

**CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Education  
Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe 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 GAAP, 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our 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 GAAS 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 one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

GAAP requires that management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the 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 (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, 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 financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the 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 District’s basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 October 15, 2024 on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



October 15, 2024

**Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)**

June 30, 2024

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**Introduction**

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District (the District) provides an overview of the District's financial performance and activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information contained in the MD&A should be considered in conjunction with the information presented as part of the District's financial statements that follow. This MD&A, the financial statements, and notes thereto are essential to obtaining a full understanding of the District's financial position and results of operations. The District's financial statements have the following components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) governmental fund financial statements, (3) reconciliations between the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements, (4) fiduciary fund statements, (5) notes to the financial statements, and (6) supplementary information.

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during each year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods. The government-wide financial statements present information about the District as a whole. All of the activities of the District are considered to be governmental activities.

Governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of resources, as well as on balances of resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. The reconciliation portion of the financial statements facilitates the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Fiduciary funds are used to report fiduciary activities, which may include pension and other postemployment benefit trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. The District maintains a custodial fund for student activity accounts. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's programs.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the government-wide, governmental fund, and fiduciary fund financial statements.

Supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statements and includes information required by generally accepted accounting principles, the New York State Education Department, and the Federal government.

<b>Condensed Statement of Net Position</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023	Change	
			\$	%
Current and other assets	\$ 47,155,000	\$ 41,932,000	\$ 5,223,000	12.5%
Capital assets	29,043,000	30,358,000	(1,315,000)	(4.3%)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>76,198,000</b>	<b>72,290,000</b>	<b>3,908,000</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>6,462,000</b>	<b>8,314,000</b>	<b>(1,852,000)</b>	<b>(22.3%)</b>
Long-term liabilities	15,313,000	16,857,000	(1,544,000)	(9.2%)
Other liabilities	2,590,000	2,871,000	(281,000)	(9.8%)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,903,000</b>	<b>19,728,000</b>	<b>(1,825,000)</b>	<b>(9.3%)</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>1,059,000</b>	<b>693,000</b>	<b>366,000</b>	<b>52.8%</b>
<b>Net position</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	17,552,000	16,916,000	636,000	3.8%
Restricted	33,624,000	29,956,000	3,668,000	12.2%
Unrestricted	12,522,000	13,311,000	(789,000)	(5.9%)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 63,698,000</b>	<b>\$ 60,183,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,515,000</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

Net position amounted to \$63,698,000 and \$60,183,000 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. A portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets consisting of land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment, less outstanding debt used to acquire or lease those assets. The District uses capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

The District's net position includes resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. These reserves are set aside for specific purposes governed by laws and regulations and include the capital reserve, which is dedicated to future renovations as approved by the District's voters; the retirement contribution reserve, which can be used to fund required District contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS); and the employee benefit accrued liability reserve, which must be used to pay future accumulated vacation and sick time. Other restricted resources include the insurance, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, tax certiorari, and debt service reserves and amounts restricted for scholarships.

Total assets increased by \$3,908,000 (\$11,087,000 decrease in 2023). Current and other assets increased by \$5,223,000 (decrease of \$8,928,000 in 2023) and capital assets decreased by \$1,315,000 (decrease of \$2,159,000 in 2023). The increase in current and other assets due to an increase in cash and investments as a result of operations during the year. Capital assets decreased due to depreciation and amortization expense exceeding capital outlays.

Total liabilities decreased \$1,825,000 (\$1,645,000 increase in 2023). Long-term liabilities decreased \$1,544,000 (\$1,201,000 increase in 2023) primarily as a result of principal repayments of \$1,840,000 on outstanding bonds. Other liabilities decreased by \$281,000 (\$440,000 increase in 2023) due to a decrease in accounts payable of \$328,000 as a result of timing at the end of the year.

Changes in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources include changes in pension activity at the State level which are required to be reflected in the District's financial statements. Deferred outflows of resources include contributions required to be paid by the District to the State pension systems after the measurement date. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources also reflect variances from actuarial assumptions, actual results of investment earnings compared to projected earnings, and changes of assumptions. Also included in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are differences between expected and actual experience and changes of assumptions related to the District's total OPEB liability.

<b>Condensed Statement of Activities</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023	Change	
			\$	%
<b>Revenues</b>				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 57,000	\$ 115,000	\$ (58,000)	(50.4%)
Operating grants and contributions	5,134,000	3,716,000	1,418,000	38.2%
General revenues				
Real property taxes	15,474,000	15,475,000	(1,000)	(0.0%)
Sales tax	2,036,000	2,078,000	(42,000)	(2.0%)
State aid	21,967,000	21,413,000	554,000	2.6%
Other	2,191,000	1,629,000	562,000	34.5%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>46,859,000</b>	<b>44,426,000</b>	<b>2,433,000</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Instruction	32,599,000	30,122,000	2,477,000	8.2%
Support services				
General support	5,239,000	5,682,000	(443,000)	(7.8%)
Pupil transportation	2,807,000	2,600,000	207,000	8.0%
Food service	1,048,000	952,000	96,000	10.1%
Interest	310,000	368,000	(58,000)	(15.8%)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>42,003,000</b>	<b>39,724,000</b>	<b>2,279,000</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
Change in net position	4,856,000	4,702,000	154,000	3.3%
Net position – beginning	60,183,000	55,481,000	4,702,000	8.5%
Prior period restatement	(1,341,000)	-	(1,341,000)	100.0%
<b>Net position – ending</b>	<b>\$ 63,698,000</b>	<b>\$ 60,183,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,515,000</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

District revenues increased \$2,433,000 (\$2,824,000 or 6.8% increase in 2023). State aid increased \$554,000 (increase of \$2,442,000 in 2023) as a result of additional general aid provided by the State. The District's operating grants and contributions increased by \$1,418,000 (an increase of \$395,000 in 2023), primarily from Education Stabilization Fund grant increases of \$1,143,000 and food service reimbursement as a result of increased meals served and rates from the State.

Total expenses increased \$2,279,000 (\$4,841,000 or 13.9% increase in 2023). BOCES services increased \$759,000 due to the number of special education students requiring services and additional technology needs, transportation costs increased \$186,000 due to an increase in special education students, tuition costs increased \$688,000 due to additional students and rates, payroll expenses increased \$115,000, and TRS and ERS pension expense increased \$335,000.

### Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Total fund balances for the governmental funds increased \$6,464,000 to \$41,599,000 as described below:

- Total fund revenues increased \$5,169,000 or 12.1% (\$1,814,000 or 4.4% increase in 2023) primarily due to increases in general fund state aid of \$3,305,000, an increase in interest earnings of \$840,000 as a result of increased interest rates during the year, and grants noted above.
- Total fund expenditures increased by \$2,704,000 or 7.0% (\$2,373,000 or 6.5% increase in 2023) primarily due to the increased expenditures noted above. Additionally, capital outlay increased by \$389,000 due to the beginning stages of the voter-approved capital improvement project.
- The general fund experienced a decrease in fund balance of \$1,676,000 during 2024 compared to a \$4,094,000 increase in 2023 which was primarily due to a transfer from the general fund in the amount of \$8,450,000 to the capital projects fund related to the voter-approved capital improvement project.

