

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347
WILLMAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION
JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Board of Education</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Chairperson	Mike Reynolds	1/6/2025
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Clerk	Scott Thaden	1/6/2025
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Director	Jay Lawton	1/4/2027
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Director of Human Resources	Liz Windingstad	
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Board of Education
Independent School District #347
Willmar, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District #347, Willmar, Minnesota, 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 aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District #347, Willmar, Minnesota, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, and the Food Service and Community Service Special Revenue Funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (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 Auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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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 twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with 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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The individual fund schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Report on Partial Comparative Information

We have previously audited the District's 2023 financial statements, and we expressed unmodified audit opinions on those audited financial statements in our report dated November 13, 2023. In our opinion, the partial comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Board of Education and Administration page and the UFARS Compliance Table but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 12, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

This section of Willmar Public Schools – Independent School District No. 347's (District) annual financial report presents management's discussion of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of a reporting model required by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* issued in June 1999. Statement No. 34 contains significant requirements that enhance financial reporting. These requirements are also designed to make annual reports easier for the public to understand and more useful to stakeholders. Specifically, Statement No. 34 establishes reporting requirements that include financial statements, expanded disclosure, and supplemental information, including the MD&A (this section).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Key financial items for the 2023-2024 fiscal year include the following:

- The General Fund unassigned fund balance exceeded the School Board's fund balance minimum of 6% of expenditures with a fund balance of \$13,090,260, equivalent to 18.38% of expenditures. This represents an increase in unassigned fund balance of \$3,751,336 from the previous year.
- The combined Governmental Funds fund balance increased by 11.42%, or \$2,363,471, mainly due to revenues exceeding expenditures in the General and Food Service funds.
- The overall net decrease to the District's long-term liabilities was \$1,650,319, or 4.08% mainly due to the reduction in bonds payable as bond principal payments occur each year.
- Enrollment increased by 14 ADM's (Average Daily Membership) in FY 2024.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of the annual report consists of three parts. They are:

- Independent Auditor's Report,
- Required Supplementary Information, which includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), and
- Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The **government-wide financial statements**, including the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, provide both **short-term** and **long-term** information about the District's **overall** financial status.
- The remaining statements are **fund financial statements** that focus on **individual parts** of the District, reporting the District's operations in **more detail** than the government-wide statements. The District maintains three groups of fund financial statements. They are:
 - The **governmental funds statements** tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the **short-term** as well as what remains for future spending.
 - **Proprietary funds statements** offer **short** and **long-term** financial information about the activities the District operates like **businesses**.
 - **Fiduciary funds statements** provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a **trustee or agent** for the benefit of others to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide data that are more detailed.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes **all** of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

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

In the government-wide financial statements the District's activities are shown in one category titled Governmental Activities:

- **Governmental Activities** – The District's basic services are reported here, including regular and special education, transportation, administration, food service, and community education. Property taxes and state aids finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's **funds** – focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – rather than the District as a whole.

Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as a scholarship fund to manage scholarship money.

The District has three kinds of funds:

- **Governmental funds** – The District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on: 1) how **cash and other financial assets** that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed **short-term** view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information (reconciliation schedules) is provided following the governmental funds statements that explains the relationship (or differences) between these two types of financial statement presentations.
- **Proprietary funds** – Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the government-wide statements. The District's sole proprietary fund is an internal service fund.
 - The District uses internal service funds to report activities that provide supplies and services for the District's other programs and activities. The District currently has one internal service fund for the dental self-insurance program.
- **Fiduciary funds** – The District is a trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the Private-Purpose Trust Fund and Custodial Fund. The Private-Purpose Trust fund accounts for scholarship gifts and bequests. The Custodial Fund accounts for funds used by a collaboration of districts for Achievement and Integration. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. These activities are excluded from the government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's *combined* net position was \$6,745,254 on June 30, 2024 (see Table A-1 below).

Table A-1
The District's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Percentage Change
	2024	2023	
Current and Other Assets	\$ 43,429,491	\$ 36,985,540	17.42%
Capital Assets	62,979,562	63,140,077	-0.25%
Total Assets	\$ 106,409,053	\$ 100,125,617	6.28%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 14,746,214	\$ 13,814,260	6.75%
Current Liabilities	\$ 8,939,550	\$ 8,571,072	4.30%
Long-Term Liabilities	88,638,608	87,535,719	1.26%
Total Liabilities	\$ 97,578,158	\$ 96,106,791	1.53%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 16,831,855	\$ 16,860,470	-0.17%
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 26,848,804	\$ 24,525,304	9.47%
Restricted	3,152,971	3,185,355	-1.02%
Unrestricted	(23,256,521)	(26,738,043)	13.02%
Total Net Position	\$ 6,745,254	\$ 972,616	-593.52%

The largest portion of the District's net position, \$26,848,804, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and improvements, furniture, equipment and right to use assets net of accumulated depreciation and amortization); less any related outstanding debt (such as general obligation bonds and lease liabilities) used to acquire those assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. Unrestricted net position is primarily the District's unassigned fund balance offset by the liability for future severance and health benefits, which is not fully funded.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

A summary of the revenues and expenses for the last two fiscal years is presented in Table A-2 below.

**Table A-2
Change in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities for the fiscal year ended June 30,		Percentage Change
	2024	2023	
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 2,818,140	\$ 3,003,140	-6.16%
Operating Grants and Contributions	34,363,756	34,931,929	-1.63%
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,609,017	1,676,805	-4.04%
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	7,992,112	7,789,141	2.61%
Unrestricted State Aid	36,278,243	31,827,242	13.98%
Investment Earnings	619,079	161,950	282.27%
Gain on Sale of Assets	836	23,352	-96.42%
Other	43,154	1,000	4215.40%
Total Revenues	<u>83,724,337</u>	<u>79,414,559</u>	5.43%
Expenses			
Administration	3,068,408	2,455,851	24.94%
District Support Services	3,138,167	2,458,419	27.65%
Regular Instruction	28,923,896	24,491,703	18.10%
Vocational Education Instruction	1,195,670	775,085	54.26%
Special Education Instruction	13,496,094	11,534,209	17.01%
Instructional Support Services	4,644,156	3,897,379	19.16%
Pupil Support Services	6,122,863	5,723,283	6.98%
Sites and Buildings	8,667,075	9,140,728	-5.18%
Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs Programs	270,687	243,876	10.99%
Food Service	4,345,276	4,116,018	5.57%
Community Service	2,929,409	2,722,875	7.59%
Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Liabilities	1,149,998	1,242,497	-7.44%
Total Expenses	<u>77,951,699</u>	<u>68,801,923</u>	13.30%
Change in Net Position	5,772,638	10,612,636	45.61%
Beginning Net Position	972,616	(9,640,020)	-110.09%
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 6,745,254</u>	<u>\$ 972,616</u>	-593.52%

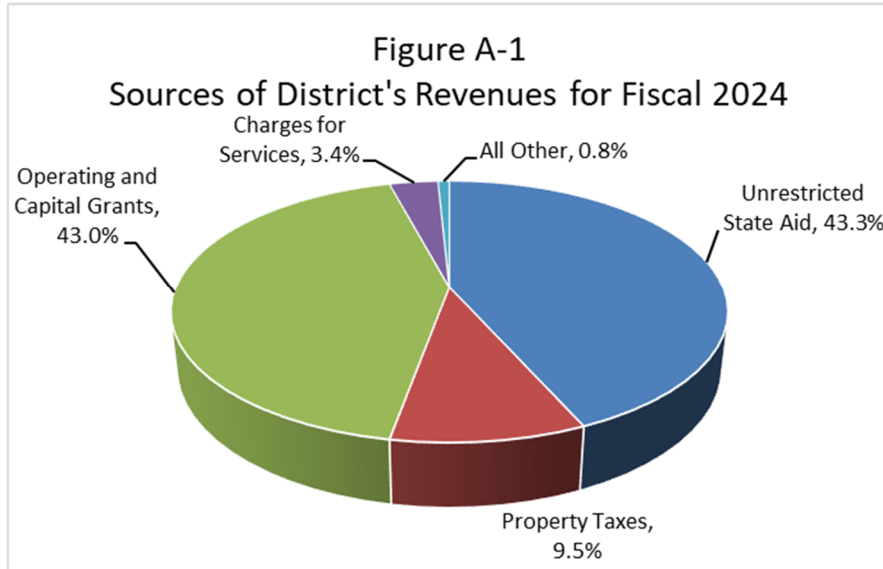
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

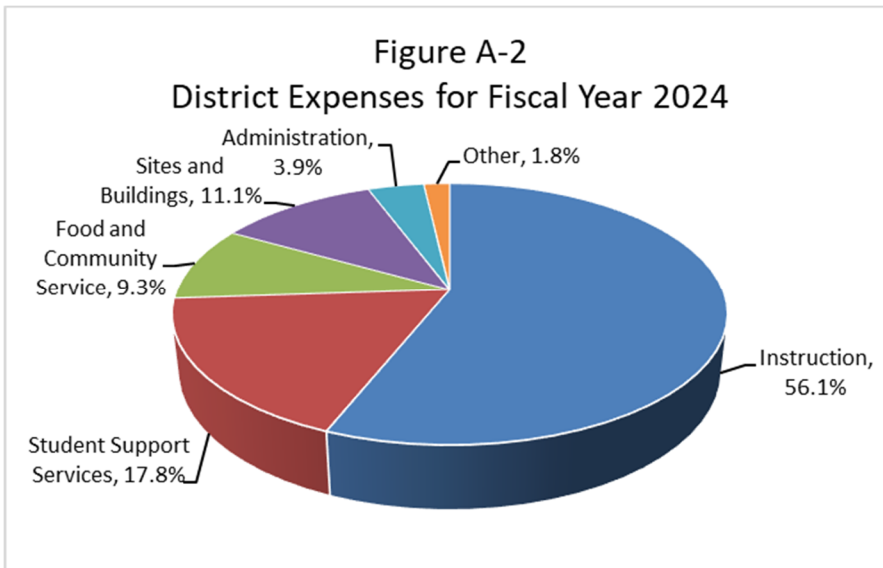
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

Changes in Net Position. The District's total revenues were \$83,724,337 for the year ended June 30, 2024. This is a 5.43% increase from the prior year's revenues.

Unrestricted state aid along with local property taxes accounted for 52.8% of the total revenue for the year (see Figure A-1 below). Another 46.4% came from restricted state, federal and local program revenues with a negligible amount from earnings on investments and other.



The District's total expenditures for programs and services were \$77,951,699 for the year ended June 30, 2024. This is a 13.30% increase from the prior year's expenses. The District's expenses are predominantly related to educating and supporting students (73.9%). (See Figure A-2). The administrative activities of the District accounted for 3.9% of total expenses.



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**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)

The net cost of all **governmental** activities is their total costs less program revenues applicable to each category. The total cost of all governmental activities for this year was \$77,951,699. Table A-3 presents the costs of twelve major District activities such as instruction, food service and others. The table also shows each activity’s net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs).

- The users of the District’s programs paid for 3.62%, or \$2,818,140 of the costs.
- The federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions. This totaled \$35,972,773, or 46.15% of the total costs for 2023-2024.
- The remainder of the District’s costs (\$39,160,786) were paid for by: 1) state taxpayers based on the statewide education aid formula, 2) by District taxpayers, and 3) by investment earnings.

**Table A-3
Change in Net Position**

	Total Cost of Services		Percentage Change	Net Cost of Services		Percentage Change
	2024	2023		2024	2023	
Administration	\$ 3,068,408	\$ 2,455,851	24.94%	\$ 3,068,408	\$ 2,455,851	24.94%
District Support Services	3,138,167	2,458,419	27.65%	2,793,130	2,214,069	26.15%
Regular Instruction	28,923,896	24,491,703	18.10%	14,360,779	6,288,923	128.35%
Vocational Education Instruction	1,195,670	775,085	54.26%	1,104,237	665,567	65.91%
Special Education Instruction	13,496,094	11,534,209	17.01%	1,124,654	1,689,299	-33.42%
Instructional Support Services	4,644,156	3,897,379	19.16%	2,363,298	1,476,688	60.04%
Pupil Support Services	6,122,863	5,723,283	6.98%	6,050,711	5,562,912	8.77%
Sites and Buildings	8,667,075	9,140,728	-5.18%	7,028,820	7,438,384	-5.51%
Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs Programs	270,687	243,876	10.99%	270,687	242,876	11.45%
Food Service	4,345,276	4,116,018	5.57%	(575,831)	(81,922)	602.90%
Community Service	2,929,409	2,722,875	7.59%	421,895	(6,095)	-7021.99%
Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Liabilities	1,149,998	1,242,497	-7.44%	1,149,998	1,242,497	-7.44%
Total	\$ 77,951,699	\$ 68,801,923	13.30%	\$ 39,160,786	\$ 29,189,049	34.16%

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. At the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a **combined** fund balance of \$23,053,859, an 11.42% increase from last year's ending fund balance of \$20,690,388, due to revenues exceeding expenditures in the General and Food Service funds.

Revenues for the District's governmental funds totaled \$83,686,114 while total expenditures were \$82,071,037. As a result, the District completed the year with an excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures of \$2,363,471. Discussion about each governmental fund follows. A summary of the revenues and expenditures reported on the governmental fund financial statements for the past two years appears in Table A-4 below:

**Table A-4
Revenues and Expenditures - Governmental Funds**

	2024			Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)
	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources(Uses)	
General Fund	\$ 72,179,934	\$ 71,237,575	\$ 722,753	\$ 1,665,112
Food Service Fund	4,965,818	4,239,887		725,931
Community Service Fund	2,910,089	2,977,510	25,641	(41,780)
Debt Service Fund	3,630,273	3,616,065		14,208
Totals	<u>\$ 83,686,114</u>	<u>\$ 82,071,037</u>	<u>\$ 748,394</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,471</u>
	2023			
	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources(Uses)	Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 68,434,055	\$ 68,555,833	\$ 81,181	\$ (40,597)
Food Service Fund	4,210,796	4,014,863	4,902	200,835
Community Service Fund	3,125,908	2,912,331		213,577
Debt Service Fund	3,619,875	3,617,065		2,810
Totals	<u>\$ 79,390,634</u>	<u>\$ 79,100,092</u>	<u>\$ 86,083</u>	<u>\$ 376,625</u>

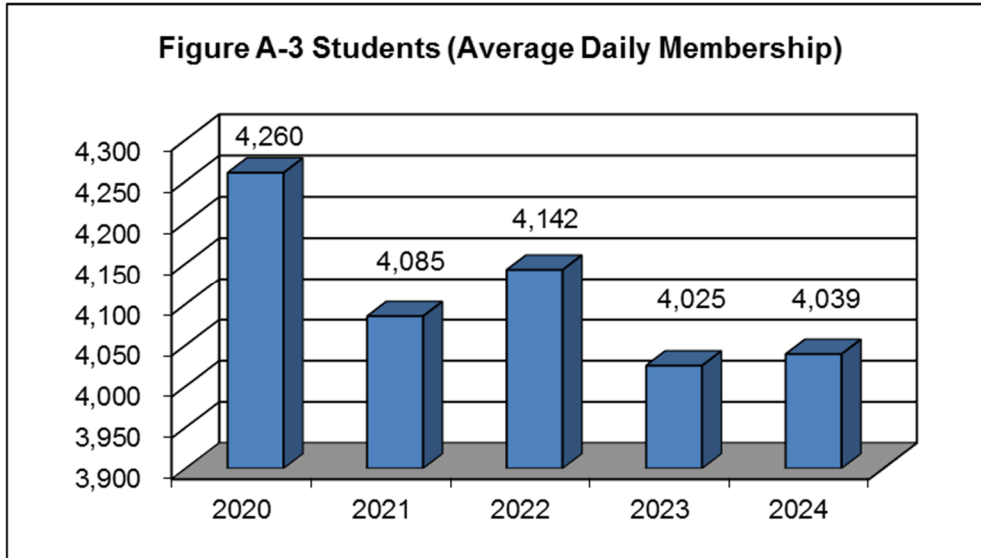
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used by the District to record the primary operations of providing educational services to students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Pupil transportation activities, student activity funds, and capital and major maintenance projects are also included in the General Fund. General Fund operational revenue is controlled by a complex set of state funding formulas, resulting in the local school board having minimal authority to determine the level of resources.

