



Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Merced City School District

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Governing Board
Merced City School District
Merced, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

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

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in the District's net OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability – MPP program, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial statements. The other information comprises the Local Education Agency Organization Structure but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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This section of Merced City School District's (the District) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024, with comparative information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Merced City School District (the District) using the integrated approach as prescribed by GASB Statement Number 34.

The *Government-Wide Financial Statements* present the financial picture of the District from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These statements include all assets of the District (including capital assets), deferred outflows of resources, as well as all liabilities (including long-term liabilities), and deferred inflows of resources. Additionally, certain eliminations have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to interfund activity, payables and receivables.

The *Fund Financial Statements* include statements for two categories of funds, governmental and proprietary.

The *Governmental Funds* are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting.

The *Proprietary Funds* are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

Reconciliation of the Fund Financial Statements to the Government-Wide Financial Statements is provided to explain the differences created by the integrated approach.

The Primary unit of the government is the Merced City School District.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows of the District using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. Net position is the difference between assets and liabilities, which is one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position will serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. Other factors to consider are changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of the District's facilities.

The relationship between revenues and expenses is the District's *operating results*. Since the governing board's responsibility is to provide services to our students and not to generate profit as commercial entities do, one must consider other factors when evaluating the overall health of the District. The quality of the education and the safety of our schools will likely be an important component in this evaluation.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we present the District activities as follows:

Governmental Activities - The District reports all of its services in this category. This includes the education of kindergarten through grade eight students, the operation of child development activities, and the on-going effort to improve and maintain buildings and sites. Property taxes, state income taxes, user fees, interest income, federal, state and local grants, as well as general obligation bonds, finance these activities.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, management establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money that it receives from the U.S. Department of Education.

Governmental Funds – Most of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds 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 general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can

be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The differences of results in the governmental fund financial statements to those in the government-wide financial statements are explained in a reconciliation following the governmental fund financial statements.

Proprietary Funds - When the District charges users for the services it provides, whether to outside customers or to other departments within the District, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Fund Net Position*. We use internal service funds to report activities that provide supplies and services for the District's other programs and activities - such as the District's Self-Insurance Fund. The internal service funds are reported with governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

Enrollment based on CBEDS was 41 more than the prior year and funded ADA decreased by 135.42 ADA as compared to prior year.

THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position

The District's net position was \$227.9 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and \$167.0 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, an increase of \$60.9 million. Of this amount, \$92.8 million was restricted. Restricted net position is reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants, grantors, constitutional provisions and enabling legislation that limit the Governing Board's ability to use net position for day-to-day operations. Our analysis below, in summary form, focuses on the net position (Table 1) and change in net position (Table 2) of the District's governmental activities for the past two fiscal years.

Table 1

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 231,950,722	\$ 213,181,869
Capital assets	205,134,105	165,126,371
Total assets	437,084,827	378,308,240
Deferred Outflows of Resources	51,473,085	40,692,689
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	28,153,185	21,234,198
Long-term liabilities	220,415,868	212,645,156
Total liabilities	248,569,053	233,879,354
Deferred Inflows of Resources	12,135,796	18,163,038
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	148,137,001	108,102,308
Restricted	92,840,107	81,887,684
Unrestricted (deficit)	(13,124,045)	(23,031,455)
Total net position	\$ 227,853,063	\$ 166,958,537

The \$227.9 million in net position of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. Unrestricted deficit net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – increased by \$9.9 million.

Changes in Net Position

The results of this year's operations for the District as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. Table 2 takes the information from the Statement, rounds off the numbers, and rearranges them slightly so you can see our total revenues for the past two years along with the variance between the two fiscal years.

Table 2

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,880,854	\$ 500,777
Operating grants and contributions	90,972,377	91,508,147
Capital grants and contributions	7,915,065	732,479
General revenues		
Federal and State aid not restricted	138,670,603	126,495,255
Property taxes	20,338,092	23,520,426
Other general revenues	9,080,828	10,041,780
Total revenues	<u>268,857,819</u>	<u>252,798,864</u>
Expenses		
Instruction-related	141,587,944	116,573,767
Pupil services	30,619,746	24,489,575
Administration	10,435,669	10,584,585
Plant services	16,419,757	13,992,865
All other services	8,900,177	8,057,730
Total expenses	<u>207,963,293</u>	<u>173,698,522</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 60,894,526</u>	<u>\$ 79,100,342</u>

Governmental Activities

As reported in the Statement of Activities, the cost of all of our governmental activities this year was \$208.0 million as compared to \$173.7 million in the prior year. However, the amount that our taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities through local taxes was only \$20.3 million because the cost was paid by those who benefited from the programs of \$1.9 million or by other governments and organizations who subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions of \$98.9 million. We paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of our governmental activities with \$147.8 million in Federal and State funds and other revenues, including interest and general entitlements.

In Table 3, we have presented the net cost of each of the District's largest functions: instruction-related, pupil services, administration, plant services, and all other services. As discussed above, net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions. Providing this information allows our citizens to consider the cost of each function in comparison to the benefits they believe are provided by that function.

