

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County
Town & Country, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than 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 management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison and related notes, schedule of changes in other post-employment benefits liability and related ratios, schedule of District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and related ratios – PSRS and PEERS, and schedule of District's contributions – PSRS and PEERS 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 GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the 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

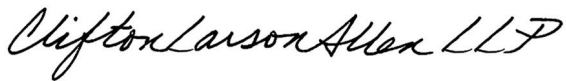
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual Capital Projects Fund, Combining Balance Sheet – Debt Service Fund by Component Unit, Combining Balance Sheet – Capital Projects Fund by Component Unit, Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Debt Service Fund by Component Unit, Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Capital Projects Fund by Component Unit, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the accompany supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Schedules of Selected Statistics, which is the responsibility of management, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated **November 20, 2024** November 14, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

St. Louis, Missouri
November 14, 2024

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of the Special School District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

Governance

The School District is governed by a seven member School Board, which is elected by the Governing Council, which is comprised of one school board member from each of the 22 component districts. The Governing Council is also the final approval authority for the School District's budget and strategic plan.

Financial Highlights

The District remains financially solvent with a 94% unrestricted (assigned/unassigned) fund balance in the general and special revenue funds. The District's general fund decrease in fund balance in fiscal year 2024 is due to increased instruction expenditures, primarily related to personnel.

The School District's financial net position is \$74.6 million, reflecting a decrease from \$118.7 million in 2023. The decrease in net position is mainly represented by an increase in expenditures during 2024 compared to the increase in grant and general revenues. Overall, the District's financial position is strong at June 30, 2024.

General revenues totaled \$407 million, an increase of \$8.9 million over the prior year. These general revenues are 72.4% of all revenues, and are comprised mainly of local property taxes, which totaled \$330 million during fiscal year 2024. Program revenues, which include all grants and tuition fees, totaled \$155.4 million or 27.6% of total revenues in fiscal year 2024. Total expenses for the year were \$606.5 million, of which \$451.10 million were funded by general revenues.

Using This Annual Report

This annual report has been prepared in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 34. As such, the report includes financial statements that show information about the School District as a whole and its significant funds. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about activities of the School District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. The fund financial statements begin on page 14. These statements present how the School District financed our services in the short term as well as the amounts that remain for future spending. The fund financial statements also provide more detail about the most significant funds.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

Reporting the School District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities:

This analysis provides answers as to whether the School District is financially stronger or weaker as a result of the year's activities. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on the School District as a whole and its activities, which help to provide this answer. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. As such, all revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net position and changes in those assets. The change in net position is the difference between assets and liabilities and represents one way to measure the School District's financial position and whether it is improving or declining. The relationship between revenue and expense indicates the School District's operating results. However, the School District's mission is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities strive to do each year. Non-financial factors, such as the quality of special education and technical education services provided to our students, must also be considered to assess the overall health of the School District.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report the activity for all of the District's programs and services which are classified as governmental activities, including the Missouri Educational Facilities Authority. The Facilities Authority was formed for the purpose of financing major renovation projects. The District adopted a resolution approving the formation of the Facilities Authority on August 8, 2000. For a description of the Facilities Authority refer to Note 8.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements:

The School District's fund financial statements begin on page 14 and provide information about the major funds, not the School District as a whole. The School District utilizes several funds to account for a wide range of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds, which are the general fund, special revenue fund, debt service fund and capital projects fund.

Governmental Funds – All of the School District's services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of the funds and balances remaining at year end available for spending in future years. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available in the near future to finance the School District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

The School District as a Whole

The School District's net position was \$74.6 million at June 30, 2024. Of this amount, -66.3 million was unrestricted. Restricted net position is reported separately to reflect legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the School District's ability to use those funds for day-to-day operations. Table 1 below provides a summary of net position for fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023.

	Governmental Activities June 30,	
	2024	2023
Current and Other Assets	\$ 396.3	\$ 426.8
Capital Assets	145.5	140.0
Deferred amounts related to pensions and Other Post-Emp Benefits	178.3	164.3
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	720.1	731.1
Current and Other Liabilities	55.0	45.6
Long-term Liabilities	541.6	518.4
Deferred amounts related to pensions and Other Post-Emp Benefits	48.9	48.4
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	645.5	612.4
Net Position		
Investment in Capital Assets	121.2	102.5
Restricted	19.6	8.7
Unrestricted	(66.3)	7.5
Total Net Position	\$ 74.6	\$ 118.7

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

The results of this year's operations for the School District as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. This information is summarized below.

CHANGE IN NET POSITION			
(In Millions)			
	Governmental Activities June 30,		Total Percentage Change
	2024	2023	
Revenues:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 13.5	\$ 12.3	9.5%
Operating Grants and Contributions	139.7	135.6	3.0%
Capital Grants and Contributions	2.2	1.7	27.6%
General Revenues:			
Property and Sales Taxes	338.4	331.0	2.2%
State Aid	51.1	51.5	-0.9%
Other	17.6	15.6	12.6%
Total Revenues	562.3	547.7	2.7%
Functions/Program Expenses:			
Instruction	361.5	279.7	29.3%
Student Services	110.0	98.5	11.7%
Instructional Staff Support	15.2	13.0	17.2%
Building Administration	18.9	16.7	13.4%
Executive Administration	26.1	21.2	23.0%
Business Services	21.3	17.5	22.0%
Operation of Plant	11.1	9.9	12.1%
Transportation	37.0	32.1	15.3%
Food Services	0.8	0.8	0.5%
Adult Education	3.2	3.1	4.3%
Community Services	0.7	0.8	-15.1%
Unallocated Depreciation	0.2	0.1	95.7%
Debt Service:			
Interest and other charges	0.3	0.3	9.0%
Total Functions/Program Expenses	606.5	493.7	22.8%
Decrease in Net Position	\$ (44.1)	\$ 54.0	

Governmental Activities

The cost of all governmental activities totaled \$606.5 million in fiscal year 2024. The School District's taxpayers funded \$451.1 million or 74% of these costs. Staff and salary increases are primarily reflected in instruction and student services in Table 2 above. Fiscal year 2024 also includes a board approved stipend to be paid from ESSER III and charged to executive administration.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

In addition to taxpayer funding, charges for services funded \$13.5 million or 2.0% of the governmental activities' cost and grants funded \$139.7 million or 25% of such costs in fiscal year 2024.

The School District's decrease in net position is mainly attributable to total expense increasing by \$102.1 million, or 20% from fiscal year 2023 offset by a \$5.8 million dollar increase (4%) increase in grant revenue and \$8.9 million (2%) increase in general revenues.

In the table below, the cost of each of the School District's six largest functions, as well as each function's net cost (total cost less revenue generated by the activities), is presented. This clearly shows the School District's reliance on local taxpayers. Due to Special School District's unique structure, the School District has a higher proportion of grant and restricted state funding than typical school districts. As a result, the net cost of the functions funded by the School District's taxpayers was 74.4% for fiscal year 2024, an increase of 4.0% over 2023, which was 70.4%.

	Year Ended June 30, (in millions)			
	2024		2023	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction - Special Education	\$ 361.5	\$ 233.2	\$ 279.7	\$ 156.1
Student Services	110.0	110.0	98.5	98.5
Transportation	37.0	16.1	32.1	12.1
Administration	45.0	45.0	37.9	37.9
Other Support Services	52.4	46.2	45.1	40.8
Interest and Other Charges	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Unallocated Depreciation	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 606.5	\$ 451.1	\$ 493.7	\$ 345.8

The School District's Funds

As discussed above, the School District uses funds to account for a wide range of financial transactions. A review of the funds provides some insight into the School District's financial condition. In total, governmental funds had a fund balance of \$333.8 million at June 30, 2024, which represented a decrease of \$37.3 million from the prior year.

General Fund Budget Highlights

The School District prepares an annual budget in accordance with Missouri law, which requires that the Governing Council give final budget approval. The original budget for fiscal year 2024 was approved by the School Board and the Governing Council in May and June 2023, respectively. A revised budget was presented to the School Board and Governing Council in November and December 2023, respectively.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

The final revised budget for general fund revenue totaled \$296.7 million compared to the original budget of \$291.1 million.

The final revised budget for general fund expenditures totaled \$300.8 million compared to the original budget of \$269.4 million.

Special Revenue Fund Budget Highlights

The final revised budget for special revenue fund revenue totaled \$239.2 million compared to the original budget of \$239.1 million.

The final revised budget for special revenue fund expenditures totaled \$280.1 million compared to the original budget of \$289.8 million.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets:

At June 30, 2024, the School District had capital assets with a net book value of \$148.4 million which is an increase of \$4.4 million from fiscal year 2023. This reflects net capital additions of \$19.0 million partially offset by net depreciation and amortization expense of \$8.6 million and a loss of \$0.3 million on disposal of assets.

	Governmental Activities	
	June 30,	
	2024	2023
Land	\$ 2,738,098	\$ 2,738,098
Buildings, land improvements, and construction in progress	130,144,016	124,564,509
Vehicles and equipment	10,541,611	10,377,023
Leased buildings, equipment, and vehicles	2,079,188	2,351,579
Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA)	2,964,689	3,994,545
Total	\$ 148,467,602	\$ 144,025,754

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

Debt:

At June 30, 2024, the School District had \$20.04 million in certificates of participation outstanding. These bonds are the legal obligation of the Facilities Authority payable solely from rental payments received from the School District. Additional information about the bonds is provided in Note 8.

Facilities Authority	June 30,	
	2024	2023
Certificate of Participation - by issue date:		
February 2020	\$ 3,780,000	\$ 4,635,000
January 2022	16,260,000	17,700,000
Total Facilities Authority	\$ 20,040,000	\$ 22,335,000

Other long-term liabilities of the School District also include a net pension liability, other post-employment benefit liability, worker's compensation claims, vacation and sick leave pay, leases payable, and other liabilities that amount to approximately \$521.8 million. Refer to Notes 4, 5 and 10 for more information concerning long-term liabilities.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This discussion and analysis is intended to provide St. Louis County taxpayers and other constituents with an overview of the financial condition of the School District. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Cindy Reilmann, Chief Financial Officer, at Special School District, 12110 Clayton Road, Town & Country, Missouri 63131.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$ 325,748,727
Property Taxes Receivable, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Amount of \$7,834,948	6,509,067
Grants and Other Receivables	58,953,228
Prepaid Items	1,466,576
Inventory	452,475
Restricted Cash and Investments	223,533
Subscription Asset, Net of Accumulated Amortization	2,985,377
Capital Assets:	
Land	2,738,098
Construction in Progress	482,744
Other Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	142,261,383
Total Assets	<u>541,821,208</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	153,825,809
Deferred Amounts Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	24,440,332
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>178,266,141</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$ 720,087,349</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 46,607,802
Accrued Expenditures:	
Salaries and Related Benefits	3,370,666
Medical and Dental Claims	3,955,291
Interest	200,400
Other Liabilities	592,963
Due to Student Activity Program	182,128
Unearned Revenues	53,586
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	14,675,460
Due in More Than One Year	26,962,204
Net Pension Liability	406,182,854
Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability	93,801,667
Total Liabilities	<u>596,585,021</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Charge on Refunding	224,904
Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	10,808,480
Deferred Amounts Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	37,904,208
Total Deferred Inflows Of Resources	<u>48,937,592</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	121,184,524
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	19,431,483
Workers' Compensation Claims	212,562
Unrestricted	(66,263,833)
Total Net Position	<u>74,564,736</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 720,087,349</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities	
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Instruction	\$ 361,515,475	\$ 12,435,397	\$ 113,669,234	\$ 2,169,898	\$ (233,240,946)
Attendance	13,128,288	-	-	-	(13,128,288)
Guidance	4,382,158	-	-	-	(4,382,158)
Health Services	92,488,682	-	-	-	(92,488,682)
Improvement of Instruction	14,752,212	-	3,008,005	-	(11,744,207)
Professional Development	479,933	-	-	-	(479,933)
Media Services	738,029	-	-	-	(738,029)
Board of Education Services	3,263,242	-	-	-	(3,263,242)
Executive Administration	22,075,019	-	-	-	(22,075,019)
Building Level Administration	18,935,273	-	-	-	(18,935,273)
Business, Fiscal, and Internal Services	5,928,763	-	-	-	(5,928,763)
Operation of Plant	11,100,344	-	-	-	(11,100,344)
Pupil Transportation	37,015,325	-	20,916,392	-	(16,098,933)
Food Services	804,259	45,061	247,096	-	(512,102)
Central Office Support Services	15,416,381	-	-	-	(15,416,381)
Adult Continuing Education	3,233,782	990,971	-	-	(2,242,811)
Community Services	679,476	-	1,871,554	-	1,192,078
Unallocated depreciation	195,699	-	-	-	(195,699)
Interest	327,082	-	-	-	(327,082)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 606,459,422	\$ 13,471,429	\$ 139,712,281	\$ 2,169,898	(451,105,814)
GENERAL REVENUES					
Taxes:					
Property					330,225,244
Sales					8,131,255
State aid					51,050,821
Investment earnings					17,620,011
Miscellaneous					(51,751)
Total General Revenues					406,975,580
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					(44,130,234)
Net Position - Beginning of Year					118,694,970
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR					\$ 74,564,736