Enrollment. Funding for Minnesota school districts is largely driven by enrollment. The District had declining enrollment since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, as seen in Figure A-3 below.



The sharp decrease in enrollment in FY 2021 was caused by the unusual circumstances of the pandemic, which led some families to choose other enrollment options, such as home schooling, online charter schools, or nonpublic education. This trend affected public schools throughout Minnesota and around the nation. Enrollment rebounded slightly in FY 2022, however it decreased again in FY 2023. A demographic study was commissioned by the district in FY 2023, which indicated that declining enrollment is likely to continue for the next few years due to declining birth rates. FY 2024 was up slightly, due to fewer net students open enrolling out of the district.

The District continues to monitor enrollment for changes caused by mobility, local economic development or decline, and other external factors.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

The following table presents a summary of General Fund revenues:

**Table A-5
General Fund Revenues**

Sources	Year Ended June 30,		Amount Difference	Percentage Change
	2024	2023		
Local Sources				
Property Taxes	\$ 4,541,891	\$ 4,198,119	\$ 343,772	8.19%
Interest Earnings	487,995	124,026	363,969	293.46%
Other	2,252,719	2,408,156	(155,437)	-6.45%
State Sources	59,398,395	51,854,487	7,543,908	14.55%
Federal Sources	5,416,725	9,762,655	(4,345,930)	-44.52%
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	82,209	86,631	(4,422)	-5.10%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 72,179,934	\$ 68,434,074	\$ 3,745,860	5.47%

Total General Fund revenue increased \$3,745,860, or 5.47%, from the previous year. The increase was a combination of an increase in funding from state sources, offset by lower revenues from federal COVID relief funds than the prior year.

The following table presents a summary of General Fund expenditures:

**Table A-6
General Fund Expenditures**

Expenditures	Year Ended June 30,		Amount Difference	Percentage Change
	2024	2023		
Salaries	\$ 39,409,558	\$ 38,298,982	\$ 1,110,576	2.90%
Employee Benefits	13,015,773	12,554,997	460,775	3.67%
Purchased Services	10,632,192	11,616,141	(983,949)	-8.47%
Supplies and Materials	2,452,726	2,164,252	288,473	13.33%
Capital Expenditures	5,111,931	3,299,022	1,812,909	54.95%
Other Expenditures	615,395	622,438	(7,043)	-1.13%
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 71,237,575	\$ 68,555,833	\$ 2,681,741	3.91%

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

Total General Fund expenditures increased \$2,681,741 or 3.91% from the previous year.

Salaries increased primarily due to contracted salary and wage increases for 2023-2024. Employee Benefits increased in part due to those benefits that are tied to salaries, so as salaries increase so do those benefits (FICA, TRA, PERA, etc.). In addition, other benefits are driven mainly by employee benefits choices, such as, health insurance and 403(b).

Purchased Services decreased due to one-time purchases with COVID relief funds and student activity funds, as well as one-time construction-related fees, that occurred during the 2022-23 school year.

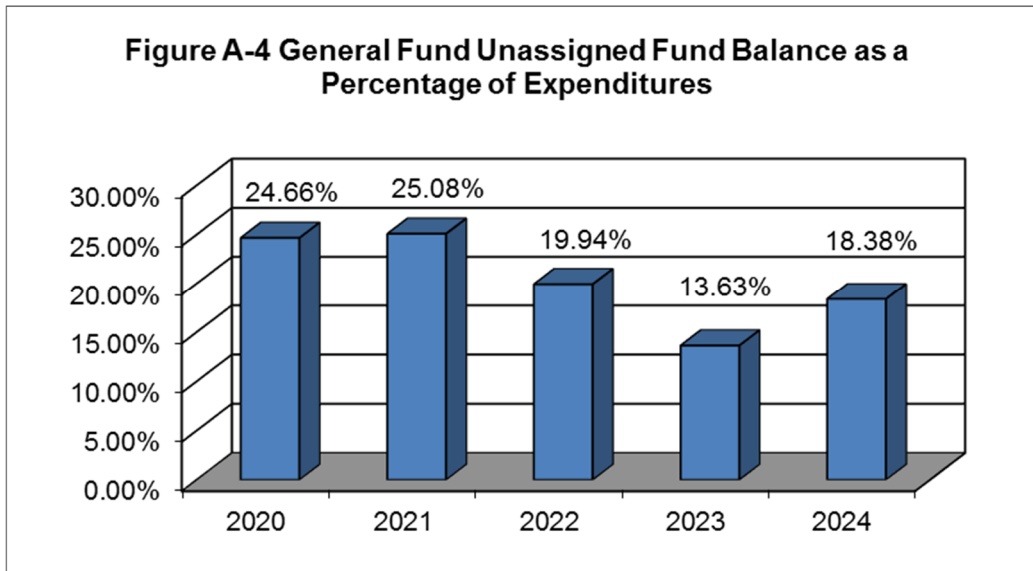
Supplies and Materials purchases increased from the prior year due to curriculum purchases.

Capital Expenditures were higher than the prior year due to the use of committed fund balance for building projects at the middle school, including a front office remodel, fitness center remodel, and the construction of a new gym.

Other expenditures decreased due a decrease in the pension expense recorded related to support it receives from the State of Minnesota for the TRA special funding situation per GASB 68. The District does not actually pay this expense and, when recorded, there is an offsetting revenue recorded so the net impact to fund balance is zero.

In summary, 2023-2024 General Fund revenues and other financing sources were more than General Fund expenditures by \$1,665,112. As a result, the total fund balance is \$18,280,329 at June 30, 2024. After deducting statutory reserves, committed constraints, assigned and nonspendable items, the unassigned fund balance increased from \$9,338,924 on June 30, 2023 to \$13,090,260 on June 30, 2024.

Figure A-4, below, depicts the General Fund unassigned fund balance as a percentage of expenditures for fiscal years 2020 – 2024:



The graph above describing the District's unassigned fund balance trend, offers the single best measure of the District's overall financial health. The unassigned fund balance of \$13,090,260 on June 30, 2024 represents 18.38% of annual expenditures.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

The District closely monitors the General Fund unassigned fund balance through use of a detailed financial planning model, initiating necessary budget revisions during the year and with monthly budget analysis. The School Board has adopted a formal fund balance policy to maintain a minimum 6 percent (as a percentage of expenditures) fund balance in the General Fund unassigned fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District is required to adopt an operating budget prior to the beginning of its fiscal year (July 1). Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget once. The budget amendment usually falls into two categories:

- Implementing budgets for specially funded projects, which may include grants, adjusting staffing and various instructional building allocations based on enrollment, and budgeting for certain unspent funds that are required to be carried over from the prior year.
- Legislation passed subsequent to budget adoption, changes necessitated by collective bargaining agreements, changes in student enrollments, staffing changes, and increase in appropriations for significant unbudgeted costs.

The District's final budget for the General Fund anticipated that revenues and other financing sources would be greater than expenditures by \$1,435,635, and the actual results for the year show that revenues and other financing sources were greater than expenditures by \$1,665,112. The variance from budget was due to higher than anticipated revenues for general education, interest, special education and third party billing, offset by timing of expenditures for building projects and higher than anticipated transportation costs.

FOOD SERVICE FUND

The Food Service Fund revenue and other financing sources for 2023-2024 totaled \$4,965,818 and expenditures were \$4,239,887, resulting in a fund balance increase of \$725,931. The 2023-24 school year was the first year that the Minnesota State Legislature implemented the universal free meals program for all public schools. Students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch meal each day. Meal participation rates increased during the 2023-24 school year compared to the prior year. There are larger deferred maintenance and equipment purchases planned for 2024-25 will spend down existing fund balance. The June 30, 2024 Food Service Fund fund balance was \$2,851,383.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

In 2023-2024, total revenues and other financing sources for the Community Service Fund were \$2,935,730 and total expenditures were \$2,977,510, resulting in a fund balance decrease of \$41,780. This decrease is mainly attributed to fewer grants and donations received in the current year as well as an increase in capital purchases (a driver's ed vehicle as well as furniture and air conditioning splits for Adult Basic Education spaces). The Community Service fund balance as of June 30, 2024 is \$1,151,323.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Revenues and expenditures for the District's Debt Service Fund are tied directly to the District's bond principal and interest payment schedule. The Debt Service Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$14,208 in 2024-25. The Debt Service fund balance as of June 30, 2024 is \$770,824. This fund balance is only available for meeting future debt service obligations.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2024, the District had net capital assets of \$62,979,562 representing a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, computer and audio-visual equipment, other equipment for various instructional programs and right to use subscription IT assets (see Table A-7 below). Total depreciation and amortization expense for the year was \$2,713,569. Detailed information about capital assets is in Note 5 to the financial statements.

**Table A-7
The District's Capital Assets**

Assets	Year Ended June 30,		Percentage Change
	2024	2023	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	\$ 2,791,556	\$ 2,323,566	20.14%
Right to Use Assets	261,408	261,408	0.00%
Land Improvements	7,678,073	7,305,968	5.09%
Buildings and Improvements	86,862,685	86,259,980	0.70%
Equipment	11,257,580	10,337,885	8.90%
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(45,722,302)	(43,269,872)	5.67%
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(149,438)	(78,858)	89.50%
Total Net Capital Assets	\$ 62,979,562	\$ 63,140,077	-0.25%

Long-term Liabilities

At year-end, the District had \$36,069,129 in general obligation bonds outstanding including bond premium. The District issued a financed purchase in FY 2024 to pay for iPads as shown in Table A-8. In FY 2023, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. At year-end, the District had \$61,629 in long-term subscription arrangements. The District also has \$1,951,832 in compensated absences payable at June 30, 2024. Compensated absences payable consists of unused vacation at June 30, 2024 and other compensated absences paid at retirement for certain employees based on the employment contract. Overall, the District's outstanding long-term liabilities decreased by 4.08% in fiscal year 2024. Detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 7 to the financial statements.

**Table A-8
The District's Long-Term Liabilities**

Long-Term Liabilities	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable	\$ 37,720,000	\$	\$ (2,365,000)	\$ 35,355,000	\$ 2,460,000
Bond Premium	775,780		(61,651)	714,129	61,651
Financed Purchase	199,563	704,404	(199,563)	704,404	244,042
Long-Term Subscription Arrangements	118,993		(57,364)	61,629	61,629
Compensated Absences Payable	1,622,977	328,855		1,951,832	279,646
Total	\$ 40,437,313	\$ 1,033,259	\$ (2,683,578)	\$ 38,786,994	\$ 3,106,968

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

With the exception of a voter-approved operating referendum, the District is dependent on the State of Minnesota for its revenue authority.

The general education program is the method by which school districts receive the majority of their financial support. This source of funding is primarily state aid and, as such, school districts rely heavily on that state of Minnesota for educational resources. During the 2023 State Legislation session, the basic general education formula was increased by 4.0% and 2.0% for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, respectively.

The District has received additional federal funds as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which has helped the District's financial position in the short term. All of these one-time federal COVID relief funds were fully expended by June 30, 2024.

Because many of the funding formulas for Minnesota school districts are heavily driven by enrollment, the district receives less revenue when enrollment declines. If the District continues to see declining enrollment, it will be crucial for the District to respond by reducing expenditures, asking voters for additional operating funds, or a combination of both.

Compensatory revenue continues to be an area of concern. There have been dramatic shifts in compensatory revenue in the past five years. This funding source has historically been tied to the number of students that qualify for Free and Reduced meals. Starting in FY26 under current legislation, the calculations will only include those students who automatically qualify for Free or Reduced meals through a process called direct certification. Paper Application for Educational Benefit forms will no longer count toward the calculation for Compensatory Revenue. Without further legislative action, this funding source could substantially decrease.

Summer Term Unemployment Insurance was added in the 2023 Minnesota State Legislative session without a long-term source of funding. Under this program, eligible non-certified hourly school employees may qualify for "between terms" summer unemployment benefits. These unemployment costs are not eligible for levy authority and are tracked separately than the regular unemployment costs of the district. The state appropriated \$135,000,000 in FY24 to cover the costs of this new program statewide. Once those one-time funds are depleted, the full cost of this program would fall on the District unless there is additional legislative action.

The District will strive to maintain its longstanding commitment to academic excellence and educational opportunity for students within a framework of financial fiduciary responsibility.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide District citizens, taxpayers, customers, 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 the Business Office, Independent School District 347, 611 5th St SW, Willmar, MN 56201 or visit the Finance section of the District website at www.willmar.k12.mn.us (click on Departments, then Finance).