## General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The revenue budget for 2024 was \$37,879,000. Actual revenues amounted to \$42,702,000, a favorable difference of \$4,823,000. State aid and interest earnings were greater than budget by \$2,587,000 and \$1,706,000, respectively.

Actual expenditures and carryover encumbrances were less than the final amended budget by \$4,438,000 or 10.8%. The difference is attributable to many factors and many unknown items when the budget is prepared. Because of the uncertainty of educational funding levels by the State, the District cautiously managed its budget to generate savings in pupil services, teaching - regular school, and programs for children with handicapping conditions.

## Capital Assets

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 368,000	\$ 368,000
Construction in progress	730,000	28,000
Land improvements	4,184,000	4,184,000
Buildings and improvements	65,834,000	65,834,000
Furniture and equipment	2,475,000	2,348,000
Vehicles	497,000	489,000
	<u>74,088,000</u>	<u>73,251,000</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(45,830,000)	(43,350,000)
	<u>28,258,000</u>	<u>29,901,000</u>
Right-to-use leased equipment, net	785,000	457,000
	<u>\$ 29,043,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,358,000</u>

Current year additions of \$1,365,000 were offset by depreciation and amortization expense and disposals of \$2,680,000.

## Debt

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$10,605,000 in bonds outstanding, with \$1,875,000 due within one year (\$12,445,000 outstanding at June 30, 2023). Outstanding compensated absences payable were \$368,000, with \$74,000 expected to be paid within one year (\$290,000 outstanding at June 30, 2023).

Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

## Current Financial Issues and Concerns

Federal revenue sources remain elevated due to pandemic-related funding but are expected to decrease in 2024-2025. The District continues to plan for years when these additional funds are no longer available. School districts in New York State also remain impacted by the political pressures imposed on elected officials in funding of education. Year to year changes in funding levels and State aid formulas complicate this planning process.

## Contact for the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our District residents, taxpayers, parents, students, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Wayne Drescher, Business Manager, Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District, 166 Halstead Avenue, Sloan, New York 14212.

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Statement of Net Position**

June 30, 2024

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,269,444
Accounts and state and federal aid receivable	3,949,540
Due from other governments	800,941
Investments	16,120,091
Inventory	15,220
Capital assets (Note 6)	75,166,783
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(46,123,982)</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>76,198,037</u></b>

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	6,344,714
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>117,245</u>
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b><u>6,461,959</u></b>

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable	623,031
Accrued liabilities	500,978
Due to retirement systems	1,415,145
Unearned revenue	51,486
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year:	
Bonds	1,875,000
Compensated absences	73,698
Due beyond one year:	
Bonds and related premiums	9,615,598
Compensated absences	294,791
Net pension liability	1,986,288
Total OPEB liability	<u>1,467,612</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>17,903,627</u></b>

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	1,045,026
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>13,594</u>
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b><u>1,058,620</u></b>

**Net Position**

Net investment in capital assets	17,552,203
Restricted	33,623,771
Unrestricted	<u>12,521,775</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<b><u>\$ 63,697,749</u></b>

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Statement of Activities**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
General support	\$ 5,239,510	\$ 2,630	\$ -	\$ (5,236,880)
Instruction	32,599,392	16,549	4,136,750	(28,446,093)
Pupil transportation	2,806,885	-	-	(2,806,885)
Interest expense	309,671	-	-	(309,671)
School food service	1,048,400	37,819	997,720	(12,861)
	<u>\$ 42,003,858</u>	<u>\$ 56,998</u>	<u>\$ 5,134,470</u>	<u>(36,812,390)</u>
<b>General revenues</b>				
				15,473,960
Real property taxes				2,035,885
Sales tax				2,191,193
Miscellaneous				21,966,673
State aid				<u>41,667,711</u>
				<b>Total general revenues</b>
				<u>41,667,711</u>
				Change in net position
				4,855,321
				Net position - beginning
				60,182,961
				Error correction (Note 2)
				(1,340,533)
				Net position - beginning as restated
				<u>58,842,428</u>
				<b>Net position - ending</b>
				<u>\$ 63,697,749</u>

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**

June 30, 2024

	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	Food Service	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,711,878	\$ 50,742	\$ 8,122,471	\$ 234,504	\$ 149,849	\$ 26,269,444
Accounts and state and federal aid receivable	2,560,407	1,324,678	-	64,455	-	3,949,540
Due from other governments	800,941	-	-	-	-	800,941
Due from other funds, net	1,376,007	-	-	16,158	-	1,392,165
Investments	14,600,982	-	-	-	1,519,109	16,120,091
Inventory	-	-	-	15,220	-	15,220
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 37,050,215</b>	<b>\$ 1,375,420</b>	<b>\$ 8,122,471</b>	<b>\$ 330,337</b>	<b>\$ 1,668,958</b>	<b>\$ 48,547,401</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 594,539	\$ 7,806	\$ -	\$ 20,686	\$ -	\$ 623,031
Accrued liabilities	335,908	194	-	876	-	336,978
Due to retirement systems	1,415,145	-	-	-	-	1,415,145
Due to other funds, net	-	1,367,420	24,745	-	-	1,392,165
Unearned revenue	47,831	-	-	3,655	-	51,486
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,393,423</b>	<b>1,375,420</b>	<b>24,745</b>	<b>25,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,818,805</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>						
State aid	3,129,798	-	-	-	-	3,129,798
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	15,220	-	15,220
Restricted	23,857,087	-	8,097,726	-	1,668,958	33,623,771
Committed	2,747,185	-	-	-	-	2,747,185
Assigned	3,276,672	-	-	289,900	-	3,566,572
Unassigned	1,646,050	-	-	-	-	1,646,050
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>31,526,994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,097,726</b>	<b>305,120</b>	<b>1,668,958</b>	<b>41,598,798</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 37,050,215</b>	<b>\$ 1,375,420</b>	<b>\$ 8,122,471</b>	<b>\$ 330,337</b>	<b>\$ 1,668,958</b>	<b>\$ 48,547,401</b>

See accompanying notes.

