

ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**ELIZABETH FORWARD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS  
AND UNIFORM GUIDANCE

WITH REPORTS OF  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**

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**Management and Board of Education  
Elizabeth Forward School District  
Elizabeth, Pennsylvania**

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

### **Opinions**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Elizabeth Forward School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Elizabeth Forward School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Elizabeth Forward School District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Elizabeth Forward School District, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Elizabeth Forward School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, I:

- 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 Elizabeth Forward School 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 my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Elizabeth Forward School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

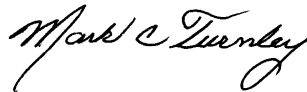
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages iv-xvii and the other required supplementary information on pages 50-57 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I 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**

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Elizabeth Forward School District's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards on page 63 is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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, and is also 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. Such 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 my opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is 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*, I have also issued my report dated January 27, 2025, on my consideration of the Elizabeth Forward School District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Elizabeth Forward School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Mark C. Turnley, CPA

January 27, 2025  
New Brighton, Pennsylvania

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)  
Required Supplementary Information (RSI)  
June 30, 2024**

The discussion and analysis of Elizabeth Forward School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The District's total governmental activities liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded total assets and deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2024 by \$43,055,382 (net position - deficit). The deficit decreased by \$1,327,808 (including prior period adjustment) from June 30, 2023. The improvement is partially due to the District's more efficient operations but mainly due to the decrease in the PSERS net pension obligation. The continuing overall deficit continues to be related to the District's required implementation of GASB 75, '*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*' which started with the June 30, 2018 fiscal year, and GASB 68 '*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*' which was originally implemented at June 30, 2015. Since those implementation dates, the District has been required to recognize a liability for their post-employment healthcare plan, to recognize a liability for their proportionate share of the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) overall net healthcare obligation, and to recognize their proportionate share of the PSERS overall net pension obligation. For the Elizabeth Forward School District, these liabilities stand at \$2,732,581, \$2,276,000, and \$56,097,000, respectively for the governmental activities, which has a disproportionately negative impact on its net position.
- Total net position deficit decreased in total by \$1,490,885 (including prior period adjustment). Net position deficit of the governmental activities decreased by \$1,327,808 and net position of the business-type activities increased by \$163,077.
- Total revenues for governmental activities on the statement of activities were \$53,257,824. General revenues accounted for \$40,489,891 or 76% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants accounting for \$12,767,933 or 24% of total revenues.
- The School District had \$49,712,050 in expenses (excluding transfers and disposition of fixed assets), related to governmental activities; \$12,767,933 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and grants. General revenue (primarily taxes and basic subsidy) of \$40,489,891 covered the remaining net cost of program expenses.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$3,260,914 or 6.3% of the 2024-2025 budgeted general fund expenditures and the assigned fund balance was \$7,200,000, which is to help offset the cost of future construction projects.

**USING THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (GASB 34)**

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report consists of the Management Discussion and Analysis (this section) and a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand Elizabeth Forward School District as an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements – the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.



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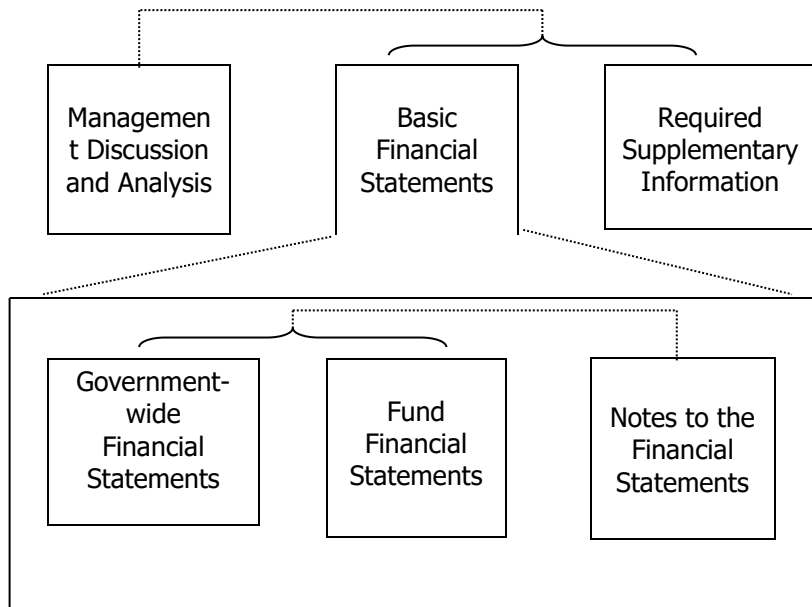
**USING THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (GASB 34) (Continued)**

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how general District services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Proprietary fund statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities that the District operates like a business. For the District, this is our Food Service Fund. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationships where the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

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

Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of the Financial Section are arranged and relate to one another:

Figure A-1  
Required components of  
Elizabeth Forward School District's  
Financial Report



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**USING THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (GASB 34) (Continued)**

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2  
Major Features of Elizabeth Forward School District's  
Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements  
Fund Statements

|                                        | Government-<br>wide<br>Statements                                                    | Governmental<br>Funds                                                                                                                                                                      | Proprietary<br>Funds                                                                                                | Fiduciary Funds                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scope                                  | Entire District (except fiduciary funds)                                             | The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as education, administration and community services                                                             | Activities the District operates similar to private business – Food Services                                        | Instances in which the District is the trustee or agent to someone else's resources – Student Activity Custodial Fund |
| Required financial statements          | Statement of Net Position<br>Statement of Activities                                 | Balance Sheet<br>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances                                                                                                         | Statement of Net Position<br>Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position<br>Statement of Cash Flows | Statement of Fiduciary Net Position<br>Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position                                 |
| Accounting basis and measurement focus | Accrual accounting and economic resources focus                                      | Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus                                                                                                                          | Accrual accounting and economic resources focus                                                                     | Accrual accounting and economic resources focus                                                                       |
| Type of asset/liability information    | All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term | Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included                                                            | All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term                                | All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term                                                             |
| Type of inflow-outflow information     | All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid   | Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter | All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid                                  | All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid                                    |

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)  
Required Supplementary Information (RSI)  
June 30, 2024**

## **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Government-Wide Statements**

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

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

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the performance of the students.

The government-wide financial statements of the District are divided into two categories:

- **Governmental activities** – All of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, administration, and community services. Property taxes and state and federal subsidies and grants finance most of these activities.
- **Business type activities** –The District operates a food service operation and charges fees to staff, students, and visitors to help it cover the costs of the food service operation.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The District's fund financial statements, which begin on Page 3, provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the District as a whole. Some funds are required by state law and by bond requirements.

**Governmental funds** – Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

**Proprietary funds** – These funds are used to account for the District activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector; or where the reporting is on determining net income, financial position, changes in financial position, and a significant portion of funding through user charges. When the District charges customers for services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other units in the District – these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. The Food Service Fund is the District's proprietary fund and is the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows.

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**OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Fiduciary funds** - The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for student activity custodial funds. All the District's fiduciary activities are reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position on Page 11 and Statement of Changes in Net Position on Page 12. We exclude these activities from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

The District's governmental activities total net position increased by \$1,327,808 (including prior period adjustment) or 3.0% from the previous fiscal year-end. A comparative breakdown of the assets, liabilities, deferred inflows and outflows of resources and net position of the District for the past two fiscal years is as follows:

Table A-1  
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023  
Net Position

|                                     | ----- JUNE 30, 2024 -----  |                             |                        | JUNE 30, 2023          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                     | GOVERNMENTAL<br>ACTIVITIES | BUSINESS-TYPE<br>ACTIVITIES | TOTAL                  | TOTAL<br>**            |
| Current Assets                      | \$ 44,335,017              | \$ 947,528                  | \$ 45,282,545          | \$ 34,138,789          |
| Noncurrent Assets                   | 16,245,887                 | 52,072                      | 16,297,959             | 15,911,953             |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources      | 10,473,991                 | -                           | 10,473,991             | 10,170,224             |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b>\$ 71,054,895</b>       | <b>\$ 999,600</b>           | <b>\$ 72,054,495</b>   | <b>\$ 60,220,966</b>   |
| Current Liabilities                 | \$ 18,807,048              | \$ 41,751                   | \$ 18,848,799          | \$ 13,297,390          |
| Long-term Liabilities               | 91,507,942                 | -                           | 91,507,942             | 83,922,775             |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources       | 3,795,287                  | -                           | 3,795,287              | 4,371,253              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>            | <b>\$ 114,110,277</b>      | <b>\$ 41,751</b>            | <b>\$ 114,152,028</b>  | <b>\$ 101,591,418</b>  |
| Net Investment                      |                            |                             |                        |                        |
| in Capital Assets                   | \$ (14,349,504)            | \$ 52,072                   | \$ (14,297,432)        | \$ (5,760,438)         |
| Restricted                          | 13,733,594                 | -                           | 13,733,594             | 5,612,001              |
| Unrestricted (Deficit)              | (42,439,472)               | 905,777                     | (41,533,695)           | (45,657,947)           |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$ (43,055,382)</b>     | <b>\$ 957,849</b>           | <b>\$ (42,097,533)</b> | <b>\$ (45,806,384)</b> |

\*\* Restated due to prior period adjustment - refer to Note 15 in the financial statement notes.

The increase in current assets is primarily due to the \$10M (approximate) increase in cash due to the new bond issuance. The increase of noncurrent assets is as a result of capital purchases and construction (especially related to the high school fire) exceeding depreciation expense as of 6/30/2024. Current liabilities increased due to the bond issuance (accrued interest increase) and additional deferrals of insurance funds. The changes in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are attributed to the updated actuarial valuations for the PSERS retirement plan and the PSERS and District OPEB plans (as described in a previous section). The increase in Long-term liabilities is due primarily to the new bond issuance and slightly offset by the impact of the recent actuarial valuation for the PSERS retirement plan.

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities on Page 2. All expenses are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues and subsidies that directly relate to specific expense categories are represented to determine the final amount of the District's activities that are supported by other general revenues. The two largest general revenues are the Basic Education Subsidy provided by the State of Pennsylvania, and the local taxes assessed to community taxpayers.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (Continued)**

Table A-2 takes the information from the Statement of Activities, rearranges it slightly, so you can see our total revenues, expenses, and change to the net position for the past two fiscal years.

Table A-2  
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023  
Changes in Net Position

|                                      | ----- JUNE 30, 2024 -----  |                             |                      | JUNE 30, 2023        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | GOVERNMENTAL<br>ACTIVITIES | BUSINESS-TYPE<br>ACTIVITIES | TOTAL                | TOTAL                |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                      |                            |                             |                      |                      |
| <b>Program Revenues:</b>             |                            |                             |                      |                      |
| Charges for Services                 | \$ 68,890                  | \$ 369,967                  | \$ 438,857           | \$ 443,830           |
| Operating Grants and Contributions   | 11,908,248                 | 978,169                     | 12,886,417           | 13,154,469           |
| Capital Grants and Contributions     | 790,795                    | -                           | 790,795              | 784,164              |
| <b>General Revenues:</b>             |                            |                             |                      |                      |
| Property Taxes                       | 21,839,941                 | -                           | 21,839,941           | 20,351,340           |
| Other Taxes                          | 3,035,834                  | -                           | 3,035,834            | 4,069,902            |
| Property Tax Relief Payment          | 1,638,079                  | -                           | 1,638,079            | 1,637,977            |
| Grants, Subsidies and Contributions  | 11,513,103                 | -                           | 11,513,103           | 11,045,190           |
| Other/Insurance Proceeds for Fire    | 2,461,268                  | 37,121                      | 2,498,389            | 2,841,953            |
| Transfers                            | 1,666                      | (1,666)                     | -                    | -                    |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                | <b>\$ 53,257,824</b>       | <b>\$ 1,383,591</b>         | <b>\$ 54,641,415</b> | <b>\$ 54,328,825</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                      |                            |                             |                      |                      |
| Instruction                          | \$ 27,108,776              | \$ -                        | \$ 27,108,776        | \$ 27,509,971        |
| Instructional Student Support        | 4,130,788                  | -                           | 4,130,788            | 3,791,100            |
| Administrative and Financial Support | 4,296,320                  | -                           | 4,296,320            | 3,840,045            |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant   | 5,563,181                  | -                           | 5,563,181            | 4,816,452            |
| Pupil Transportation                 | 3,018,170                  | -                           | 3,018,170            | 2,797,627            |
| Student Activities                   | 1,517,898                  | -                           | 1,517,898            | 1,438,540            |
| Community Services                   | 1,006                      | -                           | 1,006                | 978                  |
| Facilities Acquisition               | -                          | -                           | -                    | 6,455                |
| Interest on Long-term Debt           | 4,075,911                  | -                           | 4,075,911            | 2,242,159            |
| Loss of Disposition of Assets        | -                          | -                           | -                    | 170,560              |
| Food Services                        | -                          | 1,220,514                   | 1,220,514            | 1,102,609            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                | <b>\$ 49,712,050</b>       | <b>\$ 1,220,514</b>         | <b>\$ 50,932,564</b> | <b>\$ 47,716,496</b> |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>        | <b>\$ 3,545,774</b>        | <b>\$ 163,077</b>           | <b>\$ 3,708,851</b>  | <b>\$ 6,612,329</b>  |

The decrease in total revenues is primarily due to the decreases in insurance proceeds for the high school fire and federal revenues (primarily ARP/Esser covid funding), which are partially offset by increases in local revenues (interest revenue and other LEA tuition) and state subsidies (notably the general education subsidy). The expenses increased primarily due to more spending for instructional support and operation and maintenance (capital expenditures for buildings) and higher interest costs on long term debt (new bond issuance).

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE (Continued)**

Table A-3 shows the District's eight largest functions - instructional programs, instructional student support, administrative, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, student activities, community services, long-term debt, as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities) for the past two fiscal years. This table also shows the net costs offset by the other unrestricted grants, subsidies, and contributions to show the remaining financial needs supported by local taxes and other miscellaneous revenues.

Table A-3  
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023  
Governmental Activities

|                                                            | ----- JUNE 30, 2024 ----- |                        | ----- JUNE 30, 2023 ----- |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                            | TOTAL COST<br>OF SERVICE  | NET COST<br>OF SERVICE | TOTAL COST<br>OF SERVICE  | NET COST<br>OF SERVICE |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                            |                           |                        |                           |                        |
| Instruction                                                | \$ 27,108,776             | \$ 18,009,233          | \$ 27,509,971             | \$ 18,292,562          |
| Instructional Student Support                              | 4,130,788                 | 3,415,665              | 3,791,100                 | 3,139,719              |
| Administrative and Financial Support                       | 4,296,320                 | 3,987,930              | 3,840,045                 | 3,300,719              |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant                         | 5,563,181                 | 5,154,105              | 4,816,452                 | 4,281,584              |
| Pupil Transportation                                       | 3,018,170                 | 1,761,244              | 2,797,627                 | 1,601,067              |
| Student Activities                                         | 1,517,898                 | 1,329,818              | 1,438,540                 | 1,280,318              |
| Community Services                                         | 1,006                     | 1,006                  | 978                       | 978                    |
| Facilities Acquisition                                     | -                         | -                      | 6,455                     | 6,455                  |
| Interest on Long-term Debt/Refund Prior Yr.                | 4,075,911                 | 3,285,116              | 2,242,159                 | 1,457,995              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                      | <b>\$ 49,712,050</b>      | <b>\$ 36,944,117</b>   | <b>\$ 46,443,327</b>      | <b>\$ 33,361,397</b>   |
| <b>Less:</b>                                               |                           |                        |                           |                        |
| Unrestricted Grants, Subsidies                             |                           | 11,373,298             |                           | 10,490,950             |
| <b>TOTAL NEEDS FROM LOCAL TAXES<br/>AND OTHER REVENUES</b> |                           | <b>\$ 25,570,819</b>   |                           | <b>\$ 22,870,447</b>   |

Table A-4 reflects the activities of the food service program, the only business-type activity of the District.

Table A-4  
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023  
Business-Type Activities

|                                       | ----- JUNE 30, 2024 ----- |                        | ----- JUNE 30, 2023 ----- |                        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
|                                       | TOTAL COST<br>OF SERVICE  | NET COST<br>OF SERVICE | TOTAL COST<br>OF SERVICE  | NET COST<br>OF SERVICE |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                       |                           |                        |                           |                        |
| Food Service                          | \$ 1,220,514              | \$ 127,622             | \$ 1,102,609              | \$ 197,924             |
| Transfers                             |                           | (1,666)                |                           | 2,829                  |
| Investment Earnings/Miscellaneous     |                           | 37,121                 |                           | 12,691                 |
| <b>TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</b> |                           | <b>\$ 163,077</b>      |                           | <b>\$ 182,404</b>      |

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**THE DISTRICT FUNDS**

At June 30, 2024, the District governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$24,799,521 compared to \$15,259,190 for the year ended June 30, 2023. This \$9,540,331 increase is a result of:

**General Fund:**

The decrease in total revenues is primarily due to the decreases in insurance proceeds for the high school fire and federal revenues (primarily ARP/Essex covid funding), which are partially offset by increases in local revenues (interest revenue and other LEA tuition) and state subsidies (notably the general education subsidy). The expenses increased primarily due to more spending for instructional support and operation and maintenance (capital expenditures for buildings) and higher interest costs on long term debt (new bond issuance).

**Capital Project Fund:**

The fund balance of the Capital Project Fund increased by \$8,130,419 due to a transfer of \$777,001 from the General Fund and a transfer from the Debt Service Fund of \$9,706,297, related to General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2023 totaling \$10,000,000. Capital expenses totaled \$2,748,132.

**Debt Service Fund:**

The fund balance of the Debt Service Fund decreased slightly by \$8,826.