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$ 25,412,133	\$ 22,156,689
Receivables		
Property Taxes	6,008,621	4,191,232
Other Governments	10,957,190	9,684,300
Lease	98,938	71,722
Other	75,021	106,188
Due from Custodial Fund	11,946	17,522
Prepaid Items	784,393	697,596
Inventories	81,249	60,291
Capital and Right to Use Assets		
Assets Not Being Depreciated	2,791,556	2,323,566
Other Capital and Right to Use Assets, Net of Depreciation and Amortization	60,188,006	60,816,511
Total Assets	106,409,053	100,125,617
Deferred Outflows of Resources	14,746,214	13,814,260
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 121,155,267	\$ 113,939,877
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION		
Liabilities		
Salaries and Wages Payable	\$ 6,014,800	\$ 6,095,795
Accounts and Contracts Payable	1,508,103	1,169,567
Due to Other Governmental Units	851,468	695,185
Accrued Interest Payable	480,288	519,704
Unearned Revenue	84,891	90,821
Long-Term Liabilities		
Net Pension Liability	46,402,485	45,156,439
Total OPEB Liability	3,449,129	1,941,967
Other Long-Term Liabilities Due Within One Year	3,106,968	2,933,614
Other Long-Term Liabilities Due in More Than One Year	35,680,026	37,503,699
Total Liabilities	97,578,158	96,106,791
Deferred Inflows of Resources	16,831,855	16,860,470
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	26,848,804	24,525,304
Restricted for		
Operating Capital Purposes	147,899	521,789
State-Mandated Reserves	749,212	954,973
Student Activities	125,223	125,779
Scholarship	41,525	40,639
Food Service	1,776,736	1,279,911
Debt Service	312,376	262,264
Unrestricted	(23,256,521)	(26,738,043)
Total Net Position	6,745,254	972,616
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	\$ 121,155,267	\$ 113,939,877

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			2023	2023
	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Administration	\$ 3,068,408	\$	\$	\$ (3,068,408)	\$ (2,455,851)
District Support Services	3,138,167		345,037	(2,793,130)	(2,214,069)
Regular Instruction	28,923,896	693,268	13,869,849	(14,360,779)	(6,288,923)
Vocational Education Instruction	1,195,670	(3,561)	94,994	(1,104,237)	(665,567)
Special Education Instruction	13,496,094	845,852	11,525,588	(1,124,654)	(1,689,299)
Instructional Support Services	4,644,156	35,790	2,245,068	(2,363,298)	(1,476,688)
Pupil Support Services	6,122,863		72,152	(6,050,711)	(5,562,912)
Sites and Buildings	8,667,075	23,740	5,498	1,609,017	(7,438,384)
Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs Programs	270,687			(270,687)	(242,876)
Food Service	4,345,276	250,720	4,670,387	575,831	81,922
Community Service	2,929,409	972,331	1,535,183	(421,895)	6,095
Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Liabilities	1,149,998			(1,149,998)	(1,242,497)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 77,951,699	\$ 2,818,140	\$ 34,363,756	\$ 1,609,017	(39,160,786)
GENERAL REVENUES					
Property Taxes Levied for					
General Purposes				4,538,952	4,196,586
Community Service				356,016	373,579
Debt Service				3,097,144	3,218,976
State Aid not Restricted to Specific Purposes				36,278,243	31,827,242
Interest Earnings				619,079	161,950
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets				836	23,352
Miscellaneous				43,154	
Total General Revenues				44,933,424	39,801,685
Change in Net Position				5,772,638	10,612,636
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR				972,616	(9,640,020)
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR				\$ 6,745,254	\$ 972,616

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Food Service	Community Service	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds	
					2024	2023
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$ 18,770,299	\$ 2,285,791	\$ 1,441,133	\$ 2,785,742	\$ 25,282,965	\$ 22,031,360
Receivables						
Current Property Taxes	3,358,319		211,984	2,388,408	5,958,711	4,134,435
Delinquent Property Taxes	25,833		2,237	21,840	49,910	56,797
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	297,481	14,453	10,490		322,424	339,027
Due from Minnesota Department of Education	7,122,503	158,447	128,891	47,919	7,457,760	5,255,830
Due from Federal through Minnesota Department of Education	2,662,481	421,382	20,555		3,104,418	4,037,765
Due from Other Governmental Units	54,635	6,771	11,182		72,588	51,678
Lease Receivables	98,938				98,938	71,722
Other Receivables	35,286	3,184	36,481		74,951	106,188
Due from Other Funds	11,946				11,946	17,522
Prepaid Items	774,856		9,537		784,393	697,596
Inventories	6,233	75,016			81,249	60,291
	<u>33,218,810</u>	<u>2,965,044</u>	<u>1,872,490</u>	<u>5,243,909</u>	<u>43,300,253</u>	<u>36,860,211</u>
Total Assets	\$ 33,218,810	\$ 2,965,044	\$ 1,872,490	\$ 5,243,909	\$ 43,300,253	\$ 36,860,211
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE						
Liabilities						
Salaries and Wages Payable	\$ 5,813,128	\$ 20,291	\$ 181,381		\$ 6,014,800	\$ 6,095,795
Accounts and Contracts Payable	1,440,589	14,343	38,081		1,493,013	1,157,470
Due to Other Governmental Units	820,212	18,058	13,198		851,468	695,185
Unearned Revenue		60,969	23,922		84,891	90,821
Total Liabilities	<u>8,073,929</u>	<u>113,661</u>	<u>256,582</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,444,172</u>	<u>8,039,271</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	6,739,781		462,348	4,451,245	11,653,374	8,002,033
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Property Taxes	25,833		2,237	21,840	49,910	56,797
Lease	98,938				98,938	71,722
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>6,864,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>464,585</u>	<u>4,473,085</u>	<u>11,802,222</u>	<u>8,130,552</u>
Fund Balance						
Nonspendable	781,089		9,537		790,626	714,744
Restricted	1,063,859	2,851,383	1,141,786	770,824	5,827,852	5,706,509
Committed	3,236,079				3,236,079	4,854,672
Assigned	109,042				109,042	75,539
Unassigned	13,090,260				13,090,260	9,338,924
Total Fund Balance	<u>18,280,329</u>	<u>2,851,383</u>	<u>1,151,323</u>	<u>770,824</u>	<u>23,053,859</u>	<u>20,690,388</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	\$ 33,218,810	\$ 2,965,044	\$ 1,872,490	\$ 5,243,909	\$ 43,300,253	\$ 36,860,211

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 23,053,859	\$ 20,690,388
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital and right to use assets used in governmental funds are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. Those assets consist of:		
Land and Construction in Progress	2,791,556	2,323,566
Land Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	4,185,640	3,985,078
Buildings and Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	49,439,343	50,577,795
Equipment and Vehicles, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	6,451,053	6,071,088
Right to Use Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization	111,970	182,550
Some of the District's property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds.		
	49,910	56,797
Interest on long-term liabilities is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.		
	(480,288)	(519,704)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs associated with Delta Dental Insurance. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.		
	114,148	113,232
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	13,155,231	13,593,149
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions	(4,253,200)	(7,835,015)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB	1,590,983	221,111
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB	(826,343)	(951,700)
Long-term liabilities that pertain to governmental funds, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities - both current and long-term - are reported in the Statement of Net Position.		
Balances at year-end are:		
Bonds Payable	(35,355,000)	(37,720,000)
Unamortized Premium	(714,129)	(775,780)
Financed Purchase	(704,404)	(199,563)
Long-Term Subscription Arrangements	(61,629)	(118,993)
Compensated Absences Payable	(1,951,832)	(1,622,977)
Total OPEB Liability	(3,449,129)	(1,941,967)
Net Pension Liability	(46,402,485)	(45,156,439)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 6,745,254</u>	<u>\$ 972,616</u>

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Food Service	Community Service	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds	
					2024	2023
REVENUES						
Local Sources						
Property Taxes	\$ 4,541,891	\$	\$ 356,452	\$ 3,100,656	\$ 7,998,999	\$ 7,788,422
Interest Earnings	487,995	44,711	33,667	50,417	616,790	161,222
Other	2,252,719	258,959	1,008,223		3,519,901	4,221,713
State Sources	59,398,395	1,188,741	1,469,954	479,200	62,536,290	53,884,991
Federal Sources	5,416,725	3,473,407	38,282		8,928,414	13,242,307
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	82,209		3,511		85,720	91,998
Total Revenues	72,179,934	4,965,818	2,910,089	3,630,273	83,686,114	79,390,653
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Administration	3,091,563				3,091,563	2,892,235
District Support Services	3,047,185				3,047,185	2,323,042
Regular Instruction	28,634,682				28,634,682	29,298,374
Vocational Education Instruction	1,178,024				1,178,024	961,829
Special Education Instruction	13,851,628				13,851,628	12,943,349
Instructional Support Services	4,412,253				4,412,253	4,445,370
Pupil Support Services	6,123,443		42,622		6,166,065	6,127,655
Sites and Buildings	5,516,178				5,516,178	6,065,376
Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs Programs	270,687				270,687	243,876
Food Service		4,192,223			4,192,223	3,893,277
Community Service			2,870,661		2,870,661	2,866,765
Capital Outlay	5,111,932	47,664	64,227		5,223,823	3,421,898
Debt Service						
Principal				2,365,000	2,365,000	2,275,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges				1,251,065	1,251,065	1,342,065
Total Expenditures	71,237,575	4,239,887	2,977,510	3,616,065	82,071,037	79,100,111
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	942,359	725,931	(67,421)	14,208	1,615,077	290,542

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Food Service	Community Service	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds	
					2024	2023
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Subscription Arrangement Issuance	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 62,731
Financed Purchase	704,404				704,404	
Sale of Equipment	37,863				37,863	23,352
Insurance Proceeds			6,127		6,127	
Transfers In			19,514		19,514	
Transfers Out	(19,514)				(19,514)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>722,753</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,641</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>748,394</u>	<u>86,083</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,665,112	725,931	(41,780)	14,208	2,363,471	376,625
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>16,615,217</u>	<u>2,125,452</u>	<u>1,193,103</u>	<u>756,616</u>	<u>20,690,388</u>	<u>20,313,763</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 18,280,329</u>	<u>\$ 2,851,383</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,323</u>	<u>\$ 770,824</u>	<u>\$ 23,053,859</u>	<u>\$ 20,690,388</u>

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024	2023
Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,363,471	\$ 376,625
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital outlay is reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.</p>		
Capital Outlay	2,612,639	1,517,190
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	(2,713,569)	(2,649,061)
Capital Assets Disposed	(250,144)	(137,995)
Accumulated Deprecation Related to Disposed Capital Assets	190,559	121,365
<p>The governmental funds report bond proceeds as financing sources, while repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure. In the Statement of Net Position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the Statement of Activities and repayment of principal reduces the liability. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. Interest is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is due. The net effect of these differences is as follows:</p>		
Principal Retirement of Long-Term Liabilities	2,621,927	2,530,755
Issuance of Financed Purchase	(704,404)	
Issuance of Long-Term Subscription Arrangement		(62,731)
Change in Accrued Interest Payable	39,416	37,917
Amortization of Bond Premium	61,651	61,651
Delinquent property taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are deferred in the funds.	(6,887)	719
<p>In the Statement of Activities, certain operating expenses - pension, other post-employment benefits and compensated absences - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid).</p>		
Pensions	1,897,851	8,429,405
Other Postemployment Benefits	(11,933)	261,806
Compensated Absences	(328,855)	117,786

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
An internal service fund is used to charge the costs associated with Delta Dental insurance. The net change in net position of the fund is reported with governmental activities.	<u>\$ 916</u>	<u>\$ 7,204</u>
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 5,772,638</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,612,636</u></u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			Over (Under) Final Budget	2023
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Actual
	Original	Final			
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Property Taxes	\$ 4,512,923	\$ 4,585,813	\$ 4,541,891	\$ (43,922)	\$ 4,198,119
Interest Earnings	93,122	394,174	487,995	93,821	124,026
Other	1,493,867	1,974,733	2,252,719	277,986	2,408,156
State Sources	57,567,096	58,518,387	59,398,395	880,008	51,854,487
Federal Sources	5,472,355	5,621,375	5,416,725	(204,650)	9,762,655
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	73,822	40,823	82,209	41,386	86,631
Total Revenues	69,213,185	71,135,305	72,179,934	1,044,629	68,434,074
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Administration	2,986,869	3,015,183	3,091,563	76,380	2,892,235
District Support Services	2,789,787	2,978,087	3,047,185	69,098	2,323,042
Regular Instruction	28,801,394	28,364,962	28,634,682	269,720	29,298,374
Vocational Education Instruction	1,001,269	921,990	1,178,024	256,034	961,829
Special Education Instruction	13,205,734	13,821,219	13,851,628	30,409	12,943,349
Instructional Support Services	3,966,593	4,385,013	4,412,253	27,240	4,445,370
Pupil Support Services	6,118,510	6,149,973	6,123,443	(26,530)	6,083,378
Sites and Buildings	5,862,088	5,852,191	5,516,178	(336,013)	6,065,376
Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs Programs	296,749	280,631	270,687	(9,944)	243,876
Capital Outlay					
District Support Services	17,484	17,506	55,979	38,473	48,882
Regular Instruction	345,012	394,959	863,326	468,367	449,721
Vocational Education Instruction	25,000	23,000	31,839	8,839	32,545
Special Education Instruction	6,675	17,684	29,288	11,604	6,789
Instructional Support Services	60,000	60,000	368,039	308,039	84,619
Pupil Support Services	1,100	184	184		16,311
Sites and Buildings	1,874,001	3,454,868	3,763,277	308,409	2,660,156
Total Expenditures	67,358,265	69,737,450	71,237,575	1,500,125	68,555,852
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,854,920	1,397,855	942,359	(455,496)	(121,778)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Subscription Arrangement Issuance					62,731
Financed Purchase			704,404	704,404	
Sale of Equipment		37,780	37,863	83	18,450
Transfers Out			(19,514)	(19,514)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	37,780	722,753	684,973	81,181
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 1,854,920	\$ 1,435,635	1,665,112	\$ 229,477	(40,597)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			16,615,217		16,655,814
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 18,280,329		\$ 16,615,217

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FOOD SERVICE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			Over (Under) Final Budget	2023
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Actual
	Original	Final			
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Interest Earnings	\$ 8,112	\$ 29,366	\$ 44,711	\$ 15,345	\$ 12,856
Other-Primarily Meal Sales	242,340	380,033	258,959	(121,074)	629,935
State Sources	823,738	1,148,304	1,188,741	40,437	202,174
Federal Sources	3,008,264	3,320,222	3,473,407	153,185	3,365,831
Total Revenues	4,082,454	4,877,925	4,965,818	87,893	4,210,796
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Food Service	4,543,234	4,564,584	4,192,223	(372,361)	3,893,277
Capital Outlay					
Food Service	38,141	71,795	47,664	(24,131)	121,586
Total Expenditures	4,581,375	4,636,379	4,239,887	(396,492)	4,014,863
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(498,921)	241,546	725,931	484,385	195,933
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of Equipment	2,500				4,902
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (496,421)	\$ 241,546	725,931	\$ 484,385	200,835
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			2,125,452		1,924,617
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 2,851,383		\$ 2,125,452

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			Over (Under) Final Budget	2023
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Actual
	Original	Final			
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Property Taxes	\$ 362,328	\$ 362,698	\$ 356,452	\$ (6,246)	\$ 373,720
Interest Earnings	9,605	9,605	33,667	24,062	9,197
Other-Primarily Tuition and Fees	916,320	929,346	1,008,223	78,877	1,183,622
State Sources	1,375,386	1,446,306	1,469,954	23,648	1,440,181
Federal Sources	41,000	38,282	38,282		113,821
Sales and Other Conversion of Assets	5,406	5,000	3,511	(1,489)	5,367
Total Revenues	<u>2,710,045</u>	<u>2,791,237</u>	<u>2,910,089</u>	<u>118,852</u>	<u>3,125,908</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Pupil Support Services	50,001	43,641	42,622	(1,019)	44,277
Community Service	2,675,773	2,693,110	2,870,661	177,551	2,866,765
Capital Outlay					
Community Service	4,525	50,007	64,227	14,220	1,289
Total Expenditures	<u>2,730,299</u>	<u>2,786,758</u>	<u>2,977,510</u>	<u>190,752</u>	<u>2,912,331</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(20,254)	4,479	(67,421)	(71,900)	213,577
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Insurance Proceeds			6,127	6,127	
Transfers In			19,514	19,514	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,641</u>	<u>25,641</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (20,254)</u>	<u>\$ 4,479</u>	<u>(41,780)</u>	<u>\$ (46,259)</u>	<u>213,577</u>
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			<u>1,193,103</u>		<u>979,526</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			<u>\$ 1,151,323</u>		<u>\$ 1,193,103</u>

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities- Internal Service Fund	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$ 129,168	\$ 125,329
Accounts Receivables	70	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 129,238</u>	<u>\$ 125,329</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 15,090	\$ 12,097
Net Position		
Unrestricted	<u>114,148</u>	<u>113,232</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 129,238</u>	<u>\$ 125,329</u>

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities- Internal Service Fund	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for Services	\$ 278,535	\$ 284,695
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Dental Insurance Claim Payments	253,351	250,644
General Administration Costs	<u>26,557</u>	<u>27,575</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>279,908</u>	<u>278,219</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,373)	6,476
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest Earnings	<u>2,289</u>	<u>728</u>
Change in Net Position	916	7,204
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>113,232</u>	<u>106,028</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 114,148</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 113,232</u></u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities- Internal Service Fund	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Interfund Services Provided	\$ 278,465	\$ 284,835
Payments for Administrative Costs	(26,621)	(27,564)
Payments for Dental Fees and Insurance Claims	(250,294)	(259,357)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>1,550</u>	<u>(2,086)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Earnings	2,289	728
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>3,839</u>	<u>(1,358)</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>125,329</u>	<u>126,687</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 129,168</u>	<u>\$ 125,329</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,373)	\$ 6,476
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		
(Increase) Decrease in Assets		
Accounts Receivable	(70)	140
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	2,993	(8,702)
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,550</u>	<u>\$ (2,086)</u>

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

Receivables	
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	\$ 30,136

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,892
Due to Other Governmental Units	15,298
Due to Other Funds	11,946
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Total Liabilities	\$ 30,136

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

ADDITIONS

Local Sources	
Other	\$ 70,450

DEDUCTIONS

Distributions for Collaborative	70,450
Change in Net Position	0
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NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR

NET POSITION, END OF YEAR

\$ 0

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Independent School District #347 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB pronouncements are recognized as accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Independent School District #347 Board of Education ("District") is the basic level of government which has the financial accountability and control over all activities related to the public school education for the Willmar Public School District. The District receives funding from local, state, and federal sources and must comply with the expenditure requirements of these funding source entities.

