DUNKIRK CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

Basic Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, Supplementary Information and Federal Awards Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2023 and Independent Auditors' Reports

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Education
Dunkirk City School District, New York:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Dunkirk City School District, New York (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements 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, 2023, 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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 11, 2023 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.

Drescher & Malecki LLP

October 11, 2023

As management of the Dunkirk City School District, New York (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the District's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023 by $61,702,976 (*net position*). This consists of $33,094,139 net investment in capital assets, $19,711,359 restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted net position of $8,897,478.

- The District's net position increased by $1,520,765 during the year ended June 30, 2023.

- At the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $29,052,992, an increase of $5,617,693 in comparison with the prior year's fund balance of $23,435,299.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, *unassigned fund balance* for the General Fund was $2,210,149, or approximately 4.6 percent of total General Fund expenditures and transfers out. This total amount is *available for spending* at the District's discretion and constitutes approximately 9.1 percent of the General Fund's total fund balance of $24,292,456 at June 30, 2023.

- The District's long-term bonded indebtedness increased by $5,025,000 as a result of serial bond issuances of $8,470,000 offset by scheduled principal payments of $3,445,000.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis provided here are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements—The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents financial information on all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position.* Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the District include general support, instruction, pupil transportation, community services, school food service, student activities, and interest and other fiscal charges. The District does not engage in any business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this report.

Fund financial statements—A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are considered governmental funds.

Governmental funds—*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds' balance sheet and the governmental funds' statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities.*

The District maintains five individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Fund, Student Activities Fund, and Capital Projects Fund, all of which are considered to be major funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14-17 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements—The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18-44 of this report.

Other information—In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the District's net pension liabilities/(assets), the changes in the District's total other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") obligation, and the District's budgetary comparison for the General Fund. Required supplementary information and related notes to the required supplementary information can be found on pages 45-52 of this report.

Supplementary information is presented immediately following the Required Supplementary Information in the Supplementary Information section of this report on pages 53-55.

Finally, the Federal Awards Information section presents the District's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. This section can be found immediately following the Supplementary Information on pages 56-64 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position over time may serve as useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $61,702,976 at June 30, 2023, as compared to $60,182,211 at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Table 1, shown below, presents the condensed statements of net position of the District at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

Table 1—Condensed Statements of Net Position

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
Current assets	$ 34,300,103	$ 35,757,465
Noncurrent assets	58,486,140	74,969,702
Total assets	92,786,243	110,727,167
Deferred outflows of resources	15,560,567	15,540,528
Current liabilities	3,199,338	10,318,740
Noncurrent liabilities	39,535,595	29,561,657
Total liabilities	42,734,933	39,880,397
Deferred inflows of resources	3,908,901	26,205,087
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	33,094,139	30,589,473
Restricted	19,711,359	18,260,089
Unrestricted	8,897,478	11,332,649
Total net position	$ 61,702,976	$ 60,182,211

The largest portion of the District's net position, $33,094,139, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, improvements and equipment), net of accumulated depreciation, and less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide a variety of services to students. Accordingly, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the District's net position, $19,711,359, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions imposed by laws and regulations of other governments, through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

The remaining portion of the District's net position represents resources that are unrestricted and may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Unrestricted net position of $8,897,478 represents resources that may be used to meet the District's ongoing operations.

Table 2, as presented below, shows the changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022.

Table 2—Condensed Statements of Changes in Net Position

	Year Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	$ 342,854	$ 287,272
Operating grants and contributions	13,072,796	12,284,948
General revenues	46,655,604	42,955,284
Total revenues	60,071,254	55,527,504
Program expenses	58,550,489	50,294,559
Change in net position	1,520,765	5,232,945
Net position—beginning	60,182,211	54,949,266
Net position—ending	$ 61,702,976	$ 60,182,211

Overall revenues increased by 8.2 percent due primarily due to increases in unrestricted state aid, state aid for Universal Pre-k, and federal aid related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Total expenses increased 16.4 percent from the year ended June 30, 2022, primarily due to increases in allocable employee benefits relating to pensions.

A summary of sources of revenues for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 is presented below in Table 3:

Table 3—Summary of Sources of Revenues

	Year Ended June 30,		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2023	2022	Dollars	Percent (%)
Charges for services	$ 342,854	$ 287,272	$ 55,582	19.3
Operating grants and contributions	13,072,796	12,284,948	787,848	6.4
Real property taxes	8,703,336	8,352,227	351,109	4.2
Real property tax items	1,896,462	2,071,371	(174,909)	(8.4)
Use of money and property	516,398	197,523	318,875	161.4
Sale of property and compensation for loss	59,198	18,403	40,795	221.7
Miscellaneous	283,818	274,442	9,376	3.4
State sources—unrestricted	35,196,392	32,041,318	3,155,074	9.8
Total revenues	$ 60,071,254	$ 55,527,504	$ 4,543,750	8.2

The most significant source of revenue for the year ended June 30, 2023 were State sources—unrestricted of $35,196,392, or 58.6 percent of total revenues, and operating grants and contributions of $13,072,796, or 21.8 percent of total revenues. Similarly, for the year ended June 30, 2022 the largest sources of revenue were State sources—unrestricted of $32,041,318, or 57.7 percent of total revenues, and operating grants and contributions of $12,284,948, or 22.1 percent of total revenues

A summary of program expenses for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 is presented below in Table 4:

Table 4—Summary of Program Expenses

	Year Ended June 30,		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2023	2022	Dollars	Percent (%)
General support	$ 5,525,298	$ 5,585,880	$ (60,582)	(1.1)
Instruction	48,891,461	41,296,880	7,594,581	18.4
Pupil transportation	1,813,399	1,424,781	388,618	27.3
Community services	16,255	-	16,255	100.0
School food service	1,384,803	1,199,044	185,759	15.5
Student activities	103,465	115,198	(11,733)	(10.2)
Interest and other fiscal charges	815,808	672,776	143,032	21.3
Total program expenses	$ 58,550,489	$ 50,294,559	$ 8,255,930	16.4

The District's significant expense items for the year ended June 30, 2023 were instruction of $48,891,461, or 83.5 percent of total expenses and general support of $5,525,298, or 9.4 percent of total expenses. Similarly, for the year ended June 30, 2022 significant expense items were instruction of $41,296,880, or 82.1 percent of total expenses and general support of $5,585,880, or 11.1 percent of total expenses.

Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds—The focus of the District's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* and *fund balance assigned for specific use* in special revenue funds may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as they represent the portion of fund balance which has not yet been limited to use for a particular purpose by an external party, the District itself, or a group or individual that has been delegated authority to assign resources for particular purposes by the Board of Education.

As of June 30, 2023, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $29,052,992, an increase of $5,617,693 from the prior year. Approximately 7.6 percent of this amount, $2,210,149, constitutes *unassigned fund balance*, which is available for spending at the District's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is *nonspendable*, *restricted*, or *assigned* to indicate that it is 1) not in spendable form, $22,831, 2) restricted for particular purposes, $23,182,726, or 3) assigned for particular purposes, $3,637,286.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was $2,210,149, while total General Fund fund balance increased to $24,292,456. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total General Fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 4.6 percent of total General Fund expenditures and transfers out, while total fund balance represents 50.4 percent of that same amount.

The total fund balance of the District's General Fund increased by $203,598 during the current fiscal year. During the annual budget process, the District anticipated utilizing $3,905,796 of fund balance, which included funds appropriated from unassigned fund balance ($3,698,161) and the re-appropriation of prior year's encumbrances ($207,635). Largely as a result of spending less than anticipated within instruction and employee benefits due to utilizing COVID-19 pandemic relating funding in the Special Aid Fund, the District's fund balance ended $4,109,394 higher than anticipated.

Similar to the prior year, at June 30, 2023, the District's Special Aid Fund reported no fund balance. Special Aid Fund expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2023 amounted to $9,804,157, as compared to prior year expenditures of $7,889,676. The increase in expenditures is primarily due to increases in COVID-19 pandemic-related Federal funding for various programs. These expenditures were supported by intergovernmental aid of $9,850,634 and a transfer of $46,477 from the General Fund.

At June 30, 2022, the District's School Lunch Fund reported a fund balance of $1,171,639, an increase of $194,786 from the prior year. Nonspendable fund balance of $22,831 is reported to reflect the amounts of inventory not in spendable form, and the remaining $1,148,808 is reported as fund balance assigned for specific school food service use.

The Student Activities Fund is used to account for extraclassroom transactions, which represents funds of the students of the District. The Student Activities Fund total fund balance is $141,512 as of June 30, 2023, which is classified as restricted for student activities.

The fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund increased $5,178,573 from June 30, 2022 due to serial bond issuances exceeding capital outlay. The ending fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund was $3,447,385.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's General Fund budget generally contains budget amendments during the year. The budget is allowed to be amended upward (increased) for prior year's encumbrances since the funds were allocated under the previous year's budget, and the District has appropriately assigned an equal amount of fund balance at year-end for the purpose. A summary of revisions from the adopted budget to final budget is presented in Table 5 below:

Table 5—General Fund Budget

Adopted budget, 2023-2023	$ 52,396,017
Add: Prior year's encumbrances	207,635
Original budget, 2022-2023	52,603,652
Final budget, 2022-2023	$ 52,603,652

More detailed information about the District's General Fund is presented in the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance—Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual—General Fund within the Required Supplementary Information section of this report.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets—The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2023, amounted to $58,486,140 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings, site improvements, and furniture and equipment. All depreciable capital assets were depreciated from the year of acquisition to the end of the current year as outlined in the District's capital asset policy.