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds  
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**

June 30, 2024

<b>Total fund balances - governmental funds</b>		\$ 41,598,798
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.		29,042,801
The District's proportionate share of the net pension position as well as pension-related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are recognized in the government-wide statements and include:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	6,344,714	
Net pension liability	(1,986,288)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(1,045,026)</u>	3,313,400
The District's total OPEB liability as well as OPEB-related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are recognized on the government-wide statements and include:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	117,245	
Total OPEB liability	(1,467,612)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(13,594)</u>	(1,363,961)
State aid is not yet considered available for use in the governmental funds but is recognized when earned in the government-wide statements.		3,129,798
Certain liabilities are not due and payable currently and therefore are not reported as liabilities of the governmental funds. These liabilities are:		
Accrued interest	(164,000)	
Bonds and related premiums	(11,490,598)	
Compensated absences	<u>(368,489)</u>	(12,023,087)
<b>Net position - governmental activities</b>		<u>\$ 63,697,749</u>

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	Food Service	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
Real property taxes	\$ 13,324,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,324,178
Real property tax items	2,149,782	-	-	-	-	2,149,782
Nonproperty taxes	2,035,885	-	-	-	-	2,035,885
Charges for services	16,549	-	-	-	-	16,549
Use of money and property	1,808,790	-	-	-	119,924	1,928,714
Miscellaneous	287,317	-	-	10,831	396	298,544
State sources	22,944,973	779,102	-	120,947	-	23,845,022
Federal sources	134,630	3,223,018	-	876,773	-	4,234,421
Sales	-	-	-	26,988	-	26,988
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>42,702,104</b>	<b>4,002,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,035,539</b>	<b>120,320</b>	<b>47,860,083</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
General support	4,179,731	304,300	-	396,833	18,000	4,898,864
Instruction	20,648,283	3,295,544	-	-	-	23,943,827
Pupil transportation	2,681,740	125,145	-	-	-	2,806,885
Employee benefits	5,916,979	400,505	-	126,098	-	6,443,582
Debt service						
Principal	1,840,000	-	-	-	-	1,840,000
Interest	438,382	-	-	-	-	438,382
Cost of sales	-	-	-	526,109	-	526,109
Capital outlay	-	-	497,274	1,093	-	498,367
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>35,705,115</b>	<b>4,125,494</b>	<b>497,274</b>	<b>1,050,133</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>41,396,016</b>
Excess revenues (expenditures)	6,996,989	(123,374)	(497,274)	(14,594)	102,320	6,464,067
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>						
Operating transfers, net	(8,673,425)	123,374	8,550,000	51	-	-
Net change in fund balances	(1,676,436)	-	8,052,726	(14,543)	102,320	6,464,067
Fund balances - beginning	33,203,430	-	45,000	319,663	1,566,638	35,134,731
<b>Fund balances - ending</b>	<b>\$ 31,526,994</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,097,726</b>	<b>\$ 305,120</b>	<b>\$ 1,668,958</b>	<b>\$ 41,598,798</b>

See accompanying notes.

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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**Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds** \$ 6,464,067

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of the assets is allocated over estimated useful lives as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which depreciation and amortization expense and disposals exceed capital outlays. (1,315,023)

State aid is recorded to the extent it is considered available in the for governmental funds, but on the statement of activities, revenue is recognized when earned. (978,300)

Pension expense is recognized when paid on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and actuarially determined on the statement of activities. These differences are:

2024 TRS and ERS contributions	1,594,904	
2024 ERS accrued contribution	114,857	
2023 ERS accrued contribution	(97,651)	
2024 TRS pension expense	(2,215,485)	
2024 ERS pension expense	<u>(578,856)</u>	(1,182,231)

OPEB income is recognized when paid on the fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and actuarially determined on the statement of activities. (23,428)

Payments of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds and as a reduction of debt in the statement of net position. 1,840,000

In the statement of activities, certain expenses are measured by the amounts earned during the year.

In the governmental funds these expenditures are reported when paid. These differences are:

Interest	18,000	
Amortization of bond premiums	110,711	
Compensated absences	<u>(78,475)</u>	50,236

**Change in net position - governmental activities** \$ 4,855,321

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CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Budget (Non-GAAP) and Actual - General Fund**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Encumbrances	Variance with Final Budget Over/(Under)
	Original	Final			
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local sources					
Real property taxes	\$ 15,468,040	\$ 13,327,237	\$ 13,324,178		\$ (3,059)
Real property tax items	2,000	2,142,803	2,149,782		6,979
Nonproperty taxes	1,750,000	1,750,000	2,035,885		285,885
Charges for services	20,000	20,000	16,549		(3,451)
Use of money and property	103,000	103,000	1,808,790		1,705,790
Miscellaneous	150,000	155,286	287,317		132,031
State sources	20,357,971	20,357,971	22,944,973		2,587,002
Federal sources	22,750	22,750	134,630		111,880
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>37,873,761</b>	<b>37,879,047</b>	<b>42,702,104</b>		<b>4,823,057</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
General support					
Board of education	40,425	27,874	16,522	-	(11,352)
Central administration	288,100	305,725	291,459	-	(14,266)
Finance	550,152	545,870	423,963	-	(121,907)
Staff	219,300	329,245	234,971	1,016	(93,258)
Central services	3,614,989	3,696,051	2,912,764	406,633	(376,654)
Special items	372,216	359,019	300,052	-	(58,967)
Instruction					
Instruction, administration, and improvement	1,779,966	1,723,127	1,427,493	19,315	(276,319)
Teaching - regular school	10,744,613	11,137,904	10,210,977	7,247	(919,680)
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	7,062,776	7,235,328	6,627,080	-	(608,248)
Occupational education	370,000	266,774	266,774	-	-
Teaching - special schools	96,800	96,800	1,013	-	(95,787)
Instructional media	1,365,333	1,594,120	1,205,198	216,834	(172,088)
Pupil services	1,495,292	1,749,178	909,748	125,627	(713,803)
Pupil transportation	3,130,884	3,130,883	2,681,740	-	(449,143)
Community service	17,050	17,050	-	-	(17,050)
Employee benefits	7,474,002	6,425,989	5,916,979	-	(509,010)
Debt service					
Principal	1,840,000	1,840,000	1,840,000	-	-
Interest	448,382	438,382	438,382	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>40,910,280</b>	<b>40,919,319</b>	<b>35,705,115</b>	<b>776,672</b>	<b>(4,437,532)</b>
Excess revenues (expenditures)	(3,036,519)	(3,040,272)	6,996,989	(776,672)	9,260,589
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Operating transfers out	(210,000)	(8,673,425)	(8,673,425)		-
Appropriated fund balance, reserves, and carryover encumbrances	3,246,519	11,713,697	-		(11,713,697)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>3,036,519</b>	<b>3,040,272</b>	<b>(8,673,425)</b>		<b>(11,713,697)</b>
<b>Excess revenues (expenditures) and other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,676,436)</b>	<b>\$ (776,672)</b>	<b>\$ (2,453,108)</b>

See accompanying notes.

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Fund**

June 30, 2024

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**Assets**

Cash \$ 50,217

**Liabilities**

Sales tax payable 201

**Net Position**

Extraclassroom activity balances \$ 50,016

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CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Fund**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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**Additions**

Student activity additions \$ 118,629

**Deductions**

Student activity deductions 120,666

Change in net position (2,037)

Net position - beginning 52,053

**Net position - ending** \$ 50,016

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Reporting Entity

Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District (the District) is governed by Education and other laws of the State of New York (the State). The District's Board of Education has responsibility and control over all activities related to public school education within the District. The District's Superintendent is the chief executive officer and the President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer. The Board members are elected by the public and have decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to influence operations, and the primary accountability for fiscal matters.