The financial statements present the District and its component units. The District includes all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate from such. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the District misleading.

The criteria used to determine if the District is financially accountable for a component unit includes whether or not 1) the District appoints the voting majority of the potential component unit's governing body and is able to impose its will on the potential component unit or is in a relationship of financial benefit or burden with the potential component unit, or 2) the potential component unit is fiscally dependent on and there is potential for the potential component unit to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District.

As a result of applying the component unit definition criteria above, it has been determined the District has no component units.

Extracurricular student activities are determined primarily by student participants under the guidance of an adult and are generally conducted outside school hours. The School Board has a fiduciary responsibility in establishing general policies and ensuring that appropriate financial records are maintained for student activities. In addition, these accounts of the District are under the School Board's control. The activity of the student activity accounts is accounted for in the General Fund.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District except for fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are only reported at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Elimination of all charges would distort the direct costs and program revenue reported for the various functions concerned.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary and fiduciary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type. Since by definition, fiduciary fund assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used for activities or obligations of the District, these funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

The Internal Service Fund is presented in the proprietary fund financial statements. Because the principal user of the internal services is the District's governmental activities, the financial statement of the internal service fund is consolidated into the governmental activities column when presented in the government-wide financial statements. The cost of these services is reported in the appropriate functional activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the District's internal service fund is charges to customers for service. Operating expenses for the internal service fund include the cost of services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing or related cash flows. Property taxes are generally recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied, except for amounts advance recognized in accordance with a statutory "tax shift" described later in these notes. Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, in which revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be measurable when the amount of the transaction can be determined and available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

Property tax revenue is generally considered as available if collected within 60 days after year-end. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to Minnesota Statutes and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Minnesota Statutes include state aid funding formulas for specific fiscal years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is made. Food service sales, community education tuition, and other miscellaneous revenue (except interest earnings) are recorded as revenues when received because they are generally not measurable until then. Interest earnings are recorded when earned because they are measurable and available. A six-month availability period is generally used for other fund revenue.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Cont'd)

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. The District does not use encumbrances for either budgeting or financial reporting purposes.

It is generally the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Description of Funds

The existence of the various District funds has been established by the State of Minnesota, Department of Education. The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. A description of the funds included in this report is as follows:

Major Governmental Funds:

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. It includes the general operations and pupil transportation activities of the District, as well as the capital related activities such as maintenance of facilities, equipment purchases, health and safety projects, and disabled accessibility projects.

The Food Service Special Revenue Fund accounts for all activities associated with the preparation and service of milk, meals and snacks in connection with school and community service activities. Revenues for the Food Service Fund are generated primarily from user fees, federal reimbursements, and state aids.

The Community Service Special Revenue Fund accounts for services provided to residents in the areas of enrichment, recreation, nonpublic pupils, adult basic education and early childhood programs or other similar services. Revenues for the Community Service Fund are generated primarily from user fees, local property taxes, federal reimbursements, and state aids.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Proprietary Fund:

The Internal Service Fund accounts for financing of goods or services provided by one department to other departments or agencies of the government, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The District's Internal Service Fund accounts for the District's dental self-insurance program. The self-insurance costs are charged to the various funds based on established premium rates.

Fiduciary Fund:

The Custodial Fund is used to account for cash and other assets held by the District as the agent for others. These funds are used to account for the West Central Achievement and Integration Collaborative.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

D. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Budgets presented in this report for comparison to actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Each June, the School Board adopts an annual budget for the following fiscal year for the General, Food Service, Community Service and Debt Service Funds. The approved budget is published in summary form in the District's legal newspaper by November 30 of each year. Reported budget amounts represent the amended budget as adopted by the School Board. Legal budgetary control is at the fund level.

Procedurally, in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements, the Superintendent and Director of Business and Finance submits to the School Board prior to July 1, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means to finance them. The budget is legally enacted by School Board action. Revisions to budgeted amounts must be approved by the School Board.

Total fund expenditures in excess of the budget require approval of the School Board. Spending control is established by the amount of expenditures budgeted for the fund, but management control is exercised at line item levels.

Unencumbered expenditure appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbrances are not recorded.

Budget provisions for the Debt Service Fund are set by state law governing required debt service levels.

E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE

Cash and Investments:

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, deposits and highly liquid debt instruments purchased with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

The District may invest in the following types of investments as authorized by Minn. Stat. §§118A.04 and 118A.05:

- (1) securities which are direct obligations or are guaranteed or insured issues of the United States, its agencies, its instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress, except mortgage-backed securities defined as "high risk" by Minn. Stat. §118A.04, subd. 6;
- (2) mutual funds through shares of registered investment companies provided the mutual fund receives certain ratings depending on its investments;
- (3) general obligations of the State of Minnesota and its municipalities, and in certain state agency and local obligations of Minnesota and other states provided such obligations have certain specified bond ratings by a national bond rating service;
- (4) time deposits that are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or bankers acceptances of United States bank;
- (5) commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries that is rated in the highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in 270 days or less; and

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Cash and Investments: (Cont'd)

(6) with certain restrictions, in repurchase agreements, securities lending agreements, joint powers investment trusts, and guaranteed investment contracts.

Cash and investments were comprised of demand deposit accounts, non-negotiable certificates of deposit, money market accounts, U.S. Treasury notes and external investments pool. Investments are recorded at fair value as determined by quoted market prices or amortized cost.

The District invests in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund external investment pool, which is created under a joint powers agreement pursuant to Minn. Stat. §471.59. The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund is not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), but satisfies the requirements of Rule 2a-7 prescribed by the SEC pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR §270.2a-7), as amended. The investment in the pool is measured at the net asset value per share provided by the pool.

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

Cash balances from all funds of the District are pooled and invested, to the extent available, in allowable cash management accounts. Earnings from such accounts are allocated to the respective funds on the basis of applicable cash balance participation by each fund.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers cash in bank and all highly liquid instruments (including restricted assets) to be cash and cash equivalents in its proprietary fund.

The District has an investment policy in place that addresses interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk and custodial credit risk as follows:

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to the District. Minnesota Statutes require all District deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations of a state or local government rated "A" or better and revenue obligations of a state or local government rated "AA" or better; unrated general obligation securities of the District; irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral. The District does not have a policy that further limits its collateral choices.

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E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Cash and Investments: (Cont'd)

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments. For an investment, this is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investment policy on custodial credit risk states securities shall be held in third party safekeeping by an institution designated as custodial agent. The institution or dealer shall issue a safekeeping receipt to the District listing the specific instrument, the name of the issuer, the name in which the security is held, the rate, the maturity, serial numbers and other distinguishing marks, and other pertinent information related to the securities held.

Interest Rate Risk. This is the risk that the market value of securities will fall due to the changes in market interest rates. The District's policy states investment maturities shall be scheduled to coincide with projected District cash flow needs, taking into account large routine or scheduled expenditures, as well as anticipated receipt dates of anticipated revenues. Maturities for short-term and long-term investments shall be timed according to anticipated need. Within these parameters, portfolio maturities shall be staggered to avoid undue concentration of assets and a specific maturity sector. The maturities selected shall provide for stability of income and reasonable liquidity.

Credit Risk. This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. State law limits certain investments to the top two ratings issued by the rating organizations. The District's investment policy states it will comply with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 118A.

Concentration Risk. This is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The District's investment policy states the District shall diversify its investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in over investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities.

Accounts Receivable:

Accounts receivable represents amounts receivable from individuals, firms, and corporations for goods and services furnished by the District. No substantial losses are anticipated from present receivable balances, therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts is deemed necessary.

Lease receivables represent amounts receivable from individuals, firms and corporations for the right to use of District assets. No substantial losses are anticipated from the present receivables balances and therefore, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is deemed necessary.

Current Property Taxes Receivable:

Current property taxes receivable represent current real and personal property tax levies, certified the previous December and collectible in the current calendar year, which have not been received by the District.

Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable:

Delinquent property taxes receivable represent taxes collectible in the years 2017 to 2023 that remain uncollected at June 30, 2024. They are equally offset by a deferred inflows of resources amount in the governmental fund financial statements.

Prepaid Items:

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepayments. Prepaid items are reported using the consumption method and recorded as an expense or expenditure at the time of consumption.

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E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Inventories:

Inventories are recorded using the consumption method of accounting and consist of paper, purchased food and supplies. Food, paper and supply purchases are recorded at invoice cost, computed on a first-in, first-out method.

Capital Assets:

Tangible and intangible capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Right to use assets are capitalized at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 for capitalizing tangible and intangible capital assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Tangible and intangible capital and right to use assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital and right to use assets are depreciated and amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 20 to 50 years for land improvements and buildings, and 5 to 15 years for equipment.

Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress.

The District does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets. Items such as sidewalks and other land improvements are considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

Deferred Outflows of Resources:

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future reporting period. During that future period, it will be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure). The District has items that qualify for reporting in this category on the government-wide Statement of Net Position related to pensions and OPEB.

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and certain other payments received before eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as unearned revenue.

Long-Term Obligations:

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities. Lease and subscription liabilities are measured at the present value of payments expected to be made and amortized as a component of interest expense over the lease and subscription term.

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E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Long-Term Obligations: (Cont'd)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. The present value of lease and subscription payments expected to be made at the inception of a lease and subscription agreement is reported as other financing sources. Subsequent lease and subscription payments are reported as capital outlay expenditures.

Compensated Absences:

The liability for compensated absences reported in the financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated vacation and certain sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included. The liability for compensated absences is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. The government-wide Statement of Net Position reports both current and noncurrent portions of compensated absences using full accrual accounting. The current portion consists of an amount based on a trend analysis of current usage of vacation and vested sick leave. The noncurrent portion consists of the remaining amount of vacation and total vested sick leave.

Vacation Pay:

Employees earn annual vacation pay at rates dependent upon each employee group labor contract. All outstanding unpaid vacation pay is payable upon termination of employment. At June 30, 2024, unpaid vacation pay totaling \$132,916 is recorded in the financial statements.

Sick Pay:

Substantially all District employees are entitled to sick leave at various rates. For certain employees, unused sick leave enters into the calculation of pay upon termination.

Secretarial Staff:

An unused sick leave payment is available to full-time secretaries who have completed at least 15 years of continuous service with the District and are at least 55 years of age. An eligible individual will receive an amount equal to 75% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave hours multiplied by the employee's hourly rate of pay, not to exceed 800 hours, less any TSA match the District contributed. Employees hired after July 1, 2000 are not eligible for an unused sick leave payment.

Library Clerical Staff and General Paraprofessionals:

An unused sick leave payment is available to library clerical staff and full-time general paraprofessionals whose combined part-time and full-time service is not less than 15 years of service with the District and are at least 55 years of age. An eligible individual will receive an amount equal to 75% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave days multiplied by the employee's daily rate of pay, not to exceed 120 days, less any TSA match the District contributed. Employees hired July 1, 2018 or later are not eligible for an unused sick leave payment.

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E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Compensated Absences: (Cont'd)

Special Needs Paraprofessionals, Sign Language Interpreters and Job Coaches:

An unused sick leave payment is available to full-time special needs paraprofessionals, full-time sign language interpreters and full-time job coaches who have completed at least 15 years of continuous service with the District and are at least 58 years of age. An eligible individual will receive an amount equal to 75% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave days multiplied by the employee's daily rate of pay, not to exceed 805 hours, less any TSA match the District contributed. Employees hired after July 1, 2002 will not be eligible for an unused sick leave payment.

Food Service Staff:

An unused sick leave payment is available to full-time food service staff who have completed at least 15 years of continuous service with the District and are at least 55 years of age. An eligible individual will receive an amount equal to 75% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave hours multiplied by the employee's hourly rate of pay, not to exceed 600 hours. Employees hired before July 1, 2022 must have a combined part-time and full-time FTE not less than 15 total years of service. Employees hired after July 1, 2022 will not be eligible for unused sick leave payment. Those hired prior will have severance reduced by District TSA matching contributions.

Administrators:

An unused sick leave payment is available to administrators who have completed at least 10 years of full-time service with the District and are at least 55 years of age but not more than 65 years of age. An eligible administrator will receive an amount equal to the number of unused accumulated sick leave days multiplied by the employee's daily rate of pay, not to exceed 175 days, less any TSA match the District contributed. Administrators hired after July 1, 2000 are not eligible for an unused sick leave payment.

Teachers:

An unused sick leave payment is available to teachers who have completed at least 15 years of combined part-time and Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) paid teaching service with the District and are at least 55 years of age. An eligible teacher will receive an amount equal to 50% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave days multiplied by the employee's daily rate of pay, not to exceed 90 days. Furthermore, an eligible teacher will receive an amount equal to the teacher's number of years of service multiplied by four days and the employee's daily rate of pay, not to exceed 100 days. The maximum combined total payment shall not exceed 150 days. Any TSA match the District contributed will be deducted from the payment. Teachers hired after July 1, 2000 are not eligible for this benefit.

Custodians:

Custodians shall earn ten days of severance pay credit for each full year of service, with accumulation to 150 days. In addition, an eligible custodian will receive severance pay for 50% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave days, not to exceed 90 days. Upon resignation of the employee at age 55 or older, the District shall pay severance equal to 75% of an employee's accumulated severance pay days up to a maximum of 150 days, at the employee's daily rate of pay. Must have a minimum of 5 years of service as a custodian to qualify.

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E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Compensated Absences: (Cont'd)

Confidential Employees:

An unused sick leave payment is available to full-time confidential employees who have completed at least 15 years of continuous service with the District and are at least 55 years of age. An eligible individual will receive an amount equal to 75% of the number of unused accumulated sick leave hours multiplied by the employee's hourly rate of pay, not to exceed 900 hours, less any TSA match the District contributed. The eligible confidential employee shall also earn ten days of severance pay credit for each full year of service, with accumulation to 100 days. The maximum combined severance shall not exceed 150 days. Confidential employees hired after July 1, 2004 are not eligible for this benefit.