The following table compares the revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance of the District's General Fund for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2022-2023, and the Capital Project Fund and Debt Service Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024:

|                                    | <b>General Fund</b>  |                      | <b>Capital Project</b> | <b>Debt Service Fund</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                    | <b>2023-2024</b>     | <b>2022-2023</b>     | <b>2023-2024</b>       | <b>2023-2024</b>         |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                    |                      |                      |                        |                          |
| Local Sources                      | \$ 27,191,928        | \$ 26,248,713        | \$ 395,253             | \$ -                     |
| State Sources                      | 23,380,086           | 22,052,903           | -                      | -                        |
| Federal Sources                    | 1,394,729            | 2,414,506            | -                      | -                        |
| Operating Transfers In             | 2,954                | -                    | 10,483,298             | 3,237,648                |
| Other Financing Sources            | 777,695              | 2,202,961            | -                      | 10,000,000               |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>              | <b>\$ 52,747,392</b> | <b>\$ 52,919,083</b> | <b>\$ 10,878,551</b>   | <b>\$ 13,237,648</b>     |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                |                      |                      |                        |                          |
| Instruction                        | \$ 28,359,484        | \$ 28,407,396        | \$ -                   | \$ -                     |
| Support Services                   | 16,932,788           | 15,622,676           | -                      | -                        |
| Noninstructional Services          | 1,562,325            | 1,489,819            | -                      | 175,682                  |
| Capital Outlay                     | 380,661              | 2,381,241            | 2,748,132              | -                        |
| Debt Service                       | -                    | 59,473               | -                      | 3,237,648                |
| Operating Transfers Out            | 4,015,937            | 3,942,768            | -                      | 9,706,297                |
| Other Financing Uses               | 77,459               | -                    | -                      | 126,847                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>          | <b>\$ 51,328,654</b> | <b>\$ 51,903,373</b> | <b>\$ 2,748,132</b>    | <b>\$ 13,246,474</b>     |
| <b>NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE</b> | <b>\$ 1,418,738</b>  | <b>\$ 1,015,710</b>  | <b>\$ 8,130,419</b>    | <b>\$ (8,826)</b>        |

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**FUND BALANCE (GENERAL FUND ONLY)**

Unassigned Fund Balance is that portion of the fund balance, which is appropriable for expenditures or amounts not legally or otherwise segregated for a specific or tentative future use. The General Fund ending fund balance as of June 30, 2024, is \$11,065,927. This is 23% of the expenditures for the current year. For the Elizabeth Forward School District, estimated ending unassigned fund balance must not exceed 8% of total budgeted expenditures. The School District's unassigned General Fund balance at June 30, 2024, was approximately 6.3% of its 2024-2025 budgeted expenditures. The school district has assigned \$7.2M for expected future replacement and/or repairs of existing educational facilities.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

During the fiscal year, the Board of School Directors (The Board) authorizes revisions to the original budget (transfers) to accommodate differences from the original budget to the actual expenditures of the District. All adjustments are again confirmed at the time the annual audit is accepted, which is after the end of the fiscal year, which is not prohibited by state law. A schedule showing the District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided on Page 7.

**Proprietary (Food Service) Fund:**

The following table compares the revenues, expenses and changes in net position of the District's proprietary (Food Service) Fund for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2022-2023.

|                               | <b>2023-2024</b>         | <b>2022-2023</b>         |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Operating Revenues            | \$ 369,967               | \$ 365,695               |
| Operating Expenses            | <u>(1,220,514)</u>       | <u>(1,102,609)</u>       |
| <b>OPERATING (LOSS)</b>       | <b>\$ (850,547)</b>      | <b>\$ (736,914)</b>      |
| <br>                          |                          |                          |
| Non-Operating Revenues        | 1,015,290                | 947,529                  |
| Transfers in (Out)            | <u>(1,666)</u>           | <u>(2,829)</u>           |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b> | <b><u>\$ 163,077</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 207,786</u></b> |

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At June 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds had a net amount of \$16,245,887 and business-type activities had a net amount of \$52,072 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and furniture and equipment. This amount represents a net increase of (including deletions and depreciation) of \$386,006 or 2.4% from last year.



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**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

**DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

As of July 1, 2023, the District had total outstanding bond principal of \$21,669,251 on its General Obligation Bond Issues as fully described within Note 10 of the financial statements. During the year, the District issued General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2023 in the amount of \$10,000,000. The District made payments against the principal of \$975,659. With the impact of the current year activity, the outstanding bond debt as of June 30, 2024 is \$30,693,592. Of that amount \$2,038,592 are non-callable Bonds with interest rates from 5.85% to 6.03%. Non-callable Bonds are to be paid in full in year 2029. All Bonds are paid in full on September 1, 2043. The District is scheduled to make principal and interest payments on all bond debt totaling \$3,566,827 during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

As of November 2023, the District's bond rating was upgraded to "A Stable" from "A-stable". The strong rating is based upon the financial strength of the District and additional security for bonds provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 150 School District Intercept Program. The Act provides for undistributed state aid to be diverted to bond holders in the event of default. The Elizabeth Forward School District is a full faith credit and taxing power.

Other long-term obligations include capital lease obligations for computer equipment, accrued sick leave for specific employees of the District, and pension plan and retiree health insurance obligations. More detailed information about our long-term liabilities is included in Notes 10, 11, and 12 to the financial statements.

The comparison of revenue and expenditure categories is as follows:

Table A-5

**BUDGETED REVENUES**

|               | 2023-2024 | 2022-2023 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Local         | 53%       | 51%       |
| State         | 45%       | 42%       |
| Federal/Other | 2%        | 6%        |

**BUDGETED EXPENDITURES**

|                           | 2023-2024 | 2022-2023 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Instruction               | 57%       | 57%       |
| Support Services          | 32%       | 31%       |
| Non-Instruction/Community | 3%        | 3%        |
| Financing & Other         | 8%        | 9%        |

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**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:**

The change in assessed value is measured from the printing of the current year tax bills to the printing of the prior year tax bills. The following schedule shows the change by municipality:

**ASSESSMENT COMPARISON**

| Municipality          | 2023 - 24             | 2022 - 23             | Difference          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Borough of Elizabeth  | \$ 45,663,315         | \$ 46,232,715         | \$ (569,400)        |
| Township of Elizabeth | 660,082,137           | 659,479,137           | 603,000             |
| Township of Forward   | 175,637,226           | 171,935,826           | 3,701,400           |
| Total                 | <u>\$ 881,382,678</u> | <u>\$ 877,647,678</u> | <u>\$ 3,735,000</u> |

Because of the increase in Assessed Valuation and increase in the tax mills, the District collected \$1,488,601 more real estate tax revenue for the period than in the prior year. The second largest source of revenue for the District comes from state sources. The largest source of revenue within state sources is Basic Education Funding and accounted for 48.65% of state revenue received, compared to 47.57% in the prior year.

*Source: Tax Collector Reporting*

**LARGEST REAL ESTATE TAXPAYERS**

| <u>Taxpayer</u>               | <u>Principal Business</u> | <u>2024<br/>Assessed Value</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Arnold Peter & Rosemarie      | Manufacturing             | \$ 4,500,000                   |
| E+E Inc.                      | Manufacturing             | 4,172,500                      |
| UMH PA Three Rivers LLC       | Mobile Home/Trailer Park  | 3,924,000                      |
| Mick's Properties LLC         | Apartments                | 3,823,750                      |
| Elizabeth Twp Shopping Center | Shopping Center           | 2,762,900                      |
| Quail Acres Estates LLC       | Apartments                | 2,164,000                      |
| Mt. Vernon Assoc.             | Apartments                | 2,125,500                      |
| Spencer Square LTD            | Pharmacy                  | 1,957,500                      |
| Echo GetGo Partners           | Convenience Store/Fuel    | 1,810,700                      |
| DUBO LTD                      | Industrial Park           | 1,800,000                      |
|                               |                           | <u>\$ 29,040,850</u>           |

*Source: Allegheny County Office of Property Tax Assessment*

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|                                             | <u>2024</u>    | <u>2023</u>    | <u>2022</u>    | <u>2021</u>    | <u>2020</u>    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Assessed Valuation                          | \$ 881,382,678 | \$ 877,647,678 | \$ 873,593,778 | \$ 870,725,828 | \$ 867,412,178 |
| Current Levy*                               | 22,027,751     | 21,465,485     | 21,697,512     | 21,062,753     | 20,203,908     |
| Current Collections                         | 20,439,857     | 20,288,324     | 20,076,888     | 19,680,153     | 18,547,256     |
| Current and Delinquent Collection           | 21,660,622     | 21,406,840     | 21,643,005     | 21,064,777     | 19,811,417     |
| Percent Current Collections to Current Levy | 93%            | 95%            | 93%            | 93%            | 92%            |
| Percent Total Collections to Current Levy   | 98%            | 100%           | 100%           | 100%           | 98%            |

**HISTORY OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE FINANCING**

The following table reflects the history of Tax Anticipation Note Financings by the School District

| <u>Year Ending June 30,</u> | <u>Principal Amount of Tax Anticipation Note</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 2024                        | \$0                                              |
| 2023                        | \$0                                              |
| 2022                        | \$0                                              |
| 2021                        | \$0                                              |
| 2020                        | \$0                                              |
| 2019                        | \$3,000,000                                      |
| 2018                        | \$3,000,000                                      |
| 2017                        | \$3,200,000                                      |
| 2016                        | \$9,451,000                                      |
| 2015                        | \$2,800,000                                      |
| 2014                        | \$2,400,000                                      |

Source: School District Officials

**SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES**

The School District is currently organized on the following grade level structure: K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The following table depicts the component elements of the existing physical plant of the School District.

|                    | <u>Year<br/>Built</u> | <u>Additions,<br/>Renovations</u> | <u>Grades<br/>Served</u> | <u>Enrollment<br/>2023-2024</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Elementary</b>  |                       |                                   |                          |                                 |
| Central            | 1951                  | 1955; 1972; 1997                  | K - 5                    | 300                             |
| Greenock           | 1950                  | 1955; 1972; 1976; 1997            | K, 1 & 2                 | 194                             |
| Mt. Vernon         | 1962                  | 1997                              | 3, 4 & 5                 | 199                             |
| William Penn       | 1955                  | 1972; 1976; 1997                  | K - 5                    | 329                             |
| <b>Secondary</b>   |                       |                                   |                          |                                 |
| Middle School      | 1966                  | 1976; 1990                        | 6-8                      | 559                             |
| Senior High School | 1966                  | 1976; 1990                        | 9-12                     | <u>744</u>                      |
|                    |                       |                                   | Total                    | 2,325                           |

Source: School District Officials

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**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT INFORMATION: (CONTINUED)**

**ENROLLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTIONS**

Actual and projected enrollments of the School District as shown below:

| <b><u>School Year Ending June 30th</u></b> | <b><u>K-5</u></b> | <b><u>6-8</u></b> | <b><u>9-12</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2025 (projected)                           | 1,012             | 529               | 774                | 2,315               |
| 2024 .....                                 | 1,027             | 543               | 755                | 2,325               |
| 2023 .....                                 | 1,027             | 552               | 751                | 2,330               |
| 2022 .....                                 | 1,020             | 573               | 762                | 2,355               |
| 2021 .....                                 | 1,022             | 568               | 702                | 2,292               |
| 2020 .....                                 | 1,037             | 564               | 691                | 2,292               |
| 2019 .....                                 | 1,046             | 572               | 711                | 2,329               |
| 2018 .....                                 | 1,034             | 540               | 729                | 2,303               |
| 2017 .....                                 | 1,063             | 519               | 738                | 2,320               |
| 2016 .....                                 | 1,082             | 507               | 763                | 2,352               |
| 2015 .....                                 | 1,049             | 509               | 788                | 2,346               |
| 2014 .....                                 | 993               | 554               | 808                | 2,355               |
| 2013 .....                                 | 1,001             | 553               | 867                | 2,421               |

Source: School District Officials

**EMPLOYMENT**

The schedule shows School District employment for the year ended June 30, 2024

| <b>Type of Personnel</b>                           | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Administrators / Supervisory .....                 | 21            |
| Professional / Instructional .....                 | 189           |
| Custodial, Maintenance and Support Personnel ..... | 124           |
| Total .....                                        | <u>334</u>    |

Source: School District Officials

**Wages and Salaries**

| <b><u>School Year Ending June 30,</u></b> | <b><u>Instruction</u></b> | <b><u>Support Services</u></b> | <b><u>Non-Instructional Services</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2024 .....                                | \$13,950,353              | \$6,201,412                    | \$639,846                                | \$20,791,611        |
| 2023 .....                                | \$13,557,595              | \$5,882,798                    | \$609,745                                | \$20,050,138        |
| 2022 .....                                | \$13,307,065              | \$5,614,537                    | \$599,750                                | \$19,521,352        |
| 2021 .....                                | \$12,967,769              | \$5,306,137                    | \$563,107                                | \$18,837,013        |
| 2020 .....                                | \$12,791,773              | \$5,418,133                    | \$559,691                                | \$18,769,597        |
| 2019 .....                                | \$12,690,656              | \$5,261,909                    | \$572,854                                | \$18,525,419        |
| 2018 .....                                | \$12,314,279              | \$4,973,587                    | \$612,805                                | \$17,900,671        |
| 2017 .....                                | \$12,024,078              | \$4,914,085                    | \$587,166                                | \$17,525,329        |
| 2016 .....                                | \$11,826,018              | \$4,766,296                    | \$582,576                                | \$17,174,890        |
| 2015 .....                                | \$11,894,840              | \$4,644,239                    | \$577,460                                | \$17,116,539        |

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*Source: School District Annual Financial Reports*

**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT INFORMATION: (CONTINUED)**

**Pension Programs**

Elizabeth Forward School District contractually required contributions is as follows:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED<br/>CONTRIBUTIONS</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 2023-2024   | \$6,820,463                                     |
| 2022-2023   | \$6,710,093                                     |
| 2021-2022   | \$6,606,550                                     |
| 2020-2021   | \$6,240,552                                     |
| 2019-2020   | \$5,979,774                                     |
| 2018-2019   | \$5,831,507                                     |
| 2017-2018   | \$5,375,498                                     |
| 2016-2017   | \$4,965,339                                     |
| 2015-2016   | \$3,741,060                                     |
| 2014-2015   | \$3,461,869                                     |
| 2013-2014   | \$2,645,233                                     |

The School District is current on all payments.

*Source: Annual Financial Report*

**Labor Relations**

The professional employees of the School District are represented for purposes of collective bargaining by the Elizabeth Forward Education Association, an affiliate of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA). The current contract between the School District and the Association expires on June 30, 2026.

Secretarial, Maintenance and Custodial employees of the School District are represented for purposes of collective bargaining by the Elizabeth Forward Education Support Professional Association, which is an affiliate of PSEA. The contract with the School District and the Association expires June 30, 2027.

Several Administrators of the School District are in the Elizabeth Forward Act 93 Group (Group). The Act 93 Agreement is adopted pursuant to Section 1164 of Public School Code of 1949, as amended. The current contract between the School District and the Group expires on June 30, 2028.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and reflect the District's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions about this report or additional financial information needs should be directed to Mr. Albert J. Ragan, CPA, Director of Finance & Operations, Elizabeth Forward School District, District Office, 401 Rock Run Road – Suite 2, Elizabeth, PA 15037.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**EXHIBIT A**

|                                                                           | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities | Total                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                             |                            |                             |                        |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                                                    |                            |                             |                        |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                                                 | \$ 32,643,345              | \$ 807,518                  | \$ 33,450,863          |
| Investments                                                               | 2,142,057                  | -                           | 2,142,057              |
| Taxes Receivable, net                                                     | 5,480,290                  | -                           | 5,480,290              |
| Due From Other Governments                                                | 3,400,138                  | 109,857                     | 3,509,995              |
| Other Receivables                                                         | 64,174                     | -                           | 64,174                 |
| Prepaid Expenses                                                          | 605,013                    | -                           | 605,013                |
| Inventories                                                               | -                          | 30,153                      | 30,153                 |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                                               | <b>\$ 44,335,017</b>       | <b>\$ 947,528</b>           | <b>\$ 45,282,545</b>   |
| <b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>                                                 |                            |                             |                        |
| Land (non-depreciable)                                                    | \$ 5,827,500               | \$ -                        | \$ 5,827,500           |
| Construction in Progress (non-depreciable)                                | 4,391,797                  | -                           | 4,391,797              |
| Site Improvements (net)                                                   | 1,700,347                  | -                           | 1,700,347              |
| Building & Building Improvements (net)                                    | 3,609,351                  | -                           | 3,609,351              |
| Furniture & Equipment (net)                                               | 646,225                    | 52,072                      | 698,297                |
| Infrastructure                                                            | 70,667                     | -                           | 70,667                 |
| <b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>                                            | <b>\$ 16,245,887</b>       | <b>\$ 52,072</b>            | <b>\$ 16,297,959</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                       | <b>\$ 60,580,904</b>       | <b>\$ 999,600</b>           | <b>\$ 61,580,504</b>   |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>                                    |                            |                             |                        |
| Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB                                         | \$ 788,657                 | \$ -                        | \$ 788,657             |
| Deferred Outflows Related to Pension                                      | 9,526,078                  | -                           | 9,526,078              |
| Deferred Interest on Bond Refunding                                       | 159,256                    | -                           | 159,256                |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                               | <b>\$ 10,473,991</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>                 | <b>\$ 10,473,991</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS &amp; DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                  | <b>\$ 71,054,895</b>       | <b>\$ 999,600</b>           | <b>\$ 72,054,495</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                        |                            |                             |                        |
| <b>Current Liabilities:</b>                                               |                            |                             |                        |
| Accounts Payable                                                          | \$ 342,984                 | \$ 41,751                   | \$ 384,735             |
| Bonds Payable - Current Portion                                           | 1,325,155                  | -                           | 1,325,155              |
| Accrued Interest                                                          | 3,248,326                  | -                           | 3,248,326              |
| Accrued Salaries and Benefits                                             | 2,960,198                  | -                           | 2,960,198              |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings                                       | 2,116,730                  | -                           | 2,116,730              |
| Unearned Revenue                                                          | 8,813,655                  | -                           | 8,813,655              |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                                          | <b>\$ 18,807,048</b>       | <b>\$ 41,751</b>            | <b>\$ 18,848,799</b>   |
| <b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>                                            |                            |                             |                        |
| Bonds Payable - Long Term Portion (Net)                                   | \$ 29,429,492              | \$ -                        | \$ 29,429,492          |
| Compensated Absences                                                      | 972,869                    | -                           | 972,869                |
| Net OPEB Liability                                                        | 5,008,581                  | -                           | 5,008,581              |
| Net Pension Liability                                                     | 56,097,000                 | -                           | 56,097,000             |
| <b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>                                       | <b>\$ 91,507,942</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>                 | <b>\$ 91,507,942</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                                                  | <b>\$ 110,314,990</b>      | <b>\$ 41,751</b>            | <b>\$ 110,356,741</b>  |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>                                     |                            |                             |                        |
| Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB                                          | \$ 1,565,287               | \$ -                        | \$ 1,565,287           |
| Deferred Inflows Related to Pension                                       | 2,230,000                  | -                           | 2,230,000              |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                | <b>\$ 3,795,287</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,795,287</b>    |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                                                       |                            |                             |                        |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets (Deficit)                                | \$ (14,349,504)            | \$ 52,072                   | \$ (14,297,432)        |
| Restricted                                                                | 13,733,594                 | -                           | 13,733,594             |
| Unrestricted (Deficit)                                                    | (42,439,472)               | 905,777                     | (41,533,695)           |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)</b>                                       | <b>\$ (43,055,382)</b>     | <b>\$ 957,849</b>           | <b>\$ (42,097,533)</b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION</b> | <b>\$ 71,054,895</b>       | <b>\$ 999,600</b>           | <b>\$ 72,054,495</b>   |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