Table 3

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Instruction	\$ 141,587,944	\$ 116,573,767	\$ (94,675,254)	\$ (48,747,613)
Pupil services	30,619,746	24,489,575	(13,754,048)	(8,459,333)
Administration	10,435,669	10,584,585	(8,608,414)	(7,459,271)
Plant services	16,419,757	13,992,865	16,318,778	(12,026,272)
All other services	8,900,177	8,057,730	(6,476,059)	(4,264,630)
Total	<u>\$ 207,963,293</u>	<u>\$ 173,698,522</u>	<u>\$ (107,194,997)</u>	<u>\$ (80,957,119)</u>

THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As the District completed this year, our governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$203.0 million while the prior year reported a balance of \$191.2 million, which is an increase of \$11.8 million from last year. The General Fund increased by \$12.9 million primarily due to decreased spending. The Building Fund decreased by \$1.8 million due to ongoing capital projects. The Special Reserve for Capital Outlay Fund decreased by \$8.0 million due to ongoing capital projects. The remaining District non-major funds increased by a combined \$8.7 million due primarily to facilities apportionments received in the current year.

Table 4

Governmental Fund	Balances and Activity			
	July 1, 2023	Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	June 30, 2024
General	\$ 115,219,675	\$ 231,350,827	\$ 218,421,489	\$ 128,149,013
Building	9,024,402	434,921	2,279,656	7,179,667
Special Reserve Fund for Capital				
Outlay Projects	37,362,861	4,335,920	12,375,563	29,323,218
Student Activity	71,999	261,372	280,468	52,903
Child Development	1,919,999	8,002,764	6,708,303	3,214,460
Cafeteria	5,442,227	13,310,701	11,415,139	7,337,789
Deferred Maintenance	1,673,076	1,270,923	2,020,451	923,548
Capital Facilities	7,342,948	2,127,159	1,232,592	8,237,515
County School Facilities	7,906,035	8,266,939	2,692,264	13,480,710
Bond Interest and Redemption	5,251,229	4,602,983	4,765,943	5,088,269
Total	<u>\$ 191,214,451</u>	<u>\$ 273,964,509</u>	<u>\$ 262,191,868</u>	<u>\$ 202,987,092</u>

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District revises its budget as it attempts to deal with unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures. The final amendment to the budget was approved on September 10, 2024. A schedule showing the District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in our annual report.

- The District budget was adopted using the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).
- In addition to LCFF's Basic Grant, the District received Supplemental and Concentration Grant funding due to its high level of need as identified through counts of targeted student groups: Low income, English language learners and foster youth.
- Continued revenues from Proposition 30, which established the Education Protection Account (EPA), and now Proposition 55, which extended the EPA, in addition to one-time revenues, significantly increased the ending cash balance at year end.

The District projected an increase in General Fund balance of approximately \$7.4 million. Although total actual revenues and other sources were \$16.2 million less than expected, expenditures and other uses were \$21.8 million less than projected, resulting in an increase in the fund of \$12.9 million.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2023, the District had \$165.1 million in a broad range of capital assets and right-to-use leased assets, (net of depreciation and amortization expenses), including land and construction in progress, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and right-to-use leased assets. At June 30, 2024, capital assets totaled \$205.1 million. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, deductions, depreciation, and amortization) of \$40.0 million from last year (Table 5).

Table 5

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land and construction in progress	\$ 63,552,869	\$ 38,887,353
Buildings and land improvements	135,626,913	120,836,255
Furniture and equipment	5,470,761	5,301,176
Right-to-use leased assets	<u>483,562</u>	<u>101,587</u>
Total	<u>\$ 205,134,105</u>	<u>\$ 165,126,371</u>

The District's major additions this year includes new playground structures. We present more detailed information about our capital assets and right-to-use leased assets in the Notes to Financial Statements.

Long-Term Liabilities

At June 30, 2024, the District's long-term liabilities totaled \$220.4 million compared to \$212.6 million in the prior year. The long-term liabilities consist of:

Table 6

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Long-Term Liabilities		
General obligation bonds	\$ 75,204,189	\$ 75,407,882
General obligation bond - private placement	-	1,320,000
Unamortized premiums	1,959,626	2,043,680
Leases	487,107	103,607
Compensated absences	729,582	662,461
Net OPEB liability	16,255,392	18,395,120
Aggregate net pension liability	<u>125,779,972</u>	<u>114,712,406</u>
Total	<u>\$ 220,415,868</u>	<u>\$ 212,645,156</u>

The District's S&P bond rating as of the most recent bond issuance was "AA".

At year-end, the District has a net pension liability of \$125.8 million versus \$114.7 million last year, an increase of \$11.1 million, or 9.7%. The District also reported deferred outflows of resources from pension activities of \$42.6 million, and deferred inflows of resources from pension activities of \$9.0 million. We present more detailed information regarding our long-term liabilities in the Notes to Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

In considering the District Budget for the 2024-2025 year, the District Board and management used the following criteria:

The key assumptions in our revenue forecasts are:

General Fund Revenue Assumptions:

- Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
 - Average Daily Attendance (ADA) at 10,462.86 (funded), 10,462.86 (projected ADA, including County Operated Programs)
 - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) at 1.07%
 - Unduplicated pupil count at 83.65%
 - Minimum Proportionality Percentage (MPP) at 35.01%
 - Portion of LCFF funded from Education Protection Account (EPA) is estimated at \$34,700,610
 - Revenue set-asides within Unrestricted resources:

