of North Carolina, Richmond County, and the United States Government, which respectively comprised 64.5%, 12.0% and 19.5% of our total revenues. As would be expected, the major component of our expenses was instructional services which accounted for 78.1% of our total expenses during the most recent fiscal year. Of the remaining 21.9% of our total expenses, 19.7% was attributable to system-wide support services.

Our business-type activities generated revenues of \$5.6 million while expenses in this category totaled \$6.2 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. For the year, net position decreased by \$546 thousand (including transfers in of \$65 thousand). Comparatively, revenues were \$5.9 million and expenses were \$5.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2023, resulting in an increase in net position of \$384 thousand (including transfers in of \$45 thousand). In comparing the two years, revenues decreased \$394 thousand, or 6.6%, while expenses increased \$556 thousand, or 9.9%. The change in revenues was largely due to a decline in federal reimbursements received. The increase in expenses was primarily due to inflationary increases in food costs, and a \$157 thousand year-over-year increase in pension and OPEB expenses due to changes in actuarial valuations and allocation percentages.

***Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds***

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

The Board's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$6.7 million at June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$2.3 million from the amount reported at June 30, 2023. The Board's General Fund reported a decrease in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2024 of \$908 thousand compared to a \$1.1 million decrease reported in 2023. As in 2023, during the 2024 year, the Board continued to be affected by rising inflation that has impacted the entire country. Increased costs, primarily for salaries and benefits in instructional and system-wide support services, were the primary factor contributing to the decline in fund balance in the General Fund.

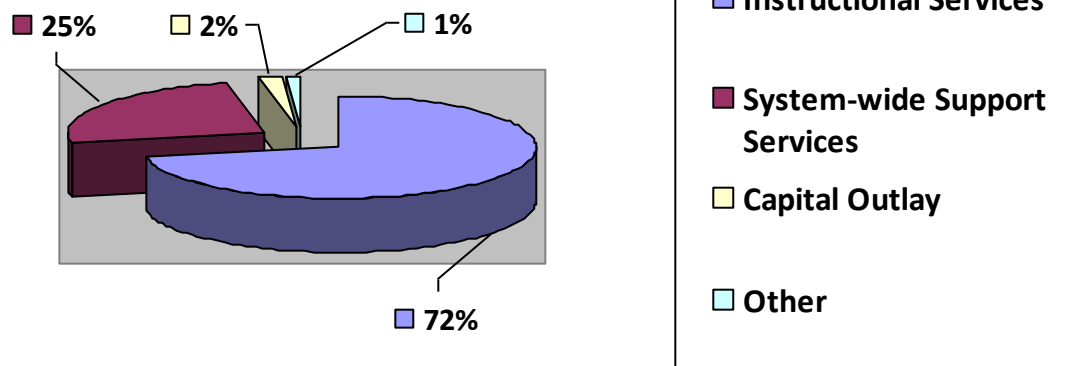
The State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund do not carry fund balance. All revenues are expended in the year received. Combined revenues (and expenditures) in the State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund increased by \$8.0 million, or 11.7%, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The change is primarily attributable to an increase in spending from federal COVID-19 grants.

The Restricted Revenue Fund reported fund balance of \$1.2 million at June 30, 2024, a decrease for the year of \$1.5 million compared to a decrease in fund balance of \$294 thousand in the 2023 year. Decreased revenues from Medicaid reimbursements and increased instructional services costs were the primary factors contributing to the year-over-year decline in fund balance. The Capital Outlay Fund reported fund balance of \$1.9 million at June 30, 2024, a \$128 thousand increase for the year. Overall, revenues and expenditures were in line with expectations. The Individual Schools Fund reported fund balance of \$696 thousand at June 30, 2024, a slight decrease for the year of \$10 thousand.

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**Categorization of Expenditures for Governmental Funds**



Expenditures presented on modified accrual basis of accounting.

*Proprietary Fund:* The Board's business-type fund, the School Food Service Fund, reported a decrease in net position of \$546 thousand for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 compared to an increase of \$384 thousand for the same 2023 period. See the section above titled *Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole* for more discussion regarding School Food Service Fund operating results for the year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of a year, the Board will revise the budget, as necessary, to account for changes in revenue expectations and program allocations. However, during the year ended June 30, 2024, no significant budget revisions were made in the General Fund as revenue and expenditure expectations remained consistent throughout the year.

Due to some State and federal revenue sources being uncertain at the start of the year, management budgeted \$1.1 million of fund balance in case it was needed to cover instructional or system-wide support service costs that could not be paid from State or federal funds. The district did not have to use all of this appropriated fund balance as State and federal sources were used to pay some of these budgeted expenditures. This resulted in the General Fund reporting a combined \$171 thousand positive budget variance for instructional and system-wide support services expenditures for the year.

**Capital Assets**

Total primary government capital assets were \$55.1 million at June 30, 2024 compared to \$48.9 million at June 30, 2023, an increase of \$6.2 million, or 12.7%. More detailed information about the Board's capital assets is contained in Note 2 to the financial statements.

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The following is a summary of the Board's capital assets, net of depreciation, at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

**Table 3  
Summary of Capital Assets  
As of June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23
Right to use asset	\$ 417,596	\$ 534,134	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 417,596	\$ 534,134
Land	611,273	611,273	-	-	611,273	611,273
Construction in progress	9,471,436	1,655,763	-	-	9,471,436	1,655,763
Buildings and improvements	40,637,856	42,134,014	-	-	40,637,856	42,134,014
Equipment and furniture	1,072,850	676,169	481,484	551,048	1,554,334	1,227,217
Vehicles	2,408,183	2,730,486	-	-	2,408,183	2,730,486
Total	<u>\$ 54,619,194</u>	<u>\$ 48,341,839</u>	<u>\$ 481,484</u>	<u>\$ 551,048</u>	<u>\$ 55,100,678</u>	<u>\$ 48,892,887</u>

**Debt Outstanding**

During the year, the Board's long-term installment purchase and lease liabilities debt decreased by \$319 thousand to \$465 thousand at June 30, 2024. The Board is limited by North Carolina General Statutes with regards to the types of debt it can issue and for what purpose that debt can be used. The County holds virtually all debt issued for school capital construction. More detailed information about the Board's outstanding debt is contained in Note 2 to the financial statements.

**Economic Factors**

County funding is a major source of income for the Board; therefore, the County's economic outlook directly affects that of the Board's. The following economic factors must be considered when viewing the County's ability to provide the required level of funding:

- As of June 30, 2024, Richmond County experienced an unemployment rate of approximately 5.3% as compared to an unemployment rate of approximately 4.6% at June 30, 2023. Richmond County is above the June 30, 2024 State of N.C. and national unemployment rates which were 4.1% and 4.3%, respectively.
- A primary element of the local economy, textiles, has experienced significant losses in recent years. The County administration along with the Richmond County Economic Development team and concerned citizens are actively cultivating new alternatives to offset the dwindling impact of textiles on the local economy. The County is anticipating improvements in industrial growth with the construction of new major highways in the area.