| Functions/Programs                                       | Expenses             | Program Revenues     |                                    |                                  | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position |                          |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                          |                      | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | Governmental Activities                           | Business-Type Activities | Total                  |
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>                          |                      |                      |                                    |                                  |                                                   |                          |                        |
| Instruction                                              | \$ 27,108,776        | \$ 4,464             | \$ 9,095,079                       | \$ -                             | \$ (18,009,233)                                   |                          | \$ (18,009,233)        |
| Instructional Student Support                            | 4,130,788            | -                    | 715,123                            | -                                | (3,415,665)                                       |                          | (3,415,665)            |
| Administrative and Financial Support Services            | 4,296,320            | -                    | 308,390                            | -                                | (3,987,930)                                       |                          | (3,987,930)            |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services              | 5,563,181            | 62,170               | 346,906                            | -                                | (5,154,105)                                       |                          | (5,154,105)            |
| Pupil Transportation                                     | 3,018,170            | -                    | 1,256,926                          | -                                | (1,761,244)                                       |                          | (1,761,244)            |
| Student Activities / Community Services                  | 1,518,904            | 2,256                | 185,824                            | -                                | (1,330,824)                                       |                          | (1,330,824)            |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt/Refunds                       | 4,075,911            | -                    |                                    | 790,795                          | (3,285,116)                                       |                          | (3,285,116)            |
| <b>Total Governmental Activities</b>                     | <b>\$ 49,712,050</b> | <b>\$ 68,890</b>     | <b>\$ 11,908,248</b>               | <b>\$ 790,795</b>                | <b>\$ (36,944,117)</b>                            |                          | <b>\$ (36,944,117)</b> |
| <b>Business-Type activities:</b>                         |                      |                      |                                    |                                  |                                                   |                          |                        |
| Food Service                                             | \$ 1,220,514         | \$ 369,967           | \$ 978,169                         | \$ -                             | \$ -                                              | \$ 127,622               | \$ 127,622             |
| <b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>                    | <b>\$ 1,220,514</b>  | <b>\$ 369,967</b>    | <b>\$ 978,169</b>                  | <b>\$ -</b>                      | <b>\$ -</b>                                       | <b>\$ 127,622</b>        | <b>\$ 127,622</b>      |
| <b>Total Primary Government</b>                          | <b>\$ 50,932,564</b> | <b>\$ 438,857</b>    | <b>\$ 12,886,417</b>               | <b>\$ 790,795</b>                | <b>\$ (36,944,117)</b>                            | <b>\$ 127,622</b>        | <b>\$ (36,816,495)</b> |
| <b>General Revenues:</b>                                 |                      |                      |                                    |                                  |                                                   |                          |                        |
| Taxes:                                                   |                      |                      |                                    |                                  |                                                   |                          |                        |
| Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes (net)        |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | \$ 21,839,941                                     | \$ -                     | \$ 21,839,941          |
| Other Taxes Levied for General Purposes                  |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 3,035,834                                         | -                        | 3,035,834              |
| Property Tax Relief                                      |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 1,638,079                                         | -                        | 1,638,079              |
| Basic Subsidy                                            |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 11,373,298                                        | -                        | 11,373,298             |
| Natural Gas Royalties                                    |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 91,718                                            | -                        | 91,718                 |
| Insurance Proceeds Fire                                  |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 537,878                                           | -                        | 537,878                |
| Admissions                                               |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 43,774                                            | -                        | 43,774                 |
| Investment Earnings                                      |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 1,558,394                                         | 37,121                   | 1,595,515              |
| Donations and Contributions                              |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 48,087                                            | -                        | 48,087                 |
| Refund of Prior Year Expense                             |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 28,758                                            | -                        | 28,758                 |
| Miscellaneous                                            |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 115,500                                           | -                        | 115,500                |
| Gain on Sale/Disposition of Assets                       |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 176,964                                           | -                        | 176,964                |
| Transfers between Governmental, Business-Type Activities |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | 1,666                                             | (1,666)                  | -                      |
| <b>Total General Revenues</b>                            |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | <b>\$ 40,489,891</b>                              | <b>\$ 35,455</b>         | <b>\$ 40,525,346</b>   |
| <b>Change in Net Assets</b>                              |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | <b>\$ 3,545,774</b>                               | <b>\$ 163,077</b>        | <b>\$ 3,708,851</b>    |
| <b>Net Position - July 1, 2023 (Deficit)</b>             |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | <b>(44,383,190)</b>                               | <b>794,772</b>           | <b>(43,588,418)</b>    |
| Prior Period Adjustment                                  |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | (2,217,966)                                       | -                        | (2,217,966)            |
| <b>Net Position - June 30, 2024 (Deficit)</b>            |                      |                      |                                    |                                  | <b>\$ (43,055,382)</b>                            | <b>\$ 957,849</b>        | <b>\$ (42,097,533)</b> |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**EXHIBIT C**

|                                                                                | <b>GENERAL<br/>FUND</b> | <b>CAPITAL<br/>PROJECT<br/>FUND</b> | <b>DEBT<br/>SERVICE<br/>FUND</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>GOVERNMENTAL<br/>FUNDS</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                                                                 |                         |                                     |                                  |                                         |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                                                      | \$ 20,618,126           | \$ 12,025,219                       | \$ -                             | \$ 32,643,345                           |
| Investments                                                                    | -                       | -                                   | 2,142,057                        | 2,142,057                               |
| Taxes Receivable, net                                                          | 5,480,290               | -                                   | -                                | 5,480,290                               |
| Due From Other Governments                                                     | 3,400,138               | -                                   | -                                | 3,400,138                               |
| Other Receivables                                                              | 64,174                  | -                                   | -                                | 64,174                                  |
| Prepaid Expenses                                                               | 605,013                 | -                                   | -                                | 605,013                                 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                            | <b>\$ 30,167,741</b>    | <b>\$ 12,025,219</b>                | <b>\$ 2,142,057</b>              | <b>\$ 44,335,017</b>                    |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>           |                         |                                     |                                  |                                         |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>                                                            |                         |                                     |                                  |                                         |
| Accounts Payable                                                               | \$ 259,302              | \$ 83,682                           | \$ -                             | \$ 342,984                              |
| Accrued Salaries and Benefits                                                  | 2,960,198               | -                                   | -                                | 2,960,198                               |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings                                            | 2,116,730               | -                                   | -                                | 2,116,730                               |
| Unearned Revenues                                                              | 8,463,655               | 350,000                             | -                                | 8,813,655                               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                                                       | <b>\$ 13,799,885</b>    | <b>\$ 433,682</b>                   | <b>\$ -</b>                      | <b>\$ 14,233,567</b>                    |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>                                          |                         |                                     |                                  |                                         |
| Delinquent Real Estate Taxes                                                   | \$ 5,301,929            | \$ -                                | \$ -                             | \$ 5,301,929                            |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                     | <b>\$ 5,301,929</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>                         | <b>\$ -</b>                      | <b>\$ 5,301,929</b>                     |
| <b>FUND BALANCES:</b>                                                          |                         |                                     |                                  |                                         |
| Nonspendable                                                                   | \$ 605,013              | \$ -                                | \$ -                             | \$ 605,013                              |
| Restricted                                                                     | -                       | 11,591,537                          | 2,142,057                        | 13,733,594                              |
| Assigned                                                                       | 7,200,000               | -                                   | -                                | 7,200,000                               |
| Unassigned                                                                     | 3,260,914               | -                                   | -                                | 3,260,914                               |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>                                                     | <b>\$ 11,065,927</b>    | <b>\$ 11,591,537</b>                | <b>\$ 2,142,057</b>              | <b>\$ 24,799,521</b>                    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF<br/>RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b> | <b>\$ 30,167,741</b>    | <b>\$ 12,025,219</b>                | <b>\$ 2,142,057</b>              | <b>\$ 44,335,017</b>                    |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** **\$ 24,799,521**

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of assets is \$61,734,507, and the accumulated depreciation is \$45,488,620 16,245,887

Property and wage taxes receivable in the statement of net position, which will not be available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, are deferred and not recognized as revenue in governmental funds. 5,301,929

Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions 9,526,078

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB 788,657

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (2,230,000)

Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (1,565,287)

Long term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

|                                     |               |              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Bonds payable                       | \$ 30,754,647 |              |
| Deferred Interest on bond refunding | (159,256)     |              |
| Accrued interest on the bonds       | 3,248,326     |              |
| Net OPEB liability                  | 5,008,581     |              |
| Net Pension Liability               | 56,097,000    |              |
| Compensated absences                | 972,869       |              |
|                                     | (95,922,167)  | (95,922,167) |

**TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** **\$ (43,055,382)**

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                                              | <u>GENERAL FUND</u>   | <u>CAPITAL<br/>PROJECTS<br/>FUND</u> | <u>DEBT<br/>SERVICE<br/>FUND</u> | <u>TOTAL<br/>GOVERNMENTAL<br/>FUNDS</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                              |                       |                                      |                                  |                                         |
| Local Sources                                                | \$ 27,191,928         | \$ 395,253                           | \$ -                             | \$ 27,587,181                           |
| State Sources                                                | 23,380,086            | -                                    | -                                | 23,380,086                              |
| Federal Sources                                              | 1,394,729             | -                                    | -                                | 1,394,729                               |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                                         | <b>\$ 51,966,743</b>  | <b>\$ 395,253</b>                    | <b>\$ -</b>                      | <b>\$ 52,361,996</b>                    |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                          |                       |                                      |                                  |                                         |
| Instruction                                                  | \$ 28,359,484         | \$ -                                 | \$ -                             | \$ 28,359,484                           |
| Support Services                                             | 16,932,788            | -                                    | -                                | 16,932,788                              |
| Noninstructional Services                                    | 1,562,325             | -                                    | 293,701                          | 1,856,026                               |
| Facilities Acquisition                                       | 380,661               | 2,748,132                            | -                                | 3,128,793                               |
| Debt Service                                                 | -                     | -                                    | 3,237,648                        | 3,237,648                               |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                    | <b>\$ 47,235,258</b>  | <b>\$ 2,748,132</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,531,349</b>              | <b>\$ 53,514,739</b>                    |
| <b>Excess ( Deficiency) of Revenue<br/>over Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 4,731,485</b>   | <b>\$ (2,352,879)</b>                | <b>\$ (3,531,349)</b>            | <b>\$ (1,152,743)</b>                   |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                        |                       |                                      |                                  |                                         |
| Operating Transfers In                                       | \$ 2,954              | \$ 10,483,298                        | \$ 3,237,648                     | \$ 13,723,900                           |
| Operating Transfers Out                                      | (4,015,937)           | -                                    | (9,706,297)                      | (13,722,234)                            |
| Sales of Assets                                              | 239,817               | -                                    | -                                | 239,817                                 |
| Insurance Proceeds - Fire                                    | 537,878               | -                                    | -                                | 537,878                                 |
| Bond Proceeds                                                | -                     | -                                    | 10,000,000                       | 10,000,000                              |
| Refund prior year revenue                                    | (77,459)              | -                                    | (8,828)                          | (86,287)                                |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>                  | <b>\$ (3,312,747)</b> | <b>\$ 10,483,298</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,522,523</b>              | <b>\$ 10,693,074</b>                    |
| <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>                           | <b>\$ 1,418,738</b>   | <b>\$ 8,130,419</b>                  | <b>\$ (8,826)</b>                | <b>\$ 9,540,331</b>                     |
| FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2023                                  | 9,647,189             | 3,461,118                            | 2,150,883                        | 15,259,190                              |
| <b>FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2024</b>                          | <b>\$ 11,065,927</b>  | <b>\$ 11,591,537</b>                 | <b>\$ 2,142,057</b>              | <b>\$ 24,799,521</b>                    |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

**TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** **\$ 9,540,331**

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$3,292,154) exceeds depreciation expense(\$630,756) in the period.                                                              | 2,661,398    |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets - not reported in the governmental funds as an expenditure. However, it is an expense in the statement of activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (45,188)     |
| Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 975,659      |
| Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,936,713    |
| Proceeds from bond issues are revenue in the governmental funds, however these proceeds are considered long-term liabilities for the purposes of the statement of net position.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (10,000,000) |
| Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. | (1,738,900)  |
| Bond discounts, premiums, and deferred interest on bond refundings are recognized in governmental funds in the year of bond issue. However, in the statement of activities, these costs are capitalized and amortized over the life of the bond issue.                                                                                                                                      | 101,341      |
| Because certain property taxes will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds. Deferred inflow of resources increased by this amount this year.                                                                                                                                  | 179,319      |
| In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences and retiree health benefits - 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 (paid). This year, compensated absences and the net OPEB earned exceeded the amount paid.       | (64,899)     |

**CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** **\$ 3,545,774**

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                                               | Budgeted Amounts      |                       | Actual                | Variance with<br>Final Budget |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                               | Original              | Final                 | (Budgetary Basis)     | Positive<br>(Negative)        |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                               |                       |                       |                       |                               |
| Local Sources                                                 | \$ 26,145,082         | \$ 26,145,082         | \$ 27,191,928         | \$ 1,046,846                  |
| State Sources                                                 | 22,582,972            | 22,582,972            | 23,380,086            | 797,114                       |
| Federal Sources                                               | 963,671               | 963,671               | 1,394,729             | 431,058                       |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                         | <b>\$ 49,691,725</b>  | <b>\$ 49,691,725</b>  | <b>\$ 51,966,743</b>  | <b>\$ 2,275,018</b>           |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                           |                       |                       |                       |                               |
| Regular Programs                                              | \$ 19,482,281         | \$ 18,619,281         | \$ 19,071,178         | \$ (451,897)                  |
| Special Programs                                              | 6,596,045             | 6,596,045             | 6,898,595             | (302,550)                     |
| Vocational Programs                                           | 2,187,382             | 2,187,382             | 2,204,479             | (17,097)                      |
| Other Instructional Programs                                  | 239,608               | 239,608               | 181,257               | 58,351                        |
| NonPublic School Programs                                     | -                     | -                     | 3,975                 | (3,975)                       |
| Pupil Personnel Services                                      | 1,495,865             | 1,495,865             | 1,535,860             | (39,995)                      |
| Instructional Staff Services                                  | 1,941,936             | 1,941,936             | 2,056,316             | (114,380)                     |
| Administrative Services                                       | 3,072,444             | 3,072,444             | 3,056,406             | 16,038                        |
| Pupil Health                                                  | 581,868               | 581,868               | 679,959               | (98,091)                      |
| Business Services                                             | 611,051               | 611,051               | 703,935               | (92,884)                      |
| Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services                     | 5,057,941             | 5,057,941             | 5,451,161             | (393,220)                     |
| Student Transportation Services                               | 2,680,155             | 3,040,155             | 3,018,170             | 21,985                        |
| Central Services                                              | 421,422               | 421,422               | 406,801               | 14,621                        |
| Other Support Services                                        | 24,000                | 24,000                | 24,180                | (180)                         |
| Student Activities                                            | 1,386,338             | 1,386,338             | 1,561,319             | (174,981)                     |
| Community Services                                            | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 1,006                 | (6)                           |
| Facilities Acquisition                                        | -                     | 375,000               | 380,661               | (5,661)                       |
| Debt Service                                                  | -                     | 128,000               | -                     | 128,000                       |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                     | <b>\$ 45,779,336</b>  | <b>\$ 45,779,336</b>  | <b>\$ 47,235,258</b>  | <b>\$ (1,455,922)</b>         |
| <b>Excess ( Deficiency) of Revenues<br/>over Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 3,912,389</b>   | <b>\$ 3,912,389</b>   | <b>\$ 4,731,485</b>   | <b>\$ 819,096</b>             |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                         |                       |                       |                       |                               |
| Operating Transfers In                                        | \$ -                  | \$ -                  | \$ 2,954              | \$ 2,954                      |
| Operating Transfers Out                                       | (3,964,029)           | (3,964,029)           | (4,015,937)           | (51,908)                      |
| Sale of Assets                                                | -                     | -                     | 239,817               | 239,817                       |
| Insurance Proceeds - Fire                                     | -                     | -                     | 537,878               | 537,878                       |
| Refund of prior year expense                                  | -                     | -                     | (77,459)              | (77,459)                      |
| Budgetary Reserve                                             | (250,000)             | (250,000)             | -                     | 250,000                       |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>                   | <b>\$ (4,214,029)</b> | <b>\$ (4,214,029)</b> | <b>\$ (3,312,747)</b> | <b>\$ 901,282</b>             |
| <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>                            | <b>(301,640)</b>      | <b>(301,640)</b>      | <b>1,418,738</b>      | <b>1,720,378</b>              |
| FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2023                                   | 4,892,315             | 4,892,315             | 9,647,189             | 4,754,874                     |
| <b>FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2024</b>                           | <b>\$ 4,590,675</b>   | <b>\$ 4,590,675</b>   | <b>\$ 11,065,927</b>  | <b>\$ 6,475,252</b>           |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                           | <b><u>FOOD<br/>SERVICES</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |                                 |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                    |                                 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                 | \$ 807,518                      |
| Due From Other Governments                | 109,857                         |
| Inventories                               | 30,153                          |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>               | <b><u>\$ 947,528</u></b>        |
| <b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>                 |                                 |
| Furniture and Equipment (net)             | \$ 52,072                       |
| <b>TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>            | <b><u>\$ 52,072</u></b>         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                       | <b><u><u>\$ 999,600</u></u></b> |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |                                 |
| <b>Current Liabilities:</b>               |                                 |
| Accounts Payable                          | \$ 41,751                       |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          | <b><u>\$ 41,751</u></b>         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                  | <b><u>\$ 41,751</u></b>         |
| <br><b>NET POSITION</b>                   |                                 |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets          | \$ 52,072                       |
| Unrestricted                              | 905,777                         |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>                 | <b><u>\$ 957,849</u></b>        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b> | <b><u><u>\$ 999,600</u></u></b> |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                                | <b><u>FOOD<br/>SERVICES</u></b> |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b><u>OPERATING REVENUES</u></b>               |                                 |
| Food Services Revenue                          | \$ 369,967                      |
| <b>Total Operating Revenues</b>                | <b><u>\$ 369,967</u></b>        |
| <b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>               |                                 |
| Other Purchased Services                       | \$ 1,010,531                    |
| Supplies                                       | 197,047                         |
| Dues and Fees                                  | 698                             |
| Depreciation                                   | 12,238                          |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>                | <b><u>\$ 1,220,514</u></b>      |
| <br>                                           |                                 |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)</b>                 | <b><u>\$ (850,547)</u></b>      |
| <b><u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u></b> |                                 |
| Earnings on investments                        | \$ 37,121                       |
| State sources                                  | 133,403                         |
| Federal sources                                | 844,766                         |
| Transfer From General Fund                     | 1,288                           |
| Transfer To General Fund                       | (2,954)                         |
| <b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>  | <b><u>\$ 1,013,624</u></b>      |
| <br>                                           |                                 |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>                  | <b><u>\$ 163,077</u></b>        |
| <br>                                           |                                 |
| NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2023                    | <u>794,772</u>                  |
| <br>                                           |                                 |
| NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2024                   | <b><u><u>\$ 957,849</u></u></b> |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                                                                                                      | <b><u>FOOD<br/>SERVICES</u></b>   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u></b>                                                                   |                                   |
| Cash Received from Users                                                                                             | \$ 369,967                        |
| Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services                                                                    | (1,095,061)                       |
| <b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>                                                              | <b><u>\$ (725,094)</u></b>        |
| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u></b>                                           |                                   |
| State Sources                                                                                                        | \$ 114,050                        |
| Federal Sources                                                                                                      | 649,104                           |
| Transfer to General Fund - Net                                                                                       | (1,666)                           |
| <b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>                                      | <b><u>\$ 761,488</u></b>          |
| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u></b>                                                                   |                                   |
| Earnings on Investments                                                                                              | \$ 37,121                         |
| <b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities</b>                                                              | <b><u>\$ 37,121</u></b>           |
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>                                                          | <b>\$ 73,515</b>                  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JULY 1, 2023                                                                             | <u>734,003</u>                    |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JUNE 30, 2024</b>                                                                     | <b><u><u>\$ 807,518</u></u></b>   |
| <br><b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash<br/>Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:</b>        |                                   |
| <b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>                                                                                       | <b>\$ (850,547)</b>               |
| <br><b>ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)<br/>TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b> |                                   |
| Depreciation                                                                                                         | 12,238                            |
| Other Adjustments - Donated Commodities                                                                              | 105,158                           |
| (Increase) Decrease in Inventories                                                                                   | 162                               |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable                                                                              | 7,895                             |
| <b>Total Adjustments</b>                                                                                             | <b><u>\$ 125,453</u></b>          |
| <b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                              | <b><u><u>\$ (725,094)</u></u></b> |
| <br><b>NONCASH NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                                                  |                                   |
| During the year, the District received \$105,158 of food commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.        |                                   |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                           | <b>STUDENT<br/>ACTIVITY<br/>CUSTODIAL<br/>FUND</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |                                                    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                 | \$ 161,288                                         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                       | <b>\$ 161,288</b>                                  |
| <br><b>NET POSITION</b>                   |                                                    |
| Unrestricted                              | \$ 161,288                                         |
| <b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>                 | <b>\$ 161,288</b>                                  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b> | <b>\$ 161,288</b>                                  |

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**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

|                                         | <b>STUDENT<br/>ACTIVITY<br/>CUSTODIAL<br/>FUND</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ADDITIONS</b>                        |                                                    |
| Student Club Organization Receipts      | \$ 262,661                                         |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>                  | <b>\$ 262,661</b>                                  |
| <b>DEDUCTIONS</b>                       |                                                    |
| Student Club Organization Disbursements | \$ 296,616                                         |
| <b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>                 | <b>\$ 296,616</b>                                  |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>           | <b>\$ (33,955)</b>                                 |
| NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2023             | 195,243                                            |
| <b>NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2024</b>     | <b>\$ 161,288</b>                                  |

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

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

**REPORTING ENTITY**

The Elizabeth Forward School District was established under the authority of an act of the state legislature that designated a school board as the governing body. The School District serves the surrounding municipalities that include the Township of Elizabeth, the Township of Forward, and the Borough of Elizabeth. The School District operates under a locally elected nine-member Board form of government and provides educational services as mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and selected federal agencies. The Board of Education has complete authority over the operations and administration of the school district's activities.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the Elizabeth Forward School District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. Generally accepted accounting principles define component units as legally separate entities that are included in the School District's reporting entity because of the significance of their operating or financial relationships with the School District. Based on the application of these criteria, the Elizabeth Forward School District has no component units.

The School District is associated with two jointly governed organizations (Note 12) and one public entity risk pool (Note 13). These organizations are:

- Jointly Governed Organizations:
  - Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School
  - Allegheny Intermediate Unit
  
- Public Entity Risk Pool:
  - Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium

The financial statements of the Elizabeth Forward School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The most significant of the School District's accounting policies are as follows:

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – The statement of net position (Exhibit A) and the statement of activities (Exhibit B) display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. That is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations (Exhibit D and F) with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION (Continued)**

The government-wide statement of activities (Exhibit B) presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the School District's business-type activities (food service operations) and for each function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, and grants, subsidies and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which the business-type activity or governmental functions are self-financing or draw from the general revenues of the School District.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School District. Under generally accepted accounting standards, the focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Major funds represent the School District's most important funds and are determined based on percentages of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. For the Elizabeth Forward School District, the General Fund is always considered a major fund. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds, if any, would be segregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND MEASUREMENT FOCUS**

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported in the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting.

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

All proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included in the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

Fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)**

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on an accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Revenue resulting from non-exchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, includes property taxes, grants and contributions. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenues from grants and contributions are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be 'available' before it can be recognized.

The management of the Elizabeth Forward School District has determined that the revenues most susceptible to accrual (measurable and available) at June 30, 2024 under the modified accrual basis are **1)** delinquent property taxes held with MBM, **2)** deed transfer taxes for the month of June, **3)** federal and state subsidies earned in the fiscal year 2023-2024, and **4)** other miscellaneous revenues earned in fiscal year 2023-2024 but received subsequent to June 30, 2024. On the governmental fund financial statements, delinquent real estate taxes receivable that will not be collected within the 'available' period have been reported as 'deferred inflows of resources'.

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. The primary expenditures deemed susceptible to accrual at June 30, 2024 are those for which the Board of Education's intention was to expense these items as budgeted for the 2023-2024 official budget, and for which the School District has incurred an obligation, but has not paid as of June 30, 2024.

Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds but are included as part of expenses in the government-wide statement of activities.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Fund categories are defined as follows:

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the School District's major and non-major governmental funds:

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**FUND ACCOUNTING (Continued)**

**MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:**

**GENERAL FUND** - The general fund is used to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in some other fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended according to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public School Code.

**CAPITAL PROJECT FUND** - The capital project fund accounts for financial resources used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities and other assets financed through the issuance of general obligation bonds.

**DEBT SERVICE FUND** - The debt service fund was established to account for debt service payments made on the School District's bond issue obligations.

**Proprietary Funds** - used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary and useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities can be provided either to outside parties (enterprise funds) or to other departments or agencies within the School District (internal service funds). The School District's major and sole enterprise fund is its Food Service Fund that accounts for the financial transactions related to the food service operations of the School District.

**Fiduciary Funds** – Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. Custodial funds report fiduciary activities that are not held in a Trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. The School District reports one student activity custodial fund to account for various student organization activity accounts administered by the School District on behalf of the student organizations.

**BUDGETS**

On June 21, 2023, the Elizabeth Forward School District adopted its fiscal year June 30, 2024, annual budget for the General Fund totaling \$49,993,365 in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania School Code. The budget is prepared utilizing the modified accrual method of accounting. The original and final budgetary amounts are reflected in these financial statements (Exhibit G). Actual expenditures exceeded budget expenditures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. All annual appropriations of the General Fund lapse at year-end.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**BUDGETS (Continued)**

The School District uses the following procedures in establishing this budgetary data:

- a. Prior to May of the preceding fiscal year, the school district prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the revenues and other sources of funds used to finance these expenditures.
- b. At least 20 days prior to the date set for budget adoption, the budget is made available for public inspection.
- c. A meeting of the Board of Education is then held for the purpose of adopting the final budget. The meeting may only be held after 10 days of public notification.
- d. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board of Education.
- e. The budget must be filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education by July 15 of the fiscal year or within 30 days of adoption.
- f. Budgetary transfers are permitted after the first 90 days of the school district's fiscal year.

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

For the purpose of these basic financial statements, cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts, the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF), and any other highly liquid, short-term investments, with original maturity terms of less than three months.

**INVESTMENTS**

Under Section 440.1 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and PA Act 10 of 2016, Elizabeth Forward School District is permitted to invest funds consistent with sound business practices in the following types of investments:

- I. Obligations of (a) the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, (b) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or (c) of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.
- II. Deposits in savings accounts, time deposits and share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to the extent that such accounts are so insured and, for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral, as provided by law, is pledged by the depository.
- III. U.S. government obligations, short-term commercial paper issued by a public corporation, and banker's acceptances.

Investments of the Elizabeth Forward School District deposits are pooled for investment purposes with the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) and money market funds and U.S. Treasury Notes held with Wells Fargo Bank. These investments are shown as part of cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying financial statements.

There were no deposit and investment transactions during the year that were in violation of state statutes.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as 'due from/to other funds' on the governmental funds balance sheet. For the purposes of the government-wide statement of net position, governmental interfund receivables and payables have been eliminated. Amounts due between governmental activities and business-type activities, if any, are presented as off-setting internal balances on the statement of net position.

**INVENTORIES**

Inventories on the government-wide statement of net position (Exhibit A) and the proprietary fund statement of net position (Exhibit H) are recorded at a combination of actual cost and fair value on a first-in first-out basis. This inventory consists of purchased food and supplies and donated commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of the food service program. The School District does not inventory the cost of such items as books and supplies, but rather records these items as expenditures in the governmental funds and an expense in the government-wide statement of activities at the time of purchase.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities' column of the government-wide statement of net position. Capital assets used by the proprietary fund are reported in both the business-type activity column of the government-wide statement of net position and on the proprietary fund statement of net position.

All capital assets are recorded at cost (or estimated historical cost). Donated fixed assets are recorded at fair value at the time of receipt. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$4,000. The cost of infrastructure is included as part of site improvements in the government-wide statement of net position. Routine repair and maintenance costs that do not add to the value of the asset or extend its useful life are charged as an expense in the government-wide statement of activities.

All reported capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method using the ½ year convention over the following useful lives:

| <b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>     | <b><u>USEFUL<br/>LIFE</u></b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Site Improvements          | 20 years                      |
| Buildings and Improvements | 20-50 Years                   |
| Furniture and Equipment    | 5-20 years                    |
| Vehicles                   | 8 Years                       |
| Library Books and Software | 6 Years                       |

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. Capital assets purchased by governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the fund financial statements (Exhibit E). The results of capitalizing fixed assets net of depreciation on the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, as opposed to recording these same assets as an expenditure in the fund financial statements (Exhibit E), is reflected in the required reconciliations of fund balance to net position (Exhibit D) and the changes in fund balances to the changes in net position (Exhibit F).

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**LONG-TERM DEBT FINANCING COSTS**

Bond issuance costs are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements in the year paid. The School District incurred \$175,682 in bond issuance costs during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The School District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of applicable GASB Statements. Members of the Elizabeth Forward Education Association are entitled to \$60 per day at retirement for all unused sick leave. Members of the Educational Support Personnel Association are entitled at retirement to \$20 per day up to 50 days, \$30 per day from 50-100 days and \$50 per day for over 100 days up to a maximum of 200 days. Act 93 and administrative personnel are entitled to \$125 per day at retirement up to a maximum of \$25,000. Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Director of Finance are entitled to \$200 per day at retirement. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability at the time individuals become eligible for retirement in accordance with the terms of the School District's collective bargaining agreements. The entire compensated absences liability of \$972,869 is shown as a non-current liability in the government-wide statement of net position. For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid rather than accrued when earned as the likelihood of payment in the immediate fiscal year with available expendable resources is not assured.

**PENSIONS**

For the purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public-School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS), and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investment assets are reported at fair value. More information on pension activity is included in Note 11.

**OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

For the purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public-School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS), and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investment assets are reported at fair value. More information on other postemployment benefits activities is included in Note 12.

**ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. For the business-type activities, these obligations and all similar obligations are reported again on the proprietary fund statement of net position (Exhibit H).



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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)**

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, the non-current portion of compensated absences and retiree health benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, liabilities that mature or come due for payment during the fiscal year are considered to have been paid with current available financial resources. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due. The School District's General Fund is typically used to liquidate long-term liability obligations.

The results of recognizing these long-term obligations as liabilities on the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, as opposed to recording these same obligations as an expenditure in the fund financial statements (Exhibit E) only when paid, is reflected in the required reconciliations of fund balance to net position (Exhibit D) and the changes in fund balances to the changes in net position (Exhibit F).

**UNEARNED REVENUE**

Unearned revenue arises when the School District receives resources before it has a legal claim to them. This occurs when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the School District has a legal claim to the resources, the unearned revenue liability is removed, and revenue is recognized.

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

In addition to assets, the financial statements 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) until then. Deferred outflows related to bond refunding, and pension and OPEB plans are reported on the statement of net position (Exhibit A).

In addition to liabilities, the financial statements 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 then. The School District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. They are delinquent real estate taxes reported on the governmental funds balance sheet (Exhibit C), and deferred inflows related to the School District's pension and OPEB plans, reported on the statement of net position (Exhibit A).

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**NET POSITION**

Net position is classified into three categories according to external donor or legal restrictions or availability of assets to satisfy School District obligations. Net position is classified as follows:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of debt that is attributable to the acquisition, construction and improvement of the capital assets, plus deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.
- Restricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows related to those assets. Restricted net position of \$13,733,594 represents the balance of Capital Projects Fund monies, \$11,591,537, and the balance of the Debt Service Fund, \$2,142,057 at June 30, 2024.
- Unrestricted – Consists of net position that does not meet the definition of ‘restricted’ or ‘net investment in capital assets’.

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (net position), the School District’s policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources.

**FUND EQUITY**

In the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds (Exhibit C), fund balances are reported in specific categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on any entity’s fund balance more transparent in accordance with GASB No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- **Nonspendable fund balance** – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) are required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted fund balance** – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and high levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation. Restricted fund balance of \$13,733,594 represents the balance of Capital Projects Fund monies, \$11,591,537, and the balance of the Debt Service Fund, \$2,142,057, at June 30, 2024.
- **Committed fund balance** – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the School District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School District takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- **Assigned fund balance** – amounts the School District intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. At June 30, 2024 the management of the Elizabeth Forward School District assigned \$7,200,000 for expected replacement and/or repairs of existing educational facilities.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**FUND EQUITY (Continued)**

- Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose.

Act 48 of 2003 prohibits school districts from increasing real property taxes unless the school district has adopted a budget for such school year that includes an estimated ending unreserved undesignated fund balance which is not more than a specified percentage of the district's total budgeted expenditures. For the Elizabeth Forward School District, estimated ending unassigned fund balance must not exceed 8% of total budgeted expenditures. The School District's unassigned General Fund balance at June 30, 2024, was approximately 6.3% of its 2024-2025 budgeted expenditures.

The School District establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund.

When expenditures/expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the School District's general policy to spend the committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

**OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the Elizabeth Forward School District, these revenues are food service charges for lunch and breakfast service. Operating expenses are the necessary costs incurred to provide the aforementioned food service. Non-operating revenues of the School District's food service proprietary fund include **1)** investment earnings and **2)** state and federal subsidies, including donated commodities, received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the School District's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**ADOPTION OF GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The requirements of the following GASB Statements were adopted for the School District's 2023-2024 financial statements. Except where noted, the adoption of these pronouncements did not have a significant impact on Elizabeth Forward School District's financial statements.