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$ 325,748,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,748,725
Property Taxes - Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Amount	2,846,363	3,136,752	-	525,951	6,509,066
Grants and Other Receivables	49,022,992	9,930,236	-	-	58,953,228
Interfund Receivables	-	-	-	18,892,728	18,892,728
Prepaid Items	1,466,576	-	-	-	1,466,576
Inventory	452,475	-	-	-	452,475
Restricted Cash and Investments	223,533	-	-	4,911	228,444
	<u>\$ 379,760,664</u>	<u>\$ 13,066,988</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,423,590</u>	<u>\$ 412,251,242</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 46,607,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,607,802
Accrued Expenditures:					
Salaries and Related Benefits	2,462,869	907,797	-	-	3,370,666
Medical and Dental Claims	3,955,291	-	-	-	3,955,291
Other Liabilities	594,798	-	-	3,078	597,876
Due to Student Activity Program	182,128	-	-	-	182,128
Unearned Revenues	53,586	-	-	-	53,586
Interfund Payables	9,025,059	9,867,669	-	-	18,892,728
Total Liabilities	<u>62,881,533</u>	<u>10,775,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,078</u>	<u>73,660,077</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	2,079,381	2,291,522	-	384,228	4,755,131
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Inventory	452,475	-	-	-	452,475
Prepaid Items	1,466,576	-	-	-	1,466,576
Restricted For:					
Capital Projects	10,971	-	-	19,036,284	19,047,255
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Workers' Compensation Claims	212,562	-	-	-	212,562
Assigned for Subsequent Budget Deficit	77,010,664	-	-	-	77,010,664
Unassigned	235,646,502	-	-	-	235,646,502
Total Fund Balances	<u>314,799,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,036,284</u>	<u>333,836,034</u>
	<u>\$ 379,760,664</u>	<u>\$ 13,066,988</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,423,590</u>	<u>\$ 412,251,242</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 379,760,664</u>	<u>\$ 13,066,988</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,423,590</u>	<u>\$ 412,251,242</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	333,836,034
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Subscription assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$5,238,876 and the accumulated amortization is \$1,244,331.		2,964,689
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$229,096,377 and the accumulated depreciation and amortization is \$89,059,889.		145,502,913
Unpaid property taxes at June 30, 2023 less July and August receipts are recorded as deferred revenue in the governmental funds.		4,755,132
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.		(200,400)
Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for pension and OPEB are applicable to future periods, and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred Outflows of Resources - PSRS		126,404,599
Deferred Outflows of Resources - PEERS		27,421,210
Deferred Inflows of Resources - PSRS		(10,513,771)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - PEERS		(294,709)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Other Post-Employment Benefits, Net		(13,463,876)
Total		129,553,453
Long-term liabilities, including bonds and lease liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Subscriptions		(3,119,675)
Leases		(1,855,966)
Leasehold Revenue Bonds		(20,040,000)
PTO Leave Benefits		(4,965,583)
Workers' Compensation Claims		(5,708,678)
Unemployment Benefits		(23,676)
Vacation Pay		(2,997,846)
Unamortized Bond Premium		(2,042,529)
Deferred Amount on Refunding		(224,904)
Liability Claims		(883,707)
Other Post-Employment Benefits		(93,801,667)
Net Pension Liability – PSRS		(338,484,132)
Net Pension Liability – PEERS		(67,698,722)
Total		(541,847,085)
Net Position of Governmental Activities as Reported on the Statement of Net Position	\$	74,564,736

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local Sources:					
Property Taxes	\$ 141,336,424	\$ 155,755,765	\$ -	\$ 22,192,218	\$ 319,284,407
Sales Tax	-	8,131,255	-	-	8,131,255
Adult Education	873,877	-	-	-	873,877
Investment Income	17,619,456	-	329	-	17,619,785
Food Service	45,061	-	-	-	45,061
Desegregation Program	4,318,154	-	-	-	4,318,154
Other Local	278,950	168,933	-	3,952,988	4,400,871
Total Local	164,471,922	164,055,953	329	26,145,206	354,673,410
County Sources:					
Fines, Forfeitures, Escheat	-	22,826	-	-	22,826
State Assessed	2,250,748	2,480,373	-	415,893	5,147,014
Total County	2,250,748	2,503,199	-	415,893	5,169,840
State Sources:					
Basic Formula	12,579,527	38,471,294	-	-	51,050,821
Transportation	20,916,392	-	-	-	20,916,392
High Needs Fund	15,371,054	-	-	-	15,371,054
Early Childhood	18,115,281	15,380,260	-	-	33,495,541
Vocational Tech Aid	1,089,912	-	-	239,740	1,329,652
State Grants And Contributions	2,391,787	-	-	-	2,391,787
Total State	70,463,953	53,851,554	-	239,740	124,555,247
Federal Sources:					
Medicaid	22,373,550	-	-	-	22,373,550
Entitlement	15,669,212	19,078,884	-	-	34,748,096
School Breakfast/Lunch	244,298	-	-	-	244,298
Early Childhood	4,375,062	-	-	-	4,375,062
Other Federal Sources	5,601,172	1,044,813	-	1,930,158	8,576,143
Total Federal	48,263,294	20,123,697	-	1,930,158	70,317,149
Contracted Educational Services	6,411,106	-	-	-	6,411,106
Total Revenues	291,861,023	240,534,403	329	28,730,997	561,126,752

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instruction	\$ 170,637,017	\$ 175,930,992	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 346,568,009
Attendance	12,624,295	220,433	-	-	12,844,728
Guidance	1,150,997	3,127,341	-	-	4,278,338
Health Services	28,979,550	61,382,736	-	-	90,362,286
Improvement of Instruction	3,053,963	11,285,289	-	-	14,339,252
Professional Development	372,609	73,987	-	-	446,596
Media Services	468,785	247,035	-	-	715,820
Board of Education Services	2,871,785	335,912	-	-	3,207,697
Executive Administration	11,751,771	8,917,638	-	-	20,669,409
Building Level Administration	2,847,958	15,408,390	-	-	18,256,348
Business, Fiscal, and Internal Services	5,058,099	-	-	-	5,058,099
Operation of Plant	10,064,064	-	-	-	10,064,064
Pupil Transportation	34,451,393	-	-	-	34,451,393
Food Services	661,362	-	-	-	661,362
Central Office Support Services	13,108,867	1,829,920	-	-	14,938,787
Adult Continuing Education	1,484,736	1,674,236	-	-	3,158,972
Community Services	453,479	220,059	-	-	673,538
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	14,152,729	14,152,729
Debt Service:					
Principal	-	-	2,295,000	422,180	2,717,180
Interest	-	-	893,400	958	894,358
Total Expenditures	<u>300,040,730</u>	<u>280,653,968</u>	<u>3,188,400</u>	<u>14,575,867</u>	<u>598,458,965</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)					
EXPENDITURES	(8,179,707)	(40,119,565)	(3,188,071)	14,155,130	(37,332,213)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfer (to) from Other Funds	(40,119,565)	40,119,565	3,185,888	(3,185,888)	-
Lease and SBITA Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(40,119,565)</u>	<u>40,119,565</u>	<u>3,185,888</u>	<u>(3,185,888)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(48,299,272)	-	(2,183)	10,969,242	(37,332,213)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>363,099,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,183</u>	<u>8,067,042</u>	<u>371,168,247</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 314,799,750</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,036,284</u>	<u>\$ 333,836,034</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Balances \$ (37,332,213)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives as depreciation or amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation and amortization expense in the current period:

Capital Asset Additions	12,713,106
Subscription Asset Additions	721,367
Depreciation and Amortization Expense, Net of Disposals	<u>(8,600,627)</u>
Total	4,833,846

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported. The current year activity is as follows:

Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	<u>(391,998)</u>
Total	(391,998)

Property tax revenue received or expected to be received after sixty days of year end are deferred in the governmental funds. They are, however, recorded as revenue in the statement of activities. (1,496,515)

The governmental funds report bond proceeds and lease liability inception as other financing sources while repayment of bond and lease principal is reported as an expenditure. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums when debt is first issued, whereas the amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. In addition, interest on long-term debt is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due while in the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is due. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of leasehold revenue bonds and related items is as follows:

Issurance of Right-to-Use Leases	(493,138)
Repayment of Bond and Lease Principal	3,229,617
Inception of Subscription Assets	(577,452)
Repayment of Subscription Liabilities	1,486,684
Interest Expense	22,950
Amortization of Deferred Amount on Refunding	55,258
Amortization of Bond Premium	<u>502,966</u>
Total	4,226,885

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated Absences	(2,797,537)
Workers' Compensation Claims	(89,699)
Unemployment Benefits	1,430
Liability Claims	(951,571)
Other Post-Employment Benefits	(5,236,103)
Pension Expense - PSRS	(390,559)
Pension Expense - PEERS	<u>(4,506,200)</u>
Total	<u>(13,970,239)</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities as Reported in the Statement of Activities \$ (44,130,234)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Special School District of St. Louis County (the “District”) was established in 1957 under the statutes of the State of Missouri. The Board of Education contains seven members as described in RSMo Chapter 162. Effective May 31, 1996, in accordance with Chapter 162 RSMo, a Governing Council (the “Council”) for the District was formed. The Council has various powers and duties. The primary duties include review and approval of the annual budget, approval of a rolling five-year plan for the operation and management of the District and the election of board members to the seven member Board of Education.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (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 most significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

Principles Determining the Scope of Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri (the primary government) and the Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri Educational Facilities Authority (the “Facilities Authority”). The District defines its reporting entity in accordance with GASB Statement No. 61. The criteria for including a potential component unit within the financial reporting entity includes fiscal dependency and the presence of a financial benefit or burden relationship. Based upon the application of these criteria, the Facilities Authority has been determined to be a component unit of the District. Its purpose is to act on behalf of the District in its acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, remodeling, renovation, and financing of capital improvement projects. The financial information of the Facilities Authority has been incorporated into the District’s financial statements using the blending method. Under the blending method, transactions of a component unit are presented as if they were executed directly by the primary government. A combining balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures are included in the supplemental information section of this report.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of legally established funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. District resources are allocated to, and accounted for in, individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Fund Accounting (Continued)

The following fund types are used by the District:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most functions of the District are financed. The District's expendable financial resources are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in the financial position rather than upon net income determination. Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the District's governmental fund types, each of which the District considers to be a major fund:

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for transactions relating to the general operation of the District which are not provided for in other funds.