**Requests for Information**

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

Dawn Jordan, Finance Officer  
Richmond County Board of Education  
118 Vance Street  
Hamlet, NC 28345

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 1**

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,664,148	\$ 1,098,029	\$ 7,762,177
Due from other governments	664,150	112,186	776,336
Receivables	-	883	883
Inventories	-	192,070	192,070
Capital assets:			
Right to use leased assets, net of amortization	417,596	-	417,596
Land and construction in progress	10,082,709	-	10,082,709
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	44,118,889	481,484	44,600,373
Total capital assets	<u>54,619,194</u>	<u>481,484</u>	<u>55,100,678</u>
Total assets	<u>61,947,492</u>	<u>1,884,652</u>	<u>63,832,144</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension and OPEB plans	<u>40,831,936</u>	<u>1,898,737</u>	<u>42,730,673</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	652,371	-	652,371
Unearned revenue	-	14,005	14,005
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	2,521,811	122,001	2,643,812
Due in more than one year	<u>102,083,034</u>	<u>4,700,829</u>	<u>106,783,863</u>
Total liabilities	<u>105,257,216</u>	<u>4,836,835</u>	<u>110,094,051</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Pension and OPEB plans	<u>19,782,531</u>	<u>919,913</u>	<u>20,702,444</u>
<b>Net position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	54,154,166	481,484	54,635,650
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by State statute	91,298	-	91,298
School capital outlay	1,930,257	-	1,930,257
Instructional services	545,097	-	545,097
Individual schools activities	671,287	-	671,287
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(79,652,424)</u>	<u>(2,454,843)</u>	<u>(82,107,267)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (22,260,319)</u>	<u>\$ (1,973,359)</u>	<u>\$ (24,233,678)</u>

*The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*





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## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 3**

	Major Funds						Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Restricted Revenue	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,344,024	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 1,315,103	\$ 1,289,212	\$ 715,778	\$ 6,664,148
Due from other governments	9,577	1,327	-	12,201	641,045	-	664,150
Due from other funds	44,491	-	-	-	-	25,029	69,520
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,398,092</u>	<u>\$ 1,327</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,304</u>	<u>\$ 1,930,257</u>	<u>\$ 740,807</u>	<u>\$ 7,397,818</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund balances</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 546,577	\$ 1,327	\$ 31	\$ 104,436	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 652,371
Due to other funds	25,029	-	-	-	-	44,491	69,520
Total liabilities	<u>571,606</u>	<u>1,327</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>104,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,491</u>	<u>721,891</u>
Fund balances:							
Restricted:							
Stabilization by State statute	54,068	-	-	12,201	-	25,029	91,298
School capital outlay	-	-	-	-	1,930,257	-	1,930,257
Instructional services	-	-	-	545,097	-	-	545,097
Individual schools	-	-	-	-	-	671,287	671,287
Assigned:							
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
Special revenues	-	-	-	665,570	-	-	665,570
Unassigned	1,772,418	-	-	-	-	-	1,772,418
Total fund balances	<u>2,826,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,222,868</u>	<u>1,930,257</u>	<u>696,316</u>	<u>6,675,927</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,398,092</u>	<u>\$ 1,327</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,304</u>	<u>\$ 1,930,257</u>	<u>\$ 740,807</u>	<u>\$ 7,397,818</u>

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 3 (continued)**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 6,675,927
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	54,619,194
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	25,575,169
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	15,256,767
Some liabilities, including those for compensated absences, installment purchases and leases, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(4,731,589)
Net pension liability	(41,875,063)
Net OPEB liability	(57,998,193)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(533,174)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(19,249,357)</u>
Net position (deficit) of governmental activities	<u>\$ (22,260,319)</u>

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 4**

	Major Funds						Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Restricted Revenue	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	
Revenues:							
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ 57,770,122	\$ -	\$ 1,559,140	\$ 215,992	\$ -	\$ 59,545,254
Richmond County:							
Local current expense	8,694,379	-	-	-	-	-	8,694,379
Other	-	-	-	-	2,418,423	-	2,418,423
U.S. Government	97,810	-	17,898,331	-	-	-	17,996,141
Other	723,936	-	-	1,236,885	58,818	1,712,603	3,732,242
Total revenues	<u>9,516,125</u>	<u>57,770,122</u>	<u>17,898,331</u>	<u>2,796,025</u>	<u>2,693,233</u>	<u>1,712,603</u>	<u>92,386,439</u>
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	2,229,986	31,841,415	1,203,351	592,274	-	-	35,867,026
Special populations	13,268	7,157,342	1,930,828	1,624,648	-	-	10,726,086
Alternative programs	56,716	1,600,343	5,253,697	1,334,106	-	-	8,244,862
School leadership	423,319	4,685,489	1,170	148,375	-	-	5,258,353
Co-curricular	116,642	-	-	-	-	1,722,335	1,838,977
School-based support	204,749	5,519,723	570,889	242,278	-	-	6,537,639
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	889,216	733,983	-	74,622	-	-	1,697,821
Special population support and development	139,856	79,012	335,811	449	-	-	555,128
Alternative programs and services support and development	-	-	142,736	-	-	-	142,736
Technology support	-	253,372	17,610	-	-	-	270,982
Operational support	4,800,511	4,639,617	8,152,827	235,114	147,108	-	17,975,177
Financial and human resource services	793,752	498,009	-	-	-	-	1,291,761
Accountability	7,391	-	-	-	-	-	7,391
System-wide pupil support	748	-	-	-	-	-	748
Policy, leadership and public relations	691,840	576,694	5,364	14,418	-	-	1,288,316
Ancillary services	7,498	-	20,281	-	-	-	27,779
Non-programmed charges	76,069	-	263,767	-	-	-	339,836
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	-	102,964	-	-	215,992	-	318,956
Interest and fees	-	37,159	-	-	-	-	37,159
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	2,201,775	-	2,201,775
Total expenditures	<u>10,451,561</u>	<u>57,725,122</u>	<u>17,898,331</u>	<u>4,266,284</u>	<u>2,564,875</u>	<u>1,722,335</u>	<u>94,628,508</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(935,436)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,470,259)</u>	<u>128,358</u>	<u>(9,732)</u>	<u>(2,242,069)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers to other funds	-	(45,000)	-	-	-	-	(45,000)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	27,380	-	-	-	-	-	27,380
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>27,380</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,620)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(908,056)	-	-	(1,470,259)	128,358	(9,732)	(2,259,689)
Fund balances:							
Beginning of year	3,734,542	-	-	2,693,127	1,801,899	706,048	8,935,616
End of year	<u>\$ 2,826,486</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,222,868</u>	<u>\$ 1,930,257</u>	<u>\$ 696,316</u>	<u>\$ 6,675,927</u>

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 5**

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (2,259,689)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which depreciation and amortization exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	6,277,402
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the statement of activities	7,814,004
Contributions to the OPEB plans in the current fiscal year are not included on the statement of activities	3,213,360
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets are recorded as revenues in the fund statements but not in the statement of activities.	(27,380)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	76,116
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	27,333
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	318,956
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Pension (expense) benefit	(10,890,930)
Net OPEB (expense) benefit	1,954,244
Compensated absences	<u>(221,803)</u>
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,281,613</u>

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 6**

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
Richmond County	\$ 8,694,379	\$ 8,694,379	\$ 8,694,379	\$ -
U.S. Government	102,000	102,000	97,810	(4,190)
Other	<u>727,700</u>	<u>727,700</u>	<u>723,936</u>	<u>(3,764)</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,524,079</u>	<u>9,524,079</u>	<u>9,516,125</u>	<u>(7,954)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	3,185,123	3,130,159	3,044,680	85,479
System-wide support services	7,353,456	7,408,420	7,323,314	85,106
Ancillary services	20,500	9,431	7,498	1,933
Non-programmed charges	<u>65,000</u>	<u>76,069</u>	<u>76,069</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>10,624,079</u>	<u>10,624,079</u>	<u>10,451,561</u>	<u>172,518</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)	(935,436)	164,564
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	27,380	27,380
Fund balance appropriated	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,100,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(908,056)	<u>\$ (908,056)</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>3,734,542</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 2,826,486</u>	