The District provides education and support services such as administration, transportation, and plant maintenance. The District receives funding from local, state, and federal sources and must comply with requirements of these funding sources. However, the District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), nor does it contain any component units.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with GAAP as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

#### Joint Venture

The District is one of 19 participating school districts in the Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Formed under §1950 of Education Law, a BOCES is a voluntary cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs, and also provides educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which the District can terminate its status as a component of BOCES.

The component school district boards elect the members of the BOCES governing body. There are no equity interests and no single participant controls the financial or operating policies. BOCES may also contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate spending plans for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component school district shares in administrative and capital costs determined by its enrollment. Participating districts are charged a service fee for programs in which students participate, and for other shared contracted administrative services. Participating districts may also issue debt on behalf of BOCES; there is no such debt issued by the District.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District was billed \$4,767,000 for BOCES administrative and program costs and recognized revenue of \$154,000 as a refund from prior year expenditures paid to BOCES. Audited financial statements are available from BOCES' administrative offices.

#### Risk Management

The District participates in the NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust and the Erie #1 Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Consortium, which are public entity risk pools. These plans are designed to provide health insurance and workers' compensation coverage for participating entities. These activities are further presented in Note 10.

## Basis of Presentation

*Government-Wide Statements:* The statement of net position and the statement of activities display financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize double counting of internal activities. These statements are required to distinguish between *governmental* and *business-type* activities of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties. The District does not maintain any business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities.

- Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses relate to the administration and support of the District's programs, including personnel, overall administration, and finance. Employee benefits are allocated to functional expenses as a percentage of related payroll expense.
- Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program, and (c) capital grants and contributions limited to the purchase or construction of specific capital assets, if any. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes and state aid, are presented as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements:* The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and fiduciary* – are presented. The emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The District reports the following major funds:

- *General fund.* This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- *Special aid fund.* This fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources – other than expendable trusts or major capital projects – such as federal, state, and local grants and awards that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes. Either governments or other third parties providing the grant funds impose these restrictions.
- *Capital projects fund.* This fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The District also elected to display the following as major funds:

- *Food service fund.* This fund is a special revenue fund whose specific revenue sources, including free and reduced meal subsidies received from state and federal programs, are assigned to the operation of the District's breakfast and lunch programs.
- *Miscellaneous special revenue fund.* This fund is used to account for resources that are restricted to student scholarships. Donations are made by third parties and District personnel manage the funds and assist with determination of scholarship recipients.

The District has elected not to use a debt service fund as debt activity is currently reflected in the general fund.

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. Fiduciary funds are used to report fiduciary activities, which may include pension and other postemployment benefit trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. The District maintains a custodial fund for its student activity accounts.

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

The government-wide and fiduciary 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. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value directly without giving equal value in exchange, include property and sales taxes, grants, and donations. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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 District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within ninety days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset purchases are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term liabilities are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, revenues are recognized to the extent of program expenditures. Amounts received in advance of the expenditures are considered unearned and reported as revenue when the expense is incurred.

## **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Property Taxes**

The District levies real property taxes no later than September 1. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the tax lien was issued on August 29, 2023 for collection from September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023. Thereafter, uncollected amounts became the responsibility of Erie County and were submitted to the District by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year as required by law.

## **Budget Process, Amendments, and Encumbrances**

District administration prepares a proposed budget for the general fund requiring approval by the Board. A public hearing is held upon completion and filing of the tentative budget. Subsequently, the budget is adopted by the Board. The proposed budget is then presented to voters of the District. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 was approved by a majority of the voters in a general election held on May 16, 2023.

Annual appropriations are adopted and employed for control of the general fund. These budgets are adopted on a GAAP basis under the modified accrual basis of accounting. Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) which may be incurred. Appropriations authorized for the current year may be increased by the planned use of specific restricted, committed, and assigned fund balances and subsequent budget amendments approved by the Board as a result of new revenue sources not included in the original budget.

Major capital expenditures are subject to individual project budgets based on the cost of the project and external financing rather than annual appropriations. For the capital projects fund, these budgets do not lapse at year end and are carried over to the completion of the project.

Encumbrance accounting is used to assure budgetary control over commitments related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods or services outstanding at the end of each year. Encumbrances are budgetary expenditures in the year committed and again in the subsequent period when the expenditure is paid. All budget appropriations that are unencumbered lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are presented for GAAP-related purposes as committed or assigned fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. At July 1, encumbrances carried forward from the prior year are reestablished as budgetary appropriations.

## Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash and investment management is governed by State laws and as established in the District’s written policies. Cash must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The District’s policies permit the Treasurer to use demand and time accounts, certificates of deposit, obligations of the United States Treasury and its Agencies, and obligations of the State or its localities, including those held under repurchase agreements or in external investment pools.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts. At June 30, 2024, the District’s bank deposits were fully collateralized by FDIC coverage and securities held by the pledging institutions’ trust departments or agents in the District’s name.

## Inventory

Inventory consists of food and similar goods related to food service operations and is recorded at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or net realizable value. Donated commodities are stated at values which approximate market.

## Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals. Contributed assets are recorded at fair value at the time received. Depreciation and amortization are provided in the government-wide statements over estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred; significant improvements are capitalized.

Capitalization thresholds for determining which assets are added to capital accounts and the estimated useful lives of capital assets are:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Land improvements	\$ 1,000	20 - 30
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,000	20 - 50
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,000	5 - 20
Vehicles	\$ 1,000	8

## Deferred Inflows of Resources – State Aid

Deferred inflows of resources also include state aid related to a prior capital project that the District received in advance of required debt payments. The District recognizes general fund revenue proportional to related debt payments.

## Bond Premiums

Premiums received upon the issuance of debt are included as other financing sources in the governmental funds statements when issued. In the government-wide statements, premiums are recognized with the related debt issue and amortized on a straight-line basis as a component of interest expense over the life of the related obligation.

## Pensions

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) (the Systems) as mandated by State law. The Systems recognize benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms; investment assets are reported at fair value. On the government-wide statements, the District recognizes its proportionate share of net pension position, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, pension expense (revenue), and information about and changes in the fiduciary net position on the same basis as reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans.

## Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

On the government-wide statements, the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense of the District's defined benefit healthcare plan (Note 9) have been measured on the same basis as reported by the plan. Benefit payments are due and payable in accordance with benefit terms.

## Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences reported in the government-wide financial statements consists of unpaid accumulated sick and vacation time. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees currently eligible to receive payments and those expected to become eligible to receive such payments are included. Sick pay is accrued on the basis of negotiated contracts with administrative and employee groups which provide for the payment of accumulated sick time at retirement or the option of converting this vested amount to provide for the payment of health insurance until exhausted.