Special Revenue Fund

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for financial resources and expenditures for certificated employees involved in administration and instruction, and tuition paid to other agencies for the education of students.

Debt Service Fund

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

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities present financial information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements, therefore, include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Amounts reported as *program revenues* include (a) charges paid by the recipient of the goods and services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as *program revenues* are presented as general revenues and include all property taxes. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detail information about the District's funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on *major* governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. The District considers each of its funds to be major.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are the balance sheet, which generally include only current assets and current liabilities, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting at the fund level.

Revenues: Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions – Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party receives essentially equal value, are recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Revenues: Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions (Continued) – Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenues from nonexchange transactions must also be available before they can be recognized. For property taxes, available generally means expected to be received within sixty (60) days of year end. For grants, entitlements, and donations, available generally means expected to be received within nine (9) months of year-end.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes, interest, tuition, grants, student fees, and rentals.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one type which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source, property taxes earned but not yet available. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Expenses/Expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. On the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds at the fund reporting level.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied annually in November based on the assessed valuation of all real and personal property located in the District as of the previous January 1 and are due and collectible on December 31. Property taxes become delinquent and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of the following year. The County collects the property tax and remits it to the District. An allowance for uncollectible taxes has been provided for delinquent taxes.

At the fund reporting level, property tax revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty (60) days after year end. Revenue recognition of delinquent property taxes not collected within sixty (60) days of fiscal year end is deferred.

The assessed valuations of the tangible taxable property for the calendar years 2024 and 2023 for purposes of local taxation were \$34,783,425,453 and \$30,457,910,080, respectively.

The tax levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar years 2024 and 2023 for purposes of local taxation were:

	2024	2023
General Fund	\$ 0.4205	\$ 0.4698
Special Revenue Fund	0.4634	0.5058
Capital Projects Fund	0.0777	0.0739
Total	\$ 0.9616	\$ 1.0495

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, aggregated approximately 94.1% of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Restricted Cash and Investments

Restricted cash and investments represent amounts whose use is limited by legal requirements and consist of unexpended bond proceeds and debt service funds of the Facilities Authority, amounts escrowed under an agreement with the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation for possible payments of claims, and an escrow for construction projects.

Inventory

Inventories are stated at cost, which approximates market at average cost, and are expensed when used.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Capital Assets

Capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are recorded at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a useful life of two (2) years for each individual asset for inventory control purposes and a threshold of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for financial reporting purposes.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects, are constructed, and placed in service. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Except for land and construction in progress, all reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	50 Years
Site Improvements	20 Years
Furniture	20 Years
Maintenance and Kitchen Equipment	15 Years
Machinery and Tools	15 Years
Office Equipment	10 Years
Audio Visual Equipment	10 Years
Licensed Vehicles	8 Years
Computers and Related Equipment	5 to 10 Years

Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans that arise in the normal course of operations are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

Payroll Disbursements

Teachers' employment contracts provide for the payment of compensation over a period of twelve (12) months. The District's policy is to accrue the unpaid salary and withholdings related to the school year as of June 30.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Compensated Absences

Vacation pay is accrued as a liability of the District in the government-wide financial statements when earned. Vacation benefits are available to all regular full-time employees who work 12 months. The amount of vacation earned is determined based on job classification and the number of months of continuous service. Accumulated unused earned vacation pay at June 30, 2024, amounted to approximately \$2,998,000 and is recorded as an expense in the government-wide financial statements.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability of the District in the government-wide financial statements when earned. All District employees are entitled to receive a specified benefit at retirement for accumulated and unused sick days. The estimated liability to be incurred in future years, discounted at current interest rates, is approximately \$4,966,000 and has been recorded as an expense in the government-wide financial statements.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Liabilities

All payables accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements when due. However, claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, liabilities that mature or come due for payment during the fiscal year are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

Pensions

The District records a net pension obligation in the government-wide financial statements for defined benefit plans. The liability is calculated as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service (total pension liability), less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. Actuarial valuations of the total pension liability are required to be performed as least every two years.

In the government-wide financial statements, components of pension expense that are recognized over a period of time are classified as either deferred outflows of resources (using plan assets that are applicable to a future reporting period) or deferred inflows of resources (acquiring plan assets that are applicable to a future reporting period). Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability are required to be reported as deferred outflows of resources.

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**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Pensions (Continued)

Financial reporting information pertaining to the District's participation in the Public School Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS) and Public Education Employee Retirement System of Missouri (PEERS) (also referred to as the "Systems") is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended.

The fiduciary net position, as well as additions to and deductions from the fiduciary net position, of PSRS and PEERS have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Systems. The financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Member and employer contributions are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments and statutory requirements. Benefits and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the statutes governing the Systems. Expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred, regardless of when payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. The fiduciary net position is reflected in the measurement of the District's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense. An Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) can be obtained at www.psr-peers.org.

Details of the District's defined benefit plans are provided in Note 5.

Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability

The District calculates and records a total other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liability in the government-wide financial statements. The total OPEB liability is measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service. The total OPEB liability is determined through an actuarial valuation. Details related to the District's postretirement health care benefits provided, OPEB liability and its calculation are provided at Note 10. The liability is typically liquidated by the General and Special Revenue Funds.

Governmental Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, the following classifications are used to define the governmental fund balances:

Nonspendable – This consists of the governmental fund balances that are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District's nonspendable fund balance at June 30, 2024, consists of prepaid items and inventory.

Restricted – This consists of the governmental fund balances that are legally restricted by outside parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District's restricted fund balance at June 30, 2024, consists of capital projects bond proceeds and escrowed cash accounts for possible workers' compensation claims and ongoing capital projects.

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**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Governmental Fund Balances (Continued)

Committed – This consists of the governmental fund balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education, the District’s highest level of decision-making authority. The District has no committed fund balance at June 30, 2024.

Assigned – This consists of the governmental fund balances that are intended to be used for specific purposes by a) Board of Education or b) Chief Financial Officer. The District has an assigned fund balance related to the subsequent year budget deficit.

Unassigned – This consists of the governmental funds that do not meet the definition of “nonspendable,” “restricted,” “committed,” or “assigned.”

Unless specifically identified, expenditures act to reduce restricted balances first, then committed balances, next assigned balances, and finally unassigned balances. Expenditures for a specifically identified purpose will act to reduce the specific classification of fund balance that is identified.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows and liabilities less deferred inflows. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted. The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Interfund Activity

Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. During the year ended June 30, 2024, transfers were made from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund to eliminate the deficit. In addition, the Facilities Authority made transfers between the Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund to eliminate payments from the District to the Facilities Authority’s Debt Service Fund.

Pooled Cash and Temporary Investments

Cash resources are combined to form a pool of cash and temporary investments which is managed by the District Treasurer.

The District and the Facilities Authority may invest in bonds of the State of Missouri, United States Treasury bills, notes, bonds, government agency and instrumentality obligations, repurchase agreements collateralized by government securities, time certificates of deposit, bankers’ acceptances issued by domestic commercial banks, and commercial paper issued by domestic corporations.

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**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Pooled Cash and Temporary Investments (Continued)

Investments are reported at fair market value. The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. 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 and investments of the Facilities Authority are separately maintained from those of the District. At June 30, 2024, investments of the Facilities Authority consist of money market mutual funds managed on behalf of the Facilities Authority by an independent trustee. Investments of the Facilities Authority are reported at fair market value as of June 30, 2024.

Interest income earned is allocated to contributing funds based on each funds' proportionate share of funds invested.

Use of Restricted Resources

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources (net position) are available. For governmental funds, the District's policy is to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to other, less- restrictive classifications-committed and then assigned fund balances before using unassigned fund balances.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District is governed by the deposit and investment limitations of state law, as described in Note 1.

GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements).

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NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GASB 72 are described below:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the District has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The assets or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Money market mutual funds – Valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

External investment pool – Valued at the net asset value of shares reported on the active market for which the individual investments are traded (Level 2 inputs).

Debt securities, federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations, and commercial paper – Valued using a matrix pricing model where similar securities are given a price based on the credit rating and maturity (Level 2 inputs).

The District participates in the Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP) and in the Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury (MOCAAT). MOSIP and MOCAAT are external investment pools in which the District's monies are pooled with other districts' monies to purchase investments that are permitted by state statutes. The District's monies are used to purchase a pro-rata share of the pool. A board of directors for each program, comprised of Missouri school administrators, school board members, and school business officials provides governance and oversight of MOSIP's and MOCAAT's operations. The boards seek to maintain a stable net position value of \$1 per share. A separately issued financial statement for MOSIP can be obtained by contacting 1-877-MY-MOSIP. A separately issued financial statement for MOCAAT can be obtained by contacting PMA Financial Network, LLC, at 1-866-403-4638.

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NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The deposits and investments held at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Investment Type	Carrying Value
Deposits:	
Demand Deposits	\$ 8,413,777
Certificates of Deposit	-
Cash on Hand	1,800
Total Deposits	8,415,577
Investments:	
U.S. Treasury Bills	78,210,520
External Investment Pools	68,661,930
Commercial Paper	170,684,233
Total Investments	317,556,683
Total Deposits and Investments	\$ 325,972,260

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

For a deposit, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a custodial credit risk policy for repurchase agreement investments and for certificate of deposits which requires these funds to be collateralized at least 100% or greater of the balance plus any demand deposit with the depository, less any insurance (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund), as applicable. As of June 30, 2024, none of the District's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

For an investment, custodial credit risk 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 investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the District, and are held by the party who sold the security to the District or the seller's agent but not in the District's name. The District has a custodial credit risk policy to minimize credit risk by (1) pre-qualifying the financial institutions, brokers/dealers, intermediaries, and advisors with which the District will do business and (2) diversifying the portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized. The District's investments were not exposed to custodial credit risk at year end.

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NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investment Interest Rate Risk

Individual interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates. The District has policies to minimize this risk by structuring the investments portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities. Investments in commercial paper shall mature in no more than 180 days from the purchase date, and all other investments shall mature and become payable in no more than five (5) years from the purchase date. Maturities of investments held at June 30, 2024, are provided as follows:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
		No Maturity	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 5 Years
U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 78,210,520	\$ -	\$ 78,210,520	\$ -
U.S. Treasury Notes	-	-	-	-
External Investment Pool	68,661,930	68,661,930	-	-
Federal Agency Bonds	-	-	-	-
* Money Market Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-
Commercial Paper	170,684,233	-	170,684,233	-
Total	\$ 317,556,683	\$ 68,661,930	\$ 248,894,753	\$ -

* Represents Investments of the Facilities Authority

Investment Credit Risk

The District has policies in place to minimize credit risk, the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer by pre-qualifying the institutions with which the District will do business and by diversifying the portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized.