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** **Exhibit 6 (continued)**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	State Public School Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 55,627,086	\$ 60,231,284	\$ 57,770,122	\$ (2,461,162)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	49,612,404	53,223,592	50,804,312	2,419,280
System-wide support services	5,969,682	6,822,569	6,780,687	41,882
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	102,964	102,964	-
Interest and fees	-	37,159	37,159	-
Total debt service	-	140,123	140,123	-
Total expenditures	55,582,086	60,186,284	57,725,122	2,461,162
Revenues over (under) expenditures	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers to other funds	(45,000)	(45,000)	(45,000)	-
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** **Exhibit 6 (continued)**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Federal Grants Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
U.S. Government	\$ 31,930,428	\$ 32,889,167	\$ 17,898,331	\$ (14,990,836)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	12,865,935	13,518,630	8,959,935	4,558,695
System-wide support services	18,280,434	18,245,329	8,654,348	9,590,981
Ancillary services	-	20,281	20,281	-
Non-programmed charges	<u>784,059</u>	<u>1,104,927</u>	<u>263,767</u>	<u>841,160</u>
Total expenditures	<u>31,930,428</u>	<u>32,889,167</u>	<u>17,898,331</u>	<u>14,990,836</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Exhibit 6 (continued)**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**

**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Restricted Revenue Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 1,576,142	\$ 1,571,340	\$ 1,559,140	\$ (12,200)
Other	-	1,393,955	1,236,885	(157,070)
Total revenues	<u>1,576,142</u>	<u>2,965,295</u>	<u>2,796,025</u>	<u>(169,270)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	2,852,317	3,941,859	3,941,681	178
System-wide support services	1,117,277	1,410,957	324,603	1,086,354
Non-programmed charges	-	5,931	-	5,931
Total expenditures	<u>3,969,594</u>	<u>5,358,747</u>	<u>4,266,284</u>	<u>1,092,463</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,393,452)	(2,393,452)	(1,470,259)	923,193
Fund balance appropriated	<u>2,393,452</u>	<u>2,393,452</u>	-	<u>(2,393,452)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(1,470,259)	<u>\$ (1,470,259)</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>2,693,127</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 1,222,868</u>	

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 7**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>School Food</u>
	<u>Service</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,098,029
Due from other governments	112,186
Receivables	883
Inventories	192,070
Total current assets	<u>1,403,168</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Furniture and office equipment, net	<u>481,484</u>
Total assets	<u>1,884,652</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Pension and OPEB plans	<u>1,898,737</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Compensated absences	122,001
Unearned revenue	14,005
Total current liabilities	<u>136,006</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	1,947,244
Net OPEB liability	2,696,990
Compensated absences	56,595
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,700,829</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,836,835</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Pension and OPEB plans	<u>919,913</u>
<b>Net position</b>	
Investment in capital assets	481,484
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(2,454,843)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,973,359)</u>

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 8**

	Enterprise Fund Major Fund School Food Service
Operating revenues:	
Food sales	\$ 315,146
Operating expenses:	
Food cost:	
Purchase of food	1,859,925
Donated commodities	288,449
Salaries and benefits	3,281,706
Indirect costs	180,078
Materials and supplies	276,101
Repairs and maintenance	48,098
Depreciation	102,387
Non-capitalized equipment	10,411
Contracted services	11,462
Other	103,989
Total operating expenses	<u>6,162,606</u>
Operating loss	<u>(5,847,460)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:	
Federal reimbursements	4,948,096
Federal commodities	288,449
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>5,236,545</u>
Loss before transfers and contributions	(610,915)
Transfers from other funds	45,000
Capital contributions	<u>20,281</u>
Change in net position	(545,634)
Net position (deficit), beginning of year	<u>(1,427,725)</u>
Net position (deficit), end of year	<u>\$ (1,973,359)</u>

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 9**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Major Fund</u>
	<u>School Food</u>
	<u>Service</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 340,587
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,404,621)
Cash paid to employees for services	<u>(3,321,682)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(5,385,716)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Due to other funds	(174,987)
Federal and State reimbursements and grants	<u>4,979,557</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>4,804,570</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(12,542)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(593,688)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>1,691,717</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,098,029</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	<u>\$ (5,847,460)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	102,387
Donated commodities	288,449
Salaries paid by special revenue fund	45,000
Changes in assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows:	
Decrease in accounts receivable	24,625
Decrease in inventories	85,443
Increase in unearned revenue	816
Increase in net pension liability	299,260
Increase in net OPEB liability	419,637
Increase in deferred outflows	(375,026)
Decrease in deferred inflows	(450,129)
Increase in compensated absences payable	<u>21,282</u>
Total adjustments	<u>461,744</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (5,385,716)</u>

*The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**Exhibit 9 (continued)**

**NONCASH OPERATING AND NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

The School Food Service Fund received donated commodities with a value of \$288,449 during the fiscal year. The receipt of these commodities is reflected as a nonoperating revenue on Exhibit 8. The consumption of these commodities is recorded as an operating expense.

The State Public School Fund paid salaries and benefits of \$45,000 to personnel of the School Food Service Fund during the fiscal year. The payment is reflected as a transfer in and an operating expense on Exhibit 8.

School Food Service capital assets with values of \$20,281 were purchased by the Federal Grants Fund during the year. The value of these assets is reflected as a capital contribution on Exhibit 8.

*The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

A. Reporting Entity

The Richmond County Board of Education (Board) is a Local Education Agency empowered by State law [Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes] with the responsibility to oversee and control all activities related to public school education in Richmond County, North Carolina. The Board receives State, local, and federal government funding and must adhere to the legal requirements of each funding entity. The Board has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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

*Fund Financial Statements:* The fund financial statements provide information about the Board's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

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

The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

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

*Restricted Revenue Fund.* The Restricted Revenue Fund is used to account for revenues from reimbursements, including indirect costs, fees for actual costs, tuition, sales tax refunds, gifts and grants restricted as to use, federal and State grants restricted as to use, federal and State appropriations made directly to local school administrative units, funds received for prekindergarten programs and special programs.

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

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

The Board reports the following major enterprise fund:

*School Food Service Fund.* The School Food Service Fund is used to account for the food service program within the school system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements.* Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Board considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. These could include federal, State, and county grants, and some charges for services. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Acquisitions under leases qualifying as other than short-term are reported as other financing sources.

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

D. Budgetary Data

The Board's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Annual budgets are adopted for all funds, except for the individual schools special revenue funds, as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. No budget is required by State law for individual school funds. All

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appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the purpose level for all annually budgeted funds. The Board has authorized the Superintendent transfer amounts between functions and objects of expenditures within a fund without limitations and without a report to the Board of Education. The Superintendent may not transfer any amounts between funds or purpose codes nor from any contingency appropriation within a fund without prior approval from the Board of Education. All amendments must be approved by the Board of Education. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 115C-444]. The Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Board may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. The Board also has money credited in its name with the State Treasurer and may issue State warrants against these funds.