Other Postemployment Benefits:

Under the terms of previous employment contracts, when certain qualified employees retired between the ages of 55 to 65, the District provided life and health insurance benefits which would cease when such employees attain the age of 65. This benefit is no longer available to employees; however, the District continues to pay health insurance for qualified individuals that retired when this benefit was in effect. All premiums are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Pensions:

The District participates in various pension plans; total pension expense for the fiscal year ended was \$1,952,581. The components of pension expense are noted in the plan summaries.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments, and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRA.

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. This direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher's Retirement Fund Association in 2015.

Deferred Inflows of Resources:

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future reporting period. During that future period, it will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue). The District has items that qualify for reporting in this category on both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the governmental fund financial statements related to property taxes, pensions, OPEB and leases.

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E. ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures:

Current levies of local taxes, less the amount recognized as revenue in the current period, including portions assumed by the state which will be recognized as revenue in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, are included in this account to indicate that, while they are current assets, they will not be recognized as revenue until the following year.

Fund Balance:

In the fund financial statements, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. These classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as, inventories and prepaid items.

Restricted - consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

Committed - consists of amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action of the Board of Education. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. These constraints are established by Resolution of the Board of Education.

Assigned - consists of amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the governing body itself or by an official to which the governing body delegates the authority. Pursuant to School Board Policy, the Director of Business and Finance is authorized to establish assignments of fund balance.

Unassigned - is the residual classification for the General Fund and also reflects negative residual amounts in the remaining governmental funds.

The District requires restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Additionally, the District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The Board of Education formally adopted a fund balance policy for the General Fund. The District's policy is to strive to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance of 6% of the General Fund expenditures.

Net Position:

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide, proprietary fund, and fiduciary fund financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital and right to use assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term liabilities used to build or acquire the capital and right to use assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide, proprietary fund, and fiduciary fund financial statements when there are limitations on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or net investment in capital assets.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

F. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues:

Property tax levies are established by the Board of Education in December each year and are certified to the County for collection in the following calendar year. In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The County spreads all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on January 1. Taxes are due on May 15 and October 15. The County generally remits taxes to the District at periodic intervals as they are collected. A portion of property taxes levied is paid through various state tax credits which are included in revenue from state sources in the governmental fund financial statements.

Generally, tax revenue is recognized in the fiscal year ending June 30, following the calendar year in which the tax levy is collectible, while the current calendar year tax levy is recorded as deferred inflow of resources (property taxes levied for subsequent year's expenditures). The majority of District revenue in the General Fund (and to a lesser extent in the District's Community Service Special Revenue Fund) is determined annually by statutory funding formulas. The total revenue allowed by these formulas is then allocated between taxes and state aids by the Legislature based on education funding priorities. Changes in this allocation are periodically accompanied by a change in property tax revenue recognition referred to as the "tax shift."

In accordance with State law, the current tax shift consists of an amount equal to 31% of the District's 2000 Pay 2001 operating referendum which is frozen at \$184,153 for the District. For the current year, State law is not requiring recognition of the current operating referendum and all other levies other than Career Technical and Reemployment Insurance. Career Technical and Reemployment Insurance tax levies are recognized early based on statutory requirements in the amounts of \$219,346 and (\$10,000), respectively.

Tax levies from prior years that remain unpaid are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. Revenue from these delinquent property taxes that is not collected within 60 days of year-end is reported as a deferred inflow of resources at the fund level because it is not known to be available to finance the operations of the District in the current year. No allowance for uncollectible taxes has been provided as such amounts are not expected to be material. Current levies of local taxes, less the amount recognized as revenue in the current period, including portions assumed by the State which will be recognized as revenue in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, are included in Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year to indicate that, while they are current assets, they will not be recognized as revenue until the following year.

Expenditures:

Expenditure recognition for governmental fund types is limited to amounts represented by current liabilities. Long-term liabilities are not recognized as governmental fund expenditures or liabilities.

G. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION

The basic financial statements include certain prior-year partial comparative information in total but not at the level of detail required for a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the government's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, from which the partial information was derived.

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NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. VIOLATIONS OF FINANCE-RELATED OBLIGATIONS

There were no violations of finance-related obligations.

B. DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

There were no deficit fund balances.

C. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING APPROPRIATIONS

The following funds had expenditures that exceeded appropriations:

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>
General Fund	\$ 71,237,575	\$ 69,737,450
Community Service Fund	2,977,510	2,786,758

NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. DEPOSITS

The District's deposits were sufficiently covered by insurance through FDIC as well as collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

The District has the following deposits:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
Petty Cash	\$ 453
Pooled Cash in Checking Accounts	11,538,308
Money Market Deposit Account	2,774,175
Non-negotiable Certificates of Deposit	<u>30,481</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 14,343,417</u>

B. INVESTMENTS

The District had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>
		<u>Maturity Date</u>
U.S. Treasury Notes	<u>\$ 4,470,843</u>	0-2 years

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NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

B. INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurement Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Investments at fair value:				
Cash Held in Tax Managed Fund	\$ 3,955,922	\$ 3,955,922	\$	\$
U.S. Treasury Notes	4,470,843	4,470,843		
Total Investments at Fair Value	8,426,765	<u>\$ 8,426,765</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Investment at amortized cost:				
External Investment Pool - MSDLAF Max Class	2,641,951			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 11,068,716</u>			

The following is a summary of deposits and investments:

Deposits (Note 3.A.)	\$ 14,343,417
Investments	<u>11,068,716</u>
Total Deposits and Investments	<u>\$ 25,412,133</u>

Deposits and Investments are presented in the basic financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position	
Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 25,412,133</u>

The District's investment in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund - Max classes were rated AAA and the U.S. Treasury Notes were rated Aaa by Standard & Poor's. The District's Cash Held in Tax Managed Fund were not rated.

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NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

A. COMPONENTS OF RECEIVABLES

Receivables are as follows:

	<u>Total Receivables</u>	<u>Amounts not Scheduled for Collection During the Subsequent Year</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
Receivables		
Property Taxes		
Current Property Taxes	\$ 5,958,711	\$
Delinquent Property Taxes	49,910	
Total Property Taxes	<u>6,008,621</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Governments		
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	322,424	
Due from Minnesota Department of Education	7,457,760	
Due from Federal through Minnesota Department of Education	3,104,418	
Due from Other Governmental Units	72,588	
Total Other Governments	<u>10,957,190</u>	<u>0</u>
Lease Receivable	98,938	77,598
Other		
Other Receivables	<u>75,021</u>	
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 17,139,770</u>	<u>\$ 77,598</u>
<u>Fiduciary Activities</u>		
Receivables		
Due from Other Minnesota School Districts	<u>\$ 30,136</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

B. LEASE RECEIVABLES

On June 10, 2024, the District leased office space to the Southwest-West Central Service Coop. The lease term is 3 years at a fixed interest rate of 8.50% with monthly payments through fiscal year 2027. Ownership does not transfer at the end of the lease term.

On July 1, 2020, the District leased office space to the Southwest-West Central Service Coop. The lease term is 4 years at a fixed interest rate of 3.25%. Ownership does not transfer at the end of the lease term.

On February 11, 2008, the District leased land to the Willmar Municipal Utilities Commission for the purpose of constructing and operating Wind Turbine No. 3. The lease term is 21 years at a fixed interest rate of 3.25%. The lease may be renegotiated at the end of the term. Ownership does not transfer at the end of the lease term.

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NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES (Cont'd)

B. LEASE RECEIVABLES (Cont'd)

On February 11, 2008, the District leased land to the Willmar Municipal Utilities Commission for the purpose of constructing and operating Wind Turbine No. 4. The lease term is 21 years at a fixed interest rate of 3.25%. The lease may be renegotiated at the end of the term. Ownership does not transfer at the end of the lease term.

The District's leases are summarized as follows:

	Lease Receivable Balance	Lease Revenue	Lease Interest Revenue
SWWC Service Coop Office Space FY 21-FY24	\$	\$ 18,000	\$ 313
SWWC Service Coop Office Space FY25-FY27	50,645		
Land Lease - Wind Turbine No 3	25,633	3,671	901
Land Lease - Wind Turbine No 4	22,660	3,781	809
Total	<u>\$ 98,938</u>	<u>\$ 25,452</u>	<u>\$ 2,023</u>

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,497,585	\$	\$ (3,245)	\$ 1,494,340
Construction in Progress	825,981	1,910,580	(1,439,345)	1,297,216
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	2,323,566	1,910,580	(1,442,590)	2,791,556
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated				
Land Improvements	7,305,968	563,123	(191,018)	7,678,073
Buildings and Improvements	86,259,980	602,705		86,862,685
Equipment	10,337,885	975,576	(55,881)	11,257,580
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	103,903,833	2,141,404	(246,899)	105,798,338
Right To Use Assets, Being Amortized				
Subscription IT Assets	261,408			261,408
Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Land Improvements	(3,320,890)	(320,979)	149,436	(3,492,433)
Buildings and Improvements	(35,682,185)	(1,741,157)		(37,423,342)
Equipment	(4,266,797)	(580,853)	41,123	(4,806,527)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(43,269,872)</u>	<u>(2,642,989)</u>	<u>190,559</u>	<u>(45,722,302)</u>

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NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (Cont'd)

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u> (Cont'd)				
Less Accumulated Amortized for Subscription IT Assets	\$ (78,858)	\$ (70,580)	\$	\$ (149,438)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated or Amortized, Net	60,816,511	(572,165)	(56,340)	60,188,006
Governmental Activities Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 63,140,077</u>	<u>\$ 1,338,415</u>	<u>\$ (1,498,930)</u>	<u>\$ 62,979,562</u>

Depreciation and Amortization expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Governmental Activities		
District Support Services		\$ 54,484
Regular Instruction		770,697
Vocational Education Instruction		12,491
Special Education Instruction		6,046
Instructional Support Services		20,911
Pupil Support Services		35,119
Sites and Buildings		1,716,578
Food Service		81,664
Community Service		<u>15,579</u>
Total Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 2,713,569</u>

NOTE 6. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

A. INTERFUND BALANCES

The composition of interfund balances is as follows:

<u>Due From Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Custodial Fund	\$ 11,946

The purpose of the above interfund loans was to cover negative cash in the custodial fund.

B. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

<u>Transfers to Other Funds</u>	<u>Transfer From Other Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Community Service Fund	\$ 19,514

The purpose of the above transfer was to cover Early Childhood Screening costs.

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NOTE 7. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. COMPONENTS OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

	Original Amount Issued	Final Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance Outstanding
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A	\$ 51,615,000	02/01/2036	2.00-4.00%	\$ 35,355,000
Bond Premium - Net				714,129
Financed Purchase - 2024 Apple iPads				704,404
Long-Term Subscription Arrangements				61,629
Compensated Absences Payable				<u>1,951,832</u>
Total Governmental Activities				<u><u>\$ 38,786,994</u></u>

B. DESCRIPTION OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

General Obligation Bonds:

On August 4, 2015, the District issued \$51,615,000 of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A for the building of a new school and other school building maintenance and improvements. The bonds are due in varying annual installments each February 1 from February 1, 2017 through February 1, 2036 with interest at a rate of 2.00%-4.00% due semi-annually on February 1 and August 1. Future ad valorem tax levies are dedicated to the retirement of these bonds.

Financed Purchase:

The District entered into a \$704,404 Financed Purchase agreement with Apple, Inc. to finance the acquisition of Apple iPads on May 16, 2024. This lease has an effective interest rate of 5.72% and calls for annual principal and interest payments of \$250,114 through September 10, 2026.

Compensated Absences Payable:

Compensated absences payable consists of unused vacation at June 30, 2024 and other compensated absences paid at retirement for certain employees based on the employment contract.

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NOTE 7. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Cont'd)

C. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following table summarizes changes in long-term liabilities:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Bonds Payable	\$ 37,720,000	\$	\$ (2,365,000)	\$ 35,355,000	\$ 2,460,000
Bond Premium	775,780		(61,651)	714,129	61,651
Financed Purchase	199,563	704,404	(199,563)	704,404	244,042
Long-Term Subscription Arrangements	118,993		(57,364)	61,629	61,629
Compensated Absences Payable*	1,622,977	328,855		1,951,832	279,646
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 40,437,313</u>	<u>\$ 1,033,259</u>	<u>\$ (2,683,578)</u>	<u>\$ 38,786,994</u>	<u>\$ 3,106,968</u>

* The change in the compensated absences liability is presented as a net change.

D. FINANCED PURCHASES

Year Ending June 30,	Financed Purchase - 2024 Apple iPads	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 244,042	\$ 6,071
2026	223,781	26,333
2027	236,581	13,533
	<u>\$ 704,404</u>	<u>\$ 45,937</u>

E. MINIMUM DEBT PAYMENTS

Minimum principal and interest payments required to retire the general obligation bonds and the capital lease are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 2,460,000	\$ 1,152,690
2026	2,555,000	1,054,290
2027	2,635,000	977,640
2028	2,710,000	898,590
2029	2,795,000	1,715,880
2030-2034	15,335,000	2,720,480
2035-2036	6,865,000	358,206
	<u>\$ 35,355,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,877,776</u>

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NOTE 8. LONG-TERM SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription arrangements are summarized as follows:

	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Payment Terms</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Frontline Education HR Management System	5/1/2022	38 months	Variable	3.50%
PowerSchool-Schoology	7/1/2022	3 years	\$ 21,888	4.75%
	<u>Original Subscription Liability</u>	<u>Current Year Additional Outflows</u>	<u>Remeasurement</u>	<u>Balance Outstanding</u>
Frontline Education HR Management System	\$ 118,845	\$	\$	\$ 40,734
PowerSchool-Schoology	62,731			20,895
	<u>\$ 181,576</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 61,629</u>

On May 1, 2022, the District agreed to terms with Frontline Education for use of their HR Management System program. The lease term is 38 months at a fixed interest rate of 3.50%. Ownership ends at the end of the agreed term.

On July 1, 2022, the District agreed to terms with PowerSchool for use of their Schoology LMS License and Subscription. The lease term is 3 years at a fixed interest rate of 4.75%. Ownership ends at the end of the agreed term.

Annual requirements to amortize lease obligations and related interest are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Frontline Education HR Management System</u>		<u>PowerSchool - Schoology</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	<u>\$ 40,734</u>	<u>\$ 1,426</u>	<u>\$ 20,895</u>	<u>\$ 993</u>

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NOTE 9. FUND BALANCE

The following is a summary of fund balance components:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Community Service</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nonspendable					
Prepaid Items	\$ 774,856	\$	\$ 9,537	\$	\$ 784,393
Inventories	6,233				6,233
Total Nonspendable	<u>781,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,537</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>790,626</u>
Restricted					
Student Activities	125,223				125,223
Scholarships	41,525				41,525
Staff Development	237,590				237,590
American Indian Education Aid	2,140				2,140
Operating Capital	103,545				103,545
Community Education			382,224		382,224
ECFE			203,891		203,891
Gifted and Talented	31,343				31,343
School Readiness			441,817		441,817
Adult Basic Education			113,854		113,854
Basic Skills Program	179,096				179,096
Safe Schools Levy	12,560				12,560
Long-Term Facility Maintenance	44,354				44,354
Medical Assistance	286,483				286,483
Other Fund Activities		2,851,383		770,824	3,622,207
Total Restricted	<u>1,063,859</u>	<u>2,851,383</u>	<u>1,141,786</u>	<u>770,824</u>	<u>5,827,852</u>
Committed					
Severance	972,504				972,504
Middle School Building Project	2,263,575				2,263,575
Total Committed	<u>3,236,079</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,236,079</u>
Assigned					
Sr High Football Gifts & Grants	24,721				24,721
Peter Bjornberg Estate Gift	84,321				84,321
Total Assigned	<u>109,042</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>109,042</u>
Unassigned					
	<u>13,090,260</u>				<u>13,090,260</u>
	<u>\$ 18,280,329</u>	<u>\$ 2,851,383</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,323</u>	<u>\$ 770,824</u>	<u>\$ 23,053,859</u>

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NOTE 9. FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Fund Equity:

Certain portions of fund balance are restricted based on state requirements to track special program funding, to provide for funding on certain long-term liabilities, or as required by other outside parties. The following is a summary of the potential restricted fund balances for the governmental funds:

A. RESTRICTED FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The fund balance restriction represents unspent resources available for student activity expenditures.

B. RESTRICTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The fund balance restriction represents unspent resources available for scholarship expenditures.

C. RESTRICTED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

In accordance with state statute, the District is required to restrict 2.0% of basic General Education revenue for staff development. The cumulative excess of such revenues over staff development expenditures is reported as a restriction of fund balance in the General Fund.

D. RESTRICTED FOR AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION AID

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to provide educational services to indigenous persons.

E. RESTRICTED FOR OPERATING CAPITAL

The District levies taxes and receives state aid to be used for the purchase of equipment, books and vehicles and to purchase, rent, improve, and repair school facilities as allowed by state statute. The cumulative excess of such revenues over equipment and facilities expenditures is reported as a restriction of fund balance in the General Fund.

F. RESTRICTED FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to provide general community education programming.

G. RESTRICTED FOR ECFE (EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY EDUCATION)

This fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to provide services for early childhood family education programming.

H. RESTRICTED FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to provide gifted and talented programming in accordance with funding made available for that purpose.

I. RESTRICTED FOR SCHOOL READINESS

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to provide services for the school readiness program.

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NOTE 9. FUND BALANCE (Cont'd)

Fund Equity: (Cont'd)

J. RESTRICTED FOR ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to provide adult basic education programming in accordance with funding made available for that purpose.

K. RESTRICTED FOR BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available for extended time activities to provide for the educational needs of pupils who enroll under-prepared to learn and whose progress toward meeting state or local content or performance standards is below the level that is appropriate for learners of their age in accordance with funding made available for that purpose.

L. RESTRICTED FOR SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to be used for maintenance projects in accordance with Safe Schools Levy.

M. RESTRICTED FOR LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE

The fund balance restriction represents accumulated resources available to be used for LTFM projects in accordance with the 10 Year Plan.

N. RESTRICTED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The fund balance restriction represents unspent resources available for medical assistance expenditures.

NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The District participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA) and Teachers Retirement Association (TRA). PERA's and TRA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's and TRA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Plan (GERP; General Employees Plan; accounted for in the General Employees Fund):

The General Employees Retirement Plan covers certain full time and part-time employees of the District. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

Teachers Retirement Association (TRA):

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION (Cont'd)

Teachers Retirement Association (TRA): (Cont'd)

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary school, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State colleges and universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Plan (DCR) administered by the State of Minnesota.

B. BENEFITS PROVIDED

GERP Benefits:

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.2 percent for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. In 2023, legislation repealed the statute delaying increases for members retiring before full retirement age.

TRA Benefits:

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

B. BENEFITS PROVIDED (Cont'd)

TRA Benefits: (Cont'd)

Tier I Benefits:

Tier I	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	First ten years of service	2.2% per year
	All years after	2.7% per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service are up to July 1, 2006	1.2% per year
	First ten years if service are up are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4% per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7% per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9% per year

With these provisions:

- (a) Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- (b) 3 percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- (c) Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

or

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Tier II Benefits:

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

C. CONTRIBUTIONS

GERP Contributions:

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2024 and the District was required to contribute 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$878,972. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

TRA Contributions:

Per *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024 were:

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Basic:			
Employee	11.00%	11.00%	11.25%
Employer	12.34%	12.55%	12.75%
Coordinated:			
Employee	7.50%	7.50%	7.75%
Employer	8.34%	8.55%	8.75%

The District's contributions to TRA for the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were \$2,597,106. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's fiscal year 2023, ACFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer Contributions Reported in TRA's ACFR, Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 508,764,000
Employer Contributions Not Related to Future Contribution Efforts	(87,000)
TRA's Contributions Not Included in Allocation	<u>(643,000)</u>
Total Employer Contributions	508,034,000
Total Non-Employer Contributions	<u>35,587,000</u>
Total Contributions Reported in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations	<u>\$ 543,621,000</u>

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

D. PENSION COSTS

GERP Pension Costs:

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$7,856,603 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$216,620. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The District's proportion share was 0.1405 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.1476 percent for the beginning of the period.

Districts Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,856,603
State of Minnesota's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated With the District	<u>216,620</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,073,223</u>

There were no provision changes during the measurement period.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$206,927 for its proportionate share of GERP's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized \$973 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's pension expense for the annual \$16 million contribution to the General Employees Fund.

At June 30, 2024 the District reported its proportionate share of GERP's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 261,145	\$ 57,205
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	1,343,970	2,153,428
Differences Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings		290,191
Changes in Proportion		449,952
Contributions Paid to GERP Subsequent to Measurement Date	<u>878,972</u>	
Totals	<u>\$ 2,484,087</u>	<u>\$ 2,950,776</u>

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

D. PENSION COSTS (Cont'd)

GERP Pension Costs: (Cont'd)

The \$878,972 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30,</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2025	\$ 85,765
2026	(1,354,697)
2027	93,707
2028	(170,436)

TRA Pension Costs:

On June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$37,953,862 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, District of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.4597% at the end of the measurement period and 0.4136% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district were as follows:

District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 37,953,862
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>2,658,607</u>
Total	<u><u>40,612,469</u></u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,679,336. It also recognized \$374,353 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

At June 30, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of TRA's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 339,709	\$ 535,280
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	4,059,632	
Net Differences Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		463,393
Changes in Proportion	3,475,435	275,611
Contributions Paid to TRA Subsequent to Measurement Date	<u>2,597,106</u>	
Totals	<u><u>\$ 10,471,882</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,274,284</u></u>

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

D. PENSION COSTS (Cont'd)

TRA Pension Costs: (Cont'd)

\$2,597,106 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2025	\$ 1,097,129
2026	375,074
2027	4,496,911
2028	85,602
2029	545,776

E. LONG-TERM EXPECTED RETURN ON INVESTMENT

GERP:

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.50%	5.10%
International Equity	16.50%	5.30%
Fixed Income	25.00%	0.75%
Private Markets	25.00%	5.90%
	100.00%	

TRA:

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan 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.

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2023 is six years. The Difference between Expected and Actual Experience, Changes of Assumptions, and Changes in Proportion use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments is five years as required by GASB 68.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

E. LONG-TERM EXPECTED RETURN ON INVESTMENT (Cont'd)

TRA: (Cont'd)

The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.50%	5.10%
International Equity	16.50%	5.30%
Private Markets	25.00%	5.90%
Fixed Income	25.00%	0.75%
Total	100.00%	

F. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

GERP:

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total liability is 7.0 percent. This assumption is based on a review of inflation and investments return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of return investment return rates deemed to be reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 7.0 percent was deemed to be within that range of reasonableness for financial reporting purposes.

Inflation is assumed to be 2.25 percent for the General Employees Plan. Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.25 percent for the General Employees Plan.

Salary growth assumptions in the General Employees Plan range in annual increments from 10.25 percent after one year of service to 3.0 percent after 27 years of service.

Mortality rates for the General Employees Plan are based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table. The tables are adjusted slightly to fit PERA's experience.

Actuarial assumptions for the General Employees Plan are reviewed every four years. The most recent four-year experience study for the General Employees Plan was completed in 2022. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2023:

GERP

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.00 percent.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

F. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

GERP: (Cont'd)

The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.

The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.

A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

TRA:

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applies to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Information

Valuation Date	July 1, 2023
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Experience Study	June 28, 2019 (Demographic and Economic Assumptions)
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

Actuarial Assumptions

Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Price Inflation	2.50%
Wage Growth Rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% after June 30, 2028
Projected Salary Increase	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% to 9.25% after June 30, 2028
Cost of Living Adjustment	1.0% for January 2019 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.5% annually.

Mortality Assumptions

Pre-Retirement:	RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-Retirement:	RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-Disability	RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred since the 2022 valuation:

The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025:

The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

F. ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8% on July 1, 2025.

The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.

The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill:

The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.

TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

G. DISCOUNT RATE

GERP:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2023 was 7.0 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees 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.

TRA:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.0 percent. There was no change in the discount rate since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2023 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

H. PENSION LIABILITY SENSITIVITY

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraphs, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>GERP</u>		<u>TRA</u>	
1% Lower	6.00%	\$ 13,898,961	6.00%	\$ 60,533,618
Current Discount Rate	7.00%	7,856,603	7.00%	37,953,862
1% Higher	8.00%	2,886,533	8.00%	19,469,582

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE (Cont'd)

I. PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

GERP:

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

TRA:

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling 651-296-2409 or 800-657-3669.

NOTE 11. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The District operates a single-employer retiree benefit plan (the Plan) that provides health, dental, and life insurance to eligible employees and their spouses through the District's commercial insurance plans. There are 550 active participants and 28 retired participants. Benefit and eligibility provisions are established through negotiations between the District and employee groups including a union. The union contract is renegotiated each two-year bargaining period. The Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets all of the criteria in GASB Statement No. 75, paragraph 4.

B. TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

The District's total OPEB liability of \$3,449,129 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

C. CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

Changes in the total OPEB liability were as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability
Beginning of Year	\$ 1,941,967
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	144,021
Interest	75,272
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	740,860
Changes of Assumptions	818,873
Benefit Payments	<u>(271,864)</u>
Net Changes	<u>1,507,162</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 3,449,129</u>

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NOTE 11. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Cont'd)

C. CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY (Cont'd)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.97%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.97%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.97%)	Discount Rate (3.97%)	1.0% Increase in Discount Rate (4.97%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,642,808	\$ 3,449,129	\$ 3,261,634

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (6.60% decreasing to 2.90%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.60% decreasing to 4.90%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (6.60% decreasing to 2.90%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (7.60% decreasing to 3.90%)	1.0% Increase (8.60% decreasing to 4.90%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,159,879	\$ 3,449,129	\$ 3,790,609

D. OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$11,933. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources 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	\$ 773,014	\$ 720,037
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions or Other Inputs	817,969	106,306
Totals	<u>\$ 1,590,983</u>	<u>\$ 826,343</u>

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

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NOTE 11. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Cont'd)

D. OPEB EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB (Cont'd)

Year ended June 30,	OPEB Expense Amount
2025	\$ 64,504
2026	64,504
2027	64,504
2028	64,504
2029	66,120
Thereafter	440,504

E. ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Based on the most recently disclosed assumptions for the pension plan in which the employee participates.
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	7.60% for 2024, gradually decreasing over several decades to an ultimate rate of 3.90% for 2076 and later years.
Retiree's Share of Benefit-Related Costs	Assumed to decrease with healthcare trend rates.

A discount rate of 3.97% was applied in the measurement of the total OPEB liability. The discount rate is based on the index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub 2010 Mortality Tables with projected mortality improvements based on scale MP-2021 and other adjustments.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred since the 2023 valuation:

The discount rate was changed from 3.86% to 3.97% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect recent updated cost increase expectations.

Medical per capita claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, disability, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2021 PERA General Employees Plan and 7/1/2021 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 2023 experience studies.

The percent of future retirees not eligible for a explicit subsidy assumed to elect medical coverage at retirement changed from 40% to 30% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of retirees assumed to elect or continue medical coverage after Medicare eligibility (age 65) changed from 5% to 0% to reflect recent plan experience.

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NOTE 11. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Cont'd)

E. ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

The percent of future retirees assumed to elect life insurance coverage at retirement changed from 50% to 35% to reflect recent plan experience.

The general inflation assumption was changed from 2.25% to 2.50% based on an updated analysis of historical inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024.

NOTE 12. SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PLAN

A. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PENSION PLAN

Plan Description:

The District participates in a single employer lump-sum defined benefit pension plan administered by the District. At June 30, 2024, the plan covered 91 active members.

Benefits Provided:

Benefit and eligibility provisions are established through negotiations between the District and various unions representing District employees and are renegotiated each two-year or three-year bargaining period. The Plan does not issue a publicly available report.

B. NET PENSION LIABILITY AND OTHER RELATED AMOUNTS

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at 6/30/2023	\$ 347,570	\$	\$ 347,570
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	39,652		39,652
Interest	14,433		14,433
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	203,580		203,580
Changes of Assumptions	12,276		12,276
Changes of Benefit Terms	1,124		1,124
Benefit Payments	(26,615)		(26,615)
Net Changes	<u>244,450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>244,450</u>
Balances at 6/30/2024	<u>\$ 592,020</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 592,020</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$55,166 for its supplemental pension plan.

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NOTE 12. SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PLAN (Cont'd)

B. NET PENSION LIABILITY AND OTHER RELATED AMOUNTS (Cont'd)

At June 30, 2024, the District had supplemental pension plan deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Liability	\$ 186,814	\$ 12,191
Change of Assumptions	<u>12,448</u>	<u>15,949</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 199,262</u>	<u>\$ 28,140</u>

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

<u>Year ended June 30,</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2025	\$ 29,036
2026	21,274
2027	22,878
2028	29,118
2029	29,408
Thereafter	39,408

Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the entry age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Rate:	2.5 percent
Expected Long-Term Investment Return:	N/A
Amortization Method:	Straight-line amortization over a closed period
Remaining Amortization Period:	5 years
Discount Rate:	3.97 percent

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables with projected mortality improvements based on scale MP-2021, and other adjustments.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred since the 2023 valuation:

The discount rate was changed from 3.86% to 3.97% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, disability, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2021 PERA General Employees Plan and 7/1/2021 Teachers Retirement Association Valuations to the rates used in the 2023 experience studies.

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NOTE 12. SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PLAN (Cont'd)

B. NET PENSION LIABILITY AND OTHER RELATED AMOUNTS (Cont'd)

The general inflation assumption was changed from 2.25% to 2.50% based on an updated analysis of historical inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.97 percent, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.97%)	Discount Rate (3.97%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (4.97%)
District's Net Pension Liability	\$ 616,880	\$ 592,020	\$ 567,808

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

The District does not have separately-issued financial reports on the plan's fiduciary net position.

NOTE 13. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The District implemented a 403(b) plan effective July 1, 2004. Employees who are regularly employed at least 12 months and at least 30 hours per week shall be eligible to participate. The District shall make monthly contributions, up to a maximum amount, equal to the amount contributed by the employee. Maximum monthly contributions vary by employee group. Maximum career matching contribution by the District is \$15,000.

Employees hired prior to July 1, 2004 will continue to be covered under the severance plan. The District shall subtract the employer contributions to the 403(b) plan matching contribution from the severance pay. The balance shall be paid by the employer. Employees hired after July 1, 2004 will not be eligible for the severance plan.

For year ended June 30, 2024 the District and employee match was \$561,930 and \$793,502, respectively.