Capital assets, net of depreciation for the governmental activities at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 are presented below in Table 6:

Table 6—Summary of Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
Land	$ 81,502	$ 81,502
Construction in progress	6,451,205	3,330,400
Buildings	48,720,982	50,916,705
Site improvements	2,229,710	294,080
Furniture and equipment	1,002,741	673,484
Total	$ 58,486,140	$ 55,296,171

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-term liabilities—At June 30, 2023, the District had total long-term liabilities of $39,535,595, as compared to $29,561,657 in the prior year. The District issued $8,470,000 of serial bonds and made scheduled principal payments of $3,445,000.

A summary of the District's long-term liabilities at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 is presented below in Table 7.

Table 7—Summary of Long-Term Liabilities

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
Serial bonds	$ 26,855,000	$ 21,830,000
Premium on serial bonds	2,212,555	1,414,213
Bonds payable, net	29,067,555	23,244,213
Compensated absences	412,636	412,775
Retirement incentive payable	285,000	183,000
Other postemployment benefits obligation	4,630,890	5,721,669
Net pension liability	5,139,514	-
Total	$ 39,535,595	$ 29,561,657

Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities can be found in Note 10 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The unemployment rate, which is not seasonally adjusted, for Chautauqua County at June 30, 2023 was 3.5 percent. This compares to New York State's unemployment rate of 3.9 percent. These factors, as well as others, are considered in preparing the District's budget.

During the current fiscal year, the District appropriated $2,237,467 of the General Fund's unassigned fund balance for spending in the District's 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. The 2023-2024 adopted budget appropriations total of $56,450,685 is an approximate increase of 7.7 percent as compared to adopted budget appropriations of $52,396,017 in 2022-2023. The District's total tax levy in 2023-2024 is $10,783,026, which is an approximate increase of 0.3 percent as compared to $10,755,496 levied during the 2022-2023 year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Michael Mansfield, Superintendent of Schools, 620 Marauder Drive, Dunkirk, NY 14048.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Primary Government
	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,327,525
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	23,505,417
Receivables	335,706
Taxes receivable	1,389,855
Lease receivable	1,207,986
Intergovernmental receivables	5,510,783
Inventories	22,831
Capital assets not being depreciated	6,532,707
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	51,953,433
Total assets	92,786,243
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows—relating to pension plans	13,716,663
Deferred outflows—relating to OPEB	1,639,717
Deferred charge on refunding	204,187
Total deferred outflows of resources	15,560,567
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	236,220
Accrued liabilities	161,629
Due to retirement systems	2,476,634
Unearned revenue	324,855
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	4,510,917
Due in more than one year	35,024,678
Total liabilities	42,734,933
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows—relating to pension plans	1,432,393
Deferred inflows—relating to OPEB	1,310,293
Deferred inflows—relating to leases receivable	1,166,215
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,908,901
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	33,094,139
Restricted for:	
Unemployment insurance	1,300,281
Employee benefits	333,089
Retirement contribution	8,870,345
Capital projects	9,066,132
Student activities	141,512
Unrestricted	8,897,478
Total net position	$ 61,702,976

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

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
General support	$ 5,525,298	$ 161,243	$ -	$ (5,364,055)
Instruction	48,891,461	11,916.00	10,444,250	(38,435,295)
Pupil transportation	1,813,399	-	1,080,440	(732,959)
Community services	16,255	-	-	(16,255)
School food service	1,384,803	25,494	1,548,106	188,797
Student activities	103,465	144,201	-	40,736
Interest and other fiscal charges	815,808	-	-	(815,808)
Total primary government	$ 58,550,489	$ 342,854	$ 13,072,796	(45,134,839)
General revenues:				
Real property taxes				8,703,336
Real property tax items				1,896,462
Use of money and property				516,398
Sale of property and compensation for loss				59,198
Miscellaneous				283,818
State sources—unrestricted				35,196,392
Total general revenues				46,655,604
Change in net position				1,520,765
Net position—beginning				60,182,211
Net position—ending				$ 61,702,976

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

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Balance Sheet—Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	General	Special Revenue: Special Aid	Special Revenue: School Lunch	Special Revenue: Student Activities	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,066,412	$ 230,664	$ 1,030,449	$ -	$ -	$ 2,327,525
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	19,708,767	15,230	-	141,512	3,639,908	23,505,417
Receivables	335,706	-	-	-	-	335,706
Taxes receivable	1,389,855	-	-	-	-	1,389,855
Lease receivable	1,207,986	-	-	-	-	1,207,986
Intergovernmental receivables	2,518,020	2,873,655	119,108	-	-	5,510,783
Due from other funds	3,085,534	-	-	-	-	3,085,534
Inventories	-	-	22,831	-	-	22,831
Total assets	$ 29,312,280	$ 3,119,549	$ 1,172,388	$ 141,512	$ 3,639,908	$ 37,385,637
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ 33,531	$ 10,166	$ -	$ -	$ 192,523	$ 236,220
Accrued liabilities	122,822	8,619	749	-	-	132,190
Due to retirement systems	2,476,634	-	-	-	-	2,476,634
Due to other funds	-	3,085,534	-	-	-	3,085,534
Unearned revenue	309,625	15,230	-	-	-	324,855
Total liabilities	2,942,612	3,119,549	749	-	192,523	6,255,433
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue—taxes receivable	910,997	-	-	-	-	910,997
Deferred inflow—relating to leases receivable	1,166,215	-	-	-	-	1,166,215
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,077,212	-	-	-	-	2,077,212
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	-	22,831	-	-	22,831
Restricted	19,593,829	-	-	141,512	3,447,385	23,182,726
Assigned	2,488,478	-	1,148,808	-	-	3,637,286
Unassigned	2,210,149	-	-	-	-	2,210,149
Total fund balances	24,292,456	-	1,171,639	141,512	3,447,385	29,052,992
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 29,312,280	$ 3,119,549	$ 1,172,388	$ 141,512	$ 3,639,908	$ 37,385,637

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

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet—Governmental Funds to the Government-wide Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (page 12) are different because:

Total fund balances (deficit)—governmental funds (page 14)		$ 29,052,992
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is $96,882,414 and the accumulated depreciation is $38,396,274.		58,486,140
Deferred charges associated with the refunding of bonds are not reported in the governmental funds. The charge is reported as a deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position and is recognized as a component of interest expense over the life of the related debt.		204,187
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements:		
Deferred outflows related to employer contributions	$ 2,476,634	
Deferred outflows related to experience, changes of assumptions, investment earnings, and changes in proportion	11,240,029	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension plans	(1,432,393)	12,284,270
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements.		
Deferred outflows related to employer contributions	$ 80,496	
Deferred outflows related to experience and changes of assumptions	1,559,221	
Deferred inflows related to experience and changes of assumptions	(1,310,293)	329,424
Amounts relating to taxes receivable have not met the revenue recognition criteria for fund financial purposes and, therefore, have been deferred. However, these revenues are recorded in the government-wide financial statements which report on the full accrual basis of accounting. This is the amount of revenues deferred in the funds, but recognized in the government-wide presentation.		910,997
Net accrued interest expense for serial bonds is not recognized in the fund statements.		(29,439)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements. The effects of these items are:		
Serial bonds	$ (26,855,000)	
Premium on serial bonds	(2,212,555)	
Compensated absences	(412,636)	
Retirement incentive payable	(285,000)	
Other postemployment benefits obligation	(4,630,890)	
Net pension liability	(5,139,514)	(39,535,595)
Net position of governmental activities		$ 61,702,976

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DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Year Ended June 30, 2023					
		Special Revenue				Total
REVENUES	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Student Activities	Capital Projects	Governmental Funds
Real property taxes	$ 8,529,832	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 8,529,832
Real property tax items	1,896,462	-	-	-	-	1,896,462
Charges for services	173,159	-	-	-	-	173,159
Use of money and property	512,221	-	907	-	3,270	516,398
Sale of property and compensation for loss	59,198	-	-	-	-	59,198
Miscellaneous	283,747	71	-	-	-	283,818
State sources	36,459,239	3,276,308	30,024	-	-	39,765,571
Federal sources	457,757	6,527,778	1,518,082	-	-	8,503,617
Sales - food service	-	-	25,494	-	-	25,494
Student activity collections	-	-	-	144,201	-	144,201
Total revenues	48,371,615	9,804,157	1,574,507	144,201	3,270	59,897,750
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General support	4,957,607	-	-	-	-	4,957,607
Instruction	27,551,488	9,791,830	-	-	-	37,343,318
Pupil transportation	1,389,804	58,804	-	-	-	1,448,608
Employee benefits	9,414,122	-	-	-	-	9,414,122
Debt service:						
Principal	3,445,000	-	-	-	-	3,445,000
Interest and other fiscal charges	1,118,451	-	-	-	-	1,118,451
Cost of sales (school lunch)	-	-	1,379,721	-	-	1,379,721
Student activities	-	-	-	103,465	-	103,465
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	4,658,592	4,658,592
Total expenditures	47,892,727	9,850,634	1,379,721	103,465	4,658,592	63,885,139
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	478,888	(46,477)	194,786	40,736	(4,655,322)	(3,987,389)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	74,902	46,477	-	-	303,715	425,094
Transfers out	(350,192)	-	-	-	(74,902)	(425,094)
Issuance of serial bonds	-	-	-	-	8,470,000	8,470,000
Premium on serial bonds	-	-	-	-	1,135,082	1,135,082
Total other financing sources (uses)	(275,290)	46,477	-	-	9,833,895	9,605,082
Net change in fund balances	203,598	-	194,786	40,736	5,178,573	5,617,693
Fund balances (deficit)—beginning	24,088,858	-	976,853	100,776	(1,731,188)	23,435,299
Fund balances—ending	$ 24,292,456	$ -	$ 1,171,639	$ 141,512	$ 3,447,385	$ 29,052,992