State law [G.S. 115C-443] authorizes the Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT), an SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund; and the North Carolina State Treasurer's Short Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF is managed by the staff of the Department of State Treasurer and operated in accordance with State laws and regulations. It is not registered with the SEC. It consists of an internal portion and an external portion in which the Board participates. Investments are restricted to those enumerated in G.S. 147-69.1.

The Board's investments are reported at amortized cost or at fair value determined by either quoted market prices or a matrix pricing model. Bank deposits are measured at amortized cost. The NCCMT is reported at fair value. Ownership interest of the STIF is determined on a fair market valuation basis as of fiscal year end in accordance with the STIF operating procedures. Valuation of the underlying assets is performed by the custodian. Under the authority of G.S. 147-69.3, no unrealized gains or losses of the STIF are distributed to external participants of the fund.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

3. Inventories

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



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4. Capital Assets

Donated assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation or forfeiture. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other capital assets are recorded at original cost. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Certain items acquired before July 1, 1995 are recorded at an estimated original historical cost. The total of these estimates is not considered large enough that any errors would be material when capital assets are considered as a whole.

For capital assets utilized in governmental activities, it is the policy of the Board to capitalize those assets costing more than \$5,000 with an estimated useful life of two or more years, while for capital assets utilized in business-type activities, it is the policy of the Board to capitalize those assets costing more than \$500 with an estimated useful life of two or more years. The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives is not capitalized.

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

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	15 - 50
Equipment and furniture	3 - 10
Vehicles	6 - 12

Depreciation for assets that serve multiple purposes cannot be allocated ratably and is therefore reported as “unallocated depreciation” on the Statement of Activities.

The Board’s capital assets also include certain right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

5. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Board has two items that meet this criterion – pension and other post-employment benefit-related deferrals. The statement of financial position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Board has two items that meet this criterion – pension and other post-employment benefit-related deferrals.

6. Long-term Obligations

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

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7. Compensated Absences

The Board follows the State's policy for vacation and sick leave. Employees may accumulate up to thirty (30) days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Board, the current portion of the accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material. The Board's liability for accumulated earned vacation and the salary-related payments as of June 30, 2024 is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements on a FIFO basis. An estimate has been made based on prior years' records of the current portion of compensated absences.

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

8. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

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

Fund Balances

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

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

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

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute - portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute for amounts owed to the district at year end [G.S. 115C-425(a)]. The restriction will be released as of the beginning of the subsequent fiscal year following collection of the amounts owed to the district.

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

Restricted for instructional services – grant and other revenues restricted for expenditure for various instructional services, as allowable by the funding source.

Restricted for individual schools – revenue sources restricted for expenditures for the various clubs and organizations, athletic events, and various fundraising activities for which they were collected.

*Assigned fund balance* – portion of fund balance that the Board of Education intends to use for specific purposes. The Board of Education is authorized to approve appropriations of fund balance in accordance with restrictions established by N.C. General Statutes.

Subsequent year's expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted. The Board of Education approves the appropriation in accordance with State laws.

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Special revenues – portion of fund balance that represents the residual amount of revenues from certain grants, reimbursements, indirect costs and other financial resources in excess of related expenditures that will be used for instructional services, system-wide support services, ancillary services or non-programmed charges, as determined by the Board of Education.

*Unassigned fund balance* – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds. A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes.

The Board of Education has a management policy for revenue spending that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will pay expenditures from restricted revenue sources first, followed by assigned fund balance and lastly, unassigned fund balance. The finance officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Board of Education.

9. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

a. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net position – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The net adjustment of \$(28,936,246) consists of several elements as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds (total capital assets on government-wide statement in governmental activities column)	\$ 112,294,973
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(57,675,779)</u>
Net capital assets	54,619,194
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	25,575,169
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	15,256,767
Liabilities that, because they are not due and payable in the current period, do not require current resources to pay and are therefore not recorded in the fund statements:	
Installment purchases	(25,981)
Lease liabilities	(439,047)
Compensated absences	(4,266,561)
Net pension liability	(41,875,063)
Net OPEB liability	(57,998,193)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(533,174)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(19,249,357)</u>
Total adjustment	<u>\$ (28,936,246)</u>

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b. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. There are several elements of that total adjustment of \$8,541,302 as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital outlay expenditures recorded in the fund statements but capitalized as assets in the statement of activities	\$ 8,611,539
Depreciation and amortization expense, the allocation of those assets over their useful lives, that is recorded on the statement of activities but not in the fund statements	(2,334,137)
Principal payments on debt owed are recorded as a use of funds on the fund statements but affect only the statement of net position on the government-wide statements	318,956
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	7,814,004
Contributions to the OPEB plans in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	3,213,360
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets are recorded as revenues in the fund statements but not in the statement of activities.	(27,380)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	76,116
Gain on disposal of capital assets	27,333
Expenses reported in the statement of activities that do not require the use of current resources to pay are not recorded as expenditures in the funds	
Pension (expense) benefit	(10,890,930)
OPEB (expense) benefit	1,954,244
Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements but not in the fund statements because they do not use current resources	<u>(221,803)</u>
Total adjustment	<u>\$ 8,541,302</u>

10. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and OPEB Plans

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

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**NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All of the Board's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Board's agents in the unit's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Board or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Board has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2024, the Board had deposits with banks and savings and loans with a carrying amount of \$4,507,265 and with the State Treasurer of \$31. The bank balances with the financial institutions and the State Treasurer were \$4,677,190 and \$1,749,107, respectively. Of these balances, \$1,141,931 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$5,284,366 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the name of the State Treasurer.

2. Investments

At June 30 2024, the Board had \$3,254,881 invested with the State Treasurer in the Short Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF is unrated and had a weighted average maturity of 1.3 years at June 30, 2024. The Board has no investment balances in the NCCMT as of June 30, 2024. The Board has no policy for managing interest rate risk or credit risk. All investments are measured using the market approach. The STIF is classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

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3. Accounts Receivable

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Due from (to) other funds (Internal balances)	Due from other governments	Other	Total
Governmental activities:				
General Fund	\$ 19,462	\$ 9,577	\$ -	\$ 29,039
Other governmental activities	<u>(19,462)</u>	<u>654,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635,111</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 664,150</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 664,150</u>
Business-type activities:				
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 112,186</u>	<u>\$ 883</u>	<u>\$ 113,069</u>

Due from other governments consists of the following:

Governmental activities:			
General Fund	\$ 9,577	Federal grant funds	
State Public School Fund	1,327	Operating funds from DPI	
Restricted Revenue Fund	12,201	State funds	
Capital Outlay Fund	<u>641,045</u>	Amounts due from County	
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 664,150</u>		
Business-type activities:			
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 112,186</u>	Federal grant funds	

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4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balances</u>
Governmental activities:				
Intangible assets:				
Right to use asset, net of amortization	\$ 534,134	\$ -	\$ 116,538	\$ 417,596
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	611,273	-	-	611,273
Construction in progress	1,655,763	7,815,673	-	9,471,436
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>2,267,036</u>	<u>7,815,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,082,709</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	85,621,547	50,144	-	85,671,691
Equipment and furniture	4,317,779	603,163	5,644	4,915,298
Vehicles	11,037,913	142,559	137,889	11,042,583
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>100,977,239</u>	<u>795,866</u>	<u>143,533</u>	<u>101,629,572</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	43,487,533	1,546,302	-	45,033,835
Equipment and furniture	3,641,610	206,435	5,597	3,842,448
Vehicles	8,307,427	464,862	137,889	8,634,400
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>55,436,570</u>	<u>2,217,599</u>	<u>143,486</u>	<u>57,510,683</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>45,540,669</u>			<u>44,118,889</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 48,341,839</u>			<u>\$ 54,619,194</u>
Business-type activities:				
School Food Service Fund:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	\$ 2,006,184	\$ 32,823	\$ -	\$ 2,039,007
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	1,455,136	102,387	-	1,557,523
School Food Service capital assets, net	<u>\$ 551,048</u>			<u>\$ 481,484</u>

Amortization of \$116,538 was charged to regular instructional services. Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

System-wide support services	\$ 464,862
Unallocated depreciation	1,752,737
Total	<u>\$ 2,217,599</u>

5. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

As of June 30, 2024, the Board had a commitment with an architect and a contractor for several construction projects currently in progress in the district. At year-end, the Board's commitments with the architect and contractor for the remaining portion of the contracts related to these projects totaled approximately \$12.5 million.