- Instructional Materials (formerly IMFRP) at \$576,987
 - Home-to-School Transportation at \$2,688,494
 - Supplemental & Concentration Grants (LCAP) at \$39,371,325
 - Contributions from Unrestricted to Restricted resources
 - Special Education at \$7,753,419
 - Routine Restricted Maintenance (RRM) at \$5,000,000
- Federal Revenues (Additional carryover to be determined at Unaudited Actuals and budgeted in 2024-2025)
 - Title I-Basic at \$7,140,768 (includes estimated carryover of \$289,000)
 - ESSER III and ESSER III Learning Loss at \$0 as of Budget Adoption; carryover to be determined at Unaudited Actuals and will be budgeted and expended within appropriate timelines, if applicable.
 - Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO-G) at \$0 as of Budget Adoption; carryover to be determined at Unaudited Actuals and will be budgeted and expended within appropriate timelines, if applicable.
 - Special Education at \$1,565,943
 - Special Education-Preschool at \$52,094
 - Special Education-Private Schools at \$35,428
 - Special Education-IDEA Mental Health at \$128,174
 - Title II-Supporting Effective Instruction at \$736,015
 - Title III-English Learner Student Program at \$239,278
 - Title IV-Student Support & Academic Enrichment at \$459,190
- Other State Revenues
 - Lottery
 - Unrestricted at \$1,600,000
 - Restricted (Instructional Materials-Prop 20) at \$500,000
 - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at \$16,207,189
 - Special Education at \$4,434,473
 - Mental Health Related Services \$535,367
 - Special Education Early Intervention \$500,000
- Other Local Revenues
 - Redevelopment Funds \$35,000
 - Safety Credit at \$90,000
 - Migrant Education \$125,000
 - Medi-Cal Billing Option at \$179,133
 - Retiree Benefits Acct at \$450,000

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ASSUMPTIONS:

- Salaries/Benefits = \$157,599,995
 - Increase to pension rates
 - No current change to Workers Comp rate, though one is anticipated
 - Increase of STRS On-Behalf pension liability (GASB 68 requirement)
 - Addition of 2.0 FTE Classroom Teachers and 6 Instructional Aides (4.86 FTE) for Universal TK

- Addition of 2.0 FTE Psychologist
- Increase to Psychologist Interns
- Addition of 1.0 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist
- Addition of 1.0 FTE Counselor
- Addition of a 2.0 FTE Teacher and 0.81 FTE Instructional Aide for Special Education
- Addition of 1.62 FTE Preschool Instructional Aides for Special Education
- Addition of 0.75 FTE Special Education Clerk Typist
- Addition of 1.0 FTE Teacher and 0.88 FTE Instructional Aide for Site Day School at Cruickshank Middle School
- Addition of a Clinician for STEAM Center
- Extension of increased hours for Health Assistants, Custodians, and Application Technicians
- Extension of funding for Campus Security Liaisons, Intervention Teachers, and Intervention Instructional Aides
- Costs associated with salary negotiations for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are *not* budgeted at this time
- Supplies/Services/Capital Outlay = \$33,780,572
 - Technology/infrastructure upgrades
 - Clinical Services contract
 - Professional Development contracts
 - Restorative Practices and Conflict Resolution mentors
 - Vehicle replacement
 - One-time costs associated with pandemic relief and one-time learning recovery funds
- Other Outgo/Indirect Costs = \$2,350,110
 - Transfer of apportionment to MCOE
 - Indirect costs from Child Development/Fund 12 and Cafeteria/Fund 13
 - Special Education Excess Costs
 - Contribution to Deferred Maintenance budget to address Facilities needs

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, students, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, contact the Merced City School District, 444 W. 23rd Street, Merced, California 95340.

Merced City School District
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Deposits and investments	\$ 207,851,003
Receivables	23,542,256
Prepaid expense	1,000
Stores inventories	556,463
Capital assets not depreciated or amortized	63,552,869
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>141,581,236</u>
Total assets	<u>437,084,827</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	8,909,677
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	<u>42,563,408</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>51,473,085</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	26,980,256
Interest payable	646,213
Unearned revenue	526,716
Long-term liabilities	
Long-term liabilities other than OPEB and pensions due within one year	3,389,424
Long-term liabilities other than OPEB and pensions due in more than one year	74,991,080
Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability	16,255,392
Aggregate net pension liabilities	<u>125,779,972</u>
Total liabilities	<u>248,569,053</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	3,123,745
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>9,012,051</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>12,135,796</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	148,137,001
Restricted for	
Debt service	4,442,056
Capital projects	21,718,225
Educational programs	58,212,617
Child nutrition	6,957,648
Other activities	1,509,561
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(13,124,045)</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 227,853,063</u></u>