At June 30, 2024, the District's investments were rated as follows:

Investment	Financial Institution	Amount	Rating
U.S. Treasury Bills	UMB	\$ 78,210,520	N/A
External Investment Pool:			
MOSIP Liquid Series	MOSIP	41,367,138	AAAm
MOCAAT Liquid Series	MOCAAT	27,294,792	AAAm
Federal Agency Bonds	Commerce	-	AAAm
* Money Market Mutual Funds	UMB Bank	-	AAAm
Commercial Paper	UMB Bank	95,465,981	P-1
Commercial Paper	Commerce	75,218,253	P-1

* Represents Investments of the Facilities Authority

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is required to be disclosed by the District for any single investment that represents 5% or more of total investments (excluding investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government, investments in mutual funds, investments in external investment pools and investments in other pooled investments). At June 30, 2024, the District did not have any concentrations of investment credit risk required to be disclosed.

The District does not have a policy limiting the amount it may invest in any specific maturity, specific issuer or specific class of securities.

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NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions and Transfers	Disposals and Transfers	Balance End of Year
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,738,098	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,738,098
Construction in Progress	5,594,495	482,744	5,594,495	482,744
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>8,332,593</u>	<u>482,744</u>	<u>5,594,495</u>	<u>3,220,842</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated or Amortized:				
Land Improvements	2,644,912	-	-	2,644,912
Buildings and Building Improvements	174,608,896	15,041,977	778,459	188,872,414
Machinery and Equipment	25,710,806	1,111,624	219,574	26,602,856
Vehicles	14,884,617	951,318	534,006	15,301,929
Leased Buildings	1,408,503	146,496	521,713	1,033,286
Leased Machinery and Equipment	1,589,717	475,048	60,953	2,003,812
Leased Vehicles	685,572	98,394	288,520	495,446
Subscriptions	5,238,876	721,367	261,457	5,698,786
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>226,771,899</u>	<u>18,546,224</u>	<u>2,664,682</u>	<u>242,653,441</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	2,403,662	108,051	-	2,511,713
Buildings and Building Improvements	55,880,132	3,949,342	485,133	59,344,341
Machinery and Equipment	19,811,175	985,640	219,296	20,577,519
Vehicles	10,407,225	912,436	534,006	10,785,655
Less: Accumulated Amortization for:				
Leased Assets	1,332,213	893,935	772,792	1,453,356
SBITA	1,244,331	1,751,223	261,457	2,734,097
Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>91,078,738</u>	<u>8,600,627</u>	<u>2,272,684</u>	<u>97,406,681</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated or Amortized, Net	<u>135,693,161</u>	<u>9,945,597</u>	<u>391,998</u>	<u>145,246,760</u>
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 144,025,754</u>	<u>\$ 10,428,341</u>	<u>\$ 5,986,493</u>	<u>\$ 148,467,602</u>

Depreciation and amortization were charged to functions of the District as follows:

	Amount
Instruction	\$ 4,094,353
Attendance	10,404
Guidance	3,901
Health Services	50,720
Improvement of Instruction	58,744
Media Services	5,108
Executive Administration	959,271
Building Level Administration	66,797
Business, Fiscal, and Internal Services	612,981
Operation of Plant	580,279
Pupil Transportation	1,409,217
Food Services	264,223
Central office support services	322,955
Adult Continuing Education	32,320
Unallocated	<u>129,354</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,600,627</u>

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NOTE 4 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Deductions	Balance End of Year	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Leasehold Revenue Bonds	\$ 22,335,000	\$ -	\$ 2,295,000	\$ 20,040,000	\$ 2,365,000
Plus: Bond Premium	2,545,496	-	502,967	2,042,529	-
Leasehold Revenue Bonds, Net	24,880,496	-	2,797,967	22,082,529	2,365,000
Leases	2,297,445	493,138	934,617	1,855,966	704,383
Sick Leave Benefits	2,590,351	24,308,541	21,933,308	4,965,584	756,973
Vacation Pay	2,575,541	3,017,364	2,595,057	2,997,848	2,997,848
Workers' Compensation Claims	5,618,979	4,482,758	4,393,059	5,708,678	5,708,678
Unemployment Benefits	25,106	36,634	38,064	23,676	23,676
Liability Claims	(67,864)	2,749,755	1,798,184	883,707	883,707
Subscriptions	4,028,907	577,452	1,486,679	3,119,680	1,235,198
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 41,948,961</u>	<u>\$ 35,665,642</u>	<u>\$ 35,976,935</u>	<u>\$ 41,637,668</u>	<u>\$ 14,675,463</u>

Certificate of Participation

Refer to Note 8 for a description of certificate of participation transactions affecting the Facilities Authority.

Leases Payable

The District leases equipment as well as certain operating and office facilities for various terms under long-term, non-cancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2028 and provide for renewal options ranging from one month to five years.

Total future minimum lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 704,383	\$ 44,087	\$ 748,470
2025	685,844	20,468	706,312
2026	234,249	10,743	244,992
2027	231,214	3,361	234,575
2028	276	-	276
Total	<u>\$ 1,855,966</u>	<u>\$ 78,659</u>	<u>\$ 1,934,625</u>

Subscriptions

The future principal and interest payments on subscriptions are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 1,235,198	\$ 77,270	\$ 1,312,468
2026	635,234	49,429	684,663
2027	611,176	29,359	640,535
2028	504,262	10,853	515,115
2029	133,810	535	134,345
Total	<u>\$ 3,119,680</u>	<u>\$ 167,446</u>	<u>\$ 3,287,126</u>

Sick Leave, Vacation, and Insurance

Compensated absences and insurance claims will be paid from the General and Special Revenue Funds.

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NOTE 5 RETIREMENT PLANS

Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems)

A. General Information about the Pension Plans

Plan Description

PSRS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all full-time certificated employees and certain part-time certificated employees of all public school districts in Missouri (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City) and all public community colleges. PSRS also includes certificated employees of the Systems, Missouri State Teachers' Association, Missouri State High School Activities Association, and certain employees of the state of Missouri who elected to remain covered by PSRS under legislation enacted in 1986, 1987, and 1989. The majority of PSRS members are exempt from Social Security contributions. In some instances, positions may be determined not to be exempt from Social Security contributions. Any PSRS member who is required to contribute to Social Security comes under the requirements of Section 169.070 (9) RSMo, known as the "two-thirds statute." PSRS members required to contribute to Social Security are required to contribute two-thirds of the approved PSRS contribution rate and their employer is required to match the contribution. The members' benefits are further calculated at two-thirds the normal benefit amount.

PEERS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all non-certificated public school district employees (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City), employees of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, and community college employees (except the Community College of St. Louis). Employees of covered districts who work 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis and who are not contributing members of PSRS must contribute to PEERS. Employees of the Systems who do not hold Missouri educator certificates also contribute to PEERS. PEERS was established as a trust fund by an Act of the Missouri General Assembly effective October 13, 1965. Statutes governing the System are found in Sections 169.600 - 169.715 and Sections 169.560-169.595 RSMo. The statutes place responsibility for the operation of PEERS on the Board of Trustees of PSRS.

Benefits Provided

PSRS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death/survivor benefits. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of 5 years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 2.5% benefit factor. Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

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NOTE 5 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

A. General Information about the Pension Plans (Continued)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

PEERS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death benefits to its members. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of five years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 1.61% benefit factor. Members qualifying for "Rule of 80" or "30-and-out" are entitled to an additional temporary benefit until reaching minimum Social Security age (currently age 62), which is calculated using a 0.8% benefit factor. Actuarially age-reduced retirement benefits are available with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

Summary Plan Descriptions detailing the provisions of the plans can be found on the Systems' website at www.psrs-peers.org.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)

The Board of Trustees has established a policy of providing COLAs to both PSRS and PEERS members as follows:

- If the June to June change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is less than 2% for one or more consecutive one-year periods, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted when the cumulative increase is equal to or greater than 2%, at which point the cumulative increase in the CPI-U will be reset to zero. For the following year, the starting CPI-U will be based on the June value immediately preceding the January 1 at which the 2% cost-of-living increase is granted.
- If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 2%, but less than 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted.
- If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 5% will be granted.
- If the CPI decreases, no COLA is provided.

For any PSRS member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, such adjustments commence on the second January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. For PEERS members, such adjustments commence on the fourth January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. The total of such increases may not exceed 80% of the original benefit for any member.

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NOTE 5 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

A. General Information about the Pension Plans (Continued)

Contributions

PSRS members were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay.

PEERS members were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 0.5% of pay.

The District's contributions to PSRS and PEERS were \$34,295,000 and \$12,677,779, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2024.

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2024, the District recorded a liability of \$338,484,132 for its proportionate share of the PSRS net pension liability and \$67,698,722 for its proportionate share of the PEERS net pension liability. In total the District recorded net pension liabilities of \$406,182,854. The net pension liability for the plans in total was measured as of June 30th, 2023, and determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the total net pension liability was based on the ratio of its actual contributions paid to PSRS and PEERS of \$31,988,008 and \$9,899,314, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2023, relative to the total contributions of \$790,025,525 for PSRS and \$146,077,920 for PEERS from all participating employers. June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was 4.0486% for PSRS and 6.7773% for PEERS.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense (income) of \$34,659,301 for PSRS and \$17,190,647 for PEERS, its proportionate share of the total pension expense (income). Pension expense is the change in the net pension liability from the previous reporting period to the current reporting period, less adjustments. This may be a negative expense (pension income).

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NOTE 5 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources related to PSRS and PEERS pension benefits:

	PSRS		PEERS		District Total	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Balance of Deferred Outflows and Inflows Due to:						
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 55,545,768	\$ 2,208,590	\$ 8,922,826	\$ -	\$ 64,468,594	\$ 2,208,590
Changes in Assumptions	11,503,482	-	356,841	-	11,860,323	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	20,653,175	-	4,725,364	-	25,378,539	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	4,407,120	8,305,181	738,400	294,709	5,145,520	8,599,890
Employer Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	34,295,054	-	12,677,779	-	46,972,833	-
Total	<u>\$ 126,404,599</u>	<u>\$ 10,513,771</u>	<u>\$ 27,421,210</u>	<u>\$ 294,709</u>	<u>\$ 153,825,809</u>	<u>\$ 10,808,480</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from contribution subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2023, will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as collective deferred (inflows) / outflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

C. Actuarial assumptions

Actuarial valuations of the Systems involve assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future in order to estimate the reported amounts. Examples include assumptions about future employment, salary increases, and mortality. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Board of Trustees adopts actuarial assumptions, each of which individually represents a reasonable long-term estimate of anticipated experience for the Systems, derived from experience studies conducted every fifth year and from Board policies concerning investments and COLAs. The most recent comprehensive experience studies were completed in May 2021. All economic and demographic assumptions were reviewed and certain assumptions were updated, where appropriate, based on the results of the studies and effective with the June 30, 2021 valuations. For PSRS, retirement rates assumption was updated for the June 30, 2023 valuation due to the passage of Senate Bill 75 (HCS/SS/SB 75), which added the 2.55 formula factor benefit for members that retire with 32 or more years of service. Significant actuarial assumption and methods are detailed below. For additional information please refer to the Systems'

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Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

C. Actuarial assumptions (Continued)

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The next experience studies are scheduled for 2026.