The government-wide financial statements reflect the entire liability, while in the governmental funds financial statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued based on expendable available financial resources.

## Equity Classifications

### Government-Wide Statements

The District is required to classify net position into three categories:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- *Restricted* – consists of restricted assets reduced by related liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or required by the terms of the District's bonds.
- *Unrestricted* – the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position and therefore are available for general use by the District.

### Governmental Fund Statements

The District considers unrestricted resources to have been spent first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, unless the use of the restricted amount was appropriated in the current year's budget. Within unrestricted fund balance, the District considers committed, assigned, then unassigned resources to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for which amounts in any of those fund balance classifications could be used.

Fund balance is categorized as follows:

Nonspendable:	
Inventory	\$ 15,220
Restricted:	
Capital	21,000,939
Retirement contribution	7,532,699
Employee benefit accrued liability	2,555,480
Debt service	386,877
Workers' compensation	327,716
Insurance	34,564
Unemployment insurance	11,521
Tax certiorari	91,322
Scholarships	1,668,958
Other	13,695
Committed:	
Capital	2,747,185
Assigned:	
Designated for subsequent year	2,500,000
Encumbrances	776,672
Food service	289,900
Unassigned	1,646,050
	<u>\$ 41,598,798</u>

Nonspendable fund balances represent resources that cannot be spent as they are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted fund balances generally result from reserves created by the State of New York Legislature and included in General Municipal Law, State Education Law, or Real Property Tax Law as authorized for use by the Board of Education. Certain reserves may require voter approval for their establishment and/or use. Earnings on invested resources are required to be added to the various reserves.

Fund balance restrictions include scholarships donated to the District by third parties for the benefit of students and the following reserves:

- *Capital* – is used to accumulate funds to finance all or a portion of future capital projects for which bonds may be issued. Voter authorization is required for both the establishment of the reserve and payments from the reserve. During 2015 and 2023, capital reserves were approved by District voters which can be funded to a maximum of \$20,000,000 plus interest. As of June 30, 2024, these reserves have been fully funded and \$12,903,213 is available for use in the general fund.
- *Retirement contribution* – is used to finance retirement contributions payable to TRS and ERS. For TRS, funding is limited to 2% annually of eligible salaries with a maximum reserve of 10% of eligible salaries. At June 30, 2024, the retirement contribution reserve includes \$1,249,828 for TRS and \$6,282,871 for ERS.
- *Employee benefit accrued liability* – is used to account for the payment of accumulated vacation and sick time due upon termination of an employee's services. It is established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.
- *Debt service* – is used to account for proceeds from the sale of property that was financed by obligations still outstanding, interest and earnings on outstanding obligations (including bond premiums), and remaining bond proceeds not needed for their original purpose as required under §165 of Finance Law. This reserve must be used to pay the debt service obligations for which the original money was generated.
- *Workers' compensation* – is used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this program.
- *Insurance* – is used to pay liability, casualty, and other types of losses except losses incurred for which insurance may be purchased. This amount is funded through budgetary appropriations and may not exceed 5% of the budget.
- *Unemployment insurance* – is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants as the District has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method.
- *Tax certiorari* – is used to pay judgments and claims resulting from certiorari proceedings. Funds not used by July 1 of the fourth fiscal year following their deposit must be returned to unassigned fund balance.

Committed fund balances are authorized by the Board of Education as recommended by the District’s management prior to the end of the fiscal year, although funding of the commitment may be established subsequent to year end.

Assigned fund balances may include the planned use of existing fund balance to offset the subsequent year’s tax levy. Additionally, the Board of Education has given the District’s management the authority to assign fund balances for specific purposes that are neither restricted nor committed.

**Interfund Balances**

The operations of the District include transactions between funds including resources for cash flow purposes. These interfund receivables and payables are repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds provide financing or other services.

In the government-wide statements, the amounts reported on the statement of net position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds, with the exception of those due from or to fiduciary funds.

Interfund receivables and payables are netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet as the right of legal offset exists. It is the District’s practice to settle these amounts at the net balances due between funds.

**2. Error Correction**

Effective July 1, 2023, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for other postemployment benefits offered by the District and requires various note disclosures (Note 9) and required supplementary information and should have been implemented for the year ended June 30, 2017. The impact of this required accounting change on the District’s government-wide financial statements is as follows:

Net position/fund balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 60,182,961
OPEB liability	<u>(1,340,533)</u>
<u>Net position/fund balance, as restated, July 1, 2023</u>	<u>\$ 58,842,428</u>

**3. Stewardship and Compliance**

The District’s unassigned fund balance in the general fund exceeds 4% of the 2025 budget, which is a limitation imposed by New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318.

**4. Cash Equivalents and Investments**

At June 30, 2024, the District’s investments include U.S. Treasury Securities with original maturities greater than 90 days and cash equivalents and investments held in an external investment pool comprised of U.S. Treasury Securities, repurchase agreements, and deposits held by custodian banks. Investments are recognized at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The external investment pool issues its own financial statements which are included in its annual report available at [www.nylaf.org](http://www.nylaf.org).

Credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District’s investment in a single issuer. The District’s external investment pool is rated AAAM by S&P Global Ratings.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In order to limit its exposure, the District’s external investment pool limits the purchase of investments to a maturity date of no more than 397 days from the purchase date. The maximum dollar weighted average maturity of the pool’s investments is 60 days or less.

## 5. Interfund Transactions – Fund Financial Statements

Fund	Receivable	Payable	Transfers	
			In	Out
General	\$ 1,376,007	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,673,425
Special aid	-	1,367,420	123,374	-
Capital projects	-	24,745	8,550,000	-
Food service	16,158	-	51	-
	<u>\$ 1,392,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,392,165</u>	<u>\$ 8,673,425</u>	<u>\$ 8,673,425</u>

The general fund provides cash flow to the various other funds; these amounts are repaid when funds are received from the State after final expenditure reports have been submitted and approved. The general fund made permanent transfers to the special aid fund to cover its share of costs related to the summer school handicap program and to the capital projects fund for capital outlay and a capital improvement project approved by voters.