NOTE 14. SELF-INSURED DENTAL PLAN

The District has elected to self-insure their employee dental insurance program. The District has entered into an agreement with an insurance company to provide stop-loss insurance to limit the losses on individual and aggregate claims and to provide claims processing and other administrative duties. The individual stop-loss amount is \$1,200 per participant. The District established an internal service fund to account for contributions from other funds for dental insurance and to establish a reserve for catastrophic losses. Contributions during the year were based on maximum claims before reinsurance is effective. The amounts charged to expenses include administrative fees, stop-loss insurance premiums, claims paid and accruals for claims incurred but not paid at year end. The District recorded expenses of \$279,908 for the year ended June 30, 2024 which includes administrative costs of \$26,557.

The liability for unpaid claims is included in the Internal Service Fund as accounts payable.

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NOTE 14. SELF-INSURED DENTAL PLAN (Cont'd)

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
Unpaid Claims, Beginning of Year	\$ 12,097	\$ 20,799
Incurred Claims	253,351	250,644
Claims Payments (cash basis)	(250,358)	(259,346)
Unpaid Claims, End of Year	\$ 15,090	\$ 12,097

NOTE 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS

Amounts received or receivable from federal and state agencies are subject to agency audit and adjustment. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable fund. The amount, if any, of funds which may be disallowed by the agencies cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

B. CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENT

The District has active construction projects, including the following:

	Original Contract	Remaining Commitment
Middle School Gym Addition	\$ 7,916,039	\$ 7,541,753
Kennedy Chiller Project	624,956	430,234
Door Access Control Project	129,230	7,930
Middle School HVAC Renovation	105,188	31,556

NOTE 16. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; natural disasters and workers' compensation. To mitigate these risks, the District has obtained commercial property and casualty insurance and workers' compensation coverage. The District pays an annual premium with no additional assessments.

The District has joined together with other school districts in Minnesota in the Southwest - West Central Service Cooperative Gross Self-Insured Health Insurance Plan, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member districts. The District pays monthly premiums to this plan for its health insurance coverage. These premiums are used to purchase reinsurance through commercial companies. The administrators of the plan believe assessment to participating districts for future losses sustained is extremely remote.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year in any of the District's policies. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 17. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain immaterial prior year financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year's presentation. There was no effect on total Net Position or Fund Balance.

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NOTE 18. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

The following is a summary of the major components of deferred outflows and inflows as presented in the Statement of Net Position:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Related to Pensions	\$ 13,155,231	\$ 4,253,200
Related to OPEB	1,590,983	826,343
Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year		11,653,374
Leases		<u>98,938</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 14,746,214</u>	<u>\$ 16,831,855</u>

NOTE 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On November 4, 2024, the District issued General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2024A in amount of \$36,370,000. The proceeds of this issuance will be used to finance the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities and to refund the 2026 through 2036 maturities of the General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A. The bonds are due in varying annual installments each February 1 from February 1, 2025 through February 1, 2036, with varying interest rates of 3.00% to 5.00% due semi-annually on February 1 and August 1.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR PENSION PLANS ADMINISTERED THROUGH A TRUST
JUNE 30, 2024

Fiscal Year Ending	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the Employer (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and the State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the Employer (a+b)	Employer's Covered Payroll (c)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll ((a+b)/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
<u>Pensions</u>							
<u>GERP</u>							
6/30/2023	0.1405%	\$ 7,856,603	\$ 216,620	\$ 8,073,223	\$ 11,132,924	72.52%	76.67%
6/30/2022	0.1476%	11,689,969	342,654	12,032,623	11,045,240	108.94%	76.67%
6/30/2021	0.1485%	6,341,615	193,742	6,535,357	10,721,343	60.96%	87.00%
6/30/2020	0.1491%	8,939,226	275,658	9,214,884	10,621,731	86.76%	79.06%
6/30/2019	0.1459%	8,066,484	250,822	8,317,306	10,118,572	82.20%	80.23%
6/30/2018	0.1436%	7,966,339	261,292	8,227,631	9,553,785	86.12%	79.53%
6/30/2017	0.1373%	8,765,141	110,224	8,875,365	8,905,707	99.66%	75.90%
6/30/2016	0.1425%	11,570,293	151,048	11,721,341	8,821,466	132.87%	68.91%
6/30/2015	0.1450%	7,514,653		7,514,653	8,415,120	89.30%	78.19%
6/30/2014	0.1469%	6,900,626		6,900,626	7,740,462	89.15%	78.75%

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR PENSION PLANS ADMINISTERED THROUGH A TRUST
JUNE 30, 2024

Fiscal Year Ending	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the Employer (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and the State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the Employer (a+b)	Employer's Covered Payroll (c)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll ((a+b)/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
<u>Pensions</u>							
<u>TRA</u>							
6/30/2023	0.4597%	\$ 37,953,862	\$ 2,658,607	\$ 40,612,469	\$ 29,568,784	137.35%	76.42%
6/30/2022	0.4136%	33,118,900	2,456,214	35,575,114	27,040,228	131.56%	76.17%
6/30/2021	0.4221%	18,472,358	1,557,938	20,030,296	25,616,335	78.19%	86.63%
6/30/2020	0.4156%	30,705,085	2,573,012	33,278,097	24,301,023	136.94%	75.48%
6/30/2019	0.4169%	26,573,294	2,351,685	28,924,979	23,923,450	120.91%	78.21%
6/30/2018	0.4017%	25,230,380	2,370,257	27,600,637	22,501,776	122.66%	78.07%
6/30/2017	0.4050%	80,845,347	7,815,939	88,661,286	21,922,200	404.44%	51.57%
6/30/2016	0.4005%	95,528,806	9,588,605	105,117,411	20,898,836	502.98%	44.88%
6/30/2015	0.4306%	26,636,869	3,267,150	29,904,019	22,097,506	135.33%	76.77%
6/30/2014	0.4403%	20,288,707	1,427,361	21,716,068	20,120,785	107.93%	81.50%

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR PENSION PLANS ADMINISTERED THROUGH A TRUST
JUNE 30, 2024

Fiscal Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Covered Payroll (d)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)
<u>Pensions</u>					
<u>GERP</u>					
6/30/2024	\$ 878,972	\$ 878,972	\$	\$ 11,718,762	7.50%
6/30/2023	834,578	834,578		11,132,924	7.50%
6/30/2022	828,393	828,393		11,045,240	7.50%
6/30/2021	804,212	804,212		10,721,343	7.50%
6/30/2020	797,031	797,031		10,621,731	7.50%
6/30/2019	758,781	758,781		10,118,572	7.50%
6/30/2018	716,534	716,534		9,553,787	7.50%
6/30/2017	667,928	667,928		8,905,707	7.50%
6/30/2016	661,610	661,610		8,821,466	7.50%
6/30/2015	631,134	631,134		8,415,120	7.50%
<u>TRA</u>					
6/30/2024	2,597,106	2,597,106		29,681,211	8.75%
6/30/2023	2,528,131	2,528,131		29,568,784	8.55%
6/30/2022	2,255,155	2,255,155		27,040,228	8.34%
6/30/2021	2,082,608	2,082,608		25,616,335	8.13%
6/30/2020	1,924,641	1,924,641		24,301,023	7.92%
6/30/2019	1,844,498	1,844,498		23,923,450	7.71%
6/30/2018	1,687,633	1,687,633		22,501,773	7.50%
6/30/2017	1,644,165	1,644,165		21,922,200	7.50%
6/30/2016	1,567,327	1,567,327		20,898,836	7.50%
6/30/2015	1,657,313	1,657,313		22,097,506	7.50%

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY
FOR PENSION PLANS NOT ADMINISTERED THROUGH A TRUST
JUNE 30, 2024

	Measurement Date		
	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022
Service Cost	\$ 39,652	\$ 39,137	\$ 50,622
Interest	14,433	14,622	9,526
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	203,580		
Changes of Assumptions	12,276	(2,240)	(27,379)
Changes of Benefit Terms	1,124		(20,241)
Benefit Payments	(26,615)	(122,140)	(79,697)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	244,450	(70,621)	(67,169)
Total Pension Liability - Beginning of Year	347,570	418,191	485,360
Total Pension Liability - End of Year	\$ 592,020	\$ 347,570	\$ 418,191
District's Total Pension Liability - Ending	\$ 592,020	\$ 347,570	\$ 418,191
Payroll for Measurement Period	\$ 5,792,422	\$ 6,395,723	\$ 6,435,106
Total Pension Liability as a % of Employee Payroll	10.2%	5.4%	6.5%

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 73 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Information for prior years is not available. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY
FOR PENSION PLANS NOT ADMINISTERED THROUGH A TRUST (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024

		Measurement Date									
6/30/2021		6/30/2020		6/30/2019		6/30/2018		6/30/2017		6/30/2016	
\$	17,359	\$	19,185	\$	23,308	\$	70,995	\$	16,337	\$	15,278
	5,336		6,895		12,807		48,386		6,678		8,474
			105,555				(76,364)				
	2,477		(8,979)		6,267		(14,766)		(4,278)		
	303,397		(70,279)		(119,797)		(887,788)		1,215,024		
	(87,322)		(18,738)		(85,156)		(134,256)		(169,778)		(5,932)
	241,247		33,639		(162,571)		(993,793)		1,063,983		17,820
	244,113		210,474		373,045		1,366,838		302,855		285,035
\$	485,360	\$	244,113	\$	210,474	\$	373,045	\$	1,366,838	\$	302,855
\$	485,360	\$	244,113	\$	210,474	\$	373,045	\$	1,366,838	\$	302,855
\$	6,728,518	\$	6,886,563	\$	8,783,762	\$	8,425,778	\$	10,025,698	\$	8,632,095
	7.2%		3.5%		2.4%		4.4%		13.6%		3.5%

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
JUNE 30, 2024

	Measurement Date	
	6/30/2024	6/30/2023
Service Cost	\$ 144,021	\$ 141,998
Interest	75,272	75,954
Changes in Benefit Terms		
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	740,860	
Change in Assumptions	818,873	(1,799)
Benefit Payments	(271,864)	(381,110)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	1,507,162	(164,957)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	1,941,967	2,106,924
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year	\$ 3,449,129	\$ 1,941,967
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 37,929,431	\$ 34,674,212
Total OPEB Liability as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	9.09%	5.60%

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Information for prior years is not available. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY (CONTINUED)
 JUNE 30, 2024

		Measurement Date				
6/30/2022		6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	
\$	175,249	\$ 188,128	\$ 315,055	\$ 266,826	\$ 255,218	
	40,265	63,870	128,685	137,082	137,381	
		(303,710)	(72,227)	121,850		
	144,981		(1,265,517)			
	18,065	(42,260)	(118,657)	151,875	(25,300)	
	(387,018)	(418,937)	(310,648)	(492,030)	(475,787)	
	(8,458)	(512,909)	(1,323,309)	185,603	(108,488)	
	2,115,382	2,628,291	3,951,600	3,765,997	3,874,485	
\$	2,106,924	\$ 2,115,382	\$ 2,628,291	\$ 3,951,600	\$ 3,765,997	
\$	33,832,147	\$ 34,017,542	\$ 33,664,951	\$ 32,187,700	\$ 33,884,934	
	6.23%	6.22%	7.81%	12.28%	11.11%	

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

A. GENERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (GERP)

2023 Changes:

An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.

The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.

The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.

A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

2022 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2021 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2020 Changes:

Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 Changes:

The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

2018 Changes:

The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.

Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018.

Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.

Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.

Postretirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90.00 percent funding ratio to 50.00 percent of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

A. GENERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (GERP) (Cont'd)

2018 Changes: (Cont'd)

For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.

Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 Changes:

The State's contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund equals \$16,000,000 in 2017 and 2018, and \$6,000,000 thereafter.

The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund changed from \$21,000,000 to \$31,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The state's contribution changed from \$16,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031.

2016 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2015 Changes:

On January 1, 2015 the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increased the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised.

2014 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

B. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA)

2023 Changes:

Effective July 1, 2025, the normal retirement age for Tier 2 members will decrease from 66 to 65.

The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.50% on July 1, 2025.

The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8.00% on July 1, 2025

2022 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2021 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2020 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2019 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

B. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA) (Cont'd)

2018 Changes:

The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.

Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.

The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.

Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.

Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.

The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years, (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2017 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2016 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2015 Changes:

The Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association was merged into TRA on June 30, 2015. This also resulted in an additional state-provided contribution stream of \$14.377 million until the System becomes fully funded.

2014 Changes:

The increase in the post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) is to be made once the System is 90% funded (on a market value basis) in two consecutive years, rather than just one year.

C. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (OPEB) NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST

2024 Changes:

Retiree premiums were updated to current levels.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

C. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (OPEB) NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST (Cont'd)

2024 Changes: (Cont'd)

Food service employees must be hired by July 1, 2022 to be eligible for a severance benefit.

2023 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2022 Changes:

Retiree premiums were updated to current levels.

2021 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2020 Changes:

Retiree premiums were updated to current levels.

The severance benefit for the Community Education Director was removed.

The severance benefit for Confidential Employees was removed because there are no longer any employees eligible for this benefit.

The severance eligibility and benefit were updated for the Library and General Paraprofessionals.

The maximum 403(b) contribution was updated for teachers.

2019 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2018 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

D. PENSION PLANS NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST

2024 Changes:

Custodians must have five years of service to be eligible.

2023 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2022 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2021 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

D. PENSION PLANS NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST (Cont'd)

2020 Changes:

The maximum 403(b) contribution was updated for teachers.

2019 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2018 Changes:

The severance benefit for the High School Coordinator was removed.

The severance eligibility and benefit were updated for the Community Education Director.

The severance payment form was updated for Administrators, Principals and Teachers.

2017 Changes:

Payment form and benefit type were updated for the Custodial and Teacher contract groups.

2016 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

A. GENERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (GERP)

2023 Changes:

The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.00 percent.

2022 Changes:

The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

2021 Changes:

The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent, for financial reporting purposes.

The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020 Changes:

The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.

The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

A. GENERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (GERP) (Cont'd)

2020 Changes: (Cont'd)

Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.

Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.

Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.

The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the PUB-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.

The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.

The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.

The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

2019 Changes:

The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

2018 Changes:

The mortality projection was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.

The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% per year thereafter to 1.25% per year.

2017 Changes:

The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.8% for active members and 60% for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.0% for active member liability, 15.0% for vested deferred member liability and 3.0% for non-vested deferred member liability.

The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year for all years to 1.0% per year through 2044 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

A. GENERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (GERP) (Cont'd)

2016 Changes:

The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year through 2035 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.0% per year for all years.

The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%.

Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25% to 3.25% for payroll growth and 2.50% for inflation.

2015 Changes:

The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year through 2030 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.0% per year through 2035 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

B. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA)

2023 Changes:

The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50% to 7.00%. This does not affect the GASB valuation which was already using the 7.00% assumption.

2022 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2021 Changes:

The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50% to 7.00%.

2020 Changes:

Assumed termination rates were changed to more closely reflect actual experience.

The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back 5 years and female rates set back 7 years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.

Assumed form of annuity election proportions were changed to a more closely reflect actual experience for female retirees.

2019 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

2018 Changes:

The investment return assumption was changed from 8.50% to 7.50%.

The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3.00% to 2.50%.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

B. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA) (Cont'd)

2018 Changes: (Cont'd)

The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 3.00%.

The wage inflation assumption (above price inflation) was reduced from 0.75% to 0.35% for 10 years followed by 0.75%, thereafter.