Merced City School District

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities					
Instruction	\$ 117,592,865	\$ 72,978	\$ 33,674,170	\$ 7,915,065	\$ (75,930,652)
Instruction-related activities					
Supervision of instruction	5,127,640	25,296	2,286,365	-	(2,815,979)
Instructional library, media, and technology	3,964,094	-	1,012,187	-	(2,951,907)
School site administration	14,903,345	34,639	1,891,990	-	(12,976,716)
Pupil services					
Home-to-school transportation	4,062,044	-	17,160	-	(4,044,884)
Food services	11,552,435	26,235	12,768,836	-	1,242,636
All other pupil services	15,005,267	57,139	3,996,328	-	(10,951,800)
Administration					
Data processing	2,364,745	-	7,300	-	(2,357,445)
All other administration	8,070,924	44,171	1,775,784	-	(6,250,969)
Plant services	16,419,757	1,435,691	31,302,844	-	16,318,778
Ancillary services	627,023	-	266,457	-	(360,566)
Community services	1,149,370	-	1,216,176	-	66,806
Enterprise services	369,905	122,444	177,306	-	(70,155)
Interest on long-term liabilities	3,271,321	-	-	-	(3,271,321)
Other outgo	3,482,558	62,261	579,474	-	(2,840,823)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 207,963,293</u>	<u>\$ 1,880,854</u>	<u>\$ 90,972,377</u>	<u>\$ 7,915,065</u>	<u>(107,194,997)</u>

Merced City School District
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position <u>Governmental Activities</u>
General Revenues and Subventions	
Property taxes, levied for general purposes	15,720,521
Property taxes, levied for debt service	4,419,276
Taxes levied for other specific purposes	198,295
Federal and State aid not restricted to specific purposes	138,670,603
Interest and investment earnings	8,522,731
Interagency revenues	2,525
Miscellaneous	<u>555,572</u>
Subtotal, general revenues and subventions	<u>168,089,523</u>
Change in Net Position	60,894,526
Net Position - Beginning	<u>166,958,537</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 227,853,063</u></u>

Merced City School District
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Deposits and investments	\$ 145,142,443	\$ 7,394,464	\$ 27,670,213	\$ 26,193,770	\$ 206,400,890
Receivables	11,952,836	-	925	11,588,495	23,542,256
Due from other funds	516,686	-	2,500,000	1,171,647	4,188,333
Prepaid expenditures	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Stores inventories	178,822	-	-	377,641	556,463
Total assets	\$ 157,791,787	\$ 7,394,464	\$ 30,171,138	\$ 39,331,553	\$ 234,688,942
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 25,412,866	\$ 214,797	\$ 847,920	\$ 479,673	\$ 26,955,256
Due to other funds	3,703,192	-	-	516,686	4,219,878
Unearned revenue	526,716	-	-	-	526,716
Total liabilities	29,642,774	214,797	847,920	996,359	31,701,850
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable	182,322	-	-	380,141	562,463
Restricted	54,998,157	7,179,667	-	37,031,505	99,209,329
Committed	59,783,218	-	-	923,548	60,706,766
Assigned	4,435,193	-	29,323,218	-	33,758,411
Unassigned	8,750,123	-	-	-	8,750,123
Total fund balances	128,149,013	7,179,667	29,323,218	38,335,194	202,987,092
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 157,791,787	\$ 7,394,464	\$ 30,171,138	\$ 39,331,553	\$ 234,688,942

Merced City School District
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 202,987,092
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 capital assets is	\$ 314,864,814	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization is	<u>(109,730,709)</u>	
Net capital assets		205,134,105
In governmental funds, unmatured interest on long-term liabilities is recognized in the period when it is due. On the government-wide financial statements, unmatured interest on long-term liabilities is recognized when it is incurred.		
		(646,213)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of the self insurance program to the individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included with governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.		
		1,456,658
Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position in a future period and is not reported in the governmental funds. Deferred outflows of resources amounted to and related to		
Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability	8,909,677	
Aggregate net pension liability	<u>42,563,408</u>	
Total deferred outflows of resources to pensions		51,473,085
Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and is not reported in the governmental funds. Deferred inflows of resources amount to and related to		
Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability	(3,123,745)	
Aggregate net pension liability	<u>(9,012,051)</u>	
Total deferred inflows of resources to pensions		(12,135,796)
Aggregate net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period, and is not reported as a liability in the funds.		
		(125,779,972)
The District's net OPEB liability is not due and payable in the current period, and is not reported as a liability in the funds.		
		(16,255,392)

Merced City School District
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of

General obligation bonds including unamortized premiums	(63,689,664)
Leases	(487,107)
Compensated absences	(729,582)

In addition, capital appreciation general obligation bonds were issued. The accretion of interest to date on the general obligation bonds is

(13,474,151)