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

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—Governmental Funds to the Government-wide Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (page 13) are different because:		
Net change in fund balances—total governmental funds (page 16)		$ 5,617,693
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded loss on disposal of assets and depreciation expense in the current period.		
Capital asset additions	$ 5,649,183	
Loss on disposal of assets	(2,344)	
Depreciation expense	(2,456,870)	3,189,969
Net differences between pension contributions recognized on the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements are as follows:		
District pension contributions	$ 2,516,063	
Employee contributions net of benefits earned	(3,583,102)	(1,067,039)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to OPEB result from actuarial changes in the census, changes in medical premiums that are different than expected healthcare cost trend rates, and changes in assumptions and other inputs. These amounts are shown net of current year amortization.		(1,524,841)
For refunding bonds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt should be reported as a deferred charge on the government-wide statements and recognized as a component of interest expense over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, which ever is shorter.		(40,838)
Governmental funds recognize revenues only if they are both measurable and available after the end of the fiscal year; however, the government-wide statements recognize revenue on an accrual basis. This is the effect of the change in deferred revenue during the current year.		173,504
In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is paid.		6,741
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. Additionally, in the statement of activities, certain operating expenses are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). The net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and the related items is as follows:		
Issuance of serial bonds	$ (8,470,000)	
Repayment of serial bonds	3,445,000	
Premium on serial bonds	(1,135,082)	
Amortization of premiums on serial bonds	336,740	
Change in compensated absences	139	
Change in retirement incentive payable	(102,000)	
Change in other postemployment benefits obligation	1,090,779	(4,834,424)
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ 1,520,765

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of Dunkirk City School District, New York (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. 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 more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

Description of Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities*, which are normally supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from *business-type activities,* which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The District reports no business-type activities, fiduciary activities, or component units.

Reporting Entity

The District is governed by the Education Law and other laws of the State of New York. The governing body is the Board of Education. The scope of activities included within the accompanying financial statements are those transactions which comprise District operations, and are governed by, or significantly influenced by, the Board of Education.

Essentially, the primary function of the District is to provide education for pupils. Support services such as transportation of pupils, food services, administration, finance, and plant maintenance are also included.

The financial reporting entity includes all funds, functions and organizations over which the District officials exercise oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is determined on the basis of financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

Extraclassroom Activity Funds—The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management; however, since the District has administrative involvement with these funds they are reported within the District's Student Activitites Fund. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds can be found at the District's business office.

Joint Venture—The District is one of 27 participating school districts in the Erie No. 2 — Chautauqua—Cattaraugus Board of Cooperative Education Services ("BOCES"). Formed under Section 1950 of Education Law, a BOCES is a voluntary cooperative association of school districts in

a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs, and also provides educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which the District can terminate its status as a component of BOCES. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation under section 190(6) of Education Law.

The component school district boards elect the members of the BOCES governing body. There are no equity interests and no single participant controls the financial or operating policies. In addition, BOCES Boards are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section 119-n(a) of General Municipal Law.

The BOCES budget is comprised of separate spending plans for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component school district shares in administrative and capital costs determined by its enrollment. Participating districts are charged a service fee for programs in which students participate, and for other shared contracted administrative services. Participating districts may also issue debt on behalf of BOCES. As of June 30, 2023, there was no debt issued by the District on behalf of BOCES.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District was billed $6,904,536 for BOCES administrative and program costs and recognized $168,576 in revenue as a refund from prior years' expenditures paid to BOCES. Audited financial statements are available from the BOCES administrative offices.

Basis of Presentation – Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments and charges between the District's various functions. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- *General Fund*—The General Fund constitutes the primary operating fund of the District and includes all operations not required to be recorded in other funds. The principal source of revenue for the General Fund is state sources.

- *Special Aid Fund*—The Special Aid Fund is used to account for special operating projects or programs supported in whole, or in part, with federal and state grants.

- *School Lunch Fund*—The School Lunch Fund is used to account for transactions of the District's food service operations.

- *Student Activities Fund*—The Student Activities Fund is used to account for extraclassroom transactions, which represents funds of the students of the District. The District exercises administrative involvement over these funds.

- *Capital Projects Fund*—The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction or renovation of major capital facilities or equipment.

During the course of operations the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year-end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in the fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In the fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in the fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources.* The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are generally considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period except for real property taxes which are considered available if they are received within a year of the end of the current fiscal year. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, long-term retirement incentives, claims and judgments and pension costs, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, charges for services provided, and state and federal aid associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period except for property taxes received after one year of the end of the current fiscal

year which are recognized as deferred inflows of resources. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met and the amount is received during the period or within the period of availability (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements are met and amount is received during the period of availability (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments—The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, time deposits and short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. The District had no investments at June 30, 2023; however, when the District does have investments they are recorded at fair value in accordance with GASB.

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents—Restricted cash and cash equivalents represent unspent proceeds of debt, amounts to support restricted fund balances, and unearned revenues.

Receivables—Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts, when applicable. No allowance or uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

Inventories—Inventories of food and/or supplies in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or, in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates market. Purchases of inventory items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and year-end balances are not maintained.

Capital Assets—Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings, site improvements and furniture and equipment are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than an established threshold for the type of asset and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs, which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or extend its estimated useful life. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are completed.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure of the primary government are depreciated using the straight line method over the useful lives presented below:

	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Useful Life (Years)
Buildings	$ 5,000	20-40
Site improvements	5,000	15-20
Furniture and equipment	5,000	5-20

The *capital outlays* character classification is employed only for expenditures reported in the Capital Projects Fund. Routine capital expenditures in the General Fund and other governmental funds are included in the appropriate functional category (for example, the purchase of a new school bus included as part of *expenditures—pupil transportation*). The amount reported as *capital outlays* in the Capital Projects Fund will also include non-capitalized, project-related costs (for example, furnishings).

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources—In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. At June 30, 2023, the District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the government-wide financial statements. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability, and the difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contribution to the pension systems not included in the pension expense, and any contributions to the pension system made subsequent to the measurement date. The second item is related to OPEB reported in the government-wide financial statements and represents the effects of the change in the District's proportion of the collective OPEB liability and difference during the measurement period between certain employer's contributions and its proportionate share of the total of certain contributions from employers included in the collective OPEB liability. The final item is a deferred charge on refunding which the District reports within the government-wide financial statements. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position 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. At June 30, 2023, the District has four items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and the difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense and is reported on the government-wide statements. The second item, which is also reported on the government-wide statements, represents the effects of the change in the District's proportion of the collective OPEB liability. The third item is related to leases receivable and reported on the government-wide statements and on the balance sheet of governmental funds, is recognized at the commencement of the District's lease receivable and amortized over the life of the lease. The final item, reported on the balance sheet of governmental funds, represents taxes receivable that the District does not expect to receive within the governmental accrual period, which in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting are considered deferred inflows of resources.

Net Position Flow Assumptions—Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted-net position and unrestricted-net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted-net position to have been depleted before unrestricted-net position is applied.

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions—Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fund Balance Policies—Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The District itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Education is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board of Education has by resolution authorized the Superintendent to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance, as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Leases—The District recognized lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of $5,000 or more. At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of any remaining payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease payments made, as applicable. The District reports no lease liability at June 30, 2023.

The District is a lessor for a noncancellable leases of buildings. The District recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease.
- Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a measurement of its lease, and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

Revenues and Expenses/Expenditures

Program Revenues—Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Property Taxes—Real property taxes are levied annually as of July 1st by the Board of Education and attached as an enforceable lien. The city and county in which the District is located enforce uncollected real property taxes. An amount representing all uncollected real property taxes must be transmitted by the City of Dunkirk, New York to the District within two years from the return of unpaid taxes to the city. Real property taxes receivable expected to be collected within one year of year-end are recognized as revenue. Otherwise, deferred inflows of resources offset real property taxes receivable.

Unearned Revenue—Certain revenues have not met the revenue recognition criteria for government-wide or fund financial purposes. At June 30, 2023, the District reported $309,625 and $15,230 of unearned revenue in the General Fund and Special Aid Fund, respectively. The District billed and received a portion of payments for retiree insurance premiums in advance but has not performed the services and therefore recognizes a liability in the General Fund. Additionally, the Special Aid Fund recognizes a liability for grant awards received in advance.