- **GASB issued Statement No. 99, 'Omnibus 2022'.**
- **GASB issued Statement No. 100, 'Accounting Changes and Error Correction'.**

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**PENDING GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS**

- **GASB issued Statement No. 101**, '*Compensated Absences*'. The provisions of this statement are effective for the School's June 30, 2025 financial statements.
- **GASB issued Statement No. 102**, '*Certain Risk Disclosures*'. The provisions of this statement are effective for the School's June 30, 2025 financial statements.
- **GASB issued Statement No. 103**, '*Financial Reporting Model Improvements*'. The provisions of this statement are effective for the School's June 30, 2026 financial statements.
- **GASB issued Statement No. 104**, '*Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*'. The provisions of this statement are effective for the School's June 30, 2026 financial statements.

The School District has not yet determined the impact of the adoption of the above pending GASB pronouncements on its financial statements.

**NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

**CASH DEPOSITS**

The following represents the bank balance and carrying value for the Elizabeth Forward School District's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024:

|                      | <b>Bank Balance</b> | <b>Carrying Value</b> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund         | \$ 3,684,199        | \$ 2,612,190          |
| Capital Project Fund | 993,045             | 621,202               |
| Enterprise Fund      | 47,916              | 47,804                |
| Custodial Fund       | 161,538             | 161,288               |
|                      | <b>\$ 4,886,698</b> | <b>\$ 3,442,484</b>   |

The difference between the bank balance and the carrying value represents year-end reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage threshold for government accounts is \$250,000 per official custodian. This coverage includes checking and savings accounts, money market deposits accounts, and certificates of deposit.

**Custodial Credit Risk:**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District's investment policy complies with Section 440.1 of the Public-School Code of 1949 with the primary objectives being safety, liquidity and yield. As of June 30, 2024, \$4,636,698 of the School District's bank balance total with PNC Bank is exposed to custodial credit risk as this amount represents uninsured deposits collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its trust department or agent, but not in the School District's name. The School District's investment policy requires a written safekeeping agreement and/or Act 72 agreement with each financial institution acting as depository. In accordance with Act Number 72-1971 Session of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the aforementioned deposits, in excess of \$250,000, are collateralized by securities pledged to a pooled public funds account with the Federal Reserve System.

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**NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**CASH EQUIVALENTS – PSDLAF**

The fair value and maturity terms of the School District's cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

|                      | <u>Fair Value</u> | <u>No Stated<br/>Maturity</u> | <u>Credit Rating</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Governmental:</b> |                   |                               |                      |
| PSDLAF               | \$ 29,409,953     | \$ 29,409,953                 | AAAm                 |
| <b>Proprietary:</b>  |                   |                               |                      |
| PSDLAF               | \$ 759,714        | \$ 759,714                    | AAAm                 |

The purpose of the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) is to enable governmental units to pool their available funds for investments authorized under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1972. The funds operate in a manner consistent with SEC's Rule 2(a)7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The funds use amortized cost to report net position to compute share prices. These funds maintain net asset values of \$1 per share. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in these funds is the same as the value of these shares. These funds are rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization as shown above. PSDLAF does not put any limitations or restrictions on withdrawals.

**Custodial Credit Risk:**

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investments in PSDLAF are not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

**INVESTMENTS**

**Fair Value Measurements:**

The Elizabeth Forward School District's investments are reported at fair value within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. GASB Statement No 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, provides a framework for measuring fair value which establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets such as stock quotes

Level 2 – Includes inputs other than level 1 inputs that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace such as yield curves or other market data

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs which reflect the reporting entity's assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability including assumptions about risk such as bid/ask spreads and liquidity discounts.

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**NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The following schedule presents the Investments of the School District by level within the fair value hierarchy:

|                | <b>Value<br/>at 6/30/24</b> | <b>Fair Value Measurements</b> |                |                |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                |                             | <b>Level 1</b>                 | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> |
| Treasury Notes | \$ 2,142,057                | \$ 2,142,057                   | \$ -           | \$ -           |

**Custodial Credit Risk:**

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investments in Treasury Notes are not exposed to custodial credit risk given they are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

**Credit Risk:**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The School District has no formal investment policy that limits its investment choices based on credit ratings by nationally recognized rating organizations.

**Interest Rate Risk:**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect the value of the investments. The School District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:**

The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

**NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES**

The Elizabeth Forward School District levies property taxes on July 1 of each fiscal year. The tax millage assessment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was 26.8508 mills, which represents \$26.8508 of revenue for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. Taxpayers are entitled to a 2% discount if taxes are paid prior to August 31, 2022. Collections beginning November 1, 2023, are assessed as a 10% penalty. Unpaid taxes are submitted to the School District's delinquent real estate tax collector (MBM Collections LLC) for collection. The amount of unpaid 2023 property taxes remitted to the delinquent real estate tax collector totaled approximately \$1,387,953 which is 6.3% of the total dollar assessment of \$22,094,407.

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**NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)**

Taxes receivable as shown in the government-wide statement of net position includes delinquent property taxes of \$12,093,818 net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$6,791,889. The allowance amount represents management's estimate of prior year property taxes considered un-collectible based on past collection experience. For purposes of the governmental fund financial statements, \$5,301,929 of the above property taxes receivable (net), although measurable, does not meet the available criteria to finance current fiscal year operations. Accordingly, this amount is equally off set as a credit to deferred inflow of resources in the fund financial statements.

The effect of recognizing property tax revenue when taxes are levied, as opposed to when they are received using the 'measurable and available' criteria under the modified accrual basis of accounting, is reflected in the required reconciliations of fund balance to net position (Exhibit D) and the changes in fund balances to the changes in net position (Exhibit F).

Taxes receivables are comprised of the following at June 30, 2024:

|                                       |           |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Delinquent Property Taxes (Net)       | \$        | 5,301,929               |
| Delinquent Property Taxes - Collected |           |                         |
| within 60 days of fiscal year end     |           | 113,561                 |
| Act 511 Taxes - Collected within      |           |                         |
| 60 days of fiscal year end            |           | 64,800                  |
|                                       | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>5,480,290</u></b> |

**NOTE 4 – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

The amount of 'due from other governments', as reflected on the government-wide statement of net position (Exhibit A), the governmental funds balance sheet (Exhibit C), and the proprietary fund's statement of net position (Exhibit H) is comprised of the following:

**Government-Wide and Governmental Funds:**

|                                                       |           |                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:                         |           |                         |
| State Subsidies                                       | \$        | 2,201,087               |
| Federal Pass-Through Grants                           |           | 878,540                 |
| Rental & Sinking Fund Receivable                      |           | 15,818                  |
| Tuition                                               |           | 304,693                 |
| <b>Total - Government Wide and Governmental Funds</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>3,400,138</u></b> |

**NOTE 5 – INTER-FUND TRANSFERS**

Inter-fund transfers made during the 2023-2024 fiscal year were as follows:

|                      | <b><u>TRANSFERS IN</u></b>  | <b><u>TRANSFERS OUT</u></b> |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| General Fund         | \$ 2,954                    | \$ 4,015,937                |  |
| Capital Project Fund | 10,483,298                  | -                           |  |
| Debt Service Fund    | 3,237,648                   | 9,706,297                   |  |
| Cafeteria Fund       | -                           | 1,666                       |  |
|                      | <b><u>\$ 13,723,900</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 13,723,900</u></b> |  |

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**NOTE 5 – INTER-FUND TRANSFERS (Continued)**

Transfers between the General Fund and Debt Service Fund were made to meet the required debt obligation payments of the School District. The transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund was a budgeted amount transferred for future capital projects. The transfers to the General Fund from the Cafeteria Fund were to move student cafeteria negative balances. The transfer from the Debt Service Fund to the Capital Project Fund was from proceeds of General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2023 to be used for the High School renovation project.

**NOTE 6 – OTHER RECEIVABLES**

The amount of 'other receivables', totaling \$64,174, as reflected on the government-wide statement of net position (Exhibit A) and the governmental funds balance sheet (Exhibit C) is comprised of \$19,437 for student café fund balances and \$44,737 for gas royalties due to the District.

**NOTE 7 – PREPAID EXPENSES**

The amount of 'prepaid expenses', totaling \$605,013, as reflected on the government-wide statement of net assets (Exhibit A) and the governmental funds balance sheet (Exhibit C) are primarily amounts for medical insurance premiums paid related to fiscal year 2024-2025.

**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of the governmental fixed asset activity for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was as follows:

|                                                        | Balance<br>7/1/2023<br>** | Additions           | Deductions /<br>Transfers | Balance 6/30/2024      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>                        |                           |                     |                           |                        |
| <b>Capital Assets, not being depreciated</b>           |                           |                     |                           |                        |
| Land                                                   | \$ 5,827,500              | \$ -                | \$ -                      | \$ 5,827,500           |
| Construction in Progress                               | 2,179,393                 | 2,592,644           | (380,240)                 | 4,391,797              |
| <b>Total Capital Assets,<br/>not being depreciated</b> | <b>\$ 8,006,893</b>       | <b>\$ 2,592,644</b> | <b>\$ (380,240)</b>       | <b>\$ 10,219,297</b>   |
| <b>Capital Assets, being depreciated</b>               |                           |                     |                           |                        |
| Site Improvements                                      | \$ 3,818,722              | \$ 122,586          | \$ -                      | \$ 3,941,308           |
| Building and Improvements                              | 42,405,405                | 518,418             | (205,873)                 | 42,717,950             |
| Furniture and Equipment                                | 4,473,753                 | 304,598             | (22,399)                  | 4,755,952              |
| Infrastructure                                         | 100,000                   | -                   | -                         | 100,000                |
| <b>Total Capital Assets,<br/>being depreciated</b>     | <b>\$ 50,797,880</b>      | <b>\$ 945,602</b>   | <b>\$ (228,272)</b>       | <b>\$ 51,515,210</b>   |
| <b>Less: Accumulated depreciation</b>                  |                           |                     |                           |                        |
| Site Improvements                                      | \$ (2,116,083)            | \$ (124,878)        | \$ -                      | \$ (2,240,961)         |
| Building and Improvements                              | (39,002,712)              | (400,720)           | 294,833                   | (39,108,599)           |
| Furniture and Equipment                                | (4,030,301)               | (101,825)           | 22,399                    | (4,109,727)            |
| Infrastructure                                         | (26,000)                  | (3,333)             | -                         | (29,333)               |
| <b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>                  | <b>\$ (45,175,096)</b>    | <b>\$ (630,756)</b> | <b>\$ 317,232</b>         | <b>\$ (45,488,620)</b> |
| <b>Governmental Activities<br/>Capital Assets, Net</b> | <b>\$ 13,629,677</b>      | <b>\$ 2,907,490</b> | <b>\$ (291,280)</b>       | <b>\$ 16,245,887</b>   |

\*\* Restated due to prior period adjustment - refer to Note 15.



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**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

|                                          | <u>Balance</u><br><u>7/1/2023</u> | <u>Additions</u>          | <u>Deductions</u>  | <u>Balance</u><br><u>6/30/2024</u> |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Business-Type Activities:</b>         |                                   |                           |                    |                                    |
| <b>Capital Assets, being depreciated</b> |                                   |                           |                    |                                    |
| Furniture and Equipment                  | \$ 325,458                        | \$ -                      | \$ -               | \$ 325,458                         |
| Less: Accumulated                        |                                   |                           |                    |                                    |
| Depreciation                             | (261,147)                         | (12,238)                  | -                  | (273,385)                          |
| <b>Business-Type Activities</b>          |                                   |                           |                    |                                    |
| <b>Capital Assets, Net</b>               | <b><u>\$ 64,310</u></b>           | <b><u>\$ (12,238)</u></b> | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 52,072</u></b>            |

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

|                                               |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Instruction                                   | \$ 768,727                 |
| Instructional Student Support                 | 114,845                    |
| Administrative and Financial Support Services | 58,515                     |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services   | 33,100                     |
| Student & Community Activities                | 35,258                     |
|                                               | <b><u>\$ 1,010,445</u></b> |

**NOTE 9 – UNEARNED REVENUE**

Unearned revenue as reflected on the government wide statement of net position, the governmental funds balance sheet, and the proprietary fund statement of net position is comprised of the following at June 30, 2024:

**Government-Wide and Governmental Funds:**

|                                                       |                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Insurance Proceeds from the High School fire          | \$ 8,443,736               |
| Stale Dated Check                                     | 10,193                     |
| Miscellaneous                                         | 8,726                      |
| Scholarships                                          | 1,000                      |
| <b>Total - Government Wide and Governmental Funds</b> | <b><u>\$ 8,463,655</u></b> |

**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES of 1995B**

In June of 1995, the Elizabeth Forward School District issued General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1995B in the amount of \$8,154,666 for the purpose of refinancing certain of the School District's Bond indebtedness and paying the costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds are capital appreciation bonds issued in denominations of \$5,000. Interest rates on the capital appreciation bonds range between 6.0 and 6.3% with the bonds scheduled to mature on September 1, 2024. The bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. The principal balance on General Obligation Bonds – Series of 1995B on June 30, 2024 is \$713,970 due to be paid during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**BONDS PAYABLE - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES of 1999**

In September of 1999, the Elizabeth Forward School District issued General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1999 in the amount of \$2,730,891 for the purpose of **1)** funding various capital projects of the School District, **2)** funding a capitalized interest fund and **3)** paying a portion of the costs related to the issuance of the bonds. The bonds were issued in denominations of \$5,000. The bonds were issued in the form of current interest bonds and capital appreciation bonds. The current interest bonds fully matured during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Interest rates range between 5.85 and 6.025% on the remaining Capital Appreciation Bonds which are scheduled to mature on September 1, 2029. The Capital Appreciation Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

A summary of General Obligation Bonds – Series of 1999 outstanding at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

| <b>Year End<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Principal</b>           | <b>Interest</b>            | <b>Total</b>               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2025                         | \$ 1,185                   | \$ 3,815                   | \$ 5,000                   |
| 2026                         | 298,426                    | 1,086,574                  | 1,385,000                  |
| 2027                         | 279,562                    | 1,105,438                  | 1,385,000                  |
| 2028                         | 263,413                    | 1,121,587                  | 1,385,000                  |
| 2029                         | 248,192                    | 1,136,808                  | 1,385,000                  |
| 2030                         | 233,843                    | 1,151,157                  | 1,385,000                  |
|                              | <b><u>\$ 1,324,621</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 5,605,379</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 6,930,000</u></b> |

**BONDS PAYABLE - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES A and B of 2020**

On July 21, 2020, the Elizabeth Forward School District issued General Obligation Bonds Series A and B of 2020 in the amounts of \$5,055,000 and \$3,115,000 respectively. The purpose of the Series A Bonds is to **1)** currently refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2012, **2)** to finance various capital improvements to education facilities of the School District and **3)** pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The purpose of the Series B Bonds is to **1)** currently refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2012, **2)** to finance various capital improvements to education facilities of the School District and **3)** pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The bonds were issued in denominations of \$5,000 with interest payable on June 1 and December 1 each year through maturity. The interest rates to be paid on the Series A and B issues range between 1.00% - 1.25% for both issuances and the maturity dates of the A and B issues are June 1, 2037, and June 1, 2034, respectively. The bonds provide for early redemption options for the School District as more fully described in the detailed Official Statement.

A summary of General Obligation Bonds – Series A and Series B of 2020 outstanding at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

| <b>Year End<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Series</b>              |                            |                            |                           | <b>Total</b>               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                              | <b>2020A<br/>Principal</b> | <b>2020A<br/>Interest</b>  | <b>2020B<br/>Principal</b> | <b>2020B<br/>Interest</b> |                            |
| 2025                         | \$ 75,000                  | \$ 108,703                 | \$ 50,000                  | \$ 58,250                 | \$ 291,953                 |
| 2026                         | 70,000                     | 105,528                    | 50,000                     | 56,750                    | 282,278                    |
| 2027                         | 75,000                     | 103,728                    | 60,000                     | 55,400                    | 294,128                    |
| 2028                         | 75,000                     | 102,228                    | 60,000                     | 54,200                    | 291,428                    |
| 2029                         | 80,000                     | 100,678                    | 60,000                     | 53,000                    | 293,678                    |
| 2030-2034                    | 1,040,000                  | 472,788                    | 2,620,000                  | 78,458                    | 4,211,246                  |
| 2035-2037                    | 3,365,000                  | 119,791                    | -                          | -                         | 3,484,791                  |
|                              | <b><u>\$ 4,780,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 1,113,444</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,900,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 356,058</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 9,149,502</u></b> |

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**BONDS PAYABLE - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES A of 2021**

On August 3, 2021, the Elizabeth Forward School District issued General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2021 in the amount of \$7,605,000. The purpose of the Series A Bonds is to **1)** currently refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016, **2)** to finance various capital improvements to education facilities of the School District and **3)** pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The bonds were issued in denominations of \$5,000 with interest payable on March 1 and September 1 each year through maturity. The interest rates to be paid on the Series A are between 0.3500% and 1.600%. The maturity date of the issue is September 1, 2031. The bonds provide for early redemption options for the School District as more fully described in the detailed Official Statement.

A summary of General Obligation Bonds – Series A of 2021 outstanding at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

| <b>Year End<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Series</b>              |                           | <b>Total</b>        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>2021A<br/>Principal</b> | <b>2021A<br/>Interest</b> |                     |
| 2025                         | \$ 445,000                 | \$ 128,450                | \$ 573,450          |
| 2026                         | 460,000                    | 119,400                   | 579,400             |
| 2027                         | 470,000                    | 110,100                   | 580,100             |
| 2028                         | 490,000                    | 100,500                   | 590,500             |
| 2029                         | 500,000                    | 90,600                    | 590,600             |
| 2030-2032                    | 4,280,000                  | 156,000                   | 4,436,000           |
|                              | <b>\$ 6,645,000</b>        | <b>\$ 705,050</b>         | <b>\$ 7,350,050</b> |

**BONDS PAYABLE - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES B AND C OF 2021**

On August 28, 2021, the Elizabeth Forward School District issued General Obligation Bonds Series B and C of 2021 in the amounts of \$2,630,000 and \$1,820,000 respectively. The purpose of the Series B Bonds is to **1)** currently refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2016, **2)** to finance various capital improvements to education facilities of the School District and **3)** pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The purpose of the Series C Bonds is to **1)** currently refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series C of 2016, **2)** to finance various capital improvements to education facilities of the School District and **3)** pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The bonds were issued in denominations of \$5,000 with interest payable on June 1 and December 1 each year through maturity. The interest rates to be paid on the Series A and B issues range between 0.30% - 1.75% for both issuances and the maturity dates of the B and C issues are December 1, 2034, and December 1, 2036, respectively. The bonds provide for early redemption options for the School District as more fully described in the detailed Official Statement.