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6. Right to Use Leased Assets

The Board has recorded one right to use leased asset. The asset is a right to use asset for leased copiers. The related lease is discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of the footnotes. The right to use leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Right to use asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Right to use assets:				
Leased equipment	\$ 582,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 582,692
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased equipment	48,558	116,538	-	165,096
Right to use assets, net	<u>\$ 534,134</u>	<u>\$ (116,538)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 417,596</u>

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan and Other Postemployment Obligations

a. Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

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

*Benefits Provided.* TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

TSERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan



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

*Contributions.* Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Board employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the TSERS Board of Trustees. The Board’s contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 was 17.63% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Board were \$8,177,365 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Board reported a liability of \$43,822,307 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Board’s long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating TSERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and at June 30, 2022, the Board’s proportion was 0.2628% and 0.2495%, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Board recognized pension expense of \$11,396,437. At June 30, 2024, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,572,555	\$ 323,440
Changes of assumptions	1,538,981	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	12,204,509	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,271,037	234,527
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>8,177,365</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,764,447</u>	<u>\$ 557,967</u>

\$8,177,365 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension

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liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ 5,833,463
2026	3,575,917
2027	8,098,397
2028	<u>521,338</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,029,115</u>

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33.0%	0.9%
Global Equity	38.0%	6.5%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.9%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.2%
Credit	7.0%	5.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	2.7%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

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

*Discount rate.* The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability reported at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was 6.50% for both years. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

	<u>1% Decrease (5.50%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (6.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.50%)</u>
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 75,232,632	\$ 43,822,307	\$ 17,909,808

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

b. Other Postemployment Benefits

1. Healthcare Benefits

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

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Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan.

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

*Benefits provided.* Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees. The plan options change when former employees become eligible for Medicare. Medicare retirees have the option of selecting one of two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PDP) options of the self-funded Traditional 70/30 preferred Provider Organization plan option that is also offered to non-Medicare members. If the Traditional 70/30 Plan is selected by a Medicare retiree, the self-funded State Health Plan coverage is secondary to Medicare.

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

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

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

*Contributions.* By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to RHBF are irrevocable. Also, by law, fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF. However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer the RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state-supported retired employees' health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-

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as-you-go basis are determined by the General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Board contributed 7.14% of covered payroll, which amounted to \$3,311,763 for the entire fiscal year. During the current fiscal year, the plan also recognized a one-time transfer of excess funding from the Public Employees Health Benefits Fund totaling \$35.0 million, which was isolated from the OPEB expense and allocated to participating employers as a separate revenue item. The Board's proportionate share of this allocation totaled \$79,655.

At June 30, 2024, the Board reported a liability of \$60,634,036 for its proportionate share of the RHBF net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Board's proportion was 0.2275% and 0.2152%, respectively.

\$3,311,763 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2025	\$ (3,869,673)
2026	(4,077,390)
2027	(1,502,222)
2028	<u>1,807,393</u>
Total	<u>\$ (7,641,892)</u>

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25-8.05%, include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%

Healthcare cost trend rates:

Medical	5.00-6.50%
Prescription drug	5.00-10.00%
Administrative costs	3.00%
Post-retirement mortality rates	Pub-2010 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females, adjusted for classification for some Participants, further adjusted with scaling factors varying by participant group, and projected for mortality improvement using Scale MP-2019

*Discount rate.* The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability for the RHBF at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were 3.65% and 3.54%, respectively. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 3.65% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 3.65% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2023.

*Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate

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that is 1-percentage point lower (2.65 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.65 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% decrease (2.65%)	Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 71,528,814	\$ 60,634,036	\$ 51,760,086

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

	Healthcare Trend Rates		
	1% Decrease (Medical - 4.00-5.50%, Pharmacy - 4.00-9.00%, Medicare Advantage - 4.00%, Administrative - 2.00%)	(Medical - 5.00-6.50%, Pharmacy - 5.00-10.00%, Medicare Advantage - 5.00%, Administrative - 3.00%)	1% increase (Medical -6.00- 7.50%, Pharmacy - 6.00- 11.00%, Medicare Advantage - 6.00%, Administrative - 4.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 50,058,434	\$ 60,634,036	\$ 74,269,948

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

**2. Disability Benefits**

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

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

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

*Benefits Provided.* Long-term disability benefits are payable as an OPEB from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provide the following requirements are met: (1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in TSERS or ORP, earned within 96 months prior to the end of the short-term disability period or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers’ Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3)

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the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS after (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing 5 years of membership service, or (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service, or (3) completing 30 years of service at any age.

*Contributions.* Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Bill by the General Assembly and coincide with the State fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, employers made a statutory contribution of 0.11% of covered payroll which was equal to the actuarially required contribution. Board contributions to the plan were \$51,022 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Board reported a liability of \$61,147 for its proportionate share of the DIPNC net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Board's proportion was 0.2299% and 0.2183%, respectively.

\$51,022 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ 30,485
2026	18,752
2027	29,404
2028	11,598
2029	6,608
Thereafter	<u>4,009</u>
Total	<u>\$ 100,856</u>

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

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

*Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate

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that is 1-percentage point lower (2.00 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.00 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.00%)	Discount Rate (3.00%)	1% Increase (4.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 73,507	\$ 61,147	\$ 48,562

*Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans.* The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB liability was calculated through the use of update procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The update procedures incorporated the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. The entry age normal cost method was utilized.

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

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

DIPNC is primarily invested in the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2023. The long-term expected rate of return was determined based on the combination of expected future real rates of return and expected inflation. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2023 is 1.2%.