Compensated Absences—The District labor agreements provide for sick leave, vacations, and other miscellaneous paid absences. Upon retirement, certain eligible employees qualify for paid health insurance premiums based upon accumulated sick leave. CSEA employees who have a minimum of 50 days of unused sick days at the time of retirement can use a maximum of 125 days to purchase medical insurance at a dollar for dollar contribution, which is recorded as compensated absences liability. Teachers and Administrators sick time may be converted to a District contribution and is included within the other postemployment benefit obligation liability.

Pension Plans—The District is mandated by New York State law to participate in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS") and the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS"). For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the defined benefit pension plans, and changes thereof, have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. More information regarding pensions is included in Note 6.

Other Postemployment Benefits—In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides health insurance coverage for certain retired employees as discussed in Note 7.

Other

Estimates—The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements—During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented GASB Statements No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*; No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*; and a portion of No. 99, *Omnibus 2022.* GASB Statement No. 94 improves financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnerships arrangements ("PPPs"). GASB Statement No. 96 improves financial reporting by establishing a definition for Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements ("SBITAs") and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. A portion of GASB Statement No. 99 enhances comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and improves the consistency of authoritative literature related to GASB Statements No. 94 and 96. The implementation of GASB Statements No. 94, 96, and a portion of 99 did not have a material impact on the District's financial position or results from operations.

Future Impacts of Accounting Pronouncements—The District has not completed the process of evaluating the impact that will result from adopting the remainder of GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022;* and No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62,* effective for the year ending June 30, 2024, and No. 101, *Compensated Absences,* effective for the year ending June 30, 2025. The District is, therefore, unable to disclose the impact that adopting GASB Statements No. 99, 100, and 101 will have on its financial position and results of operations when such statements are adopted.

2. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

The District's investment policies are governed by State statutes. District monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within New York State. The District's Business Administrator is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand deposit accounts, time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit at 100 percent of all deposits not covered by Federal deposit insurance. The District has entered into custodial agreements with the various banks which hold their deposits. These agreements authorize the obligation that may be pledged as collateral. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are outlined in Chapter 623 of the laws of the State of New York. Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023 are shown on the following page.

	Governmental Funds
Petty cash (uncollateralized)	$ 496
Deposits	25,832,446
Total	$ 25,832,942

Deposits—All deposits are carried at fair value, and are classified by custodial credit risk at June 30, 2023 as shown below:

	Bank Balance	Carrying Amount
FDIC insured	$ 250,000	$ 250,000
Uninsured:		
Collateral held by pledging bank's agent in the District's name	27,356,465	25,582,446
Total	$ 27,606,465	$ 25,832,446

Custodial Credit Risk—Deposits—Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. As noted above, by State statute all deposits in excess of FDIC insurance coverage must be collateralized. At June 30, 2023, the District's deposits were either FDIC insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging bank's agent in the District's name.

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents—The District reports unspent proceeds of debt, amounts to support restricted fund balances, and unearned revenues as restricted cash and cash equivalents. At June 30, 2023, the District reported $23,505,417 of restricted cash within its governmental funds.

Investments—The District had no investments at June 30, 2023.

Interest Rate Risk—In accordance with its investment policy, the District manages exposures by limiting investments to low risk type investments governed by New York State statutes.

3. RECEIVABLES

Revenues accrued by the District at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

Receivables—Represents interest receivable from a checking account, amounts due for student tuition, and retiree's portion of health insurance premiums. The District reported $335,706 in the General Fund.

Taxes Receivable—Represents taxes due in the amount of $1,389,855. These amounts are recognized as revenue when the amounts are both measurable and available. At June 30, 2023, the District reported a deferred inflow of resources on the governmental fund financial statements in the amount of $910,997, which represents taxes receivable that the District does not expect to receive within 60 days of year-end, in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Lease Receivable—During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District began recognizing the lease of a building to a third party. The lease has twelve remaining years and the District will receive quarterly payments of $153,781. The District recognized $135,899 in lease revenue and $48,311 in interest revenue during the current fiscal year related to this lease. As of June 30, 2023, the District's receivable for lease payments was $1,207,986. Also, the District has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of June 30, 2022, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources was $1,166,215.

Intergovernmental Receivables—Represents amounts due from other units of government, such as Federal, New York State and other local governments. Intergovernmental receivables at June 30, 2023 are:

General Fund:		
BOCES	$ 1,654,204	
State aid—excess cost	789,471	
State aid—other	34,345	
Dunkirk Housing Authority PILOT	40,000	$ 2,518,020
Special Aid Fund:		
State aid	36,121	
Federal aid	2,831,091	2,867,212
School Lunch Fund:		
State aid	5,824	
Federal aid	113,284	119,108
Total governmental funds		$ 5,504,340

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2023
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 81,502	$ -	$ -	$ 81,502
Construction in progress	3,330,400	4,498,510	1,377,705	6,451,205
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	3,411,902	4,498,510	1,377,705	6,532,707
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	82,191,261	-	-	82,191,261
Site improvements	2,342,183	2,077,137	-	4,419,320
Furniture and equipment	3,421,223	451,241	133,338	3,739,126
Total capital assets, being depreciated	87,954,667	2,528,378	133,338	90,349,707
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	31,274,556	2,195,723	-	33,470,279
Site improvements	2,048,103	141,507	-	2,189,610
Furniture and equipment	2,747,739	119,640	130,994	2,736,385
Total accumulated depreciation	36,070,398	2,456,870	130,994	38,396,274
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	51,884,269	71,508	2,344	51,953,433
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 55,296,171	$ 4,570,018	$ 1,380,049	$ 58,486,140

Depreciation expense was charged to the functions and programs of governmental activities as follows:

General support	$ 208,948
Instruction	2,215,729
School food service	32,193
Total	$ 2,456,870

5. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities reported by governmental funds at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	General Fund	Special Aid Fund	School Lunch Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Salaries and employee benefits	$ 122,822	$ 8,619	$ 749	$ 132,190

6. PENSION PLANS

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS") and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS") (the "Systems"). These cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement systems compute contribution requirements based on the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law ("NYSRSSL").

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

Teachers' Retirement System—TRS provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. TRS is governed by a 10 member Board of Trustees. TRS benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in TRS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding TRS, may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSTRS Annual Comprehensive Financial report which can be found on the TRS's website at www.nystrs.org.

Employees' Retirement System—ERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of ERS is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the "Fund"), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to ERS. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of ERS. ERS benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law ("NYSRSSL"). Once a public employer elects to participate in ERS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan ("GLIP"), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. ERS is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute three percent (3%) of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010, who generally contribute three percent (3.0%) to three and one half percent (3.5%) of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS Tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education law. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions—At June 30, 2023, the District reported the liability as presented on the following page for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the systems.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 for TRS and March 31, 2023 for ERS. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2021 and April 1, 2022, respectively, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement dates. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the TRS and ERS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	TRS	ERS
Measurement date	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2023
Net pension liability	$ 2,140,252	$ 2,999,262
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension liability	0.111536%	0.0139865%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expenses of $2,674,862 and $1,091,744 for TRS and ERS, respectively. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
	TRS	ERS	TRS	ERS
Differences between expected and actual experiences	$ 2,242,713	$ 319,445	$ 42,887	$ 84,231
Changes in assumptions	4,151,727	1,456,635	862,154	16,099
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,765,409	-	-	17,621
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	151,271	152,829	327,801	81,600
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,351,284	125,350	-	-
Total	$ 11,662,404	$ 2,054,259	$ 1,232,842	$ 199,551

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability/(asset) in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	TRS	ERS
2024	$ 1,567,047	$ 420,318
2025	767,099	(146,957)
2026	(364,306)	625,388
2027	5,431,206	830,609
2028	664,740	-
Thereafter	12,492	-

Actuarial Assumptions—The total pension liability as of the measurement dates were determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the actuarial assumptions:

	TRS	ERS
Measurement date	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2023
Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2021	April 1, 2022
Interest rate	6.95%	5.90%
Salary scale	1.95%-5.18%	4.40%
Decrement tables	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2020
Inflation rates	2.40%	2.90%
Cost-of-living adjustments	1.30%	1.50%

For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020 System experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP2021, applied on a generational basis. For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2021.

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020. For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2022 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020.

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of 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 each the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized on the following page.

	Target Allocation		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
	TRS	ERS	TRS	ERS
Measurement date			June 30, 2022	March 31, 2023
Asset class:				
Domestic equities	33.0 %	32.0 %	6.5 %	4.3 %
International equities	16.0	15.0	7.2	6.9
Global equities	4.0	0.0	6.9	0.0
Private equity	8.0	10.0	9.9	7.5
Real estate	11.0	9.0	6.2	4.6
Opportunistic porfolio/Absolute return strategies	0.0	3.0	0.0	5.4
Credit	0.0	4.0	0.0	5.4
Domestic fixed income securities	16.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
Global bonds	2.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
High-yield bonds	1.0	0.0	3.3	0.0
Private debt	2.0	0.0	5.3	0.0
Real assets	0.0	3.0	0.0	5.8
Real estate debt	6.0	0.0	2.4	0.0
Fixed income	0.0	23.0	0.0	1.5
Cash	1.0	1.0	(0.3)	0.0
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %		

Discount Rate—The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 6.95% for TRS and 5.90% for ERS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) to the Discount Rate Assumption—The table below presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) calculated using the discount rate of 6.95% for TRS and 5.90% for ERS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.95% for TRS and 4.90% for ERS) or one percentage-point higher (7.95% for TRS and 6.90% for ERS) than the current assumption.