Significant actuarial assumptions and other inputs used to measure total pension liability:

Measurement Date		June 30, 2023
Valuation Date		June 30, 2023
Expected Return on Investments		7.30 %, net of investment expenses and including 2.00% inflation
Inflation		2.00% per annum
Total Payroll Growth	PSRS	2.25% per annum, consisting of 2.00% inflation, 0.125% real wage growth due to the inclusion of active health care costs in pensionable earnings, and 0.125% of real wage growth due to productivity.
	PEERS	2.50% per annum, consisting of 2.00% inflation, 0.25% real wage growth due to the inclusion of active health care costs in pensionable earnings, and 0.25% of real wage growth due to productivity.
Future Salary Increases	PSRS	2.625% - 8.875%, depending on service and including 2.00% inflation, 0.125% real wage growth due to the inclusion of active health care costs in pensionable earnings, 0.125% of real wage growth due to productivity, and real wage growth for merit.
	PEERS	3.25% - 9.75%, depending on service and including 2.00% inflation, 0.25% real wage growth due to the inclusion of active health care costs in pensionable earnings, 0.25% of real wage growth due to productivity, and real wage growth for merit.
Cost-of-Living Increases	PSRS & PEERS	<p>Given that the actual increase in the CPI-U index from June 2022 to June 2023 was 2.97%, the Board approved an actual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as for January 1, 2024 of 2.00%, in accordance with the Board's funding policy and Missouri statutes, consistent with the assumed COLA of 2.00%. Future COLAs assumed in the valuation are 1.35% each January 1, thereafter. This COLA assumption is based on the 20-year stochastic analysis of inflation performed in the 2021 experience study and application of the Board's funding policy to those expectations. The current policy of the Board to grant a COLA on each January 1, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the June to June change in the CPI-U is less than 2% for one or more consecutive one year periods, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted when the cumulative increase is equal to or greater than 2%, at which point the cumulative increase in the CPI-U will be reset to zero. For the following year, the starting CPI-U will be based on the June value immediately preceding the January 1 at which the 2% cost-of-living increase is granted. - If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 2%, but less than 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted. - If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 5% will be granted. - If the CPI decreases, no COLA is provided. <p>The COLA applies to service retirements and beneficiary annuities. The COLA does not apply to the benefits for in-service death payable to spouses (where the spouse is over age 60), and does not apply to the spouse with children pre-retirement death benefit, the dependent children pre-retirement death benefit, or the dependent parent death benefit. The total lifetime COLA cannot exceed 80% of the original benefit. PSRS members receive a COLA on the second January after retirement, while PEERS members receive a COLA on the fourth January after retirement.</p>

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Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

C. Actuarial assumptions (Continued)

Mortality Assumptions:			
Actives	PSRS		Experience-adjusted Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table for Employees with generational projection using the MP-2020 improvement scale. Experience adjustments are equal to the healthy retiree experience-based adjustment factors at all ages for both males and females.
	PEERS		Experience-adjusted Pub-2010 General (Below-Median Income) Mortality Table for Employees with generational projection using the MP-2020 improvement scale. Experience adjustments are equal to the healthy retiree experience-based adjustment factors at all ages for both males and females.
Nondisabled Retirees, Beneficiaries, and Survivors	PSRS		Mortality rates for non-disabled retirees and beneficiaries are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees and the Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table for Contingent Survivors, respectively. The tables are projected generationally using the MP-2020 improvement scale and multiplied by the experienced-based adjustment factors shown in the tables below at all ages for both males and females.
		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
		Non-Disabled	1.10
		Contingent Survivor	1.04
	PEERS		Mortality rates for non-disabled retirees and beneficiaries are based on the Pub-2010 General (Below-Median Income) Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees and the Pub-2010 General (Below-Median Income) Mortality Table for Contingent Survivors, respectively. The tables are projected generationally using the MP-2020 improvement scale and multiplied by the experienced-based adjustment factors shown in the tables below at all ages for both males and females.
		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
		Non-Disabled	1.13
		Contingent Survivor	1.01
Disabled Retirees	PSRS		Experience-adjusted Pub-2010 Teacher Disability Mortality Table, projected generationally using the MP-2020 improvement scale. Experience adjustments are equal to the healthy retiree experience-based adjustment factors at all ages for both males and females.
	PEERS		Experience-adjusted Pub-2010 General Disability Mortality Table, projected generationally using the MP-2020 improvement scale. Experience adjustments are equal to the healthy retiree experience-based adjustment factors at all ages for both males and females.
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Methods	PSRS & PEERS		For PSRS, the retirement rates assumption was updated for the June 30, 2023 valuation due to the passage of Senate Bill 75 (HCS/SS/SB 75), which assessed the 2.55% benefit formula multiplier for members that retire with 32 or more years of service. There have been no other changes to the actuarial assumptions and methods for PSRS or PEERS since the June 30, 2021 valuations, which included various assumption updates pursuant to the 2021 experience study. The next experience studies are scheduled for 2026.

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Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

C. Actuarial assumptions (Continued)

Fiduciary Net Position	The Systems issue publicly available financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at www.psr-peers.org .
Expected Rate of Return	The long-term expected rate of return on investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed rate of return. The long-term expected rate of return on the Systems' investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of returns (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems' target allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized below.
Discount Rate	The long-term expected rate of return used to measure the total pension liability was 7.30% as of June 30, 2023, and is consistent with the long-term expected geometric return on plan investments. The actuarial assumed rate of return of 7.30% consistent with the June 30, 2022 valuations based on the actuarial experience studies conducted during the 2021 fiscal year. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions would be made at the actuarially calculated rate computed in accordance with assumptions and methods stated in the funding policy adopted by the Board of Trustees, which requires payment of the normal cost and amortization of the unfunded actuarially accrued liability in level percent of employee payroll installments over 30 years utilizing a closed period, layered approach. Based on this assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members.
Discount Rate Sensitivity	The sensitivity of the District's net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate is presented below. The District's net pension liabilities calculated using the discount rate of 7.30% is presented as well as the net pension liabilities (assets) using a discount rate that is 1.0% lower (6.30%) or 1.0% higher (8.30%) than the current rate.

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Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS also referred to as the Systems) (Continued)

C. Actuarial assumptions (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation Percent	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return Percent
U.S. Public Equity	23.00 %	4.81 %
Public Credit	0.00 %	0.80 %
Hedged Assets	6.00 %	2.39 %
Non-U.S. Public Equity	16.00 %	6.88 %
U.S. Treasuries	15.00 %	(0.02) %
U.S. TIPS	0.00 %	0.29 %
Private Credit	8.00 %	5.61 %
Private Equity	21.00 %	10.90 %
Private Real Estate	11.00 %	7.47 %
Total	100.00 %	

Discount rate	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.3%)	Current Discount Rate (7.3%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.30%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability / (Asset) - PSRS	\$ 629,925,917	\$ 338,484,132	\$ 97,154,634
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability / (Asset) - PEERS	\$ 128,522,361	\$ 67,698,722	\$ 16,959,809

As of June 30, 2024, the District reported \$10,594,082 and \$1,506,358 payable to PSRS and PEERS, respectively, for legally required contributions.

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NOTE 6 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; and natural disasters. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

Claims liabilities are established based upon estimates of the ultimate cost of claims (including future expenses) that have been reported but not settled and of claims incurred and not reported.

Self-Insured Employee Benefits

The District generally retains the risks related to its obligations to provide medical and dental and unemployment benefits to its employees. However, the District's maximum liability for each one-year period related to health benefits is limited by insurance coverage. As of June 30, 2024, the estimated liability for payment of medical and dental and unemployment claims is approximately \$3,955,300 and \$24,000, respectively. The liability for medical and dental claims are recorded in the governmental fund financial statements in the General Fund and the liability for unemployment claims is recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

From July 31, 1996 through June 30, 2001, the District had purchased insurance for workers' compensation claims. Beginning July 1, 2001, the District became substantially self-insured. The District maintains excess workers' compensation insurance coverage for losses in excess of specified amounts. As of June 30, 2024, the estimated liability for payment of workers' compensation claims under the self-insurance plan was approximately \$5,709,000 and is recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

Included in restricted cash and investments is an investment in a Money Market Fund of approximately \$212,562 held in escrow under an agreement with the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation (the "Division").

Changes in the claim liabilities for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	Prescription Drugs, Medical and Dental Benefits	Workers' Compensation	Unemployment Benefits
Balance - June 30, 2022	\$ 3,423,056	\$ 4,391,371	\$ 23,945
Add: Claims, Fees, and Change in Estimates	61,821,064	5,329,234	43,631
Less: Claim Payments	<u>(61,745,121)</u>	<u>(4,101,626)</u>	<u>(42,470)</u>
Balance - June 30, 2023	3,498,999	5,618,979	25,106
Add: Claims, Fees, and Change in Estimates	68,634,975	4,482,758	36,634
Less: Claim Payments	<u>(68,178,683)</u>	<u>(4,393,059)</u>	<u>(38,064)</u>
Balance - June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,955,291</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,678</u>	<u>\$ 23,676</u>

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NOTE 7 PENDING LITIGATION

The District is involved in various lawsuits and other legal matters, each of which are being vigorously contested by the District. The District is either insured or self-insured with respect to the major portion of liabilities which may be incurred as a result of this litigation. Management believes their current reserves included in the accompanying financial statements are adequate to cover any liabilities from claims against the District.

The District has sovereign tort immunity from liability and suit for compensation damages for negligent acts or omissions, except in the case of injuries arising out of the operation of District motor vehicles or caused by the condition of District property. The District has purchased insurance to cover claims related to the operation of motor vehicles and the condition of District property. The maximum claim settlement established by state statute for such claims is approximately \$489,000 per person and approximately \$3,258,000 per occurrence.

NOTE 8 SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

The District adopted a resolution approving the formation of the Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri Educational Facilities Authority (the "Authority") on August 8, 2000. The Authority is organized under the not for profit provisions of Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (1986) as amended, for the purpose of acting on behalf of the District in its acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, remodeling, renovation, and financing of capital improvement projects, and other purposes as specified in the Authority's Articles of Incorporation.

In November 2013, the District approved a resolution authorizing the District to convey to the Authority, a leasehold interest in certain public school facilities of the District and approved the delivery of Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2013 (Series 2013 Certificates), in the principal interest amount of \$9,450,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of facilities projects for the District.

In connection with the delivery of the Series 2013 Certificates, the Board of Education authorized the execution of (a) a Base Lease dated as of November 1, 2013 (the "Base Lease"), between the District and the Authority, pursuant to which the District will lease to the Authority certain real property owned by the District and any existing improvements thereon including Northview High School and Hiram Neuwoehner High School (the "Project Site") for a maximum term of approximately 35 years ending on April 1, 2048; and (b) a Lease Agreement dated as of November 1, 2013 (the "Lease"), pursuant to which (i) proceeds of the Series 2013 Certificates will be used to complete the Project (the Project Site and all additions, modifications, improvements, replacements and substitutions made thereon and thereto, the personal property financed by the Series 2013 Certificates at the Project Site, and any additional facilities financed with Additional Certificates on the Project Site being collectively referred to as the "Facilities"), (ii) the Authority will lease the Facilities to the District on an annually renewable basis, and (iii) the District will make rental payments to the Authority that will be sufficient, during any term of the Lease, to pay the principal component, premium, if any, and interest component of the rental payments represented by the Series 2013 Certificates as the same become due. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the 2013 certificates were currently refunded with the issuance of \$7,010,000 Refunding Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2020 dated February 13, 2020, as described below.