Following is information related to OPEB expense, proportionate share, assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources reported by the Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	RHBFB	DIPNC	Total
OPEB expense (benefit)	\$ (2,135,608)	\$ 85,923	\$ (2,049,685)
OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 60,634,036	\$ 61,147	\$ 60,695,183
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability / asset	0.22750%	0.22990%	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 667,699	\$ 53,587	\$ 721,286
Changes of assumptions	6,568,512	4,456	6,572,968
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	484,376	79,866	564,242
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	4,733,333	11,612	4,744,945
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,311,763	51,022	3,362,785
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 15,765,683</u>	<u>\$ 200,543</u>	<u>\$ 15,966,226</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 59,409	\$ 33,868	\$ 93,277
Changes of assumptions	16,176,671	10,438	16,187,109
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,859,732	4,359	3,864,091
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 20,095,812</u>	<u>\$ 48,665</u>	<u>\$ 20,144,477</u>



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2. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Vendors and Other</u>
Governmental activities:	
General Fund	\$ 546,577
Other governmental activities	<u>105,794</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 652,371</u>

3. Unearned Revenues

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

Business-type activities:	
Prepayments of meals (School Food Service Fund)	<u>\$ 14,005</u>

4. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,293,841	\$ 416,717
Changes of assumptions	8,111,949	16,187,109
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension and OPEB plan investments	12,768,751	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	6,015,982	4,098,618
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>11,540,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 42,730,673</u>	<u>\$ 20,702,444</u>

5. Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Through commercial companies, the Board maintains general liability and errors and omissions insurance coverage of \$1 million per claim and an aggregate limit of \$2 million. Statutory workers' compensation coverage is purchased through a private insurer for employees to the extent they are paid from Federal and local funds. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the State of North Carolina through a self-insured fund, to the extent employees are paid from State funds. Business property insurance is also purchased through commercial companies. The policy coverage insures the tangible property assets of the Board. Buildings and contents are insured on an agreed value basis. The Board carries additional flood insurance coverage of \$5 million purchased through commercial companies.

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

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Through the Plan, permanent full-time employees of the Board are eligible to receive health care benefits. The Board pays most of the cost of coverage for employees enrolled in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.

In accordance with G.S. 115C-442, the Board’s employees who have custody of the Board’s monies at any given time are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$100,000.

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

6. Long-Term Obligations

a. Leases

The Board has entered into an agreement to lease certain equipment. The lease agreement qualifies as an other than short-term lease under GASB 87 and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of its inception.

The agreement was effective February 1, 2023, to lease copier machines and requires 60 monthly payments of \$11,676.94. There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liability is measured at an imputed discount rate of 7.50%. As a result of the lease, the Board has recorded a right to use asset with a net book value of \$417,596 on June 30, 2024. The right to use asset is discussed in more detail in Note 1.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments and the net present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024:

Year Ending June 30:	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2025	110,957	29,166	140,123
2026	119,571	20,552	140,123
2027	128,854	11,269	140,123
2028	79,665	2,075	81,740
Totals	<u>\$ 439,047</u>	<u>\$ 63,062</u>	<u>\$ 502,109</u>

b. Direct Placement Installment Purchases

The Board is authorized to finance the purchase of school buses under G.S. 115C-528(a). Session law 2003-284, section 7.25 authorized the State Board of Education to allot monies for the payments on financing contracts entered into pursuant to G.S. 115C-528. The State has accepted the bid to purchase Thomas Built Buses through special third-party direct placement financing arrangements. The Board entered into such a financing contract for the purchase of school buses during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The buses are pledged as collateral for the debt while the debt is outstanding. The original amount of the installment purchase contract outstanding at June 30, 2024 totaled \$103,936. The contract requires four equal principal-only payments with the first payment due within 10 days of receipt of the buses and the following 3 payments due on the next 3 immediately following November 15<sup>th</sup> dates.

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The future minimum payments of the installment purchases as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u> <u>Principal</u>
2025	<u>\$ 25,981</u>

c. Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the Board's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	<u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Governmental activities:					
Direct placement installment purchases	\$ 241,973	\$ -	\$ 215,992	\$ 25,981	\$ 25,981
Lease liabilities	542,011	-	102,964	439,047	110,957
Net pension liability	35,387,852	6,487,211	-	41,875,063	-
Net OPEB liability	48,902,580	9,095,613	-	57,998,193	-
Compensated absences	4,044,758	3,236,326	3,014,523	4,266,561	2,384,873
Total	<u>\$ 89,119,174</u>	<u>\$ 18,819,150</u>	<u>\$ 3,333,479</u>	<u>\$104,604,845</u>	<u>\$ 2,521,811</u>
Business-type activities:					
Net pension liability	\$ 1,647,984	\$ 299,260	\$ -	\$ 1,947,244	\$ -
Net OPEB liability	2,277,353	419,637	-	2,696,990	-
Compensated absences	157,314	164,566	143,284	178,596	122,001
Total	<u>\$ 4,082,651</u>	<u>\$ 883,463</u>	<u>\$ 143,284</u>	<u>\$ 4,822,830</u>	<u>\$ 122,001</u>

Compensated absences, net pension and net OPEB liabilities related to governmental activities are typically liquidated by the General and other governmental funds. Installment purchases are typically liquidated by the Capital Outlay Fund.

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

1. Transfers to/from other Funds

Transfers to/from other funds during the year ended June 30, 2024 consisted of \$45,000 transferred from the State Public School Fund to the School Food Service Fund for personnel costs.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Federal Grants Fund purchased capitalized equipment for the School Food Service Fund totaling \$20,281. This amount is presented as a transfer between governmental and business-type activities in Exhibit 2 and as contributed capital in Exhibit 8.

2. Interfund Balances

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 consisted of \$25,029 payable from the General Fund to the Individual Schools Fund for STIF deposits held and \$44,491 payable from the Individual Schools Fund to the General Fund for P-card charges. These balances are expected to be paid by June 30, 2025.

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D. Net Position/Fund Balance

1. Net Investment in Capital Assets – Governmental Activities

Net investment in capital assets presented in Exhibit 1 is calculated as follows:

Total governmental activities capital assets	\$ 54,619,194
Less:	
Installment purchase obligations for school buses	(25,981)
Lease liabilities	<u>(439,047)</u>
Net investment in capital assets, governmental activities	<u>\$ 54,154,166</u>

2. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is available for appropriation at June 30, 2024:

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 2,826,486
Less:	
Stabilization by State statute	(54,068)
Appropriated fund balance in 2024-2025 budget	<u>(1,000,000)</u>
Fund balance available for appropriation	<u>\$ 1,772,418</u>

**NOTE 3 – RESTRICTED REVENUE FUND – OTHER REVENUES**

Other revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 in the Restricted Revenue Fund consists of the following:

Medicaid reimbursement program	\$ 741,784
Indirect costs allocated	186,074
Other	<u>309,027</u>
Total other revenues	<u>\$ 1,236,885</u>

**NOTE 4 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES**

Federal and State Assisted Programs

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

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## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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Schedule of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
*Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System*

Schedule of Board Contributions  
*Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System*

Schedule of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)  
*Retiree Health Benefit Fund*

Schedule of Board Contributions  
*Retiree Health Benefit Fund*

Schedule of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)  
*Disability Income Plan of North Carolina*

Schedule of Board Contributions  
*Disability Income Plan of North Carolina*

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS\***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Board's proportion of the net pension liability/asset	0.263%	0.250%	0.240%	0.250%	0.259%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 43,822,307	\$ 37,035,836	\$ 11,251,822	\$ 30,252,112	\$ 26,881,520
Board's covered payroll	\$ 44,595,863	\$ 41,470,897	\$ 38,574,465	\$ 39,318,843	\$ 41,170,586
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	98.27%	89.31%	29.17%	76.94%	65.29%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.97%	84.14%	94.86%	85.98%	87.56%
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Board's proportion of the net pension liability/asset	0.263%	0.269%	0.275%	0.270%	0.271%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 26,135,729	\$ 21,305,561	\$ 25,241,334	\$ 9,964,775	\$ 3,178,433
Board's covered payroll	\$ 38,129,824	\$ 38,072,480	\$ 35,175,224	\$ 37,313,093	\$ 35,729,298
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	68.54%	55.96%	71.76%	26.71%	8.90%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.61%	89.51%	87.32%	94.64%	98.24%