Total long-term liabilities	<u>(78,380,504)</u>
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Total net position - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 227,853,063</u></u>
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Merced City School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)	\$ 151,459,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,459,405
Federal sources	47,133,629	-	-	12,022,215	59,155,844
Other State sources	23,534,977	-	-	17,692,257	41,227,234
Other local sources	8,745,951	434,921	1,835,920	6,877,377	17,894,169
Total revenues	230,873,962	434,921	1,835,920	36,591,849	269,736,652
Expenditures					
Current					
Instruction	115,699,931	-	-	4,519,555	120,219,486
Instruction-related activities					
Supervision of instruction	4,883,213	-	-	487,047	5,370,260
Instructional library, media, and technology	4,176,555	-	-	-	4,176,555
School site administration	14,987,101	-	-	569,092	15,556,193
Pupil services					
Home-to-school transportation	2,577,716	-	-	-	2,577,716
Food services	687,449	-	-	10,596,583	11,284,032
All other pupil services	15,550,355	-	-	179,504	15,729,859
Administration					
Data processing	2,290,692	-	-	-	2,290,692
All other administration	7,738,354	-	-	522,307	8,260,661
Plant services	14,258,925	(500)	229,200	1,481,213	15,968,838
Ancillary services	350,964	-	-	280,468	631,432
Community services	560,111	-	-	621,806	1,181,917
Other outgo	3,482,558	-	-	-	3,482,558
Enterprise services	371,535	-	-	-	371,535
Facility acquisition and construction	26,961,673	2,289,531	12,146,363	5,091,642	46,489,209
Debt service					
Principal	93,365	-	-	2,810,000	2,903,365
Interest and other	-	(9,375)	-	1,955,943	1,946,568
Total expenditures	214,670,497	2,279,656	12,375,563	29,115,160	258,440,876
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	16,203,465	(1,844,735)	(10,539,643)	7,476,689	11,295,776
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in	-	-	2,500,000	1,250,992	3,750,992
Sources from leases	476,865	-	-	-	476,865
Transfers out	(3,750,992)	-	-	-	(3,750,992)
Net Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,274,127)	-	2,500,000	1,250,992	476,865
Net Change in Fund Balances	12,929,338	(1,844,735)	(8,039,643)	8,727,681	11,772,641
Fund Balance - Beginning	115,219,675	9,024,402	37,362,861	29,607,513	191,214,451
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 128,149,013	\$ 7,179,667	\$ 29,323,218	\$ 38,335,194	\$ 202,987,092

Merced City School District

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 11,772,641

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are Different Because

Capital outlay to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures; however, for governmental activities, those costs are shown in the Statement of Net Position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation and amortization expense in the Statement of Activities.

This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeds depreciation and amortization expense in the period.

Capital outlay	\$ 46,787,654
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(6,779,920)</u>

Net expense adjustment 40,007,734

The District issued capital appreciation general obligations bonds. The accretion of interest on the general obligation bonds during the current fiscal year increases the bonded debt obligation. (1,286,307)

Right-to-use leased assets acquired this year were financed with leases. The amount financed by the leases is reported in the governmental funds as a source of financing. On the other hand, the leases are not revenues in the Statement of Activities, but rather constitute long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. (476,865)

In the Statement of Activities, certain operating expenses, such as compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This amount is the difference between vacation earned and used. (67,121)

In the governmental funds, pension costs are based on employer contributions made to pension plans during the year. However, in the Statement of Activities, pension expense is the net effect of all changes in the deferred outflows, deferred inflows and aggregate net pension liability during the year. 4,926,434

In the governmental funds, OPEB costs are based on employer contributions made to OPEB plans during the year. However, in the Statement of Activities, OPEB expense is the net effect of all changes in the deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and net OPEB liability during the year. 2,953,366

Merced City School District

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental
Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and the deferred charge on refunding when the debt is first issued, whereas the amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

Premium amortization	84,054
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Payment of principal on long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities.

General obligation bonds	1,490,000
Private placement bond	1,320,000
Leases	93,365

Interest on long-term liabilities is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due; however, in the Statement of Activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accretes or accrues, regardless of when it is due.

(38,446)

An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of the self insurance program to the individual funds. The net revenue of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.

115,671

Change in net position of governmental activities

\$ 60,894,526

Merced City School District
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets	
Current assets	
Deposits and investments	\$ 1,450,113
Due from other funds	<u>31,545</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,481,658</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>25,000</u>
Net Position	
Restricted for self-insurance	<u><u>\$ 1,456,658</u></u>

Merced City School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position – Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges to other funds and miscellaneous revenues	\$ 250,798
Operating Expenses	
Payroll costs	167,825
Professional and contract services	3,500
Other operating cost	33,513
Total operating expenses	204,838
Operating Income	45,960
Nonoperating Revenues	
Fair market value adjustments	20,187
Interest income	49,524
Total nonoperating revenues	69,711
Change in Net Position	115,671
Total Net Position - Beginning	1,340,987
Total Net Position - Ending	\$ 1,456,658

Merced City School District
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating Activities	
Cash receipts from operating funds	\$ 236,020
Cash payments from operating charges	(9,255)
Other operating cash payments	<u>(201,338)</u>
Net Cash From Operating Activities	<u>25,427</u>
Investing Activities	
Fair market value adjustments	20,187
Interest on investments	<u>49,524</u>
Net Cash From Investing Activities	<u>69,711</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	95,138
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning	<u>1,354,975</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	<u><u>\$ 1,450,113</u></u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net	
Cash from operating activities	
Operating income	\$ 45,960
Changes in assets and liabilities	
Due from other fund	(14,778)
Accounts payable	<u>(5,755)</u>
Net Cash From Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 25,427</u></u>

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Entity

The Merced City School District (the District) was organized in 1905 under the laws of the State of California. The District operates under a locally-elected five-member Board form of government and provides educational services to grades TK - 8 as mandated by the State and/or Federal agencies. The District operates thirteen pre-schools, fourteen elementary schools, four middle schools, and a community day school.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Merced City School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying out specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations. The District's funds are grouped into two broad fund categories: governmental and proprietary.

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

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund The General Fund is the chief operating fund for all districts. It is used to account for the ordinary operations of the District. All transactions except those accounted for in another fund are accounted for in this fund.