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NOTE 8 SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (CONTINUED)

In September 2014, the District adopted a resolution (a) authorizing the District to enter into a First Supplemental Base Lease of even date herewith (the "First Supplemental Base Lease" and, together with the Original Base Lease, the "Base Lease"), pursuant to which the District will amend the Original Base Lease in order to extend the term thereof, and (b) approving the delivery and sale of Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2014A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,705,000 (the "Series 2014A Certificates") and Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2014B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$18,520,000 (the "Series 2014B Certificates" and, together with the Series 2014A Certificates, the "Series 2014 Certificates"), each evidencing proportionate interests of the Owners thereof in Rental Payments to be made by the District, as Lessee, under the Original Lease as amended by the First Supplemental Lease Agreement dated as of November 1, 2014 (the "First Supplemental Lease" and, together with the Original Lease, the "Lease"), issued and delivered pursuant to the Indenture, to provide funds to finance costs of the Project. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the 2014 certificates were currently refunded with the issuance of \$19,055,000 Refunding Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2022 dated January 5, 2022, as described below.

On February 13, 2020, the Authority issued \$7,010,000 in Refunding Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2020 with an interest rate of 4.0%. The Authority issued the bonds to currently refund the remaining \$7,625,000 of outstanding principal and accrued interest on the Series 2013 Lease Participation Certificates. The net proceeds of \$7,741,023 (after bond premium of \$892,017 and issuance cost of \$160,994) were used to purchase United States government securities. These securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to refund the outstanding bonds and accrued interest on April 1, 2020 on the 2013 Certificates.

The current refunding resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of approximately \$645,000.

On January 5, 2022, the Authority issued \$19,055,000 in Refunding Lease Participation Certificates, Series 2022 with an interest rate of 4.0%. The Authority issued the bonds to currently refund the remaining \$22,830,000 of outstanding principal and accrued interest on the Series 2014 Lease Participation Certificates. The net proceeds of \$21,612,004 (after bond premium of \$2,825,915 and issuance cost of \$268,911) plus a District contribution of \$1,598,091 were used to purchase United States government securities. These securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to refund the outstanding bonds and accrued interest on April 1, 2022 on the 2014 Certificates.

The current refunding resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of approximately \$2,426,000.

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NOTE 8 SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (CONTINUED)

The Series 2022 and 2020 Certificates and the interest with respect thereto shall be limited obligations, payable solely out of the rents, revenues and receipts received by the Trustee from the District pursuant to the Lease. The Series 2022 and 2020 Certificates and the interest with respect thereto shall not constitute a debt or liability of the District, the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, and the Series 2022 and 2020 Certificates shall not constitute an indebtedness within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction. Rental payments made pursuant to the lease totaled \$3,185,888 during the year ended June 30, 2024. Rental payments will be determined annually based on the amount of monies necessary for the future payment of bond principal and interest on the bonds when due, less amounts held by the Authority in the Certificate Fund. The District is also obligated to make additional payments for costs specified in the Lease. The Authority has agreed to convey to the District, all rights, interest and title to the project site at the expiration of the lease term following full payment of the bonds.

Lease certification of participation payable at June 30, 2024, consist of:

	Amount
\$7,010,000 Lease Certificate of Participation Due in Varying Installments Through April 1, 2028, Interest at 4.00%	\$ 3,780,000
\$19,055,000 Lease Certificate of Participation Due in Varying Installments Through April 1, 2034, Interest at 4.00%	16,260,000
Total	\$ 20,040,000

The following is a summary of lease certificates of participation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Amount
Lease Certificate of Participation - Beginning of Year	\$ 22,335,000
Retirements	(2,295,000)
Lease Certificate of Participation - End of Year	\$ 20,040,000

The following are debt service requirements on the outstanding lease certificates of participation at June 30, 2024:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 2,365,000	\$ 801,600	\$ 3,166,600
2026	2,460,000	707,000	3,167,000
2027	2,560,000	608,600	3,168,600
2028	2,660,000	506,200	3,166,200
2029-2033	2,835,000	399,800	3,234,800
Total	\$ 12,880,000	\$ 3,023,200	\$ 15,903,200

As discussed in Note 1, the Authority has been determined to be a component unit of the District under criteria established by current governmental accounting standards. In accordance therewith, the Authority's debt and assets have been reported as a form of the District's debt and assets in the accompanying financial statements.

See Note 2 for the Authority's investments.

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NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Revenues received from the Federal and State Governments in the current and prior years are subject to audits by the granting agencies. The District believes that adjustments which may arise from these audits, if any, would not be material.

As of June 30, 2024, the District had open construction commitments of approximately \$713,300.

Risks and Uncertainties

The District invests in various investment securities, including cash equivalents. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

NOTE 10 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Special School District Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) plan (the “Plan”) provides an OPEB for certain eligible employees who retire from the District. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that is administered by the District. The benefits and benefit levels are governed by District policy. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report.

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides an opportunity for continuation of medical, dental, and vision coverage including prescription drugs to employees that retire from the District who meet the retirement requirements of PSRS or PEERS and their dependents. Retirees can continue coverage past Medicare eligibility age (age 65). Retirees may cover spouses and eligible dependent children. Surviving spouses can continue coverage after retiree’s death. Retirees who elect to participate must pay 100% of the premiums in effect for the current plan year or any subsequent year at the premium rates in effect at that time. Since retirees pay the premium for each year, the District’s share of any premium cost is determined on the basis of a blended rate or implicit rate subsidy calculation.

Retiree medical contributions effective for January 1, 2024, are as follows:

Coverage Tier	PPO Pre-65	PPO Medicare Eligible*
Retiree	\$ 864.02	\$ 864.02
Retiree + Spouse	1,728.04	1,728
Retiree + Child	1,264.72	1,265
Retiree + 2 Children	1,302.84	-
Retiree + 3 Children	1,367.86	-
Retiree + Spouse + Child	2,128.74	2,129
Retiree + Spouse + 2 Children	2,166.86	-
Retiree + Spouse + 3 Children	2,231.88	-

* Cost of coverage is assumed to be equal to the premium charged.

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NOTE 10 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

Coverage Tier	Dental	Vision
Retiree	\$ 30.90	\$ 4.36
Retiree + Spouse	74.54	7.32
Retiree + Child	76.80	7.48
Retiree + 2 Children	81.48	7.48
Retiree + 3 Children	86.18	7.48
Retiree + Spouse + Child	120.44	10.44
Retiree + Spouse + 2 Children	125.12	10.44
Retiree + Spouse + 3 Children	129.82	10.44

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees and Surviving Spouses* Currently Receiving Benefits	880
Spouses of Inactive Employees Currently** Receiving Benefits	29
Inactive Employees Entitled to but not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	-
Active Employees	5,395
Total	<u>6,304</u>

* Includes 238, 848, and 667 with medical, dental, and vision coverage, respectively.

**With medical coverage.

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total liability of \$93,801,667 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	3.00%
Discount Rate	3.93%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Medical cost trend rate of 6.60% for 2024, gradually decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.70% for 2073 and beyond.
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal based on level percentage of projected salary.
Amortization Method	N/A

The discount rate was 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-2012 Mortality for Employees and Healthy Annuitants, with generational projection per Scale MP-2021.

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NOTE 10 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	\$ 95,617,709
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	5,716,106
Interest Cost	3,670,211
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	(3,011,457)
Benefit Payments	(1,574,299)
Net Changes in Total OPEB Liability	(1,816,042)
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year	\$ 93,801,667

Impact of Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms that significantly impacted the valuation.

Impact of Plan Experience

The Plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

Impact of Changes of Assumptions

The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a loss of \$3,011,457 in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred mainly due to a change in the discount rate based on the 20 year GO index at the fiscal year end, and a change in the medical trend assumption updated to reflect inflation trends.

Sensitivity of total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 3.93%, 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 (2.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (4.93%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 105,158,108	\$ 93,801,667	\$ 83,990,517

Sensitivity of total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rates 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 or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 81,289,778	\$ 93,801,667	\$ 109,093,007

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
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JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 10 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

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 \$6,810,402. 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	\$ (20,806,219)	\$ 12,396,805
Changes of Assumptions/Inputs	(13,117,994)	8,063,532
Total	\$ (33,924,213)	\$ 20,460,337

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Net Deferred Outflows and (Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ (2,575,915)
2026	(2,575,915)
2027	(2,396,738)
2028	(2,525,942)
2029	(1,191,045)
Thereafter	(2,198,321)
Total	\$ (13,463,876)

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 11 TAX ABATEMENTS

As of June 30, 2024, the District is subject to the following tax abatement programs initiated by other governmental entities:

	Real Estate Tax and Surcharge	Property Tax and Surcharge
Enhanced enterprise zones/Chapter 135		
City of Berkeley	\$ 9,612	\$ -
City of Hazelwood	37,490	-
City of Pagedale	6,787	-
Industrial development bonds/Chapter 68		
St. Louis County Port Authority	108,145	-
Industrial development bonds/Chapter 100		
City of Bellerive	17,446	-
City of Bridgeton	382	1,666
City of Clayton	309,815	10,576
City of Eureka	24,858	-
City of Ferguson	6,868	-
City of Hazelwood	925,399	103,109
City of Jennings	1,068	464
City of Maryland Heights	463,226	-
City of Normandy	-	-
City of Olivette	54,891	-
City of Pine Lawn	2,991	-
City of St. Ann	-	816
City of University City	3,531	343
St. Louis County	777,750	112,783
Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority (LCRA)/Chapter 99		
City of University City	62,870	-
Urban redevelopment corporations/Chapter 353		
City of Brentwood	69,018	-
City of Bridgeton	146,810	-
City of Clayton	30,397	-
City of Frontenac	63,017	-
City of Hazelwood	941,906	-
City of Kinloch	328,125	-
City of Maplewood	111,817	-
City of Maryland Heights	64,074	-
City of Normandy	10,780	-
City of Northwoods	19,335	-
City of Overland	35,193	-
City of Richmond Heights	160,825	-
City of Rock Hill	14,690	-
City of Sunset Hills	7,215	-
City of Vinita Park	39,770	-
City of Wellston	23,038	-
City of Woodson Terrace	1,019	-
St. Louis County	61,952	-
Total	\$ 4,942,108	\$ 229,757

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local	\$ 165,928,736	\$ 164,376,498	\$ 164,471,922	\$ 95,424
County	2,265,067	2,271,732	2,250,748	(20,984)
State	72,934,819	73,353,858	70,463,953	(2,889,905)
Federal	43,307,102	50,041,257	48,263,294	(1,777,963)
Contracted Educational Services	6,675,000	6,675,000	6,411,106	(263,894)
Total Revenues	291,110,724	296,718,345	291,861,023	(4,857,322)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	146,547,968	165,734,906	170,637,017	(4,902,111)
Attendance	12,757,652	12,699,181	12,624,295	74,886
Guidance	1,149,791	1,118,916	1,150,997	(32,081)
Health Services	26,572,885	28,064,507	28,979,550	(915,043)
Improvement of Instruction	3,229,548	3,532,405	3,053,963	478,442
Professional Development	511,105	511,105	372,609	138,496
Media Services	475,195	465,752	468,785	(3,033)
Board of Education Services	2,902,371	2,733,369	2,871,785	(138,416)
Executive Administration	9,554,520	12,597,710	11,751,771	845,939
Building Level Administration	3,353,187	3,136,362	2,847,958	288,404
Business, Fiscal, and Internal Services	4,826,135	7,918,645	5,058,099	2,860,546
Operation of Plant	10,724,599	11,188,668	10,064,064	1,124,604
Pupil Transportation	32,520,993	33,829,057	34,451,393	(622,336)
Food Services	1,085,378	740,695	661,362	79,333
Central Office Support Services	11,454,848	14,301,400	13,108,867	1,192,533
Adult Continuing Education	1,385,969	1,718,231	1,484,736	233,495
Community Services	366,748	552,992	453,479	99,513
Total Expenditures	269,418,892	300,843,901	300,040,730	803,171
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	21,691,832	(4,125,556)	(8,179,707)	(4,054,151)
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfers to Other Funds	(50,215,989)	(50,215,989)	(40,119,565)	10,096,424
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(28,524,157)	(54,341,545)	(48,299,272)	6,042,273
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	361,049,000	363,099,022	363,099,022	-
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$ 332,524,843	\$ 308,757,477	\$ 314,799,750	\$ 6,042,273