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

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS  
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 8,177,365	\$ 7,750,761	\$ 6,792,933	\$ 5,701,306	\$ 5,099,654
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>8,177,365</u>	<u>7,750,761</u>	<u>6,792,933</u>	<u>5,701,306</u>	<u>5,099,654</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 46,383,239	\$ 44,595,863	\$ 41,470,897	\$ 38,574,465	\$ 39,318,843
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.63%	17.38%	16.38%	14.78%	12.97%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 5,059,865	\$ 4,110,395	\$ 3,799,634	\$ 3,218,533	\$ 3,414,148
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>5,059,865</u>	<u>4,110,395</u>	<u>3,799,634</u>	<u>3,218,533</u>	<u>3,414,148</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 41,170,586	\$ 38,129,824	\$ 38,072,480	\$ 35,175,224	\$ 37,313,093
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.29%	10.78%	9.98%	9.15%	9.15%

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS\***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.228%	0.215%	0.208%	0.221%	0.228%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 60,634,036	\$ 51,114,984	\$ 64,411,115	\$ 61,364,257	\$ 72,121,857
Board's covered payroll	\$ 44,595,863	\$ 41,470,897	\$ 38,574,465	\$ 39,318,843	\$ 41,170,586
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	135.96%	123.26%	155.32%	156.07%	175.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	10.73%	10.58%	7.72%	6.92%	4.40%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>		
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.234%	0.242%	0.238%		
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 66,705,494	\$ 79,378,771	\$ 103,609,585		
Board's covered payroll	\$ 38,129,824	\$ 38,072,480	\$ 35,175,224		
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	174.94%	208.49%	294.55%		
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	4.40%	3.52%	2.41%		

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Note: This is a ten year schedule. However, GASB 75 was not adopted until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Therefore, there are only eight years of data presented.



**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS  
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,311,763	\$ 3,072,655	\$ 2,608,520	\$ 2,576,774	\$ 2,543,929
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>3,311,763</u>	<u>3,072,655</u>	<u>2,608,520</u>	<u>2,576,774</u>	<u>2,543,929</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 46,383,239	\$ 44,595,863	\$ 41,470,897	\$ 38,574,465	\$ 39,318,843
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.14%	6.89%	6.29%	6.68%	6.47%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,581,396	\$ 2,306,854	\$ 2,202,889	\$ 2,063,968	\$ 2,031,141
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>2,581,396</u>	<u>2,306,854</u>	<u>2,202,889</u>	<u>2,063,968</u>	<u>2,031,141</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 41,170,586	\$ 38,129,824	\$ 38,072,480	\$ 35,175,224	\$ 37,313,093
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.27%	6.05%	5.81%	5.60%	5.49%

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)  
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS\***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.230%	0.218%	0.211%	0.219%	0.231%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 61,147	\$ 64,949	\$ (34,470)	\$ (107,755)	\$ (99,763)
Board's covered payroll	\$ 44,595,863	\$ 41,470,897	\$ 38,574,465	\$ 39,318,843	\$ 41,170,586
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.14%	0.16%	0.08%	0.27%	0.24%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	90.61%	90.34%	105.18%	115.57%	113.00%

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	2019	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.233%	0.238%	0.246%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (70,791)	\$ (145,184)	\$ (152,716)
Board's covered payroll	\$ 38,129,824	\$ 38,072,480	\$ 35,175,224
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.19%	0.38%	0.43%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	108.47%	116.23%	116.06%

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS  
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 51,022	\$ 44,596	\$ 37,324	\$ 34,717	\$ 39,319
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>51,022</u>	<u>44,596</u>	<u>37,324</u>	<u>34,717</u>	<u>39,319</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 46,383,239	\$ 44,595,863	\$ 41,470,897	\$ 38,574,465	\$ 39,318,843
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.11%	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 57,639	\$ 53,382	\$ 144,079	\$ 151,112	\$ 151,688
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>57,639</u>	<u>53,382</u>	<u>144,079</u>	<u>151,112</u>	<u>151,688</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 41,170,586	\$ 38,129,824	\$ 38,072,480	\$ 35,175,224	\$ 37,313,093
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.14%	0.14%	0.38%	0.41%	0.41%

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**INDIVIDUAL FUND BUDGETARY SCHEDULES**

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**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:			
Richmond County:			
County appropriation	\$ 8,694,379	\$ 8,694,379	\$ -
U.S. Government:			
ROTC	102,000	97,810	(4,190)
Other:			
Fines and forfeitures	110,000	112,964	2,964
Interest earned on investment	25,000	100,211	75,211
Indirect costs allocated	335,000	206,586	(128,414)
Rental of school property	1,500	400	(1,100)
Refunds and reimbursements	255,000	288,257	33,257
Miscellaneous	1,200	15,518	14,318
Total other	<u>727,700</u>	<u>723,936</u>	<u>(3,764)</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,524,079</u>	<u>9,516,125</u>	<u>(7,954)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instructional services:			
Regular instructional		2,229,986	
Special populations		13,268	
Alternative programs		56,716	
School leadership		423,319	
Co-curricular		116,642	
School-based support		204,749	
Total instructional services	<u>3,130,159</u>	<u>3,044,680</u>	<u>85,479</u>
System-wide support services:			
Support and development		889,216	
Special population support and development		139,856	
Operational support		4,800,511	
Financial and human resource services		793,752	
Accountability		7,391	
System-wide pupil support		748	
Policy, leadership and public relations		691,840	
Total system-wide support services	<u>7,408,420</u>	<u>7,323,314</u>	<u>85,106</u>

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (Continued)**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Expenditures: (Continued)			
Current:			
Ancillary services:			
Community		7,498	
Total ancillary services	<u>9,431</u>	<u>7,498</u>	<u>1,933</u>
Non-programmed charges:			
Payments to other governments	<u>76,069</u>	<u>76,069</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>10,624,079</u>	<u>10,451,561</u>	<u>172,518</u>
Revenues under expenditures	(1,100,000)	(935,436)	164,564
Other financing sources:			
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	27,380	27,380
Fund balance appropriated	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,100,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(908,056)</u>	<u>\$ (908,056)</u>
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		<u>3,734,542</u>	
End of year		<u>\$ 2,826,486</u>	

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:			
State of North Carolina:			
State Buses Appropriation	\$ 215,992	\$ 215,992	\$ -
Richmond County:			
Restricted portion of sales tax	2,005,500	1,994,923	(10,577)
General county revenues	423,500	423,500	-
Total Richmond County	<u>2,429,000</u>	<u>2,418,423</u>	<u>(10,577)</u>
Other:			
Interest earned on investments	-	38,031	38,031
Miscellaneous	-	20,787	20,787
Total other	<u>-</u>	<u>58,818</u>	<u>58,818</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,644,992</u>	<u>2,693,233</u>	<u>48,241</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
System-wide support services:			
Operational support		147,108	
Total system-wide support services	<u>459,587</u>	<u>147,108</u>	<u>312,479</u>
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	<u>215,992</u>	<u>215,992</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay:			
Real property, buildings and improvements		2,178,824	
Furnishings and equipment		22,951	
Total capital outlay	<u>2,274,000</u>	<u>2,201,775</u>	<u>72,225</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,949,579</u>	<u>2,564,875</u>	<u>384,704</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(304,587)	128,358	432,945
Other financing sources:			
Installment purchase obligations issued	<u>304,587</u>	-	<u>(304,587)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	128,358	<u>\$ 128,358</u>
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		<u>1,801,899</u>	
End of year		<u>\$ 1,930,257</u>	