One fund currently defined as a special revenue fund in the California State Accounting Manual (CSAM) does not meet the GASB Statement No. 54 special revenue fund definition. Specifically, Fund 17, Special Reserve Fund for Other Than Capital Outlay Projects, is not substantially composed of restricted or committed revenue sources. While this fund is authorized by statute and will remain open for internal reporting purposes, this fund functions effectively as an extension of the General Fund, and accordingly has been consolidated with the General Fund for presentation in these audited financial statements. As a result, the General Fund reflects an increase in fund balance of \$26,833.

Building Fund The Building Fund exists primarily to account separately for proceeds from the sale of bonds (*Education Code* Section 15146) and may not be used for any purposes other than those for which the bonds were issued.

Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects The Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects exists primarily to provide for the accumulation of General Fund monies for capital outlay purposes (*Education Code* Section 42840).

Non-Major Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds The Special Revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds from specific revenue sources (other than trusts, major capital projects, or debt service) that are restricted or committed to the financing of particular activities, that compose a substantial portion of the inflows of the fund, and that are reasonably expected to continue. Additional resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to the purpose of the fund may also be reported in the fund.

- **Student Activity Fund** The Student Activity Fund is used to account separately for the operating activities of the associated student body accounts that are not fiduciary in nature, including student clubs, general operations, athletics, and other student body activities.
- **Child Development Fund** The Child Development Fund is used to account separately for Federal, State, and local revenues to operate child development programs and is to be used only for expenditures for the operation of child development programs.
- **Cafeteria Fund** The Cafeteria Fund is used to account separately for Federal, State, and local resources to operate the food service program (*Education Code* Sections 38090-38093) and is used only for those expenditures authorized by the governing board as necessary for the operation of the District's food service program (*Education Code* Sections 38091 and 38100).
- **Deferred Maintenance Fund** The Deferred Maintenance Fund is used to account separately for revenues that are restricted or committed for deferred maintenance purposes (*Education Code* Section 17582).

Capital Project Funds The Capital Project funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds).

- **Capital Facilities Fund** The Capital Facilities Fund is used primarily to account separately for monies received from fees levied on developers or other agencies as a condition of approval (*Education Code* Sections 17620-17626 and *Government Code* Section 65995 et seq.). Expenditures are restricted to the purposes specified in *Government Code* Sections 65970-65981 or to the items specified in agreements with the developer (*Government Code* Section 66006).
- **County School Facilities Fund** The County School Facilities Fund is established pursuant to *Education Code* Section 17070.43 to receive apportionments from the 1998 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 1A), the 2002 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 47), the 2004 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 55), the 2006 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 1D), or the 2016 State School Facilities Fund (Proposition 51) authorized by the State Allocation Board for new school facility construction, modernization projects, and facility hardship grants, as provided in the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (*Education Code* Section 17070.10 et seq.).

Debt Service Funds The Debt Service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, principal and interest on general long-term liabilities.

- **Bond Interest and Redemption Fund** The Bond Interest and Redemption Fund is used for the repayment of bonds issued for the District (*Education Code* Sections 15125-15262).

Proprietary Funds Proprietary funds are used to account for activities that are more business-like than government-like in nature. Business-type activities include those for which a fee is charged to external users or to other organizational units of the local education agency, normally on a full cost-recovery basis. Proprietary funds are generally intended to be self-supporting and are classified as enterprise or internal service. The District has no enterprise funds but has the following Internal Service proprietary fund:

- **Internal Service Fund** Internal Service funds may be used to account for goods or services provided to other funds of the District on a cost-reimbursement basis. The District operates a Self-Insurance Program that is accounted for in an internal service fund.

Basis of Accounting - Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This 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.

The government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between expenses, both direct and indirect, and program revenues of the District and for each governmental function. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. The District does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the Statement of Activities, except for depreciation of capital assets and amortization of leased assets. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of program revenues and expenses identifies the extent to which each program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities.

Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The net position restricted for other activities result from special revenue funds and the internal service fund, and the restrictions on their use.

Fund Financial Statements Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major governmental funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements.

- **Governmental Funds** All governmental funds are accounted for using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements, therefore, include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide financial statements, prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, and the governmental fund financial statements, prepared using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- **Proprietary Funds** Proprietary funds are accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included in the Statement of Net Position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary fund.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the 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 become 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. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within one year after year-end, except for property taxes, which are considered available if collected within 60 days. The following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: State apportionments, interest, certain grants, and other local sources.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, certain grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the taxes are received. Revenue from certain grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include time and purpose requirements. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Unearned Revenue Unearned revenues arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, such as when certain grants are received prior to the occurrence of qualifying expenditures. In the subsequent periods, when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

Expenses/Expenditures On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on long-term liabilities, which has not matured, are recognized when paid in the governmental funds as expenditures. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization expenses, are not recognized in the governmental funds but are recognized in the government-wide statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Cash equivalents also include cash with county treasury balances for purposes of the statement of cash flows.

Investments

Investments with original maturities greater than one year are stated at fair value. Fair value is estimated based on quoted market prices at year-end. All investments not required to be reported at fair value are stated at cost or amortized cost. Fair values of investments in county and State investment pools are determined by the program sponsor.