## 6. Capital Assets

	July 1, 2023	Increases	Retirements/ Reclassifications	June 30, 2024
<b>Non-depreciable and non-amortizable capital assets:</b>				
Land	\$ 367,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367,638
Construction in progress	28,259	701,574	-	729,833
Total non-depreciable and non-amortizable assets	<u>395,897</u>	<u>701,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,097,471</u>
<b>Depreciable capital assets:</b>				
Land improvements	4,184,083	-	-	4,184,083
Buildings and improvements	65,833,857	-	-	65,833,857
Furniture and equipment	2,348,497	142,181	(15,597)	2,475,081
Vehicles	488,635	44,318	(35,355)	497,598
Total depreciable assets	<u>72,855,072</u>	<u>186,499</u>	<u>(50,952)</u>	<u>72,990,619</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Land improvements	(1,917,640)	(173,184)	-	(2,090,824)
Buildings and improvements	(39,407,719)	(2,224,145)	-	(41,631,864)
Furniture and equipment	(1,802,998)	(82,112)	15,597	(1,869,513)
Vehicles	(221,610)	(30,816)	14,142	(238,284)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(43,349,967)</u>	<u>(2,510,257)</u>	<u>29,739</u>	<u>(45,830,485)</u>
Total depreciable assets, net	<u>29,505,105</u>	<u>(2,323,758)</u>	<u>(21,213)</u>	<u>27,160,134</u>
<b>Right-to-use lease assets:</b>				
Equipment	733,652	476,522	(131,481)	1,078,693
Less accumulated amortization	(276,830)	(146,757)	130,090	(293,497)
Total right-to-use assets, net	<u>456,822</u>	<u>329,765</u>	<u>(1,391)</u>	<u>785,196</u>
	<u>\$ 30,357,824</u>	<u>\$ (1,292,419)</u>	<u>\$ (22,604)</u>	<u>\$ 29,042,801</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense has been allocated to the following functions: general support \$203,999, instruction \$2,438,765, and food service \$14,250.

As of June 30, 2024, net investment in capital assets consists of the following:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	\$ 29,042,801
Bonds and related premiums	(11,490,598)
	<u>\$ 17,552,203</u>

## 7. Long-Term Liabilities

	July 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2024	Amount Due in One Year
Bonds	\$ 12,444,912	\$ -	\$ 1,840,000	\$ 10,604,912	\$ 1,875,000
Bond premiums	996,397	-	110,711	885,686	-
Compensated absences	290,014	78,475	-	368,489	73,698
	<u>\$ 13,731,323</u>	<u>\$ 78,475</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,711</u>	<u>\$ 11,859,087</u>	<u>\$ 1,948,698</u>

### Existing Obligations

Description	Maturity	Rate	Balance
Serial bonds - 2014	June 2026	2.00-3.00%	\$ 930,000
Serial bonds - 2015	June 2026	2.00-3.00%	890,000
Serial bonds - 2017	July 2031	3.00-4.00%	8,784,912
			<u>\$ 10,604,912</u>

### Debt Service Requirements

Years ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,875,000	\$ 379,576
2026	1,895,000	318,700
2027	1,035,000	253,300
2028	1,075,000	211,100
2029	1,120,000	167,200
2030-2032	3,604,912	235,688
	<u>\$ 10,604,912</u>	<u>\$ 1,565,564</u>

## 8. Pension Plans

### Plan Descriptions

The District participates in the following cost-sharing, multiple employer, public employee retirement systems:

- TRS is administered by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board and provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained from the New York State Teachers' Retirement System at [www.nystrs.org](http://www.nystrs.org).
- ERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. New York State Retirement and Social Security Law governs obligations of employers and employees to contribute and provide benefits to employees. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained from the New York State and Local Retirement System at [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire).

**Benefits:** The Systems provide retirement, disability, and death benefits for eligible members, including automatic cost of living adjustments. In general, retirement benefits are determined based on an employee's individual circumstances using a pension factor, an age factor, and final average salary. The benefits vary depending on the individual's employment tier. Pension factors are determined based on tier and an employee's years of service, among other factors.

**Contribution Requirements:** No employee contribution is required for those hired prior to July 1976. The Systems require employee contributions of 3% of salary for the first 10 years of service for those employees who joined the Systems from July 1976 through December 2009. Participants hired on or after January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012 are required to contribute 3.5% (TRS) or 3% (ERS) of compensation throughout their active membership in the Systems. Participants hired on or after April 1, 2012 are required to contribute a percentage ranging from 3% to 6% each year, based on their level of compensation.

Pursuant to Article 11 of Education Law, an actuarially determined contribution rate is established annually for TRS by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board. This rate was 9.76% for 2024. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the rates used, expressed as a percentage of the wages of participants, to compute the contributions required to be made by the District to the pension accumulation fund. For 2024, these rates ranged from 9.6% - 15.0%.

The amount outstanding and payable to TRS for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$1,203,585. A liability to ERS of \$114,857 is accrued based on the District's legally required contribution for employee services rendered from April 1 through June 30, 2024.

**Net Pension Position, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$755,776 for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension position and a liability of \$1,230,512 for its proportionate share of the ERS net pension position.

The TRS total pension liability at the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, with update procedures applied to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension position was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to TRS's total actuarially determined employer contributions for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.066088%, a decrease of 0.001283 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

The ERS total pension liability at the March 31, 2024 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2023, with update procedures applied to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2024. The District's proportion of the net pension position was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to ERS's total actuarially determined employer contributions for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At March 31, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.0083572%, a decrease of 0.0001905 from its proportion measured as of March 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$2,794,341 on the government-wide statements (TRS expense of \$2,215,485 and ERS expense of \$578,856). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources as follows:

	TRS		ERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,832,555	\$ (4,529)	\$ 396,347	\$ (33,553)
Changes of assumptions	1,627,162	(354,631)	465,229	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	386,337	-	-	(601,098)
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	162,863	(3,211)	155,779	(48,004)
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,203,585	-	114,857	-
	<u>\$ 5,212,502</u>	<u>\$ (362,371)</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,212</u>	<u>\$ (682,655)</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an addition to (a reduction of) the net pension asset (liability) in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,	TRS	ERS
2025	\$ 365,990	\$ (187,554)
2026	(348,164)	267,734
2027	3,073,242	377,963
2028	244,410	(123,443)
2029	190,766	-
Thereafter	120,302	-
	<u>\$ 3,646,546</u>	<u>\$ 334,700</u>

## Actuarial Assumptions

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2023, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. These assumptions are:

*Inflation* – 2.4%

*Salary increases* – Based on TRS member experience, dependent on service, ranging from 1.95%-5.18%

*Projected Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)* – 1.3% compounded annually

*Investment rate of return* – 6.95% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

*Mortality* – Based on TRS member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2021, applied on a generational basis

*Discount rate* – 6.95%

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

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2023 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2024, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020. These assumptions are:

*Inflation* – 2.9%

*Salary increases* – 4.4%

*COLA* – 1.5% annually

*Investment rate of return* – 5.9% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

*Mortality* – Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2021

*Discount rate* – 5.9%

The long-term expected rate of return on ERS pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

## Investment Asset Allocation

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return (net of the long-term inflation assumption) for each major asset class and the Systems' target asset allocations as of the applicable valuation dates are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	TRS		ERS	
	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equities	33%	6.8%	32%	4.0%
Global and international equities	19%	7.2%-7.6%	15%	6.7%
Private equities	9%	10.1%	10%	7.3%
Real estate equities	11%	6.3%	9%	4.6%
Domestic fixed income securities	16%	2.2%	23%	1.5%
Global fixed income securities	2%	1.6%	-	-
Bonds and mortgages	6%	3.2%	-	-
Short-term	1%	0.3%	1%	0.3%
Other	3%	4.4%-6.0%	10%	5.3%-5.8%
	<u>100%</u>		<u>100%</u>	