TRS	1% Decrease (5.95%)	Current Assumption (6.95%)	1% Increase (7.95%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension/(asset)	$ 19,734,128	$ 2,140,252	$ (12,656,082)

ERS	1% Decrease (4.90%)	Current Assumption (5.90%)	1% Increase (6.90%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	$ 7,247,930	$ 2,999,262	$ (550,994)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position—The components of the current-year net pension liability of the employers as of the respective valuation dates, were as follows:

	(Dollar in Thousands)	
	TRS	ERS
Valuation date	June 30, 2021	April 1, 2022
Employers' total pension liability	$ 133,883,474	$ 232,627,259
Plan fiduciary net position	131,964,582	211,183,223
Employers' net pension liability	$ 1,918,892	$ 21,444,036
System fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	98.6%	90.8%

Payables to the Pension Plan—For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2022 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 amounted to $2,351,284.

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31st. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2022 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2022 amounted to $125,350.

7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ("OPEB") OBLIGATION

Plan Description and Benefits Provided—The District may pay for a portion of eligible retirees' health insurance dependent upon such factors as age, years of service, accumulated sick leave and associated group or union. While benefits change over time as union contracts are renegotiated, current benefits are as follows:

(1) *Dunkirk Teachers' Association*—To be eligible, an employee must be eligible to retire with full benefits from NYSTRS. Unused sick leave days at the time of retirement can be used to purchase single or family medical coverage. For employees who retire with greater than 125 but less than 195 days, the District will pay 90% of medical coverage (the same percentage as active employees) for 2 years. For employees who retire with greater than 195 days, the District will pay 90% of medical coverage for 3 years. Once sick leave conversion days are exhausted, retirees and their spouses may remain in the plan, but will pay 100% of the premiums.

(2) *Dunkirk Administrators' Association*—To be eligible, an employee must be eligible to retire with full benefits from NYSTRS. For employees hired before July 1, 2008, unused sick leave days at the time of retirement can be used to purchase single or family medical coverage. For employees who retire with greater than 125 but less than 195 days, the District will pay 96% of medical coverage (the same percentage as active employees) for 2 years. For employees who retire with greater than 195 days, the District will pay 96% of medical coverage for 3 years. Once sick leave conversion days are exhausted, retirees and their spouses may remain in the plan, but will pay 100% of the premiums. For

employees hired on or after July 1, 2008, unused sick leave days at the time of retirement can be used to purchase single or family medical coverage. For employees who retire with greater than 125 but less than 195 days, the District will pay 90% of medical coverage (the same percentage as active employees) for 2 years. For employees who retire with greater than 195 days, the District will pay 90% of medical coverage for 3 years. Once sick leave conversion days are exhausted, retirees and their spouses may remain in the plan, but will pay 100% of the premiums.

(3) *Dunkirk CSEA*—An employee must be eligible to retire under NYSERS and have at least 10 years of service with the District. For grandfathered retiree, the District pays 100% of medical premiums for single coverage. For employees hired before July 1, 1976 and retire after October 15, 1976, the District pays 50% of medical premiums for single coverage. For employees hired on or after July 1, 1976, retirees and their spouses are eligible to continue coverage under the plan, but are responsible for the full cost of coverage. Unused sick leave days (must have at least 50 days but no more than 125 days) at the time of retirement can be used to purchase medical insurance. This benefit is not accounted for under GASB 75.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms—At April 1, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	89
Active employees	280
Total	369

Under GASB Statement No. 75, the total OPEB liability represents the sum of expected future benefit payments, which may be attributed to past service (or "earned"), discounted to the end of the fiscal year using the current discount rate. The total OPEB liability is analogous to the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability ("AAL") under GASB Statement No. 45.

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of $4,630,890 was measured three months prior to fiscal year end, and was determined by an actuarial valuation dated July 26, 2023, utilizing participant data measured on April 1, 2023.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions—Calculations are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) at the time of the valuation and on the pattern of cost sharing between the employee and plan members. Calculations reflect a long-term perspective, so methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility.

In the July 26, 2023 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal method, over a level percent of pay was used. The single discount rate changed from 2.83% to 3.78% effective June 30, 2023. The salary scale changed from 3.44% to 3.53% effective June 30, 2023. In order to estimate the change in the cost of healthcare, the actuaries initial healthcare cost trend rate used is 5.50%, while the ultimate healthcare cost trend rate is 4.00%.

Mortality rates were updated to Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables, headcount-weighted, distinct for teachers, general, and safety, without separate contingent survivor mortality, fully generational using scale MP-2021.

No formal experience study is prepared for the July 26, 2023 actuarial valuation.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability—The following table presents the changes to the total OPEB liability during the fiscal year, by source:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2022	$ 5,721,669
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	203,549
Interest	158,572
Changes of benefit terms	(18,055)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(226,678)
Differences between expected and actual experience	(886,185)
Benefit payments	(321,982)
Net changes	(1,090,779)
Balance at June 30, 2023	$ 4,630,890

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to the Change in the Discount Rate and Healthcare Cost Trend Rate—The discount rate assumption can have an impact on the total OPEB liability. The table below presents the effect a 1% change in the discount rate assumption would have on the total OPEB liability.

	1% Decrease (2.78%)	Current Discount Rate (3.78%)	1% Increase (4.78%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 5,005,464	$ 4,630,890	$ 4,286,918

Additionally, healthcare costs can be subject to considerable volatility over time. The table below presents the effect on the total OPEB liability a 1% change in the initial (5.50%)/ultimate (4.00%) healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (4.50%/3.00%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (5.50%/4.00%)	1% Increase (6.50%/5.00%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 4,175,847	$ 4,630,890	$ 5,161,075

Funding Policy—Authorization for the District to pay a portion of retiree health insurance premiums was enacted through various union contracts as specified above, which were ratified by the District's Board of Education. The District recognizes the cost of providing these benefits by expensing the annual insurance premiums when invoiced by the health insurance provider. District governmental activities contributed $321,982 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The District's contributions to the OPEB plan are based on negotiated contracts with three bargaining units, as discussed in Note 13. Any amendments to the employer's contributions are subject to the various contracts.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB—The District reports deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources due to difference during the measurement period between certain employer's contributions and its proportionate share of the total of certain contributions from employers included in the collective

OPEB liability are required to be determined. The following table presents the District's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between actual and expected experience	$ 1,341,138	$ 897,845
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	218,083	412,448
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	80,496	-
Total	$ 1,639,717	$ 1,310,293

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the tota OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	
2024	$ 356,282
2025	397,063
2026	2,261
2027	(97,585)
2028	(97,875)
Thereafter	(311,218)

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to damage and destruction of assets, vehicle liability, injuries to employees, health insurance, and unemployment insurance. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. The District purchases insurance for: property, business income, equipment, public liability, employee benefit – wrongful act, crime vehicle and an umbrella liability. Property insurance has a $5,000 deductible. The public liability insurance is limited ranging from $10,000 to $3,000,000 with a $3,000,000 aggregate per location. The umbrella liability provides coverage of $10,000,000.

There have not been any significant changes in any type of insurance coverage from the prior year, nor have there been any material settlements which have exceeded insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

The District participates in Chautauqua County School Districts Medical Health Plan, a non-risk-retained public entity risk pool for its employee health and accident insurance coverage. The pool is operated for the benefit of 27 individual governmental units located within the pool's geographic area, and is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide coverage for its members up to $200,000 per insured event. The pool maintains independent coverage for insured events in excess of the $200,000 limit, and the District has essentially transferred all related risk to the pool.

The District participates in Erie No. 2 Area Schools Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), a risk-sharing pool, to insure Workers' Compensation claims. This is a public entity risk pool created under Article 5 of the Workers' Compensation Law, to finance liability and risks related to Workers' Compensation claims. The Erie No. 2 Area Schools Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Plan is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide coverage for its members up to

$650,000 per event. The Plan maintains independent coverage for events in excess of $650,000. The District has essentially transferred all related risk to the Plan.

9. SHORT-TERM DEBT

Liabilities for bond anticipation notes ("BANs") are generally accounted in the Capital Projects Fund as note payable. Principal payments on BANs must be made annually. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term obligations within five years after the original issue date.

A summary of the District's short-term debt for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is presented below:

Description	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 7/1/2022	Issued	Redeemed	Balance 6/30/2023
Capital Projects Fund:						
Various Projects	6/28/2023	4.00%	$ 7,200,000	$ -	$ 7,200,000	$ -
			$ 7,200,000	$ -	$ 7,200,000	$ -

10. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as noncurrent liabilities in the statement of net position.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Further, the unmatured principal of general long-term debt does not require current appropriation and expenditure of governmental fund financial resources.

The District's outstanding long-term liabilities include serial bonds, premium on serial bonds, compensated absences, retirement incentive payable, other postemployment benefits obligation, and net pension liability. The serial bonds of the District are secured by its general credit and revenue raising powers, as per State statute.