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)**  
**SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Operating revenues - food sales	\$ 467,812	\$ 315,146	\$ (152,666)
Operating expenditures:			
Business support services:			
Purchase of food		1,774,482	
Donated commodities		288,449	
Salaries and benefits		3,366,682	
Indirect costs		180,078	
Materials and supplies		276,101	
Repairs and maintenance		48,098	
Non-capitalized equipment		10,411	
Contracted services		11,462	
Other		103,989	
Capital outlay		12,542	
Total operating expenditures	6,455,681	6,072,294	383,387
Operating loss	(5,987,869)	(5,757,148)	230,721
Nonoperating revenues:			
Federal reimbursements and grants	5,100,869	4,948,096	(152,773)
Federal commodities	337,000	288,449	(48,551)
Total nonoperating revenues	5,437,869	5,236,545	(201,324)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures before other financing sources and fund balance appropriated	(550,000)	(520,603)	29,397
Other financing sources:			
Transfers from other funds	150,000	45,000	(105,000)
Fund balance appropriated	400,000	-	(400,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(475,603)	\$ (475,603)
Reconciliation of modified accrual to full accrual basis:			
Reconciling items:			
Depreciation		(102,387)	
Net pension liability		(299,260)	
Net OPEB liability		(419,637)	
Deferred outflows - pension and OPEB		375,026	
Deferred inflows - pension and OPEB		450,129	
Capital contributions		20,281	
Equipment purchases		12,542	
Increase in compensated absences payable		(21,282)	
Decrease in inventories		(85,443)	
Change in net position (full accrual)		\$ (545,634)	



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## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance  
with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Richmond County Board of Education  
Hamlet, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Richmond County Board of Education, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprises the Richmond County Board of Education, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2024.

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

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### ***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

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

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

*August 20, 2024  
Rockingham, North Carolina*



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Report On Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on  
Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit  
Implementation Act

To the Richmond County Board of Education  
Hamlet, North Carolina

### ***Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program***

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Richmond County Board of Education, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Richmond County Board of Education'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, the Richmond County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the 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, 2024.

#### ***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 (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of Richmond County Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Richmond County Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

*August 20, 2024  
Rockingham, North Carolina*



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Report On Compliance for Each Major State Program and Report on  
Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit  
Implementation Act

To the Richmond County Board of Education  
Hamlet, North Carolina

### ***Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program***

#### ***Opinion on Each Major State Program***

We have audited Richmond County Board of Education, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Richmond County Board of Education's major State programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Richmond County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and applicable sections of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of Richmond County Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Richmond County Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

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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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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



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

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

*August 20, 2024  
Rockingham, North Carolina*

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance to GAAP: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None Identified for Reporting*

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? *No*

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None Identified for Reporting*

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? *No*

Identification of major federal programs:

<b>AL Number</b>	<b>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</b>
84.425	COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund
	Child Nutrition Cluster:
10.555	National School Lunch Program (Commodities)
10.553	School Breakfast Program
10.555	National School Lunch Program
10.555	After School Snack Program
10.559	Summer Food Service Program for Children
10.555	Supply Chain Assistance Funds
10.579	Child Nutrition Discretionary Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs *\$ 750,000*

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? *Yes*

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**State Awards**

Internal control over major State programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None Identified for Reporting

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

*Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act?

No

Identification of major State programs:

Program Name

State Public School Fund  
Career and Technical Education – State Months of Employment

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Major State Programs

\$ 500,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

None reported.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported.

**Section IV - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported.

***RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024***

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There were no audit findings reported in the prior year.

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Grantor/Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>AL</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>State/</u> <u>Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor's</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>Federal Grants:</b>			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Noncash Assistance (Commodities):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	\$ 288,449
Cash Assistance:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	PRC 035	1,373,315
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	3,333,375
Supply Chain Assistance Funds	10.555	PRC 035	161,780
After School Snack Program	10.555	PRC 035	21,685
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	PRC 035	57,941
Child Nutrition Discretionary Funds	10.579	PRC 053	20,281
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>4,968,377</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>5,256,826</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>5,256,826</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	PRC 050, 115	4,174,738
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	PRC 103	487,276
Language Acquisition Grant	84.365	PRC 104, 111	54,261
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	PRC 026	60,521
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	PRC 108	236,768
Rural and Low Income Schools	84.358	PRC 109	146,051
Special Education Cluster:			
Grants to States - IDEA, part B (611)	84.027	PRC 060	1,822,895
Special Needs Targeted Assistance	84.027	PRC 118	16,953
Preschool Grants - IDEA, Part B (619)	84.173	PRC 049	66,193
Preschool Targeted Assistance	84.173	PRC 119	868
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>1,906,909</u>
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	PRC 082	<u>10,000</u>
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States			
Program Development	84.048	PRC 017	<u>217,113</u>

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal AL Number	State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund:			
CARES Act:			
COVID-19 - Rethink Education Stipends	84.425B	PRC 146	3,980
COVID-19 - GEER I - Specialized Instructional Support Personnel for COVID-19 Response	84.425C	PRC 169	72,406
COVID-19 - GEER I - Supplemental Instructional Services	84.425C	PRC 170	4,840
CRRSA:			
COVID-19 - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund - ESSER II	84.425D	PRC 171	2,295,829
COVID-19 - ESSER II - Summer Career Accel. Program	84.425D	PRC 177	64,551
ARP:			
COVID-19 - ESSER III - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	PRC 181	7,789,294
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Homeless	84.425W	PRC 183	245
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Homeless II	84.425W	PRC 184	13,744
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Summer Career Accel. Programs	84.425U	PRC 188	175,640
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Math Enrichment Programs	84.425U	PRC 189	101,695
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Cyberbullying & Suicide Prevention Grants	84.425U	PRC 192	21,670
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Educational and Competive After-School Robotics Grant Program	84.425U	PRC 201	38,807
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Driver Training	84.425U	PRC 205	1,712
Total COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		<u>10,584,413</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>17,878,050</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>			
Direct Program:			
ROTC	12.000		<u>97,810</u>
<b>Total Federal Assistance</b>			<b><u>23,232,686</u></b>
<b>State Grants:</b>			
<u>N.C. Department of Public Instruction</u>			
Cash Assistance:			
State Public School Fund		Various	54,823,208
Career and Technical Education:			
State Months of Employment		PRC 013	2,624,969
Program Support Funds		PRC 014	123,584
Driver Training		PRC 012	122,082
School Technology Fund		PRC 015	<u>76,279</u>
Cash assistance subtotal			<u>57,770,122</u>
Non-Cash Assistance:			
State Buses Appropriation		PRC 120	<u>215,992</u>
Total N.C. Department of Public Instruction			<u>57,986,114</u>

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Grantor/Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>AL</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>State/</u> <u>Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor's</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
Division of Child Development:			
Smart Start		PRC 409	109,800
N.C. Pre-Kindergarten Program		PRC 413	1,181,931
School Nurse Funding Initiative		PRC 615	<u>212,021</u>
Total N.C. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>1,503,752</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Arts Council:			
Arts in Education			<u>55,388</u>
<b>Total State Assistance</b>			<b><u>59,545,254</u></b>
<b>Total Federal and State Assistance</b>			<b><u>\$ 82,777,940</u></b>

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards:

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of Richmond County Board of Education under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Richmond County Board of Education, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Richmond County Board of Education.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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