## Discount Rate

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of its net pension position calculated using the discount rate of 6.95% (TRS) and 5.9% (ERS) and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	At Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension asset (liability)	\$ (11,510,844)	\$ (755,776)	\$ 8,289,702
District's proportionate share of the ERS net pension asset (liability)	\$ (3,868,855)	\$ (1,230,512)	\$ 973,052

## 9. OPEB

### Plan Description

The District maintains a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Plan) providing for continuation of medical insurance for certain District retirees and spouses. The Plan is open to all eligible employees and provides continued insurance through payment of monthly premiums by retirees through participation in the District's policies. The District thereby provides an implicit rate subsidy on behalf of all eligible employees of which all are assumed to continue coverage at retirement. Plan options include single, two-person, family, and post-age 65 Medicare Advantage. Benefit provisions are based on individual contracts with the District, as negotiated from time to time. The Plan has no assets, does not issue financial statements, and is not a trust.

At April 18, 2024, employees covered by the Plan include:

Active employees	223
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	28
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
	<u>251</u>

### Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$1,467,612 was measured as of March 31, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024.

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

*Healthcare cost trend rates* – based on National Health Expenditure Projections 2015-2031 for short-term rates and the Society of Actuaries Getzen Long-Term Healthcare Cost Trend Resource Model v2024 version 1b (updated October 2022) for long-term rates, initially 5.10%, with an ultimate rate of 3.86% after 2075

*Salary increases* – 3.42%

*Mortality* – Pub-2010 public retirement plans mortality tables, without separate contingent survivor mortality; fully generational using Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021 for retirees and surviving spouses

*Discount rate* – 3.98% based on the Fidelity Municipal GO AA 20-Year Bond rate as of the measurement date

*Inflation rate* – 2.42%

### Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ (1,340,533)</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	(36,810)
Interest	(49,236)
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(131,039)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	15,193
Benefit payments	<u>74,813</u>
Net changes	<u>(127,079)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2024	<u>\$ (1,467,612)</u>

The following presents the sensitivity of the District's total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate, including what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.98%)	Discount Rate (3.98%)	1.0% Increase (4.98%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ (1,575,046)</u>	<u>\$ (1,467,612)</u>	<u>\$ (1,368,293)</u>

The following presents the sensitivity of the District's total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates, including what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using trend rates that are 1% higher or lower than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (4.10% to 2.86%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (5.10% to 3.86%)	1.0% Increase (6.10% to 4.86%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ (1,344,070)</u>	<u>\$ (1,467,612)</u>	<u>\$ (1,608,113)</u>

### OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$98,241. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 117,245	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	-	(13,594)
	<u>\$ 117,245</u>	<u>\$ (13,594)</u>

The net amount of deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,	
2025	\$ 12,195
2026	12,195
2027	12,195
2028	12,195
2029	12,195
Thereafter	<u>42,676</u>
	<u>\$ 103,651</u>

## **10. Risk Management**

### **General Liability**

The District purchases commercial insurance for various risks of loss due to torts, theft, damage, errors and omissions, and natural disasters. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

### **Health Insurance**

The District participates in the NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust (the Plan). The Plan has been established to administer a health insurance program to lower the costs of such coverage to the 19 participating members as of June 30, 2023 (the most recent information available).

The District has transferred all risk to the Plan. Plan members pay monthly premium equivalents based upon a pro-rata share of expenditures. All funds received are pooled and administered as a common fund. Refunds are not made nor additional assessments charged other than the annual premium equivalents. If the Plan's assets were to be exhausted, members would be equally responsible for the remaining liabilities.

The Plan has published its own financial report for the year ended June 30, 2023, which can be obtained from Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, New York 14224.

### **Workers' Compensation**

The District participates in the Erie #1 Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Consortium (the Plan) sponsored by Erie 1 BOCES. The Plan administers a workers' compensation insurance fund pursuant to Article 5 of the Workers' Compensation Law to finance the liability and risk related to workers' compensation claims and to lower the costs of coverage to the participating members. The Plan includes eight participating members as of June 30, 2023 (the most recent information available).

The District has transferred partial risk to the Plan. Plan members pay monthly premium equivalents based upon a pro-rata share of expenditures. All funds received are pooled and administered as a common fund. Plan members could be subjected, however, to pro-rata supplemental assessments in the event that the Plan's assets are not adequate to meet claims. No such supplemental assessments have been required in the previous three years.

The Plan has published its own financial report for the year ended June 30, 2022 (the most recent information available), which can be obtained from Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, New York 14224.

## **11. Commitments and Contingencies**

### **Grants**

The District receives financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants and calculated aid as determined by the State. The expenditure of grant funds generally requires compliance with the terms and conditions specified in the agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. State aid payments are based upon estimated expenditures and pupil statistics, are complex, and subject to adjustment. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. Based on prior experience, management expects such amounts to be immaterial.

### **Litigation**

The District is subject to claims and lawsuits that arise in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, these claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect upon the financial position of the District.

### **Construction Commitments**

The District has entered into contracts with various construction companies for its capital project. District voters approved spending up to \$8,500,000 and \$398,000 has been spent to date.

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**Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Position  
New York State Teachers' Retirement System**

As of the measurement date of June 30,	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension position	0.066088%	0.067371%	0.067296%	0.067897%	0.070062%	0.070896%	0.072079%	0.072460%	0.072326%	0.075819%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (755,776)	\$ (1,292,777)	\$ 11,661,838	\$ (1,876,186)	\$ 1,820,206	\$ 1,281,993	\$ 547,868	\$ (776,078)	\$ 7,512,341	\$ 8,445,783
District's covered payroll	\$ 12,205,928	\$ 11,934,959	\$ 10,714,113	\$ 14,017,472	\$ 10,656,544	\$ 13,659,867	\$ 12,650,546	\$ 14,362,843	\$ 10,381,900	\$ 8,146,977
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	(6.19%)	(10.83%)	108.85%	(13.38%)	17.08%	9.39%	4.33%	(5.40%)	72.36%	103.67%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	99.17%	98.57%	113.20%	97.76%	102.17%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%

The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:

Inflation	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.25%	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%
Salary increases	1.95%-5.18%	1.95%-5.18%	1.95%-5.18%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	4.0%-10.9%	4.0%-10.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.625%	1.625%
Investment rate of return	6.95%	6.95%	6.95%	7.1%	7.1%	7.25%	7.25%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%
Discount rate	6.95%	6.95%	6.95%	7.1%	7.1%	7.25%	7.25%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	MP-2021	MP-2021	MP-2020	MP-2019	MP-2018	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	AA	AA

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**Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)**  
**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**New York State Teachers' Retirement System**