The total salary increase assumption was adjusted by the wage inflation change.

The amortization date for the funding of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) was reset to June 30, 2048 (30 years).

A mechanism in the law that provided the TRA Board with some authority to set contribution rates was eliminated.

2017 Changes:

Adjustments were made to the combined service annuity loads. The active load was reduced from 1.4% to 0.0%, the vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 7.0% and the non-vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 9.0%.

The investment return assumption was changed from 8.00% to 7.50%.

The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%.

The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 3.00%.

The general wage growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 2.85% for 10 years followed by 3.25%, thereafter.

The salary increase assumption was adjusted to reflect the changes in the general wage growth assumption.

2016 Changes:

The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3.00% to 2.75%.

The general wage growth and payroll growth assumptions were lowered from 3.75% to 3.50%.

Minor changes at some durations for the merit scale of the salary increase assumption.

The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back 6 years and female rates set back 5 years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.

The post-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back 3 years and female rates set back 3 years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

B. TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA) (Cont'd)

2016 Changes: (Cont'd)

The post-disability mortality assumption was changed to the RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.

Separate retirement assumptions for members hired before or after July 1, 1989 were created to better reflect each group's behavior in light of different requirements for retirement eligibility.

Assumed termination rates were changed to be based solely on years of service in order to better fit the observed experience.

A minor adjustment and simplification of the assumption regarding the election of optional forms of payment at retirement were made.

2015 Changes:

The Cost of Living Adjustment was not assumed to increase to 2.5%, but remain at 2.0% for all future years.

The investment return assumption was changed from 8.25% to 8.00%.

2014 Changes:

The Cost of Living Adjustment was assumed to increase from 2.0% annually to 2.5% annually on July 1, 2034.

C. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (OPEB) NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST

2024 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.86% to 3.97% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect recent updated cost increase expectations.

Medical per capita claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, disability, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2021 PERA General Employees Plan and 7/1/2021 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 2023 experience studies.

The percent of future retirees not eligible for a explicit subsidy assumed to elect medical coverage at retirement changed from 40% to 30% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of retirees assumed to elect or continue medical coverage after Medicare eligibility (age 65) changed from 5% to 0% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of future retirees assumed to elect life insurance coverage at retirement changed from 50% to 35% to reflect recent plan experience.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

C. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (OPEB) NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST (Cont'd)

2024 Changes: (Cont'd)

The general inflation assumption was changed from 2.25% to 2.50% based on an updated analysis of historical inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

2023 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.69% to 3.86% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2022 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 1.92% to 3.69% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect updated cost increase expectations.

Medical per capita claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience and new plan offerings.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2019 PERA General Employees Plan and 7/1/2019 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2021 valuations.

Medical Plan	FY 2022 Valuation	FY 2021 Valuation
VEBA \$1,200	N/A	20%
VEBA \$2,600	40%	40%
VEBA \$3,250	30%	20%
VEBA \$6,350	30%	20%

The inflation assumption was changed from 2.50% to 2.25% based on an updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

2021 Changes:

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.45% in 2020 to 1.92% in 2021.

2020 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.13% to 2.45% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect updated cost increase expectations, including the repeal of the Affordable Care Act's Excise Tax on high-cost health insurance plans.

Medical per capital claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience and new plan offerings, including an adjustment to reflect age/gender based risk scores published by the Society of Actuaries.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2017 PERA General Employees Retirement Plan and 7/1/2017 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2019 valuations.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

C. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (OPEB) NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST (Cont'd)

2020 Changes: (Cont'd)

The percent of future retirees assumed to elect life insurance coverage at retirement changed from 75% to 50% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of future non Medicare eligible retirees electing each medical plan changed to reflect recent plan experience. The following table provides the changes for the assumed percent electing each plan:

Medical Plan	FY 2020 Valuation	FY 2019 Valuation
VEBA \$1,200	20%	25%
VEBA \$2,600	40%	40%
VEBA \$3,250	20%	25%
VEBA \$6,350	20%	10%

The inflation assumption was changed from 2.75% to 2.50% based on an updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market.

2019 Changes:

Changes of benefit terms reflect an increase in the retirees' share of health insurance premiums from 6.90% in 2018 to 6.30% in 2019.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.62% in 2018 to 3.13% in 2019.

2018 Changes:

Changes of benefit terms reflect an increase in the retirees' share of health insurance premiums from 6.80% in 2017 to 6.90% in 2018.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.53% in 2017 to 3.62% in 2018.

The actuarial cost method changed from using the Projected Unit Credit cost method to the Entry Age Normal level percent of pay cost method due to new GASB 74/75 accounting rules.

Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect updated cost increase expectations, including an adjustment to reflect the impact of the Affordable Care Act's Excise Tax on high-cost health insurance plans.

Medical per capita claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience.

Withdrawal, retirement and mortality rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2015 PERA General Employees Retirement Plan and 7/1/2015 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2017 valuations.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

C. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (OPEB) NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST (Cont'd)

2018 Changes: (Cont'd)

A salary scale assumption was added to reflect the cost method change. Rates are from the 7/1/2017 PERA General Employees Retirement Plan and 7/1/2017 Teachers Retirement Association valuations.

The percent of future retirees not eligible for a medical direct subsidy assumed to elect coverage at retirement changed from 50% to 40% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of current and future retirees assumed to continue medical coverage after age 65 changed from 10% to 5% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of retirees not eligible for a subsidy and electing spouse coverage changed from 10% to 20% to reflect recent plan experience.

The percent of future non Medicare eligible retirees electing each medical plan changed to reflect recent plan experience. The following table provides the changes for the assumed percent electing each plan:

Medical Plan	7/1/2015 Valuation	6/30/2017 Valuation
VEBA \$1,200	30%	25%
VEBA \$2,600	40%	40%
VEBA \$3,250	25%	25%
VEBA \$6,350	5%	10%

D. PENSION PLANS NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST

2024 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.86% to 3.97% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, disability, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2021 PERA General Employees Plan and 7/1/2021 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 2023 experience studies.

The general inflation assumption was changed from 2.25% to 2.50% based on an updated analysis of historical inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

2023 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.69% to 3.86% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2022 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 1.92% to 3.69% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2. CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (Cont'd)

D. PENSION PLANS NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TRUST (Cont'd)

2022 Changes: (Cont'd)

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2019 PERA General Employees Plan and 7/1/2019 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2021 valuations.

The inflation assumption was changed from 2.50% to 2.25% based on an updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

2021 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 2.45% to 1.92% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2020 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.13% to 2.45% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2017 PERA General Employees Retirement Plan and 7/1/2017 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2019 valuations.

The inflation assumption was changed from 2.75% to 2.50% based on an updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations..

2019 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.62% to 3.13% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2018 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 3.53% to 3.62% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

Withdrawal, retirement, mortality and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2015 PERA General Employees Retirement Plan and 7/1/2015 Teachers Retirement Association valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2017 valuations.

2017 Changes:

The discount rate was changed from 2.85% to 3.53% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2016 Changes:

There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 DEBT SERVICE FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 WITH PARTIAL COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			Over (Under) Final Budget	2023
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Actual
	Original	Final			
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,231,723	\$ 3,147,257	\$ 3,100,656	\$ (46,601)	\$ 3,216,583
Interest Earnings	5,811	51,254	50,417	(837)	15,143
State Sources	390,697	479,200	479,200		388,149
Total Revenues	<u>3,628,231</u>	<u>3,677,711</u>	<u>3,630,273</u>	<u>(47,438)</u>	<u>3,619,875</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Debt Service					
Bond Principal	2,365,000	2,365,000	2,365,000		2,275,000
Bond Interest	1,247,290	1,247,290	1,247,290		1,338,290
Paying Agent Fees and Other	3,775	3,775	3,775		3,775
Total Expenditures	<u>3,616,065</u>	<u>3,616,065</u>	<u>3,616,065</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,617,065</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 12,166</u>	<u>\$ 61,646</u>	14,208	<u>\$ (47,438)</u>	2,810
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			<u>756,616</u>		<u>753,806</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			<u>\$ 770,824</u>		<u>\$ 756,616</u>

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REQUIRED REPORTS

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

UFARS COMPLIANCE TABLE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Audited	UFARS	Difference		Audited	UFARS	Difference
<u>01 GENERAL FUND</u>							
Total Revenue	\$ 72,179,934	\$ 72,179,934	\$	<i>Unassigned:</i>	\$	\$	\$
Total Expenditures	71,237,575	71,237,575		463 Unassigned			
<i>Nonspendable:</i>							
460 Nonspendable	781,089	781,089		<u>06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</u>			
<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>							
401 Student Activities	125,223	125,223		Total Revenue			
402 Scholarships	41,525	41,525		Total Expenditures			
403 Staff Development	237,590	237,590		<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
406 Health and Safety				460 Nonspendable			
407 Capital Projects Levy				<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>			
408 Cooperative Revenue				407 Capital Projects Levy			
412 Literacy Incentive Aid				409 Alternative Facilities Program			
414 Operating Debt				413 Project Funded by COP/LP			
416 Levy Reduction				467 LTFM			
417 Taconite Building Maintenance				<i>Restricted:</i>			
420 American Indian Ed Aid	2,140	2,140		464 Restricted			
424 Operating Capital	103,545	103,545		<i>Unassigned:</i>			
426 \$25 Taconite				463 Unassigned			
427 Disabled Accessibility				<u>07 DEBT SERVICE</u>			
428 Learning & Development				Total Revenue	3,630,273	3,630,273	
434 Area Learning Center				Total Expenditures	3,616,065	3,616,065	
435 Contracted Alt. Programs				<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
436 State Approved Alt. Programs				460 Nonspendable			
438 Gifted & Talented	31,343	31,343		<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>			
439 English Learner				425 Bond Refundings			
440 Teacher Development & Eval				451 QZAB and QSCB Payments			
441 Basic Skills Program	179,096	179,096		<i>Restricted:</i>			
443 School Library Aid				464 Restricted	770,824	770,824	
448 Achievement and Integration				<i>Unassigned:</i>			
449 Safe Schools Levy	12,560	12,560		463 Unassigned			
451 QZAB and QSCB Payments				<u>08 TRUST</u>			
452 OPEB Liab Not Held in a Trust				Total Revenue			
453 Unfunded Sev & Retirement Levy				Total Expenditures			
467 LTFM	44,354	44,354		<i>Unassigned:</i>			
471 Student Support Personnel				422 Net Assets			
472 Medical Assistance	286,483	286,483		<u>18 CUSTODIAL FUND</u>			
<i>Restricted:</i>							
464 Restricted				Total Revenue	70,450	70,450	
<i>Committed:</i>							
418 Separation/Retirement Benefits	972,504	972,504		Total Expenditures	70,450	70,450	
461 Committed	2,263,575	2,263,575		<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Assigned:</i>							
462 Assigned	109,042	109,042		422 Unassigned			
<i>Unassigned:</i>							
422 Unassigned	13,090,260	13,090,261	(1)	<u>20 INTERNAL SERVICE</u>			
<u>02 FOOD SERVICE</u>							
Total Revenue	4,965,818	4,965,818		Total Revenue	280,824	280,824	
Total Expenditures	4,239,887	4,239,887		Total Expenditures	279,908	279,908	
<i>Nonspendable:</i>							
460 Nonspendable				<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>							
452 OPEB Liab Not Held in a Trust				422 Net Assets	114,148	114,148	
<i>Restricted:</i>							
464 Restricted	2,851,383	2,851,383		<u>25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST</u>			
<i>Unassigned:</i>							
463 Unassigned				Total Revenue			
<u>04 COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>							
Total Revenue	2,910,089	2,910,089		Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	2,977,510	2,977,510		<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Nonspendable:</i>							
460 Nonspendable	9,537	9,537		422 Net Assets			
<i>Restricted/Reserved:</i>							
426 \$25 Taconite				<u>45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST</u>			
431 Community Education	382,224	382,225		Total Revenue			
432 E. C. F. E	203,891	203,891		Total Expenditures			
444 School Readiness	441,817	441,817		<i>Unassigned:</i>			
447 Adult Basic Education	113,854	113,854		422 Net Assets			
452 OPEB Liab Not Held in a Trust				<u>47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE</u>			
464 Restricted				Total Revenue			
<i>Unassigned:</i>							
463 Unassigned				Total Expenditures			
<i>Nonspendable:</i>							
460 Nonspendable				<i>Restricted:</i>			
<i>Restricted:</i>							
425 Bond Refundings			(1)	464 Restricted			
<i>Unassigned:</i>							
463 Unassigned				<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Unassigned:</i>							
463 Unassigned							

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor\ Pass-Through Grantor\ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Minnesota Department of Education				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
National School Lunch Program:				
Regular Lunch			\$ 271,447	\$
Free and Reduced Lunch			1,444,364	
After School Snack			37,114	
Food Distribution (Commodities-noncash)			311,428	
Food Distribution Program			16,986	
Supply Chain Assistance Funding			109,196	
Total National School Lunch Program	10.555	0000193883	2,190,535	0
Special Milk Program for Children	10.556	0000193883	1,835	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	0000193883	980,247	
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	0000193883	72,340	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			3,244,957	0
Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program	10.185	0000193883	25,808	
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	0000193883	30,328	
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants	10.579	0000193883	11,738	
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	0000193883	157,320	
Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649	0000193883	3,256	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			3,473,407	0
U.S. Department of Education				
Minnesota Department of Education				
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	0000193883	38,282	
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0000193883	1,218,647	9,840
Title II, Part A - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0000193883	163,542	
Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0000193883	145,230	
Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	0000193883	65,941	
Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act				
American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U *	0000193883	3,462,100	
SW/WC Service Cooperative				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	Not Assigned	301,930	
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	Not Assigned	28,883	
Total Special Education Cluster			330,813	0
Ridgewater College				
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	Not Assigned	30,452	
Total U.S. Department of Education			5,455,007	9,840
Total Federal Awards			\$ 8,928,414	\$ 9,840

* Denotes Major Program

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. REPORTING ENTITY

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Independent School District #347, Willmar, Minnesota. The District's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Independent School District #347 under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in financial position, or cash flows of the District.

NOTE 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

NOTE 4. FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed.

NOTE 5. SUBRECIPIENTS

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District passed \$9,840 of federal money to subrecipients.

NOTE 6. DE MINIMIS COST RATE

The District elected not to charge the de minimis indirect cost rate of 10% to federal programs.

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COMPLIANCE SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

To The Board of Education
Independent School District #347
Willmar, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Independent School District #347's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting-bid laws, depositories of public funds and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and uniform financial accounting and reporting standards of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

To The Board of Education
Independent School District #347

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District #437, Willmar, Minnesota, 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 November 12, 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 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 over financial reporting.

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

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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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

November 12, 2024



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

To the Board of Education
Independent School District #347
Willmar, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Independent School District #347's 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 auditor's 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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the 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.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the 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 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (Cont'd)

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 Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
JUNE 30, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

B. FEDERAL AWARDS

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program(s): Unmodified

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? No

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Part 200 of the Uniform Guidance? No

C. IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS

ALN No.: 84.425U

Name of Federal Program or Cluster: Education Stabilization Fund

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #347

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Comment Reference</u>	<u>Comment Title</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>If not corrected, Provide Planned Corrective Action or Other Explanation</u>
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Financial Statement Findings:

None

Minnesota Legal Compliance Findings:

None

Federal Awards Findings:

None