A summary of changes in the District's long term debt at June 30, 2023 follows:

	Balance 7/1/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2023	Due Within One Year
Serial bonds	$ 21,830,000	$ 8,470,000	$ 3,445,000	$ 26,855,000	$ 4,015,000
Premium on serial bonds	1,414,213	1,135,082	336,740	2,212,555	370,478
Bonds payable, net	23,244,213	9,605,082	3,781,740	29,067,555	4,385,478
Compensated absences*	412,775	-	139	412,636	30,439
Retirement incentive payable	183,000	285,000	183,000	285,000	95,000
OPEB obligation	5,721,669	362,121	1,452,900	4,630,890	-
Net pension liability*	-	5,139,514	-	5,139,514	-
Total	$ 29,561,657	$ 15,391,717	$ 5,417,779	$ 39,535,595	$ 4,510,917

(*Additions/reductions to compensated absences and the net pension liability are shown net of reductions/ additions.)

Serial Bonds—The District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for construction renovations and improvements of major capital facilities. Serial bonds have been issued for governmental activities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government. These bonds generally are issued as serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year with original maturities that range from 6 to 15 years.

In the current year, the District issued bonds, totaling $8,470,000, of Dormitory Authority of the State of New York bonds for District improvements. The bonds were issued at a premium of $1,135,082, carry an interest rate of 5.0% and mature on 6/30/2037 and 6/30/2038.

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the serial bonds, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Bonds.

The District does not hold any lines of credit.

The activity on the District's outstanding bond issues, for the year ended June 30, 2023, follows:

Description	Original Issue	Interest Rate	Year of Issue/ Maturity	Balance 7/1/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2023
2012 Serial Bonds	$ 5,000,000	1.4-4.1%	2012/2027	$ 1,975,000	$ -	$ 365,000	$ 1,610,000
2016 Serial Bonds	6,390,327	2.1-5.0%	2016/2030	3,775,000	-	465,000	3,310,000
2017 Refunding Bonds	10,025,000	2.0-5.0%	2017/2026	7,125,000	-	1,435,000	5,690,000
2018 Serial Bonds	9,810,000	3.3-5.0%	2018/2033	6,255,000	-	585,000	5,670,000
2020 Refunding Bonds	3,300,000	1.1-4.0%	2021/2027	2,700,000	-	595,000	2,105,000
2023 Serial Bonds	2,095,000	5%	2023/2037	-	2,095,000	-	2,095,000
2023 Serial Bonds	2,050,000	5%	2023/2038	-	2,050,000	-	2,050,000
2023 Serial Bonds	4,325,000	5%	2023/2038	-	4,325,000	-	4,325,000
Total				$ 21,830,000	$ 8,470,000	$ 3,445,000	$ 26,855,000

Premium on Serial Bonds—Premium on bond issuances are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of their related bonds. The unamortized premium as of June 30, 2023 was $2,212,555.

Compensated Absences—As explained in Note 1, the District provides for either cash or post-employment health benefits after retirement. The payment in cash or health care benefits depends on individual options selected upon retirement in accordance with the union contract. The liability for compensated absences at June 30, 2023 amounts to $412,636 of which $30,439 has been included within the current portion of long-term debt.

Retirement Incentive Payable—During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District offered an early retirement incentive to employees of the Dunkirk Teachers Association and the Civil Service Employees Association. The value recorded in the government-wide financial statements at June 30, 2023 for governmental activities is $285,000, of which $95,000 has been included within the current portion of long-term debt.

OPEB Obligation—As explained in Note 7, the District provides health insurance coverage for certain retirees. The District's annual other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") cost is calculated

based in the annual required contributions of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB. The estimated long-term OPEB liability is $4,630,890 at June 30, 2023.

Net Pension Liability—The District reported a liability, totaling $5,139,514, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Teachers' Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System. Refer to Note 7 for additional information related to the District's net pension liability.

The following is a maturity schedule of the District's indebtedness:

Year Ending June 30,	Serial Bonds	Premium on Serial Bonds	Compensated Absences	Retirement Incentive Payable	OPEB Obligation	Net Pension Liability	Total
2024	$ 4,015,000	$ 370,478	$ 30,439	$ 95,000	$ -	$ -	$ 4,510,917
2025	3,005,000	209,759	-	95,000	-	-	3,309,759
2026	3,930,000	209,759	-	95,000	-	-	4,234,759
2027	2,850,000	207,506	-	-	-	-	3,057,506
2028	2,355,000	182,698	-	-	-	-	2,537,698
2029-2033	7,395,000	770,417	-	-	-	-	8,165,417
2034-2038	3,305,000	261,938	-	-	-	-	3,566,938
Thereafter	-	-	382,197	-	4,630,890	5,139,514	10,152,601
Total	$ 26,855,000	$ 2,212,555	$ 412,636	$ 285,000	$ 4,630,890	$ 5,139,514	$ 39,535,595

Interest requirements on serial bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Interest
2024	$ 1,130,045
2025	871,206
2026	866,876
2027	680,282
2028	592,562
2029-2033	1,690,379
2034-2038	491,250
Total	$ 6,322,600

11. NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

- ***Net Investment in Capital Assets***—This category groups all capital assets into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construct or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.

- ***Restricted Net Position***—This category represents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- ***Unrestricted Net Position***—This category represents net position of the District not restricted for any project or other purpose.

In the fund financial statements, nonspendable amounts represent net current financial resources that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance maintained by the District at June 30, 2023 includes:

- ***Inventory***—Representing the portion of fund balance, $22,831 composed of inventory. This balance is nonspendable as the inventory does not represent an available resource.

In the fund financial statements, restricted fund balances are amounts constrained to specific purposes (such as grants, bondholders, and higher levels of government) through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation. Restricted fund balances maintained by the District at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	General Fund	Student Activities Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
Unemployment	$ 1,300,281	$ -	$ -	$ 1,300,281
Employee benefits	333,089	-	-	333,089
Retirement contribution	8,870,345	-	-	8,870,345
Debt service	23,982	-	3,327	27,309
Capital projects	9,066,132	-	3,444,058	12,510,190
Student activities	-	141,512	-	141,512
Total	$ 19,593,829	$ 141,512	$ 3,447,385	$ 23,182,726

- ***Restricted for Unemployment***—According to General Municipal Law Section 6-m, this restriction must be used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The restriction may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund.

- ***Restricted for Employee Benefits***—According to General Municipal Law Section 6-p, this restriction must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefit due to an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.

- ***Restricted for Retirement Contribution***—According to General Municipal Law Section 6-r, this restriction must be used to pay "retirement contributions", which are defined as all or any portion of the amount payable to the ERS ($8,097,455), pursuant to Sections 17 or 317 of the NYSSRL, and to the TRS ($772,890), pursuant to the newly amended Section 6-r. The restriction may be established by Board resolution; there are no referendum requirements to create the funds or expend money from the funds. The Board may authorize the transfer of moneys to a reserve fund established pursuant to Sections 6c-g of the GML or Section 3651 of Education Law.

- ***Restricted for Repairs***—According to General Municipal Law Section 6-d, this restriction must be used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education, without voter approval, may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve (Opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this restriction may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years.

- ***Restricted for Debt Service***—Represents amounts within the General Fund resulting from unspent debt proceeds that are required to be used for capital project expenses or the debt service thereof.

- ***Restricted for Capital Projects***— According to Education Law Section 3651, this restriction must be used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve, the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditure may be made from the restriction only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for the required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in Section 3651 of the Education Law.

- ***Restricted for Student Activities***—Amounts generated by the Extraclassroom Activities at the District which are restricted for use only within the Student Activities Fund for specified student activities.

In the fund financial statements, commitments are amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint imposed by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. As of June 30, 2023, the District had no committed fund balance.

In the fund financial statements, assignments are not legally required segregations but are segregated for a specific purpose by the District at June 30, 2023 and include:

	General Fund	School Lunch Fund	Total
Subsequent year's expenditures	$ 2,237,467	$ -	$ 2,237,467
Encumbrances	251,011	-	251,011
Specific use:			
School lunch	-	1,148,808	1,148,808
Total	$ 2,488,478	$ 1,148,808	$ 3,637,286

- ***Assigned to Subsequent Year's Expenditures***—Representing available fund balance being appropriated to meet expenditures requirements in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

- ***Assigned to Encumbrances***—Representing amounts related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods and services.

- ***Assigned to Specific Use***—Representing fund balance within the special revenue funds that is assigned for a specific purpose. The assignments purpose relates to each funds operations and represents remaining amounts within funds that are not restricted or committed.

If the District must use funds for emergency expenditures the Board of Education shall authorize the Business Administrator to expend funds first from funds classified under GASB as nonspendable (if funds become available) then restricted funds. The use of committed and assigned funds as classified by GASB will occur after the exhaustion of available restricted funds. Finally, if no other fund balances are available, the District will use unassigned fund balance.

12. INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITY

Interfund receivables and payables are short-term in nature and exist because of temporary advances or payments made on behalf of other funds. The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Interfund	
	Receivables	Payables
Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	$ 3,085,534	$ -
Special Aid Fund	-	3,085,534
Total governmental funds	$ 3,085,534	$ 3,085,534

The outstanding balances between these funds result from payments made on behalf of other funds or temporary advances. All of these balances are expected to be collected/paid within the subsequent year.