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local	\$ 166,699,200	\$ 163,407,215	\$ 164,055,953	\$ 648,738
County	2,456,771	2,521,632	2,503,199	(18,433)
State	50,906,136	51,186,941	53,851,554	2,664,613
Federal	19,078,884	22,035,840	20,123,697	(1,912,143)
Total Revenues	<u>239,140,991</u>	<u>239,151,628</u>	<u>240,534,403</u>	<u>1,382,775</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	184,663,841	175,433,646	175,930,992	(497,346)
Attendance	337,004	337,004	220,433	116,571
Guidance	3,307,727	3,220,227	3,127,341	92,886
Health Services	60,641,872	60,641,872	61,382,736	(740,864)
Improvement of Instruction	11,132,890	11,414,192	11,285,289	128,903
Professional Development	131,266	131,266	73,987	57,279
Media Services	239,003	239,003	247,035	(8,032)
Board of Education Services	336,516	336,516	335,912	604
Executive Administration	9,882,492	9,565,959	8,917,638	648,321
Building Level Administration	15,229,300	15,107,827	15,408,390	(300,563)
Business, Fiscal, and Internal Services	217,601	41,407	-	41,407
Central Office Support Services	1,717,413	1,717,413	1,829,920	(112,507)
Adult Continuing Education	1,706,689	1,706,689	1,674,236	32,453
Community Services	241,671	275,477	220,059	55,418
Total Expenditures	<u>289,785,285</u>	<u>280,168,498</u>	<u>280,653,968</u>	<u>(485,470)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(50,644,294)	(41,016,870)	(40,119,565)	897,305
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers from Other Funds	<u>50,215,989</u>	<u>50,215,989</u>	<u>40,119,565</u>	<u>(10,096,424)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(428,305)	9,199,119	-	(9,199,119)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (428,305)</u>	<u>\$ 9,199,119</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,199,119)</u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2024**

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with Chapter 67 RSMo, the District is required to adopt a budget for the general fund, special revenue fund, and capital projects fund.
2. Prior to June 30, the Superintendent, who serves as the budget officer, submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures for all District funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year.
3. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
4. Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by the Board of Education and submitted to the Governing Council for final approval.
5. Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget information included in the financial statements.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted on May 23, 2023, or as amended by the Board of Education at various times during the fiscal year. The Governing Council approved the original budget on June 5, 2023.

For each fund, total fund expenditures may not legally exceed final amended budgeted expenditures. Expenditure appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

6. Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting for all governmental funds in accordance with GAAP.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,						
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service Cost	\$ 5,716,106	\$ 5,384,902	\$ 7,053,266	\$ 5,622,253	\$ 4,083,417	\$ 5,199,531	\$ 5,145,755
Interest Cost	3,670,211	3,243,843	1,781,609	1,663,128	3,147,670	3,152,974	2,835,382
Effect of Liability Gains or (Losses)	(6,616,603)	-	18,898,624	-	(32,151,310)	-	-
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	(3,011,457)	1,870,590	(14,870,166)	499,362	10,707,616	3,752,212	(2,758,133)
Benefit Payments	(1,574,299)	(2,241,916)	(1,853,365)	(2,122,003)	(1,883,447)	(3,157,479)	(2,857,808)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(1,816,042)	8,257,419	11,009,968	5,662,740	(16,096,054)	8,947,238	2,365,196
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	95,617,709	87,360,290	76,350,322	70,687,582	86,783,636	77,836,398	75,471,202
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ 93,801,667	\$ 95,617,709	\$ 87,360,290	\$ 76,350,322	\$ 70,687,582	\$ 86,783,636	\$ 77,836,398
Covered Payroll	\$ 375,334,474	\$ 309,213,000	\$ 298,908,000	\$ 293,000,000	\$ 276,619,000	\$ 270,131,000	\$ 262,287,000
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	25.0%	30.9%	29.2%	26.1%	25.6%	32.1%	29.7%

Notes to this Schedule:

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions".

Impact of Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms that significantly impacted the valuation.

Impact of Plan Experience

The Plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

Impact of Changes of Assumptions

2024 – The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a loss of approximately \$3,011,457 in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred mainly due to a change in the discount rate based on the 20 year GO index at the fiscal year end. The remainder of the changes are due to the updated mortality scale, termination assumption, and retirement assumption.

2023 - The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a gain of approximately \$1,871,000 in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred mainly due to a change in the discount rate based on the 20 year GO index at the fiscal year end. The remainder of the changes are due to the updated mortality scale, termination assumption, and retirement assumption.

2022 – The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a loss of approximately \$14,870,000 in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred mainly due to a change in the discount rate based on the 20 year GO index at the fiscal year end. The remainder of the changes are due to the updated mortality scale, termination assumption, and retirement assumption.

2021 – The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a gain of approximately \$499,000 in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred due to minimal assumptions changing, mainly just a change in the discount rate based on the 20 year bond GO index at the fiscal year end.

2020 – The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a gain of \$10.71 million in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred due to many assumptions changing, such as a re-evaluation of the discount rate based on the 20 year GO Index at the fiscal year end and using the current updated mortality table.

2019 – The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a gain of \$3.75 million in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred due to many assumptions changing, such as a re-evaluation of the discount rate based on the 20 year bond GO index at the fiscal year end.

2018 – The impact of changes in assumptions is valued at a loss of \$2.76 million in respect to the total OPEB liability. This occurred due to many assumptions changing, such as a re-evaluation of the discount rate using the current updated mortality table – reflecting participants living longer and actuarial cost method. The remainder of the changes are due to accrual of benefits and the passage of time.

* This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION
LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS – PSRS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	4.0486%	4.1962%	4.2112%	4.0897%	4.1002%	4.0891%	4.0735%	4.0773%	4.0894%	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 338,484,132	\$ 324,550,455	\$ 93,226,608	\$ 365,239,502	\$ 302,597,645	\$ 304,329,487	\$ 294,168,830	\$ 303,377,575	\$ 236,075,341	
Actual Covered Member Payroll	\$ 224,946,169	\$ 225,493,256	\$ 220,963,081	\$ 208,739,238	\$ 205,740,537	\$ 201,129,737	\$ 196,622,063	\$ 193,253,990	\$ 190,042,904	
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	150.47%	143.93%	42.19%	174.97%	147.08%	151.31%	149.61%	156.98%	124.22%	
Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	85.38%	86.04%	95.81%	82.01%	84.62%	84.06%	83.77%	82.18%	85.78%	

* The data provided in this schedule is based on the measurement date of PSRS' net pension liability, which is as of the beginning of the Districts' fiscal year.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – PSRS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,								
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily Required Contribution	\$ 31,988,008	\$ 32,047,559	\$ 31,363,754	\$ 29,622,214	\$ 29,188,396	\$ 28,511,275	\$ 27,860,211	\$ 27,319,781	\$ 26,849,095
Actual Employer Contributions	\$ 31,988,008	\$ 32,047,559	\$ 31,363,754	\$ 29,622,214	\$ 29,188,396	\$ 28,511,275	\$ 27,860,211	\$ 27,319,781	\$ 26,849,095
Contribution Excess (Deficiency)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Actual Covered Member Payroll	\$ 224,946,169	\$ 225,493,256	\$ 220,963,081	\$ 208,739,238	\$ 205,740,537	\$ 201,129,737	\$ 196,622,063	\$ 193,253,990	\$ 190,042,904
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.22%	14.21%	14.19%	14.19%	14.19%	14.18%	14.17%	14.14%	14.13%

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION
LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS – PEERS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, *								
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	6.7772%	6.6634%	6.7819%	6.3950%	6.3260%	6.2485%	6.2525%	6.1230%	6.1444%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 67,697,723	\$ 56,312,735	\$ 7,303,590	\$ 62,067,141	\$ 50,036,198	\$ 48,282,929	\$ 47,703,502	\$ 49,126,989	\$ 32,498,110
Actual Covered Member Payroll	\$ 143,736,177	\$ 129,651,459	\$ 124,271,712	\$ 114,119,635	\$ 108,646,251	\$ 103,972,234	\$ 100,477,166	\$ 94,567,382	\$ 92,136,896
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	47.10%	43.43%	5.88%	54.39%	46.05%	46.44%	47.48%	51.95%	35.27%
Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	86.50%	87.92%	98.36%	84.06%	86.38%	86.06%	85.35%	83.32%	88.28%

* The data provided in this schedule is based on the measurement date of PSRS' net pension liability, which is as of the beginning of the Districts' fiscal year.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – PEERS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,								
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily Required Contribution	\$ 9,899,314	\$ 8,922,674	\$ 8,525,442	\$ 7,893,843	\$ 7,532,428	\$ 7,132,498	\$ 6,892,741	\$ 6,487,318	\$ 6,320,594
Actual Employer Contributions	\$ 9,899,314	\$ 8,922,674	\$ 8,525,442	\$ 7,893,843	\$ 7,532,428	\$ 7,132,498	\$ 6,892,741	\$ 6,487,318	\$ 6,320,594
Contribution Excess (Deficiency)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Actual Covered Member Payroll	\$ 143,736,177	\$ 129,651,459	\$ 124,271,712	\$ 114,119,635	\$ 108,646,251	\$ 103,972,234	\$ 100,477,166	\$ 94,567,382	\$ 92,136,896
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6.89%	6.88%	6.86%	6.92%	6.93%	6.86%	6.86%	6.86%	6.86%

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local	\$ 22,919,564	\$ 26,151,787	\$ 26,144,473	\$ (7,314)
County	356,297	419,771	415,893	(3,878)
State	16,500	116,500	239,740	123,240
Federal	57,000	57,000	1,930,158	1,873,158
Total Revenues	<u>23,349,361</u>	<u>26,745,058</u>	<u>28,730,264</u>	<u>1,985,206</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital Outlay	19,967,098	28,411,303	14,152,729	14,258,574
Debt Service:				
Principal	3,071,840	2,680,040	2,717,180	(37,140)
Interest	894,755	894,755	891,846	2,909
Total Expenditures	<u>23,933,693</u>	<u>31,986,098</u>	<u>17,761,755</u>	<u>14,224,343</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(584,332)	(5,241,040)	10,968,509	16,209,549
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from the Sale of Capital Assets	25,000	25,000	-	(25,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(559,332)	(5,216,040)	10,968,509	16,184,549
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>5,130,000</u>	<u>8,062,359</u>	<u>8,062,359</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,570,668</u>	<u>\$ 2,846,319</u>	<u>\$ 19,031,375</u>	<u>\$ 16,184,549</u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 DEBT SERVICE FUND BY COMPONENT UNIT
 JUNE 30, 2024**

	Special School District	Special School District Educational Facilities Authority	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS				
Restricted Cash and Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted for:				
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BY COMPONENT UNIT
JUNE 30, 2024**