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**BONDS PAYABLE - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES B AND C OF 2021 (Continued)**

A summary of General Obligation Bonds – Series B and Series C of 2021 outstanding at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

| <b>Year End<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Series</b>              |                           |                            |                           | <b>Total</b>               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                              | <b>2021B<br/>Principal</b> | <b>2021B<br/>Interest</b> | <b>2021C<br/>Principal</b> | <b>2021C<br/>Interest</b> |                            |
| 2025                         | \$ 20,000                  | \$ 48,376                 | \$ 15,000                  | \$ 34,726                 | \$ 118,102                 |
| 2026                         | 25,000                     | 47,926                    | 15,000                     | 34,426                    | 122,352                    |
| 2027                         | 25,000                     | 47,426                    | 10,000                     | 34,176                    | 116,602                    |
| 2028                         | 25,000                     | 46,988                    | 15,000                     | 33,963                    | 120,951                    |
| 2029                         | 25,000                     | 46,612                    | 15,000                     | 33,738                    | 120,350                    |
| 2030-2034                    | 1,670,000                  | 205,963                   | 75,000                     | 165,313                   | 2,116,276                  |
| 2035-2037                    | 770,000                    | 7,700                     | 1,625,000                  | 40,750                    | 2,443,450                  |
|                              | <b><u>\$ 2,560,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 450,991</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 1,770,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 377,092</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 5,158,083</u></b> |

**BONDS PAYABLE - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES OF 2023**

On December 27, 2023, the Elizabeth Forward School District issued General Obligation Bonds Series of 2023 in the amount of \$10,000,000. The purpose of the bond issue is to **1)** pay a portion of the costs of the repair, restoration, and renovation of the High School, particularly the construction of a new auditorium, new gymnasium, and locker room facilities, following the casualty loss from a major fire, together with necessary and related site improvements and **2)** pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The bonds were issued in denominations of \$5,000 with interest payable on March 1 and September 1 each year through maturity. Interest rates range between 3.50% and 4.125% and the maturity date is September 1, 2040. The bonds provide for early redemption options for the School District as more fully described in the detailed Official Statement.

A summary of General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2023 outstanding at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

| <b>Year End<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Principal</b>            | <b>Interest</b>            | <b>Total</b>                |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2025                         | \$ 5,000                    | \$ 404,325                 | \$ 409,325                  |
| 2026                         | 5,000                       | 404,150                    | 409,150                     |
| 2027                         | 5,000                       | 403,975                    | 408,975                     |
| 2028                         | 5,000                       | 403,800                    | 408,800                     |
| 2029                         | 5,000                       | 403,625                    | 408,625                     |
| 2030-2034                    | 25,000                      | 2,015,188                  | 2,040,188                   |
| 2035-2039                    | 9,015,000                   | 1,686,288                  | 10,701,288                  |
| 2040-2041                    | 935,000                     | 113,438                    | 1,048,438                   |
|                              | <b><u>\$ 10,000,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 5,834,789</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 15,834,789</u></b> |

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**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**DEFAULT PROVISIONS – GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

In the event of failure of the School District to pay or cause to be paid the interest on or principal of the Bonds, as the same becomes due and payable, the holders of the Bonds shall be entitled to certain remedies provided by the Local Government Unit Debt Act. Among the remedies, if the failure to pay shall continue for 30 days, holders of the Bonds shall have the right to recover the amount due by bringing an action in assumpsit in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. The Act provides any judgement shall have an appropriate priority upon the funds next coming into the treasury of the School District. The Act also provides that upon a default of at least 30 days, holders of at least 25 percent of the Bonds may appoint a trustee to represent them. The Act provides certain other remedies in the event of default, and further qualifies the remedies described.

In prior years and during the year ended June 30, 2024 the District has defeased various bond issues by entering into irrevocable trust agreements with The Bank of New York Mellon to purchase U.S. Government Securities in an amount sufficient to fully service the defeased debt until the debt is called or matures. For financial reporting purposes, this prior debt is considered defeased and therefore removed as a liability from the District's financial statements.

The difference between the District's defeased debt and the reacquisition prices (amounts deposited with escrow agent for refunding purposes), is considered 'deferred interest' and is being amortized over the life of the new bond issues. The remaining amount of deferred interest on refunding totaling \$159,256 is reflected as a component of 'deferred outflows of resources' in the governmental activities column on the government-wide statement of net position. Total amortization expense for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was \$30,249 and was charged to the 'interest on long-term debt' expense category in the statement of activities.

In connection with its various outstanding general obligation bond issues, the School District paid approximately \$165,178 in bond discount costs and capitalized interest. These costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the bond issue. The un-amortized amount of bond discount costs and capitalized interest totaling \$135,515 is reflected as a reduction against 'Bonds Payable – Long-Term Portion' in the governmental activities' column on the government-wide statement of net position. Amortization of bond discount and capitalized interest totaled \$10,265 for the year ended June 30, 2024, and was charged to the 'Interest on Long-Term Debt' expense category in the statement of activities.

In connection with the School District's various outstanding general obligation bond issues, the School District received bond premiums. These costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the bond issues. The un-amortized amount of bond premium totaling \$196,570 is reflected as a component of 'Bonds Payable – Long-Term Portion (Net)' in the governmental activities' column on the government-wide statement of net position. Amortization expense on bond premium for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$23,836. This amount was charged to the 'Interest on Long-Term Debt' expense category in the statement of activities.

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**NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**LEASE RENTAL DEBT – STEEL VALLEY AREA SCHOOL AUTHORITY**

In November of 2022, the Steel Valley Area School Authority issued School Lease Revenue Bonds, Series of 2022 in the amount of \$28,970,000 for the purpose of the construction of improvements, renovations and upgrades to, and additions to the educational facilities of the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education. The Elizabeth Forward School District, along with ten other school districts, guaranteed the payment of this note by authorizing the incurrence of lease rental debt. On June 30, 2024, the Elizabeth Forward School District's share of the total balance is \$2,337,088 which is 8.32% of the School Lease Revenue Bonds.

**DEFAULT PROVISIONS – LEASE RENTAL DEBT**

In the event of default, and after due notice is required, the Authority may, in addition to its other remedies, **1)** declare all sums payable under the Lease to be immediately due or to become due under the agreement to be immediately due, or **2)** by legal action enforce all rights of the Authority under the Lease, and **3)** in the event of a default in payment, notify the Secretary of the Department of Education of the Commonwealth to commence proceedings for the withholding of any appropriation due to the Obligated School Districts under the School Code, as appropriate.

A summary of the Elizabeth Forward School District's lease rental debt outstanding on June 30, 2024 is as follows:

| <b>Year End<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Series</b>              |                            | <b>Total</b>               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                              | <b>2021A<br/>Principal</b> | <b>2021A<br/>Interest</b>  |                            |
| 2025                         | \$ 76,960                  | \$ 110,152                 | \$ 187,112                 |
| 2026                         | 80,704                     | 106,210                    | 186,914                    |
| 2027                         | 84,448                     | 102,398                    | 186,846                    |
| 2028                         | 88,608                     | 98,388                     | 186,996                    |
| 2029                         | 93,184                     | 93,843                     | 187,027                    |
| 2030-2034                    | 542,880                    | 392,454                    | 935,334                    |
| 2035-2039                    | 690,144                    | 244,019                    | 934,163                    |
| 2040-2043                    | 680,160                    | 66,522                     | 746,682                    |
|                              | <b><u>\$ 2,337,088</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 1,213,986</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 3,551,074</u></b> |

The following represents the changes in the School District's long-term liabilities during the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

|                          | <b>Balance<br/>7/1/2023</b> | <b>Additions</b>            | <b>Reductions</b>          | <b>Balance<br/>6/30/2024</b> | <b>Due Within<br/>One Year</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| General Obligation Bonds | \$ 21,669,251               | \$ 10,000,000               | \$ 975,659                 | \$ 30,693,592                | \$ 1,325,155                   |
| Compensated Absences     | 946,935                     | 25,934                      | -                          | 972,869                      | -                              |
| Net Pension Liability    | 57,218,000                  | -                           | 1,121,000                  | 56,097,000                   | -                              |
| Net OPEB Liability       | 4,875,347                   | 133,234                     | -                          | 5,008,581                    | -                              |
|                          | <b><u>\$ 84,709,533</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 10,159,168</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,096,659</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 92,772,042</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 1,325,155</u></b>     |

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**NOTE 11 - PENSION PLAN**

Elizabeth Forward School District participates in the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). PSERS is a component unit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A brief description of the plan, and summary of the plan's provisions, are as follows:

**Plan Description**

PSERS is a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.psers.pa.gov](http://www.psers.pa.gov).

**Benefits Provided**

PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service; or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age.

Act 120 of 2010 (Act 120) preserves the benefits of existing members and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2011. Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E (Class T-E) and Membership Class T-F (Class T-F). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of 3 years of service or attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of service.

Act 5 of 2017 (Act 5) introduced a hybrid benefit with two membership classes and a separate defined contribution plan for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2019. Act 5 created two new hybrid membership classes, Membership Class T-G (Class T-G) and Membership Class T-H (Class T-H) and the separate defined contribution membership class, Membership Class DC (Class DC). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-G and Class T-H members must work until age 67 with a minimum of 3 years of credited service. Class T-G may also qualify for normal retirement by attaining a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 97 with a minimum of 35 years of credited service.

Benefits are generally between 1% to 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. For Class T-E and Class T-F members, the right to benefits is vested after ten years of service.

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

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**NOTE 11 – PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**Benefits Provided (Continued)**

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 with at least one year of credited service (age 65 with at least three years of credited service for Class T-E and Class T-F members) or who has at least five years of credited service (ten years for Class T-E and Class T-F members). Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

**Contributions**

**Member Contributions:**

The contribution rates based on qualified member compensation for virtually all members are presented below:

| <b>Member Contribution Rates</b> |                                    |                                               |                             |                                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Membership Class</b>          | <b>Continuous Employment Since</b> | <b>Defined Benefit (DB) Contribution Rate</b> | <b>DC Contribution Rate</b> | <b>Total Contribution Rate</b>               |
| <b>T-C</b>                       | Prior to July 22, 1983             | 5.25%                                         | N/A                         | 5.25% / 6.25%                                |
| <b>T-C</b>                       | On or After July 22, 1983          | 6.25%                                         | N/A                         | 6.25%                                        |
| <b>T-D</b>                       | Prior to July 22, 1983             | 6.50%                                         | N/A                         | 6.50%                                        |
| <b>T-D</b>                       | On or after July 22, 1983          | 7.50%                                         | N/A                         | 7.50%                                        |
| <b>T-E</b>                       | On or after July 1, 2011           | 7.50% base rate with shared risk provision    | N/A                         | Prior to 7/1/21-7.50%<br>After 7/1/21-8.00%  |
| <b>T-F</b>                       | On or after July 1, 2011           | 10.30% base rate with shared risk provision   | N/A                         | Prior to 7/1/21-10.30%<br>After 7/1/21-10.8% |
| <b>T-G</b>                       | On or after July 1, 2019           | 5.50% base rate with shared risk provision    | 2.75%                       | Prior to 7/1/21-8.25%<br>After 7/1/21-9.00%  |
| <b>T-H</b>                       | On or after July 1, 2019           | 4.50% base rate with shared risk provision    | 3.00%                       | Prior to 7/1/21-7.50%<br>After 7/1/21-8.25%  |
| <b>DC</b>                        | On or after July 1, 2019           | N/A                                           | 7.50%                       | 7.50%                                        |



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**NOTE 11 – PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**Contributions (Continued)**

**Member Contributions: (Continued)**

| <b>Shared Risk Program Summary</b> |                                        |                              |                |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Membership Class</b>            | <b>Definite Benefit (DB) Base Rate</b> | <b>Shared Risk Increment</b> | <b>Minimum</b> | <b>Maximum</b> |
| <b>T-E</b>                         | 7.50%                                  | +/- 0.50%                    | 5.50%          | 9.50%          |
| <b>T-F</b>                         | 10.30%                                 | +/- 0.50%                    | 8.30%          | 12.30%         |
| <b>T-G</b>                         | 5.50%                                  | +/- 0.75%                    | 2.50%          | 8.50%          |
| <b>T-H</b>                         | 4.50%                                  | +/- 0.75%                    | 1.50%          | 7.50%          |

**Employer Contributions:**

The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 33.09%\* of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$6,692,078 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

\*The defined contribution rate of 0.27% is an estimated rate. It is recommended employers use the actual defined contributions made to the PSERS defined contribution plan. This may impact contributions made to the pension plan.

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

At June 30, 2024, the School District reported a liability of \$56,097,000 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported contributions as it relates to the total one-year reported contributions. At June 30, 2024 the School District's proportion was .1261% which was a decrease of .0026% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized pension expense of \$4,802,632. At June 30, 2024, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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

|                                                                 | <u>Deferred Outflows<br/>of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows<br/>of Resources</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual experience               | \$ 13,000                                 | \$ 768,000                               |
| Changes in assumptions                                          | 837,000                                   | -                                        |
| Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings | 1,587,000                                 | -                                        |
| Changes in proportion                                           | 397,000                                   | 1,462,000                                |
| Contributions subsequent to the measurement date                | 6,692,078                                 | -                                        |
|                                                                 | <u>\$ 9,526,078</u>                       | <u>\$ 2,230,000</u>                      |

The \$6,692,078 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the measurement year ended 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:

| <u>Measurement<br/>Date<br/>Year ended<br/>June 30,</u> | <u>Reporting<br/>Date<br/>Year ended<br/>June 30,</u> | <u>Amortization<br/>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2024                                                    | 2025                                                  | \$ 367,000                     |
| 2025                                                    | 2026                                                  | (1,690,000)                    |
| 2026                                                    | 2027                                                  | 1,398,000                      |
| 2027                                                    | 2028                                                  | 529,000                        |

**Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

The Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by rolling forward the System's Total Pension Liability as of the June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Valuation Date – June 30, 2022
- Actuarial cost method – Entry Age Normal – level % of pay.
- Investment return – 7.00%, includes inflation at 2.50%
- Salary growth – Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

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**NOTE 11 – PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**Changes in Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

- The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022 and as of June 30, 2023.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the Board for use effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation:
  - Salary growth rate – decreased from 5.00% to 4.50%
  - Real wage growth and merit or seniority increases (components for salary growth) – decreased from 2.75% and 2.25% to 2.50% and 2.00% respectively.
  - Mortality rates – Previously based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale. Effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, mortality rates are based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020.

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

The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Plan assets are managed with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension.

| <u>Asset Class</u>   | <u>Target<br/>Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term<br/>Expected Real<br/>Rate of Return</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Global public equity | 30.0%                        | 5.20%                                                 |
| Private equity       | 12.0%                        | 7.90%                                                 |
| Fixed Income         | 33.0%                        | 3.20%                                                 |
| Commodities          | 7.5%                         | 2.70%                                                 |
| Infrastructure/MLP's | 10.0%                        | 5.40%                                                 |
| Real estate          | 11.0%                        | 5.70%                                                 |
| Absolute return      | 4.0%                         | 4.10%                                                 |
| Cash                 | 3.0%                         | 1.20%                                                 |
| Leverage             | -10.5%                       | 1.20%                                                 |
|                      | <u>100%</u>                  |                                                       |

The above table was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023.

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**NOTE 11 – PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s 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 School District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate**

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

|                                                                       | 1%<br>Decrease<br>6.00% | Current<br>Discount<br>Rate<br>7.00% | 1%<br>Increase<br>8.00% |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| School District's proportionate share of<br>the net pension liability | \$ 72,718,000           | \$ 56,097,000                        | \$ 42,075,000           |

**Pension plan fiduciary net position**

Detailed information about PSERS’ fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on the System’s website at [www.psers.pa.gov](http://www.psers.pa.gov).

**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION**

**PSERS – HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**General Information about the Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program**

PSERS provides Premium Assistance, which is a governmental cost sharing, multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB) for all eligible retirees who qualify and elect to participate. Employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Effective January 1, 2002, under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS’ Health Options Program. As of June 30, 2023, there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**PSERS – HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)**

**Premium Assistance Eligibility Criteria**

Retirees of the System (PSERS) can participate in the Premium Assistance program if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 ½ or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age.

For Class DC members to become eligible for premium assistance, they must satisfy the following criteria:

- Attain Medicare eligibility with 24 ½ or more eligibility points, or
- Have 15 or more eligibility points and terminated after age 67, and
- Have received all or part of their distributions.

**Plan Description**

Elizabeth Forward School District employees participate in the PSERS – Health Insurance Premium Assistance program, which is a governmental cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public-school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.psers.pa.gov](http://www.psers.pa.gov).

**Benefits Provided**

Participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance coverage through either their school employer or PSERS' Health Options Program.