The District's investment in the county treasury is measured at fair value on a recurring basis, which is determined by the fair value per share of the underlying portfolio determined by the program sponsor. Positions in this investment pool are not required to be categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

Prepaid Expenditures (Expenses)

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

As of June 30, 2024, the General Fund had a prepaid expenditure balance of \$1,000.

Stores Inventories

Inventories consist of expendable food and supplies held for consumption. Inventories are stated at cost, on the weighted average basis. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental type funds when consumed rather than when purchased.

Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. General capital assets are long-lived assets of the District. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized, but are expensed as incurred.

When purchased, such assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and capitalized in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The valuation basis for capital assets is historical cost, or where historical cost is not available, estimated historical cost based on replacement cost. Donated capital assets are capitalized at acquisition value on the date donated.

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows: buildings, 20 to 50 years; improvements, five to 50 years; equipment, two to 15 years.

The District records impairments of capital assets when it becomes probable that the carrying value of the assets will not be fully recovered over their estimated useful life. Impairments are recorded to reduce the carrying value of the assets to their net realizable value based on facts and circumstances in existence at the time of the determination. No impairments were recorded during the year ended June 30, 2024.

The District records the value of intangible right-to-use assets based on the underlying leased asset in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The right-to-use intangible asset is amortized each year for the term of the contract or useful life of the underlying asset.

Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Position.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position as long-term liabilities.

Sick leave is accumulated without limit for each employee at the rate of one day for each month worked. Leave with pay is provided when employees are absent for health reasons; however, the employees do not gain a vested right to accumulated sick leave. Employees are never paid for any sick leave balance at termination of employment or any other time. Therefore, the value of accumulated sick leave is not recognized as a liability in the District's financial statements. Credit for unused sick leave is applicable to all certificated employees and is determined by dividing the number of unused sick days by the number of base service days required to complete the last school year, if employed full-time.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Liabilities

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full, from current financial resources are reported as liabilities of the governmental funds.

However, compensated absences and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds, leases, and other long-term liabilities are recognized as liabilities in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

Debt Issuance Costs and Premiums

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term liabilities are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities. Debt premiums are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method.

In governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums and debt issuance costs are recognized in the period the bonds are issued. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are also reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds, are reported as debt service expenditures in the period the bonds are issued.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position also reports deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The District reports deferred outflows of resources for pension related items and for OPEB related items.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The District reports deferred inflows of resources for pension related items and for OPEB related items.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) plan for schools (Plans) and additions to/deductions from the Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalSTRS and CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which they are earned. Investments are reported at fair value. net pension liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid by the fund in which the employee worked.

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

For 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 District Plan and the CalSTRS Medicare Premium Payment (MPP) Program and additions to/deductions from the District Plan and the MPP's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the District Plan and the MPP. For this purpose, the District Plan and the MPP recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost. The total OPEB liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund.

Leases

The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use leased asset (leased asset) in the government-wide financial statements. At the commencement of the lease term, the District measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The leased asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset.

Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

As of June 30, 2024, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the governing board. The governing board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions or other action as approved by the governing board.

Assigned - amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the District's adopted policy, only the superintendent or chief business official may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned - all other spendable amounts.

Spending Order Policy

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the governing board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

Minimum Fund Balance Policy

The governing board adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the General Fund in order to protect the district against revenue shortfalls or unpredicted one-time expenditures. The policy requires a Reserve for Economic Uncertainties consisting of unassigned amounts equal to no less than three percent of General Fund expenditures and other financing uses.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position net of investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. The government-wide financial statements report \$92,840,107 of restricted net position.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the District, these revenues are insurance premiums. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Interfund Activity

Transfers between governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements. Interfund transfers are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Activities.

Estimates

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

Property Tax

Secured property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are payable in two installments on November 1 and February 1 and become delinquent on December 10 and April 10, respectively. Unsecured property taxes are payable in one installment on or before August 31. The County of Merced bills and collects the taxes on behalf of the District. Local property tax revenues are recorded when received.

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Summary of Deposits and Investments

Deposits and investments as of June 30, 2024, are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Governmental funds	\$ 206,400,890
Proprietary funds	<u>1,450,113</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u><u>\$ 207,851,003</u></u>

Deposits and investments as of June 30, 2024, consist of the following:

Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 120,447
Cash in revolving	5,050
Investments	<u>207,725,506</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u><u>\$ 207,851,003</u></u>

Policies and Practices

The District is authorized under California *Government Code* to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

Investment in County Treasury - The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool as the District is required to deposit all receipts and collections of monies with their County Treasurer (*Education Code* Section 41001). The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the accounting financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

General Authorizations

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District has a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the County Pool which purchases a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and which also times cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time as necessary to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations. The District maintains an investment of \$207,725,506 in the Merced County Treasury Investment Pool that has an average weighted maturity of 611 days.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

This is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. However, the California *Government Code* requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by State or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agency. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105% of the secured deposits. As of June 30, 2024, the District had no bank balance that was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk - Investments

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District's investment with the Merced County Investment Pool is currently not rated.

Note 3 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consist of intergovernmental grants, entitlements, and local sources. All receivables are considered collectible in full.