For the years ended June 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,203,585	\$ 1,255,990	\$ 1,169,626	\$ 1,021,055	\$ 1,241,948	\$ 1,131,725	\$ 1,338,667	\$ 1,482,644	\$ 1,904,513	\$ 1,819,947
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,203,585)	(1,255,990)	(1,169,626)	(1,021,055)	(1,241,948)	(1,131,725)	(1,338,667)	(1,482,644)	(1,904,513)	(1,819,947)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 12,331,814	\$ 12,205,928	\$ 11,934,959	\$ 10,714,113	\$ 14,017,472	\$ 10,656,544	\$ 13,659,867	\$ 12,650,546	\$ 14,362,843	\$ 10,381,900
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.76%	10.29%	9.80%	9.53%	8.86%	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.53%

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**Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)**  
**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Position**  
**New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System**

As of the measurement date of March 31,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension position	0.0083572%	0.0085477%	0.0083091%	0.0087093%	0.0095140%	0.0103925%	0.0103839%	0.0107509%	0.0109857%	0.0111227%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (1,230,512)	\$ (1,832,966)	\$ 679,234	\$ (8,672)	\$ (2,519,354)	\$ (736,342)	\$ (335,134)	\$ (1,010,174)	\$ (1,763,243)	\$ (375,751)
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,958,164	\$ 2,914,027	\$ 2,896,000	\$ 3,212,000	\$ 3,156,000	\$ 3,173,000	\$ 3,099,000	\$ 2,956,000	\$ 3,066,000	\$ 2,990,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	(41.60%)	(62.90%)	23.45%	(0.27%)	(79.83%)	(23.21%)	(10.81%)	(34.17%)	(57.51%)	(12.57%)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	93.88%	90.78%	103.65%	99.95%	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%	97.90%

The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:

Inflation	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Salary increases	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	4.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Investment rate of return	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Discount rate	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	MP-2021	MP-2021	MP-2020	MP-2020	MP-2018	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014

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**Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)**  
**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System**

For the years ended June 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 391,319	\$ 338,439	\$ 472,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 465,000	\$ 470,000	\$ 452,000	\$ 436,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 551,000
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(391,319)	(338,439)	(472,000)	(475,000)	(465,000)	(470,000)	(452,000)	(436,000)	(505,000)	(551,000)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,958,164	\$ 2,914,027	\$ 2,896,000	\$ 3,212,000	\$ 3,156,000	\$ 3,173,000	\$ 3,099,000	\$ 2,956,000	\$ 3,066,000	\$ 2,990,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.23%	11.61%	16.30%	14.79%	14.73%	14.81%	14.59%	14.75%	18.37%	18.43%

**Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)**  
**Schedule of Changes in the District's**  
**Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>\$ (1,340,533)</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	(36,810)
Interest	(49,236)
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(131,039)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	15,193
Benefit payments	<u>74,813</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>(127,079)</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ (1,467,612)</u>
Covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 14,952,181</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	<u>9.8%</u>

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Differences between expected and actual experience are a result of changes in healthcare trend rates.

The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:

Healthcare cost trend rates	5.10%-3.86%
Salary increases	3.42%
Discount rate	3.98%
Inflation rate	2.42%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	<u>MP-2021</u>

*Data prior to 2024 is unavailable.*

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of Change from Original to Final Budget and**  
**Calculation of Unrestricted Fund Balance Limit - General Fund**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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Original expenditure budget	\$ 40,373,761
Encumbrances carried over from prior year	746,519
Budget amendments:	
Donations	5,286
Use of reserves	<u>8,467,178</u>
Revised expenditure budget	<u>\$ 49,592,744</u>

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Unrestricted Fund Balance

Committed	\$ 2,747,185
Assigned	3,276,672
Unassigned	<u>1,646,050</u>
	7,669,907
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	(776,672)
Appropriated fund balance used for tax levy	<u>(2,500,000)</u>
Amount subject to 4% limit pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1318	<u>\$ 4,393,235</u>

§1318 of Real Property Tax Law - unrestricted fund balance limit calculation

2025 expenditure budget (unaudited)	\$ 41,151,279
4% of budget	<u>1,646,051</u>
Actual percentage of 2025 expenditure budget	<u>10.7%</u>

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CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of Capital Project Expenditures**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

Project Title	Original Budget	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
Tile Replacement - WW 2023-2024 Beautification Project	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Beautification Project	8,500,000	5,000	393,274	398,274	8,101,726
Building Improvement Project *	-	-	4,000	4,000	(4,000)
	<u>\$ 8,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 497,274</u>	<u>\$ 502,274</u>	<u>\$ 8,097,726</u>

\* Project has not yet been approved by New York State Education Department's Office of Facilities Planning or voters.

CHEEKTOWAGA-SLOAN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Grantor Number	Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Education:</u>			
Passed Through New York State Education Department:			
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0032-24-0219	\$ 380,307
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0033-24-0219	5,612
Total Special Education Cluster			385,919
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-24-0765	480,266
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-23-0765	100
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011-24-2034	84,517
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011-23-3026	15,879
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-24-0765	32,251
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.424	0204-23-0765	9,450
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-24-0765	37,495
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-23-0765	21,569
Education Stabilization Fund:			
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5891-21-0765	383,273
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5880-21-0765	1,369,641
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5882-21-0765	41,245
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5884-21-0765	361,413
Total Education Stabilization Fund			2,155,572
Total U.S. Department of Education			3,223,018
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture:</u>			
Passed Through New York State Education Department:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	250,965
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	561,569
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	N/A	9,663
Passed Through New York State Office of General Services:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	54,576
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture and Child Nutrition Cluster			876,773
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 4,099,791

See accompanying notes.

**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal award programs administered by Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District (the District), an entity as defined in Note 1 to the District's basic financial statements. Federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through from other governmental agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**Basis of Accounting**

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for each federal program, consistent with the fund basis financial statements.

The amounts reported as federal expenditures generally were obtained from the appropriate federal financial reports for the applicable programs and periods. The amounts reported in these federal financial reports are prepared from records maintained for each program, which are periodically reconciled with the District's financial reporting system.

**Indirect Costs**

The District does not use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate permitted by the Uniform Guidance.

**Non-Monetary Federal Program**

The District is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements, termed a "non-monetary program." During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District used \$54,576 worth of commodities under the National School Lunch Program (Assistance Listing Number 10.555).

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

The Board of Education  
Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lyndon & McCormick, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

October 15, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

The Board of Education  
Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District

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

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

We have audited Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District'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 the District's federal programs.

## ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

### **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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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 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. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Symaden & McCormick, LLP*

October 15, 2024

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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**Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results**

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: *Unmodified*

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

Identification of major programs:

Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Assistance Listing Number	Amount
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$ 250,965
National School Lunch Program	10.555	616,145
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	9,663
		<u>\$ 876,773</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

**Section II. Financial Statement Findings**

No matters were reported.

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

No matters were reported.