**Employer Contributions**

The District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 0.64% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$128,385 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$2,276,000 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**PSERS – HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)**

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2024 the District's proportion was 0.1258%, which is a decrease of .0027% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, Elizabeth Forward School District recognized OPEB expense of \$65,635. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

|                                                                 | <b>Deferred Outflows<br/>of Resources</b> | <b>Deferred Inflows<br/>of Resources</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual experience               | \$ 15,000                                 | \$ 23,000                                |
| Changes in assumptions                                          | 197,000                                   | 431,000                                  |
| Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings | 5,000                                     | -                                        |
| Changes in proportion                                           | 52,000                                    | 103,000                                  |
| Contributions subsequent to the measurement date                | 123,385                                   | -                                        |
|                                                                 | <b>\$ 392,385</b>                         | <b>\$ 557,000</b>                        |

The \$123,385 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability for the measurement year ended 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:

| <b>Measurement<br/>Date<br/>Year ended<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Reporting<br/>Date<br/>Year ended<br/>June 30,</b> | <b>Amortization<br/>Amount</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2024                                                    | 2025                                                  | \$ (50,000)                    |
| 2025                                                    | 2026                                                  | (62,000)                       |
| 2026                                                    | 2027                                                  | (79,000)                       |
| 2027                                                    | 2028                                                  | (83,000)                       |
| 2028                                                    | 2029                                                  | (14,000)                       |
| Thereafter                                              | Thereafter                                            | -                              |

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by rolling forward the System's Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**PSERS – HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

- Actuarial Cost Method – Entry Age Normal – level % of pay.
- Investment Return – 4.13% based on the S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary Growth – Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Premium Assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year.
- Assumed Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year.
- Mortality rates were based a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS’ experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.
- Participation rate:
  - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Pre age 65 at 50%
  - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Post age 65 at 70%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020.

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2023.
- Cost Method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset valuation method: Market Value.
- Participation rate: The actual data for retirees benefiting under the Plan as of June 30, 2021 was used in lieu of the 63% utilization assumption for eligible retirees.
- Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS’ experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

Investments consist primarily of short-term assets designed to protect the principal of plan assets. The expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the OPEB asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each asset class.

The OPEB plan’s policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Under the program, as defined in the retirement code, employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

| <u>OPEB - Asset Class</u> | <u>Target<br/>Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term<br/>Expected Real<br/>Rate of Return</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Cash                      | 100.0%                       | 1.20%                                                 |
|                           | 100.0%                       |                                                       |

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**PSERS – HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

The above table was the Board’s adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023.

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 4.13%. Under the plan’s funding policy, contributions are structured for short term funding of Premium Assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date. The Premium Assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Due to the short-term funding policy, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to meet projected future benefit payments, therefore the plan is considered a “pay-as-you-go” plan. A discount rate of 4.13% which represents the S&P 20-year Municipal Bond Rate at June 30, 2023, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

**Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Change in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2023, retirees Premium Assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The annual Premium Assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of \$1,200. As of June 30, 2023, 92,677 retirees were receiving the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year and 522 members were receiving less than the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. The actual number of retirees receiving less than the \$1,200 per year cap is a small percentage of the total population and has a minimal impact on Healthcare Cost Trends as depicted below.

The following presents the net OPEB liability for June 30, 2023, calculated using current Healthcare cost trends as well as what the District net OPEB liability would be if its health cost trends were 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

|                    | 1%<br>Decrease | Current<br>Trend<br>Rates | 1%<br>Increase |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Net OPEB Liability | \$ 2,276,000   | \$ 2,276,000              | \$ 2,276,000   |

**Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the Net OPEB liability to changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.13%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.13%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.13%) than the current rate:



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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**PSERS – HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Continued)**

**Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the Net OPEB liability to changes in the Discount Rate (Continued)**

|                    | 1%<br>Decrease<br>3.13% | Current Discount<br>Rate<br>4.13% | 1%<br>Increase<br>5.13% |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net OPEB Liability | \$ 2,573,000            | \$ 2,276,000                      | \$ 2,027,000            |

**OPEB plan fiduciary net position**

Detailed information about PSERS’ fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System’s website at [www.psers.pa.gov](http://www.psers.pa.gov).

**DISTRICT- POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PLAN**

**Plan Description**

The Elizabeth Forward School District provides post-employment health care benefits to all eligible employees per the terms of the School District’s collective bargaining agreements. Eligibility requirements for School District personnel are as follows:

- Administrators – participants must be 55 years of age, have worked in the School District for at least 8 years, and have completed 15 years of PSERS service.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Elizabeth Forward School District Board of Education and the Elizabeth Forward Education Association established a Professional Employee Early Retirement Incentive Program. The Incentive Program entitles eligible employees to specific health care benefits during the period between retirement and attaining Medicare age. Depending on the date of retirement, members can be responsible for increases in premium cost and contributions based on a percentage of the premium cost.

The plan is unfunded and does not issue a publicly available financial report. These benefits are accounted for in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions.

**Funding Policy**

The contribution requirements of plan members and the School District are negotiated between the School District and the union representatives and may be amended by the Elizabeth Forward Board of Education. The plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, i.e. premiums are paid to fund the health care benefits provided to current retirees. There are no assets that have been segregated and restricted to provide for retiree medical benefits.

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**DISTRICT- POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

**Participant Data**

Employees covered by benefit terms as of the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation were as follows:

|                  | <b><u>PARTICIPANT<br/>DATA</u></b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Active employees | 284                                |
| Inactives        | 22                                 |
| Total            | <u>306</u>                         |

**OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

The School District's total OPEB liability of \$2,732,581 was measured as of July 1, 2022, and was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2022. The July 1, 2022, valuation reflected the following change in total OPEB liability:

|                                                    |    |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Balance at July 1, 2022                            | \$ | 2,510,347               |
| Changes for the year:                              |    |                         |
| Service cost                                       |    | 156,972                 |
| Interest                                           |    | 106,443                 |
| Changes of benefit terms                           |    | -                       |
| Differences between expected and actual experience |    | -                       |
| Changes in assumptions or other inputs             |    | 42,922                  |
| Benefit payments                                   |    | <u>(84,103)</u>         |
| Net Changes                                        |    | 222,234                 |
| Balance at June 30, 2023                           | \$ | <u><b>2,732,581</b></u> |

For the year ended June 30, 2024, Elizabeth Forward School District recognized OPEB expense of \$250,400. At June 30, 2024, the School District report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

|                                                                | <b><u>Deferred Outflows<br/>of Resources</u></b> | <b><u>Deferred Inflows<br/>of Resources</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Differences between Expected and Actual Experience             | \$ 17,109                                        | \$ 245,202                                      |
| Changes of assumptions                                         | 280,823                                          | 763,085                                         |
| Benefit Payments subsequent to the Measurement Date - (7/1/23) | 93,340                                           | -                                               |
|                                                                | <u>\$ 391,272</u>                                | <u>\$ 1,008,287</u>                             |

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**DISTRICT- POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

**OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

The \$95,340 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability for the measurement year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| Measurement<br>Date<br>Year ended<br><u>June 30,</u> | Reporting<br>Date<br>Year ended<br><u>June 30,</u> | Amortization<br>Amount |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2024                                                 | 2025                                               | \$ (67,453)            |
| 2025                                                 | 2026                                               | (67,453)               |
| 2026                                                 | 2027                                               | (67,453)               |
| 2027                                                 | 2028                                               | (67,453)               |
| 2028                                                 | 2029                                               | (67,453)               |
| Thereafter                                           | Thereafter                                         | (373,090)              |

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs to Calculate the Total OPEB Liability**

- Discount rate – 4.13% based on S & P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index at 7/1/23.
- Salary increases – An assumption for salary increases is used only for spreading contributions over future pay under the entry age normal cost method. For this purpose, salary increases are composed of a 2.5% cost of living adjustment, 1.5% real wage growth, and for teachers and administrators a merit increase which varies by age from 2.75 to 0%.
- Withdrawal – Rates of withdrawal vary by age, gender, and years of service. Rates for new employees start at 25.93% for men and 27.46% for women and decrease with age and service.
- Mortality – Separate rates are assumed preretirement and postretirement using the rates assumed in the PSERS defined benefit pension plan actuarial valuation.
- Disability – No disability assumed.
- Retirement – Assumed retirement rates are based on PSERS plan experience and vary by age, service, and gender.
- Percent of eligible retirees electing coverage in plan – 100% of administrators and non-professional non-union staff, 75% of teachers, and 30% of non-professional union staff are assumed to elect coverage. 100% of administrators and non-professional non-union staff and 10% of teachers and non-professional union staff are assumed to elect life insurance coverage. 0% of spouses not receiving a subsidy are assumed to continue coverage upon attainment of age 65.
- Percent married at retirement – 45% of employees are assumed to be married and have a spouse covered by the plan at retirement. Non-spouse dependents are deemed to be immaterial.
- Spouse age – Wives are assumed to be two years younger than their husbands.

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**NOTE 12 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (Continued)**

**DISTRICT- POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs to Calculate the Total OPEB Liability (Continued)**

- Per capita claims cost – making use of weighted averages for various plan design, the per capita claims cost for medical and prescription drug is based on the expected portion of the group’s overall cost attributed to individuals in the specified age and gender brackets. Dental and vision costs are assumed to not vary with age or gender.
- Retiree contributions – retiree contributions are assumed to increase at the same rate as the Health Care Cost Trend Rates.
- Life insurance – It is assumed that the annual cost to provide life insurance varies by age and gender. The assumed cost is equal to the amount of coverage times the applicable mortality factor contained in the valuation mortality table. Retiree contributions, if applicable, are \$3.12 per \$1000 per coverage year and are assumed to not increase.
- Health Care Cost Trend Rate – 7.0% in 2023 with 0.5% decrease per year until 5.5% in 2026. Rates gradually decrease from 5.4% in 2027 to 4.1% in 2075 and later based on the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model.
- Actuarial Value of Assets – Equal to the market value of assets.
- Actuarial cost method – Entry age normal
- Participant data – based on census information as of April 2023.

**Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.13%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.13%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.13%) than the current rate:

|                      | <b>1%</b>       | <b>Current</b>  | <b>1%</b>       |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                      | <b>Decrease</b> | <b>Discount</b> | <b>Increase</b> |
|                      | <b>3.13%</b>    | <b>Rate</b>     | <b>5.13%</b>    |
|                      | <b>4.13%</b>    |                 |                 |
| Total OPEB Liability | \$ 2,927,089    | \$ 2,732,581    | \$ 2,547,061    |

**Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the School District, as well as what the School District’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

|                      | <b>1%</b>       | <b>Current</b> | <b>1%</b>       |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                      | <b>Decrease</b> | <b>Trend</b>   | <b>Increase</b> |
|                      | <b>4.13%</b>    | <b>Rates</b>   | <b>5.13%</b>    |
| Total OPEB Liability | \$ 2,444,832    | \$ 2,732,581   | \$ 3,064,932    |

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**NOTE 13 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**STEEL CENTER AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

The Elizabeth Forward School District, in conjunction with ten other Pennsylvania School Districts, funds the operating budget of the Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School. The Vocational-Technical School is designed to teach students trade related professions. Each district's share of tuition is based on the percentage of the district's enrollment to the total enrollment at the Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School. The School District paid \$663,701 to the Vocational-Technical School during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A representative from each district's school board sits on the board of the Vocational-Technical School. The Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School issues separate financial statements annually which can be obtained by contacting the Steel Center Area Vocational-Technical School directly.

**ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT #3**

The Elizabeth Forward School District participates with 42 other School Districts and 5 Vocational-Technical schools located in Allegheny County in the Allegheny County Intermediate Unit #3 (AIU3). The AIU3 was established in 1971 by Act 102 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to function as a regional educational service agency for 42 school districts, as well as nonpublic schools and other institutions, located within Allegheny County. The AIU3 provides services relative to curriculum development, continuing education, educational planning, instructional materials, pupil personnel, state and federal agency liaison and managerial oversight.

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit is governed by a thirteen (13) member board appointed by the 42 participating school districts on a rotating basis. The School District contributed \$24,706 to AIU3 for operations, institutionalized children, and transportation recovery through subsidy withholdings, for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit issues separate financial statements annually which can be obtained by contacting the AIU directly.

**NOTE 14 - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

**GENERAL INSURANCE**

The Elizabeth Forward School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors, and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims for these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

The Elizabeth Forward School District is one of forty-six members of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC) which purchases health benefits on behalf of participating public-school districts. The School District is billed monthly based on employee count and coverage information at rates established by the Consortium at the beginning of each fiscal year. As the Consortium is self-insured, rates are established with the objective of satisfying estimated claims and other costs, as well as maintaining working capital requirements. Contributions to the Consortium totaled \$5,044,733 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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**NOTE 14 - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES (Continued)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE (Continued)**

Participating school districts are permitted to withdraw from the Consortium under terms specified in the agreement. Withdrawing participants are entitled to, or responsible for, a proportionate share of the Consortium's net position, as determined on the fiscal year-end date after withdrawal. As of June 30, 2024, the net assets available for benefits of the Consortium were \$64,607,800 of which \$772,559 is attributable to the Elizabeth Forward School District.

**STATE AND FEDERAL SUBSIDIES**

The Elizabeth Forward School District's state and federally funded programs are subject to program compliance audits by various governmental agencies. The audit scopes of these program compliance audits are different than the scope of financial audits performed by an outside, independent certified public accounting firm. The School District is potentially liable for any expenditure disallowed by the results of these program compliance audits. Management is not aware of any material items of noncompliance which would result in the disallowance of program expenditures.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

The Elizabeth Forward School District, in the normal course of operations, is party to various legal matters normally associated with school district such as real estate tax assessment appeals, personnel wage and benefits, student education and athletics, construction projects, and other miscellaneous legal matters. The School District is not aware of any current claims, litigation or assessments against the School District that would adversely impact the financial position of the School District as of the date of this report.

**NOTE 15 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

The prior period adjustment to the July 1, 2023 net position of the District's governmental activities (Exhibit B) in the amount of \$(2,217,966), represents the cumulative effect of the District's adjustment to their fixed asset and accumulated depreciation accounts as of the prior year end.

**NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The School District evaluated its June 30, 2024, financial statements for subsequent events through January 27, 2025, date of the 'Independent Auditor's Report', which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The School District is not aware of any other subsequent events, other than what is mentioned above, that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**REQUIRED  
SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION**

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**  
**JUNE 30,**

| <b>As of the measurement date of June 30,</b>                                                               | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   | <b>2021</b>   | <b>2020</b>   | <b>2019</b>   | <b>2018</b>   | <b>2017</b>   | <b>2016</b>   | <b>2015</b>   | <b>2014</b>   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| District's proportion of the net pension liability                                                          | 0.1261%       | 0.1287%       | 0.1313%       | 0.1280%       | 0.1301%       | 0.1278%       | 0.1271%       | 0.1247%       | 0.1292%       | 0.1266%       |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability                                                 | \$ 56,097,000 | \$ 57,218,000 | \$ 53,907,000 | \$ 63,026,000 | \$ 60,864,000 | \$ 61,350,000 | \$ 62,773,000 | \$ 61,797,000 | \$ 55,964,000 | \$ 50,109,000 |
| District's covered-employee payroll                                                                         | \$ 19,268,717 | \$ 18,890,846 | \$ 18,637,660 | \$ 18,030,725 | \$ 17,946,242 | \$ 17,215,409 | \$ 16,917,049 | \$ 16,153,703 | \$ 16,585,596 | \$ 16,160,765 |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 291.13%       | 302.89%       | 289.24%       | 349.55%       | 339.15%       | 356.37%       | 371.06%       | 382.56%       | 337.43%       | 310.07%       |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability                                  | 61.85%        | 61.34%        | 63.67%        | 54.32%        | 55.66%        | 54.00%        | 51.84%        | 50.14%        | 54.36%        | 57.24%        |

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.



**ELIZABETH FORWARD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**  
**JUNE 30,**

|                                                                     | <u>2024</u>        | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2022</u>        | <u>2021</u>        | <u>2020</u>        | <u>2019</u>        | <u>2018</u>        | <u>2017</u>        | <u>2016</u>        | <u>2015</u>        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Contractually Required Contributions                                | \$ 6,692,078       | \$ 6,567,365       | \$ 6,455,284       | \$ 6,240,552       | \$ 5,979,774       | \$ 5,831,507       | \$ 5,375,498       | \$ 4,965,339       | \$ 3,741,060       | \$ 3,461,869       |
| Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>(6,692,078)</u> | <u>(6,567,365)</u> | <u>(6,455,284)</u> | <u>(6,240,552)</u> | <u>(5,979,774)</u> | <u>(5,831,507)</u> | <u>(5,375,498)</u> | <u>(4,965,339)</u> | <u>(3,741,060)</u> | <u>(3,461,869)</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                    | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>        |
| District's covered payroll                                          | \$ 20,153,762      | \$ 19,268,717      | \$ 18,890,846      | \$ 18,637,660      | \$ 18,030,725      | \$ 17,946,242      | \$ 17,215,409      | \$ 16,917,049      | \$ 16,153,703      | \$ 16,585,596      |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll           | 33.21%             | 34.08%             | 34.17%             | 33.48%             | 33.16%             | 32.49%             | 31.22%             | 29.35%             | 23.16%             | 20.87%             |

Note: Beginning in 2018 with the implementation of GASB 75, contributions as reported above reflect the pension portion of the contribution only. The premium assistance (OPEB) portion of the contribution is reflected on a separate RSI schedule. Prior year contributions reflect both the pension and premium assistance amounts combined.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**PSERS PLAN**  
**JUNE 30,**

| <b>As of the measurement date of June 30,</b>                                                            | <b><u>2023</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2019</u></b> | <b><u>2018</u></b> | <b><u>2017</u></b> | <b><u>2016</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| District's proportion of the net OPEB liability                                                          | 0.1258%            | 0.1285%            | 0.1315%            | 0.1285%            | 0.1301%            | 0.1278%            | 0.1271%            | 0.1247%            |
| District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability                                                 | \$ 2,276,000       | \$ 2,365,000       | \$ 3,116,000       | \$ 2,776,000       | \$ 2,767,000       | \$ 2,665,000       | \$ 2,590,000       | \$ 2,686,000       |
| District's covered-employee payroll                                                                      | \$ 19,268,717      | \$ 18,890,846      | \$ 18,637,660      | \$ 18,030,725      | \$ 17,946,242      | \$ 17,215,409      | \$ 16,917,049      | \$ 16,153,703      |
| District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 11.81%             | 12.52%             | 16.72%             | 15.40%             | 15.42%             | 15.48%             | 15.31%             | 16.63%             |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability                                  | 7.22%              | 6.86%              | 5.30%              | 5.69%              | 5.56%              | 5.56%              | 5.73%              | N/A                |