	Special School District	Special School District Educational Facilities Authority	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS				
Property Taxes Receivable - Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Amount	\$ 525,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525,951
Grants and Other Receivables	-	-	-	-
Interfund Receivables	18,892,728	-	-	18,892,728
Restricted Cash and Investments	2	4,909	-	4,911
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,418,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,909</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,423,590</u>
LIABILITIES				
Other Liabilities	\$ 3,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,078
Total Liabilities	<u>3,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,078</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	<u>384,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>384,228</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted for:				
Capital Projects	<u>19,031,375</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,036,284</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>19,031,375</u>	<u>4,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,036,284</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 19,418,681</u>	<u>\$ 4,909</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,423,590</u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND BY COMPONENT UNIT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Special School District	Special School District Educational Facilities Authority	Eliminations	Total
REVENUES				
Local	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ 329
Lease/Purchase Payments from District	-	3,185,888	(3,185,888)	-
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>3,186,217</u>	<u>(3,185,888)</u>	<u>329</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	2,295,000	-	2,295,000
Interest	-	893,400	-	893,400
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>3,188,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,188,400</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,183)</u>	<u>(3,185,888)</u>	<u>(3,188,071)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	3,185,888	3,185,888
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,185,888</u>	<u>3,185,888</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	(2,183)	-	(2,183)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	-	2,183	-	2,183
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BY COMPONENT UNIT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Special School District	Special School District Educational Facilities Authority	Eliminations	Total
REVENUES				
Local	\$ 26,144,980	\$ 226	\$ -	\$ 26,145,206
County	415,893	-	-	415,893
State	239,740	-	-	239,740
Federal	1,930,158	-	-	1,930,158
Total Revenues	<u>28,730,771</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,730,997</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital Outlay	14,152,729	-	-	14,152,729
Debt Service:				
Principal	2,717,180	-	(2,295,000)	422,180
Interest	891,846	-	(890,888)	958
Total Expenditures	<u>17,761,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,185,888)</u>	<u>14,575,867</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	10,969,016	226	3,185,888	14,155,130
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	(3,185,888)	(3,185,888)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,185,888)</u>	<u>(3,185,888)</u>
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	10,969,016	226	-	10,969,242
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>8,062,359</u>	<u>4,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,067,042</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 19,031,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,909</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,036,284</u></u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF SELECTED STATISTICS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 CALENDAR (SECTIONS 160.041, 171.031 AND 171.033 RSMO)

Report each unique calendar the district/charter school has as defined by Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Remedial Hours	Other	Summer School	Total
1015	1-12	23,536.2005	-	-	-	-	23,536.2005
1059	9-12	80,343.6834	4,480.7002	-	483.0333	2,151.2500	87,458.6669
1069	9-12	58,000.0665	4,851.1834	-	-	2,094.5600	64,945.8099
1089	9-12	112,662.3334	4,463.2334	-	-	2,730.2200	119,855.7868
1100	10-12	450.8333	293,224.0504	-	-	-	293,674.8837
1150	11-12	521.3167	291,947.4508	-	16,832.8833	-	309,301.6508
4029	K-8	126,356.8233	1,719.1166	-	-	3,779.9600	131,855.8999
4069	K-8	76,653.2000	3,872.8999	-	-	3,275.9367	83,802.0366
4269	K-8	57,487.2466	5,652.7167	-	-	2,267.2700	65,407.2333
9990	K-12	292,103.9259	30,727.9809	-	1,813.1337	50,595.9466	375,240.9871
		<u>828,115.6296</u>	<u>640,939.3323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,129.0503</u>	<u>66,895.1433</u>	<u>1,555,079.1555</u>

Notes:

NOTE 2 ATTENDANCE HOURS

Report the total number of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
1015	7-12	36.00	-	-	36.00
1059	9-12	87.00	3.21	1.00	91.21
1069	9-12	69.00	3.06	-	72.06
1089	9-12	130.00	7.12	-	137.12
1100	10-12	1.00	352.60	-	353.60
1150	11-12	-	338.84	20.21	359.05
4029	K-8	129.00	3.25	-	132.25
4069	K-8	77.00	2.87	-	79.87
4269	K-8	53.00	3.36	-	56.36
9990	K-12	1,361.00	54.34	3.00	1,418.34
		<u>1,943.00</u>	<u>768.65</u>	<u>24.21</u>	<u>2,735.86</u>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF SELECTED STATISTICS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 3 SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in September who are enrolled on the count day and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should only include PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
1015	7-12	36.00	-	-	36.00
1059	9-12	87.00	3.21	1.00	91.21
1069	9-12	69.00	3.06	-	72.06
1089	9-12	130.00	7.12	-	137.12
1100	10-12	1.00	352.60	-	353.60
1150	11-12	-	338.84	20.21	359.05
4029	K-8	129.00	3.25	-	132.25
4069	K-8	77.00	2.87	-	79.87
4269	K-8	53.00	3.36	-	56.36
9990	K-12	1,361.00	54.34	3.00	1,418.34
		<u>1,943.00</u>	<u>768.65</u>	<u>24.21</u>	<u>2,735.86</u>

Notes:

NOTE 4 FREE AND REDUCED PRICED LUNCH FTE COUNT (SECTION 163.011(6), RSMO)

Report the FTE count taken the last Wednesday in January of resident students enrolled in grades K-12 and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days whose eligibility for free or reduced lunch is documented through the application process using federal eligibility guidelines or through the direct certification process. Desegregation students are considered residents of the district in which the students are educated.

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
N/A	39.00	1.00	-	-	40.00
1015	18.00	-	-	-	18.00
1059	86.20	-	-	-	86.20
1069	13.28	1.76	-	-	15.04
1089	123.09	-	-	-	123.09
1100	113.09	7.31	-	-	120.40
1150	20.21	2.58	5.16	0.43	28.38
4029	138.27	-	-	-	138.27
4069	82.60	-	-	-	82.60
4269	23.06	3.96	-	-	27.02
9990	228.40	-	1.00	-	229.40
	<u>885.20</u>	<u>16.61</u>	<u>6.16</u>	<u>0.43</u>	<u>908.40</u>

Notes:

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF SELECTED STATISTICS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 5 FINANCE

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	TRUE
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of Average Daily Attendance for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	
	Academic Programs Off-Campus	N/A
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	TRUE
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	N/A
	Dual enrollment	TRUE
	Homebound instruction	TRUE
	Missouri Options	N/A
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	N/A
	Remediation	TRUE
	Sheltered Workshop participation	N/A
	Students participating in the school flex program	N/A
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	TRUE
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	TRUE
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	TRUE
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	TRUE
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	TRUE
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's schools treasurer or as required by section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that provided coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$ 50,000
5.6	The district's charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual.	TRUE

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF SELECTED STATISTICS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 6 TRANSPORTATION (SECTION 163.161, RSMO)

Fill in the blank with the appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools)	TRUE
5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payment for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	TRUE
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approve a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	N/A
5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	TRUE
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the Board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	TRUE
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$ 446,595
5.13	The district/charter school has posted, at-least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the District or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	TRUE

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF SELECTED STATISTICS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 6 TRANSPORTATION (SECTION 163.161, RSMO) (CONTINUED)

Section	Question	Answer
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	TRUE
6.2	The District's school transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	TRUE
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:	
	· Eligible ADT	4,062.0
	· Ineligible ADT	-
6.4	The District's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	TRUE
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total District/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:	4,418,224
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:	
	· Eligible Miles	4,328,199
	· Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)	90,025
6.7	Number of days the District operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:	169
	All above "false" answers must be supported by a finding or Management letter comment.	



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County
Town & Country, Missouri

We have examined management's assertion that Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri (the District) complied with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures, attendance and pupil transportation records and other statutory requirements as listed in the Schedule of Selected Statistics during the period July 01, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The District's management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertions that the District complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2024 are fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use the administration, Board, management, and the MO DESE, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

St. Louis, Missouri
November 14, 2024

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE SECTION



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

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County
Town & Country, Missouri

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 and each major fund of Special School District of St. Louis County (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County

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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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

St. Louis, Missouri
November 14, 2024



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

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County
Town & Country, Missouri

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

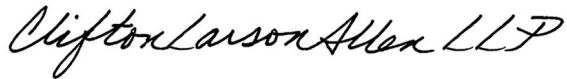
A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement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

Members of the Board of Education
Special School District of St. Louis County

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

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

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

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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

St. Louis, Missouri
November 14, 2024

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:				
Direct Award - Student Financial Assistance Cluster				
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	N/A	\$ -	\$ 826,630
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	N/A		1,236,741
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			-	2,063,371
Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:				
Special Education Cluster				
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	096-119		34,748,096
Special Education High Needs Fund	84.027A	096-119		1,023,690
Assistive Technology Reimbursement Program	84.027A	096-119		17,810
ARP IDEA Special Education - Grants to States	84.027X	096-119		2,256,329
Subtotal Assistance Listing 84.027			-	38,045,925
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	096-119		4,375,062
ARP IDEA Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173X	096-119		-
Subtotal Assistance Listing 84.173			-	4,375,062
Total Special Education Cluster			-	42,420,987
Title IA Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010A	096-119		491,588
Title ID Grants to Local Education Agencies (Delinquent)	84.010A	096-119		138,852
Subtotal Assistance Listing 84.010			-	630,440
Title IIA Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367A	096-119		75,199
Career and Technical Education	84.048A	096-119	9,082	164,818
Education Stabilization Fund:				
COVID-19: Teacher Retention ESSER II	84.425D	096-119		398,680
COVID-19: CRRSA Parent Reimbursement (GEER II)	84.425C	096-119		501
COVID-19: ARP - ESSER III	84.425U	096-119		2,575,381
Subtotal Education Stabilization Fund			-	2,974,562
Total Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education			-	46,025,989
Total U.S. Department of Education			9,082	48,329,377
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:				
Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	096-119		144,989
National School Lunch Program	10.555	096-119		99,309
Donated Foods	10.555	096-119		41,422
Subtotal Assistance Listing 10.553			-	144,989
Subtotal Assistance Listing 10.555			-	140,731
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	285,720
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	285,720

See accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:				
WIOA Cluster				
Passed through St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A	\$	83,160
Passed through Madison County Government WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A		233,782
Passed Through Jefferson-Franklin Counties Office of Job Training Programs WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A		6,302
Passed through North East Community Action Corp WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A		10,000
Passed through St. Charles County, Missouri WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A		30,768
Passed through St. Clair County, Illinois WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A		61,055
Passed through St. Louis County Career Center: WIOA Adult Program	17.258	N/A		26,813
Subtotal Assistance Listing 17.258			-	451,880
Passed through Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development: WIOA Dislocated Worker	17.278	N/A	-	841
Total WIOA Cluster			-	452,721
Total U.S. Department of Labor			-	452,721
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY:				
Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education				
COVID-19: ARPA Missouri Area Career Center Opportunity (MACCO) Grant Total U.S. Department of the Treasury	21.027	096-119		106,133
			-	106,133
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:				
Passed through Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education				
Missouri School Health Profiles Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	93.079	096-119		500
			-	500
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 9,082	\$ 49,174,451

See accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the District under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The District's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the District's financial statements. The information reported in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District prepares its Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is described in Note 1 to the District's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 4 FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

NOTE 5 INSURANCE

The District did not have any federal insurance in effect during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 6 LOANS (LOAN GUARANTEES)

The District is responsible only for the performance of certain administrative duties with respect to the Federal Direct Loan Program. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District processed \$1,236,741 under the Federal Loan Program.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings which are required to be reported.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs related to Federal Awards.



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