The District made the following transfers during the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Transfers in:			
Fund	General Fund	Special Aid Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
Transfers out:				
General Fund	$ -	$ 46,477	$ 303,715	$ 350,192
Capital Projects Fund	74,902	-	-	74,902
Total	$ 74,902	$ 46,477	$ 303,715	$ 425,094

Transfers are used primarily to finance capital projects within the Capital Projects Fund and pay for the District's portion of certain state and federal grants in the Special Aid Fund.

13. LABOR RELATIONS

District employees are represented by three bargaining units, with the balance governed by Board of Education rules and regulations. Negotiated contracts are in place through June 30, 2023 for the Dunkirk Administrators' Association, June 30, 2026 for the Dunkirk Teachers' Association, and June 30, 2027 for the Civil Service Employees Association.

14. COMMITMENTS

***Encumbrances*—**Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods or services (i.e., purchase orders, contracts, and commitments). Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. While all appropriations and encumbrances lapse at year end, valid outstanding encumbrances (those for which performance under the executory contract is expended in the next year) are re-appropriated and become part of the subsequent year's budget pursuant to state regulations. The District considers encumbrances significant if they are in excess of $200,000. As of June 30, 2023, there were no significant encumbrances.

15. CONTINGENCIES

Litigation—Various legal actions are pending against the District. The outcome of these matters is not presently determinable but, in the opinion of management, the ultimate liability will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operation of the District.

***Grants*—**In the normal course of business, the District receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. These grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any disallowed expenditures resulting from such audits could become a liability of the governmental funds. While the amount of expenditures, if any, which may be disallowed cannot be determined at this time, management expects any amounts to be immaterial.

Other—The District is involved in litigation in the ordinary course of its operations. The District believes that its ultimate liability, if any, in connection with these matters will not have a material effect on the District's financial condition or results of operation.

16. TAX ABATEMENTS

The District is subject to tax abatements granted by the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency ("CCIDA"). These programs have the stated purpose of increasing business activity and employment in the region. Economic development agreements are entered into by the CCIDA and include the abatement of state, county, local and school district taxes, in addition to other assistance. In the case of the District, the abatements have resulted in reductions of property taxes, which the District administers as a temporary reduction in the assessed value of the property involved. The abatement agreements stipulate a percentage reduction of property taxes, which can be as much as 100 percent. Under the agreements entered into by CCIDA, the District collected $180,302 during the 2022-2023 fiscal year in payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT"), these collections were made in lieu of $5,190,510 in property taxes.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District's ceased receiving PILOT payments from a local electric power generating facility. However, the original agreement PILOT amount was $4,559,134. To compensate for the decrease in revenue, New York State legislation established the Electric

Generation Cessation Mitigation Fund, administered by Empire State Development ("ESD"), the final payment of which was received during the year ended June 30, 2022.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2023, which is the date the financial statements are available for issuance, and determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure under generally accepted accounting principles.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)—
Teachers' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Year Ended June 30,									
	2023	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**	**2019**	**2018**	**2017**	**2016**	**2015**	**2014**
Measurement date	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability/(asset)	0.111536%	0.107955%	0.107382%	0.110420%	0.110338%	0.104648%	0.109091%	0.107348%	0.107100%	0.109114%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	$ 2,140,252	$ (18,707,577)	$ 2,967,253	$ (2,868,717)	$ (1,995,198)	$ (795,427)	$ 1,168,408	$ (11,150,081)	$ (11,930,263)	$ (718,247)
District's covered payroll	$ 20,112,717	$ 18,390,084	$ 18,226,112	$ 18,430,883	$ 17,972,786	$ 16,583,007	$ 16,290,017	$ 16,161,067	$ 16,265,671	$ 16,103,014
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	10.6%	(101.7%)	16.3%	(15.6%)	(11.1%)	(4.8%)	7.2%	(69.0%)	(73.3%)	(4.5%)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	98.6%	113.2%	97.8%	102.2%	101.5%	100.7%	99.0%	110.5%	111.5%	100.7%

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of District's Contributions—
Teachers' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Year Ended June 30,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	$ 2,084,118	$ 1,937,118	$ 1,746,223	$ 1,614,834	$ 1,957,360	$ 1,761,333	$ 1,942,262	$ 2,826,746	$ 2,570,812	$ 1,892,371
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(2,084,118)	(1,937,118)	(1,746,223)	(1,614,834)	(1,957,360)	(1,761,333)	(1,942,262)	(2,826,746)	(2,570,812)	(1,892,371)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 21,513,583	$ 19,776,510	$ 18,390,084	$ 18,226,112	$ 18,430,883	$ 17,972,786	$ 16,583,007	$ 16,290,017	$ 16,161,067	$ 16,265,671
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.7%	9.8%	9.5%	8.9%	10.6%	9.8%	11.7%	17.4%	15.9%	11.6%

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)—
Employees' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Year Ended June 30,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Measurement date	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0139865%	0.0118166%	0.0122290%	0.0128102%	0.0123570%	0.012026%	0.012082%	0.012371%	0.012034%	0.012034%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	$ 2,999,262	$ (965,954)	$ 12,177	$ 3,392,205	$ 875,510	$ 388,129	$ 1,135,290	$ 1,985,616	$ 406,534	$ 543,794
District's covered payroll	$ 4,660,287	$ 4,228,309	$ 3,755,377	$ 4,063,341	$ 3,976,571	$ 3,833,327	$ 3,615,786	$ 3,599,201	$ 3,683,088	$ 3,709,413
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	64.4%	(22.8%)	0.3%	83.5%	22.0%	10.1%	31.4%	55.2%	11.0%	14.7%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.8%	103.7%	100.0%	86.4%	96.3%	98.2%	94.7%	90.7%	97.9%	97.2

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of District's Contributions—
Employees' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Year Ended June 30,									
	2023	**2022**	**2021**	**2020**	**2019**	**2018**	**2017**	**2016**	**2015**	**2014**
Contractually required contribution	$ 439,636	$ 578,945	$ 584,148	$ 549,453	$ 538,984	$ 536,238	$ 531,434	$ 598,498	$ 630,024	$ 782,128
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(439,636)	(578,945)	(584,148)	(549,453)	(538,984)	(536,238)	(531,434)	(598,498)	(630,024)	(782,128)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 4,811,779	$ 3,810,971	$ 3,592,229	$ 4,249,549	$ 3,998,427	$ 3,615,786	$ 3,598,716	$ 3,621,337	$ 3,668,892	$ 3,596,844
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.1%	15.2%	16.3%	12.9%	13.5%	14.8%	14.8%	16.5%	17.2%	21.7%

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Last Seven Fiscal Years*

	Year Ended June 30,						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	$ 203,549	$ 215,237	$ 206,538	$ 203,639	$ 107,505	$ 108,461	$ 95,673
Interest	158,572	126,828	76,997	107,930	101,371	106,174	79,282
Changes in benefit terms	(18,055)	239	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	(226,678)	(298,961)	340,740	369,624	(280,840)	45,810	465,694
Differences between expected and actual experience	(886,185)	306,441	2,225,458	(573,525)	494,383	(55,065)	(62,131)
Benefit payments	(321,982)	(376,016)	(143,374)	(189,100)	(190,426)	(163,857)	(143,120)
Net changes in total OPEB liability	(1,090,779)	(26,232)	2,706,359	(81,432)	231,993	41,523	435,398
Total OPEB liability—beginning	5,721,669	5,747,901	3,041,542	3,122,974	2,890,981	2,849,458	2,414,060
Total OPEB liability—ending	$ 4,630,890	$ 5,721,669	$ 5,747,901	$ 3,041,542	$ 3,122,974	$ 2,890,981	$ 2,849,458
Plan fiduciary net position							
Contributions—employer	$ 321,982	$ 376,016	$ 143,374	$ 189,100	$ 190,426	$ 163,857	$ 143,120
Benefit payments	(321,982)	(376,016)	(143,374)	(189,100)	(190,426)	(163,857)	(143,120)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—ending	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
District's net OPEB liability—ending	$ 4,630,890	$ 5,721,669	$ 5,747,901	$ 3,041,542	$ 3,122,974	$ 2,890,981	$ 2,849,458
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Covered-employee payroll	$ 18,370,054	$ 17,520,942	$ 16,938,266	$ 15,960,708	$ 15,960,708	$ 15,449,335	$ 15,449,335
District's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	25.2%	32.7%	33.9%	19.1%	19.6%	18.7%	18.4%

*Information prior to the year ended June 30, 2017 is not available.

The notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

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DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance—
Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual—General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Amounts	Budget
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Real property taxes	$ 8,718,994	8,718,994	$ 8,529,832	$ (189,162)
Real property tax items	2,054,502	2,054,502	1,896,462	(158,040)
Charges for services	114,000	114,000	173,159	59,159
Use of money and property	133,600	133,600	512,221	378,621
Sale of property and compensation for loss	26,900	26,900	59,198	32,298
Miscellaneous	174,000	174,000	283,747	109,747
State sources:				
Basic formula	33,357,844	27,963,783	28,067,046	103,263
Lottery aid	-	5,240,023	5,240,023	-
BOCES aid	2,920,569	2,920,569	2,969,763	49,194
State aid - other	965,869	1,119,907	182,407	(937,500)
Federal sources:				
Medicaid reimbursement	100,000	100,000	343,659	243,659
Federal interest subsidy	130,000	130,000	-	(130,000)
Disaster assistance	-	-	114,098	114,098
Total revenues	48,696,278	48,696,278	48,371,615	(324,663)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	1,578	1,578	74,902	73,324
Total other financing sources	1,578	1,578	74,902	73,324
Total revenues and other financing sources	$ 48,697,856	$ 48,697,856	$ 48,446,517	$ (251,339)

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DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance—
Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual—General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

(concluded)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Encum-	Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Amounts	brances	Budget
EXPENDITURES					
General support:					
Board of education	$ 15,710	$ 15,710	$ 12,945	$ -	$ 2,765
Central administration	282,400	284,150	276,071	-	8,079
Finance	465,026	369,226	306,375	7,946	54,905
Staff	303,449	353,782	328,450	-	25,332
Central services	3,517,875	3,765,498	3,432,698	182,175	150,625
Special items	631,182	624,532	601,068	-	23,464
Instruction:					
Instruction, administration and improvements	1,851,201	1,847,803	1,745,147	-	102,656
Teaching - regular school	13,886,148	13,809,548	12,784,454	28,922	996,172
Programs for pupils with handicapping conditions	8,347,683	8,140,018	7,483,652	-	656,366
Occupational education	1,096,598	1,150,144	1,107,962	6,600	35,582
Teaching - special school	414,690	414,025	304,575	-	109,450
Instructional media	1,572,226	1,601,995	1,541,321	6,026	54,648
Pupil services	2,721,724	2,786,961	2,584,377	19,342	183,242
Pupil transportation	1,427,370	1,447,370	1,389,804	-	57,566
Community services	81,936	81,936	16,255	-	65,681
Employee benefits	11,127,983	10,942,512	9,414,122	-	1,528,390
Debt service:					
Principal	3,445,000	3,445,000	3,445,000	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	885,451	1,118,451	1,118,451	-	-
Total expenditures/encumbrances	52,073,652	52,198,661	47,892,727	251,011	4,054,923
OTHER FINANCING USES					
Transfers out	530,000	404,991	350,192	-	54,799
Total expenditures/encumbrances and other financing uses	52,603,652	52,603,652	48,242,919	251,011	4,109,722
Net change in fund balance*	(3,905,796)	(3,905,796)	203,598		
Fund balance—beginning	24,088,858	24,088,858	24,088,858		
Fund balance—ending	$ 20,183,062	$ 20,183,062	$ 24,292,456		

*The net change in fund balances was included as an appropriation (i.e., spendown) of fund balance and re-appropriation of prior year encumbrances.

The notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

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1. OPEB LIABILITY

Changes of Assumptions—Changes of assumptions reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate and salary scale. The discount rate is based on the Fidelity Municipal Go AA 20-Year Bond rate as of the measurement date, which changed from 2.83% to 3.78% at June 30, 2023. The salary scale reflects the rate at which payroll amounts are expected to change over time and changed from 3.44% to 3.53% at June 30, 2023. The ultimate healthcare cost trend rate was updated from 5.50% to 4.00% at June 30, 2023.

2. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Basis of Accounting—An annual budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America for the General Fund. The Capital Projects Fund is appropriated on a project-length basis. No formal annual budget is adopted for the Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Fund or Student Activities Fund. Appropriation limits, where applicable, for the Special Aid Fund are maintained based on individual grants accepted by the Board of Education. The periods of such grants may vary from the District's fiscal year. A budget is maintained for the School Lunch Fund as a management tool for internal control purposes. No budget is adopted for the Student Activities Fund as the extraclassroom activities of the District are maintained by the individual clubs.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function, and department. The District's department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations exceeding $20,000 between departments require the approval of the Board. The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the departmental level.

Appropriations in all budgeted funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year even if they have related encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods or services (i.e., purchase orders, contracts, and commitments). Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. While all appropriations and encumbrances lapse at year end, valid outstanding encumbrances (those for which performance under the executory contract is expended in the next year) are re-appropriated and become part of the subsequent year's budget pursuant to state regulations.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget and the Real Property Tax Limit—General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget

Adopted budget, 2023-2023	$ 52,396,017
Add: Prior year's encumbrances	207,635
Original budget, 2022-2023	52,603,652
Final budget, 2022-2023	$ 52,603,652

Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law Limit Calculation

2023-2024 voter approved expenditure budget	$ 56,450,685	
Maximum allowed (4% of 2023-2024 budget)		$ 2,258,027
General Fund fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law*:		
Unrestricted fund balance:		
Assigned fund balance	$ 2,488,478	
Unassigned fund balance	2,210,149	
Total unrestricted fund balance		$ 4,698,627
Less:		
Appropriated fund balance	$ 2,237,467	
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	251,011	
Total adjustments		2,488,478
General Fund fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law		$ 2,210,149
Actual percentage		3.92%

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

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of Capital Project Expenditures
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Project Title	Original Appropriation	Revised Appropriation	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
2022-2023 Capital Outlay Project	$ 250,000	$ 248,715	$ -	$ 248,715	$ 248,715	$ -
2020 Planned Facilities Upgrade Phase One	9,586,899	9,586,899	3,234,287	4,409,877	7,644,164	1,942,735
	$ 9,836,899	$ 9,835,614	3,234,287	$ 4,658,592	$ 7,892,879	$ 1,942,735

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Net Investment in Capital Assets
June 30, 2023

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		$ 58,486,140
Add:		
Unspent debt proceeds	$ 3,663,890	
Deferred charge on refunding	204,187	3,868,077
Deduct:		
Serial bonds	(26,855,000)	
Premium on serial bonds	(2,212,555)	
Capital Projects Fund - accounts payable	(192,523)	(29,260,078)
Net investment in capital assets		$ 33,094,139

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FEDERAL AWARDS INFORMATION

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title (1a)	Federal Assistance Listing Number (1b)	Pass-through Entity's Identifying Number (1c)	Passed-Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures (1d)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:				
Passed through New York State Department of Agriculture:				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	$ -	$ 367,886
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	-	1,150,196
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	1,518,082
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			-	1,518,082
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:				
Passed through New York State Department of Education:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-22-0350	-	284,576
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-23-0350	-	1,024,617
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011-22-2136	-	14,956
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011-23-2136	-	168,683
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies			-	1,492,832
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	0032-23-0103	-	687,671
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	0033-22-0103	-	26,050
American Rescue Plan-Section 611	84.027X	5532-22-0103	-	12,009
American Rescue Plan-Section 619	84.173S	5533-22-0103	-	77,244
Total Special Education Cluster			-	802,974
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196A	0212-23-3116	-	35,865
Rural Education	84.358B	0006-22-0350	-	16,586
Rural Education	84.358B	0006-23-0350	-	37,593
Total Rural Education			-	54,179
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0293-22-0350	-	9,328
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0293-23-0350	-	23,348
Total English Language Acquisition State Grants			-	32,676
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-22-0350	-	45,963
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-23-0350	-	79,405
Total Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants			-	125,368
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-22-0350	-	12,184
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-23-0350	-	73,351
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program			-	85,535
Education Stabilization Fund				
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5891-21-0350	-	1,577,960
American Rescue Plan-Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	5880-21-0350	-	2,303,786
American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth I	84.425W	5212-21-3116	-	6,782
American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth II	84.425W	5218-21-0350	-	9,821
Total Education Stabilization Fund			-	3,898,349
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			-	6,527,778
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:				
Passed through New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	N/A	-	114,098
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			-	114,098
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (1e)			$ -	$ 8,159,958

The notes to the schedule of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

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DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2023

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of the Dunkirk City School District, New York (the "District") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a select 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. The following notes were identified on the Schedule:

a) Includes all federal award programs of the Dunkirk City School District, New York.

b) Source: Federal Assistance Listing Numbers, previously known as Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

c) Pass-through identifying numbers are presented where available.

d) Prepared under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and includes all federal award programs.

e) Total federal expenditures for the District's 2022-2023 fiscal year are reconciled to Federal sources as reported in the basic financial statements as follows:

Balance per schedule of expenditures of federal awards	$ 8,159,958
Medicaid reimbursement	343,659
Total Federal sources per financial statements	$ 8,503,617

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis or accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

3. NON-MONETARY FEDERAL PROGRAM

The District is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements termed a "non-monetary program." During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District used $74,001 worth of commodities.

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

The Board of Education
Dunkirk City School District, New York:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Dunkirk City School District, New York (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 11, 2023.

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") to determine the 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 over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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October 11, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

The Board of Education
Dunkirk City School District, New York:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Dunkirk City School District, New York'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, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*"Government Auditing Standards"*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* ("CFR") Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the "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 combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Drescher & Malecki LLP

October 11, 2023

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements:

Type of report the auditor issued:		Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	✓ No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	✓ None reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	✓ No	

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major federal programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	✓ No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	✓ None reported	
Type of report the auditor issued on compliance for major federal programs:		Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	_____ Yes	✓ No	

Identification of major federal programs

Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Federal Assistance Lising Number
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010
Special Education Cluster	84.027, 84.027X, 84.173, & 84.173S
Education Stabilization Fund	
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D
American Rescue Plan-Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U
American Resuce Plan-Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs?			$ 750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	✓ Yes	_____ No	

Section II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No findings noted.

Section III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings noted.

DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(Follow-up on June 30, 2022 Findings)

No findings noted.