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

This schedule is intended to illustrate information for a ten (10) year period. Information for that ten year period will be presented as information becomes available.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**PSERS PLAN**  
**JUNE 30,**

|                                                                     | <u>2024</u>      | <u>2023</u>      | <u>2022</u>      | <u>2021</u>      | <u>2020</u>      | <u>2019</u>      | <u>2018</u>      | <u>2017</u>      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Contractually Required Contributions                                | \$ 128,385       | \$ 142,728       | \$ 151,266       | \$ 151,892       | \$ 149,868       | \$ 148,471       | \$ 140,569       | \$ 137,237       |
| Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>(128,385)</u> | <u>(142,728)</u> | <u>(151,266)</u> | <u>(151,892)</u> | <u>(149,868)</u> | <u>(148,471)</u> | <u>(140,569)</u> | <u>(137,237)</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                    | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>\$ -</u>      |
| District's covered payroll                                          | \$ 20,153,762    | \$ 19,268,717    | \$ 18,890,846    | \$ 18,637,660    | \$ 18,030,725    | \$ 17,946,242    | \$ 17,215,409    | \$ 16,917,049    |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll           | 0.64%            | 0.74%            | 0.80%            | 0.81%            | 0.83%            | 0.83%            | 0.82%            | 0.81%            |

This schedule is intended to illustrate information for a ten (10) year period. Information for that ten year period will be presented as information becomes available.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**DISTRICT POST-RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE PLAN**  
**JUNE 30,**

|                                                                  | <u>2024</u>         | <u>2023</u>         | <u>2022</u>         | <u>2021</u>         | <u>2020</u>         | <u>2019</u>         | <u>2018</u>         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Service cost                                                     | \$ 156,972          | \$ 225,226          | \$ 226,218          | \$ 179,806          | \$ 181,335          | \$ 170,542          | \$ 165,160          |
| Interest                                                         | 106,443             | 78,351              | 62,497              | 101,642             | 89,139              | 90,344              | 71,698              |
| Changes of benefit terms                                         | -                   | 5,051               | -                   | (51,615)            | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Differences between expected and actual experience               | -                   | (199,780)           | -                   | (113,706)           | -                   | 31,779              | -                   |
| Changes of assumptions or other inputs                           | 42,922              | (765,726)           | (96,791)            | 304,019             | (82,100)            | 3,140               | 70,356              |
| Benefit payments                                                 | (84,103)            | (95,965)            | (136,580)           | (125,554)           | (185,506)           | (220,929)           | (405,774)           |
| <b>Net Change in Total OPEB Liability</b>                        | <b>\$ 222,234</b>   | <b>\$ (752,843)</b> | <b>\$ 55,344</b>    | <b>\$ 294,592</b>   | <b>\$ 2,868</b>     | <b>\$ 74,876</b>    | <b>\$ (98,560)</b>  |
| <b>Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year</b>                  | <b>2,510,347</b>    | <b>3,263,190</b>    | <b>3,207,846</b>    | <b>2,913,254</b>    | <b>2,910,386</b>    | <b>2,835,510</b>    | <b>2,934,070</b>    |
| <b>Total OPEB Liability - End of Year</b>                        | <b>\$ 2,732,581</b> | <b>\$ 2,510,347</b> | <b>\$ 3,263,190</b> | <b>\$ 3,207,846</b> | <b>\$ 2,913,254</b> | <b>\$ 2,910,386</b> | <b>\$ 2,835,510</b> |
| <br>                                                             |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Covered-employee payroll                                         | \$ 17,549,413       | \$ 17,549,413       | \$ 17,047,058       | \$ 17,047,058       | \$ 16,140,191       | \$ 16,140,191       | \$ 15,311,307       |
| <br>                                                             |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 15.57%              | 14.30%              | 19.14%              | 18.82%              | 18.05%              | 18.03%              | 18.52%              |

This schedule is intended to illustrate information for a ten (10) year period. Information for that ten year period will be presented as information becomes available.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - FACTORS AND TRENDS USED IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION FOR PSERS PENSION BENEFITS**

**Changes in Benefit Terms**

None

**Changes in Assumptions used in the Measurement of PSERS' Total Pension Liability Beginning June 30, 2023**

None

**Changes in Assumptions used in the Measurement of PSERS' Total Pension Liability Beginning June 30, 2022**

None

**Actuarial Assumptions used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions**

None

**NOTE 2 - FACTORS AND TRENDS USED IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION FOR THE PSERS POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**Changes in Benefit Terms**

None

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 2 - FACTORS AND TRENDS USED IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION FOR THE PSERS POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB)**  
(Continued)

**Changes in Assumptions used in the Measurement of PSERS' Total OPEB Liability Beginning June 30, 2023**

- Investment return went from 4.09% S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate to 4.13% S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate
- The discount rate increased from 4.09% to 4.13%

**Changes in Assumptions used in the Measurement of PSERS' Total OPEB Liability Beginning June 30, 2022**

- Investment return went from 2.18% S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate to 4.09% S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate
- The discount rate decreased from 2.18% to 4.09%

**Changes in Actuarial Assumptions used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions**

None

**Actuarial Assumptions used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions**

The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in the OPEB required supplementary schedules:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2023.
- Cost Method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset Valuation Method: Market value
- Participation Rate: The actual data for retirees benefiting under the Plan as of June 30, 2021 was used in lieu of the 63% utilization assumption for eligible retirees.
- Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 3 - FACTORS AND TRENDS USED IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION FOR THE RETIREE OPEB SCHOOL PLAN**

**Changes in Benefit Terms**

If the Superintendent and Business Managers achieve 8 years of district service, they receive fully subsidized coverage until Medicare age.

**Changes in Assumptions**

- The discount rate increased from 4.06% to 4.13%.
- The trend assumption was updated.

**Actuarial Assumptions used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions**

The actuarial plan does not disclose actuarial assumptions, if applicable, used in the calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

***AS REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS  
AND THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE***

**Mark C. Turnley**

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Certified Public Accountant



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

**Management and Board of Education  
Elizabeth Forward School District**

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standard* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Elizabeth Forward School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Elizabeth Forward School District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated January 27, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

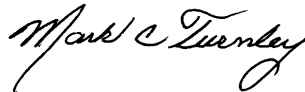
**Management and Board of Education  
Elizabeth Forward School District**

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Elizabeth Forward School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my 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 my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Elizabeth Forward School 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 Elizabeth Forward School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Mark C. Turnley  
Certified Public Accountant

January 27, 2025  
New Brighton, Pennsylvania

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

**Management and Board of Education  
Elizabeth Forward School District**

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM**

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

I have audited Elizabeth Forward School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Elizabeth Forward School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Elizabeth Forward School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

**Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

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

I am required to be independent of Elizabeth Forward School District and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. My audit does not provide a legal determination of Elizabeth Forward School 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 Elizabeth Forward School District's federal programs.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance**

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

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

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Elizabeth Forward School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Elizabeth Forward School 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 Elizabeth Forward School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

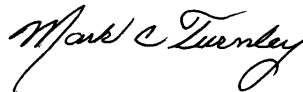
## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I 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.

My 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 my 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.



Mark C. Turnley  
Certified Public Accountant

January 27, 2025  
New Brighton, Pennsylvania

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

| FEDERAL GRANTOR / PROJECT TITLE                                                             | FUNDING SOURCE | ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER | PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR NUMBER | GRANT PERIOD BEGINNING / ENDING DATE | PROGRAM AWARD AMOUNT | 2023-2024 PASSED THROUGH TO SUBRECIPIENTS | TOTAL RECEIVED THIS PERIOD | ACCRUED (UNEARNED) REVENUE JULY 1 | REVENUE RECOGNIZED  | EXPENDITURES        | ACCRUED (UNEARNED) REVENUE JUNE 30 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:</b>                                                        |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| <b>Passed through Pa. Department of Education:</b>                                          |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| Title I                                                                                     | Indirect       | 84.010                    | 13-240134                   | 7/1/23-9/30/24                       | \$ 378,951           | \$ -                                      | \$ 323,426                 | \$ -                              | \$ 378,951          | \$ 378,951          | \$ 55,525                          |
| Title I                                                                                     | Indirect       | 84.010                    | 13-230134                   | 7/1/22-9/30/23                       | 343,554              | -                                         | 25,991                     | 25,991                            | -                   | -                   | -                                  |
| Title II - Improving Teacher Quality                                                        | Indirect       | 84.367                    | 20-230134                   | 7/1/22-9/30/23                       | 60,922               | -                                         | 36                         | 36                                | (2)                 | -                   | -                                  |
| Title II - Improving Teacher Quality                                                        | Indirect       | 84.367                    | 20-240134                   | 7/1/23-9/30/24                       | 60,229               | -                                         | 60,229                     | -                                 | 60,229              | 60,229              | -                                  |
| Title IV                                                                                    | Indirect       | 84.424                    | 144-230134                  | 7/1/22-9/30/23                       | 27,063               | -                                         | 1,282                      | 1,282                             | (2)                 | -                   | -                                  |
| Title IV                                                                                    | Indirect       | 84.424                    | 144-240134                  | 7/1/23-9/30/24                       | 26,896               | -                                         | 26,896                     | -                                 | 26,896              | 26,896              | -                                  |
| COVID-19 - GEER Fund                                                                        | Indirect       | 84.425C                   | 254-200134                  | 3/13/20-9/30/24                      | 35,827               | -                                         | -                          | -                                 | -                   | -                   | -                                  |
| COVID-19 - ESSERS III Fund Local                                                            | Indirect       | 84.425U                   | 223-210134                  | 3/13/20-9/30/24                      | 2,617,715            | -                                         | 1,760,645                  | 1,122,802                         | 724,222             | 724,222             | 86,379                             |
| COVID-19 - ARP ESSER 2.5%                                                                   | Indirect       | 84.425U                   | 224-210134                  | 3/13/20-9/30/24                      | 32,788               | -                                         | 7,749                      | 7,749                             | -                   | -                   | -                                  |
| <b>Total passed through Pa. Department of Education</b>                                     |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 2,206,254</b>        | <b>\$ 1,157,860</b>               | <b>\$ 1,190,298</b> | <b>\$ 1,190,298</b> | <b>\$ 141,904</b>                  |
| <b>Passed through Allegheny Intermediate Unit (Special Education Program Cluster)</b>       |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| IDEA                                                                                        | Indirect       | 84.027                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | \$ -                 | \$ -                                      | \$ 4,464                   | \$ -                              | \$ 4,464            | \$ 4,464            | \$ -                               |
| IDEA - Section 619                                                                          | Indirect       | 84.173                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | -                    | -                                         | -                          | -                                 | 532,205             | 532,205             | 532,205                            |
| <b>Total Passed through Allegheny Intermediate Unit (Special Education Program Cluster)</b> |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 4,464</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>                       | <b>\$ 536,669</b>   | <b>\$ 536,669</b>   | <b>\$ 532,205</b>                  |
| <b>Total Special Education Cluster</b>                                                      |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 4,464</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>                       | <b>\$ 536,669</b>   | <b>\$ 536,669</b>   | <b>\$ 532,205</b>                  |
| <b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>                                                   |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 2,210,718</b>        | <b>\$ 1,157,860</b>               | <b>\$ 1,726,967</b> | <b>\$ 1,726,967</b> | <b>\$ 674,109</b>                  |
| <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:</b>                                                      |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| <b>Passed through Pa. Department of Education: (Child Nutrition Program Cluster)</b>        |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| National School Lunch Program                                                               | Indirect       | 10.555                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | N/A                  | \$ -                                      | \$ 433,311                 | \$ -                              | \$ 498,880          | \$ 498,880          | (1) \$ 65,569                      |
| Breakfast Program                                                                           | Indirect       | 10.553                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | N/A                  | -                                         | 152,679                    | -                                 | 177,614             | 177,614             | (1) 24,935                         |
| Supply Chain Assistance                                                                     | Indirect       | 10.555                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | N/A                  | -                                         | 59,858                     | -                                 | 59,858              | 59,858              | (1) -                              |
| <b>Total Passed through Pa. Department of Education (Child Nutrition Program Cluster)</b>   |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 645,848</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>                       | <b>\$ 736,352</b>   | <b>\$ 736,352</b>   | <b>\$ 90,504</b>                   |
| <b>Passed through Pa. Department of Agriculture: (Child Nutrition Cluster)</b>              |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| National School Lunch Program                                                               | Indirect       | 10.555                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | N/A                  | \$ -                                      | \$ 105,158                 | * \$ (16,902)                     | ** \$ 104,491       | \$ 104,491          | (1) \$ (17,569)                    |
| <b>Total Passed through Pa. Department of Agriculture (Child Nutrition Cluster)</b>         |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 105,158</b>          | <b>\$ (16,902)</b>                | <b>\$ 104,491</b>   | <b>\$ 104,491</b>   | <b>\$ (17,569)</b>                 |
| <b>TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM CLUSTER</b>                                                |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 751,006</b>          | <b>\$ (16,902)</b>                | <b>\$ 840,843</b>   | <b>\$ 840,843</b>   | <b>\$ 72,935</b>                   |
| <b>Passed through Pa. Department of Education:</b>                                          |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| P-EBT Local Admin Funds                                                                     | Indirect       | 10.649                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | N/A                  | \$ -                                      | \$ 3,256                   | \$ -                              | \$ 3,256            | \$ 3,256            | \$ -                               |
| <b>Total Passed through Pa. Department of Education</b>                                     |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 3,256</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>                       | <b>\$ 3,256</b>     | <b>\$ 3,256</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>                        |
| <b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>                                                 |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 754,262</b>          | <b>\$ (16,902)</b>                | <b>\$ 844,099</b>   | <b>\$ 844,099</b>   | <b>\$ 72,935</b>                   |
| <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:</b>                                        |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| <b>Passed through Pa. Department of Human Services:</b>                                     |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           |                            |                                   |                     |                     |                                    |
| Title 19 - Medical Assistance                                                               | Indirect       | 93.778                    | N/A                         | 7/1/23-6/30/24                       | N/A                  | \$ -                                      | \$ -                       | \$ -                              | \$ 13,293           | \$ 13,293           | \$ 13,293                          |
| Title 19 - Medical Assistance                                                               | Indirect       | 93.778                    | N/A                         | 7/1/22-6/30/23                       | N/A                  | -                                         | 6,360                      | 6,360                             | -                   | -                   | -                                  |
| <b>Total passed through Pa. Department of Human Services</b>                                |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 6,360</b>            | <b>\$ 6,360</b>                   | <b>\$ 13,293</b>    | <b>\$ 13,293</b>    | <b>\$ 13,293</b>                   |
| <b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>                                   |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 6,360</b>            | <b>\$ 6,360</b>                   | <b>\$ 13,293</b>    | <b>\$ 13,293</b>    | <b>\$ 13,293</b>                   |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE</b>                                                             |                |                           |                             |                                      |                      |                                           | <b>\$ 2,971,340</b>        | <b>\$ 1,147,318</b>               | <b>\$ 2,584,359</b> | <b>\$ 2,584,359</b> | <b>\$ 760,337</b>                  |

# **Reconciliation with federal subsidy confirmation:**

|                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Per above                               | \$ 2,971,340        |
| School Lunch/Breakfast matching subsidy | 114,050             |
| Medical Access Funds                    | 216,377             |
| IDEA                                    | (4,464)             |
| Donated commodities                     | (105,158)           |
| Title 19                                | (6,360)             |
| Rounding                                | 1                   |
| Per confirmation                        | <b>\$ 3,185,786</b> |

\* Total USDA Commodity Received

\*\* Represents beginning inventory - 7/1/23

\*\*\* Represents ending inventory - 6/30/24

(1) Denotes Major Program

(2) July 1, 2023 receivable/deferred balances were adjusted to permit the recapture of allowable grant-related expenditures for the programs not previously recognized in the SFA.

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the 'Schedule') includes the federal grant activity administered by the Elizabeth Forward School District for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Grant Guidance – UGG)*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Elizabeth Forward School District.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are presented using the accrual method of accounting. Under this method, grant revenue is recognized to the extent expenditures are incurred. Expenditures are recognized when the liability for the expenditure is incurred rather than when the disbursement is actually made.

The federal expenditures are recognized, as applicable, under the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or limited to reimbursement.

**NOTE 3 - RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Federal financial award revenues are included in the financial statements as 'local source' and 'federal source' revenues.

**NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES AND UNEARNED REVENUE**

Federal grants receivable is included as part of 'due from other governments' in Exhibit A and Exhibit C as referenced in Note 4 to the Financial Statements. Unearned federal grant revenue, if any, is included as part of 'unearned revenue' in Exhibit A and Exhibit C as referenced in Note 9 to the Financial Statements.

**NOTE 5 - NON-CASH ASSISTANCE**

The Elizabeth Forward School District received donated commodities from the Department of Agriculture in connection with its food service program. The amount of non-cash assistance expended in the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards reflects the fair market value of the commodities used during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**NOTE 6 – INDIRECT COST RATE**

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

**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor’s report issued Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_yes    X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? \_\_\_yes    X no

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_yes    X no

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_yes    X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? \_\_\_yes    X no

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? \_\_\_yes    X no

Identification of major programs:

| <b><u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u></b> | <b><u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 10.555                                     | National School Lunch Program                    |
| 10.553                                     | National School Breakfast Program                |

The dollar threshold for distinguishing type A and type B programs:

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Type A Program | \$750,000-\$25,000,000 |
| Type B Program | Less than \$750,000    |

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? \_\_\_X\_\_\_yes    \_\_\_no

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

Findings related to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

None

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

Findings and questioned costs related to Federal Awards which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516(a):

None



**ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

The audit report of the Elizabeth Forward School District for the year ended June 30, 2023, dated January 20, 2024, contained no audit findings.