	General Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Activities
Federal Government				
Categorical aid	\$ 10,509,397	\$ -	\$ 2,393,113	\$ 12,902,510
State Government				
LCFF apportionment	132,407	-	-	132,407
Other State	1,180,820	-	9,067,306	10,248,126
Local Sources	130,212	925	128,076	259,213
	<u>11,820,836</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>11,588,495</u>	<u>23,542,256</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,952,836</u>	<u>\$ 925</u>	<u>\$ 11,588,495</u>	<u>\$ 23,542,256</u>

Note 4 - Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2024
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated or amortized				
Land	\$ 9,879,293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,879,293
Construction in progress	29,008,060	45,698,578	(21,033,062)	53,673,576
Total capital assets not being depreciated or amortized	38,887,353	45,698,578	(21,033,062)	63,552,869
Capital assets being depreciated and amortized				
Land improvements	29,610,163	5,134,784	-	34,744,947
Buildings and improvements	186,654,462	15,898,278	-	202,552,740
Furniture and equipment	12,780,982	612,211	-	13,393,193
Right-to-use leased buildings and improvements	144,200	335,923	-	480,123
Right-to-use furniture and equipment	130,985	140,942	(130,985)	140,942
Total capital assets being depreciated and amortized	229,320,792	22,122,138	(130,985)	251,311,945
Total capital assets	268,208,145	67,820,716	(21,164,047)	314,864,814
Accumulated depreciation and amortization				
Land improvements	(16,077,718)	(614,513)	-	(16,692,231)
Buildings and improvements	(79,350,652)	(5,627,891)	-	(84,978,543)
Furniture and equipment	(7,479,806)	(442,626)	-	(7,922,432)
Right-to-use leased buildings and improvements	(48,064)	(77,694)	-	(125,758)
Right-to-use furniture and equipment	(125,534)	(17,196)	130,985	(11,745)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	(103,081,774)	(6,779,920)	130,985	(109,730,709)
Net depreciable and amortizable capital assets	126,239,018	15,342,218	-	141,581,236
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 165,126,371	\$ 61,040,796	\$ (21,033,062)	\$ 205,134,105

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functional expenses as follows:

Governmental Activities	
Instruction	\$ 3,075,114
School site administration	284,597
Home-to-school transportation	1,604,407
Food services	534,802
Data processing	66,850
All other administration	133,701
Plant services	<u>1,080,449</u>
Total depreciation and amortization expense - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 6,779,920</u></u>

Note 5 - Interfund Transactions

Interfund Receivables/Payables (Due To/Due From)

Interfund receivable and payable balances arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed. Interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2024, between major and non-major governmental funds and the internal service fund are as follows:

Funds	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
Major Governmental Funds		
General	\$ 516,686	\$ 3,703,192
Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	2,500,000	-
Non-Major Governmental Funds		
Child Development	402,963	258,814
Cafeteria	370,389	256,367
Deferred Maintenance	398,295	1,505
Proprietary Fund		
Internal Service	<u>31,545</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,219,878</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,219,878</u></u>

The General Fund owes the Child Development Non-Major Governmental Fund for Preschool Title I Program and contribution to offset shortfall.	\$ 402,697
The General Fund owes the Child Development Non-Major Governmental Fund for health insurance.	266
The General Fund owes the Cafeteria Non-Major Governmental Fund for fuel, cell phone charges, and SNS catering.	2,842
The General Fund owes the Cafeteria Non-Major Governmental Fund for eligible food costs under School Food Best Practices.	367,547
The General Fund owes the Deferred Maintenance Non-Major Governmental Fund for future maintenance projects.	398,295
The General Fund owes the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects for capital outlay project costs.	2,500,000
The General Fund owes the Internal Service Fund for June income protection.	31,545
The Child Development Non-Major Governmental Fund owes the General Fund for indirect costs and other miscellaneous costs.	258,814
The Cafeteria Non-Major Governmental Fund owes the General Fund for indirect costs and other miscellaneous costs.	256,367
The Deferred Maintenance Non-Major Governmental Fund owes the General Fund for deferred maintenance expenditures.	1,505
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Total	<u>\$ 4,219,878</u>

Operating Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, consist of the following:

The General Fund transferred to the Child Development Non-Major Governmental Fund a contribution for accounts receivable shortfall.	\$ 2,697
The General Fund transferred to the Deferred Maintenance Non-Major Governmental Fund for future maintenance projects.	1,248,295
The General Fund transferred to the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects for 21st Century facility projects.	2,500,000
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Total	<u>\$ 3,750,992</u>

Note 6 - Accounts Payable

Accounts payable at June 30, 2024, consists of the following:

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Proprietary Fund	Total Governmental Activities
Vendor payables	\$ 8,753,328	\$214,797	\$ 847,920	\$ 412,040	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,253,085
Salaries and benefits	3,225,268	-	-	67,633	-	3,292,901
Expanded Learning Opportunities Program	13,434,270	-	-	-	-	13,434,270
Total	<u>\$ 25,412,866</u>	<u>\$214,797</u>	<u>\$ 847,920</u>	<u>\$ 479,673</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,980,256</u>

Note 7 - Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue at June 30, 2024, consists of the following:

	General Fund
Federal financial assistance	\$ 404,337
State categorical aid	<u>122,379</u>
Total	<u>\$ 526,716</u>

Note 8 - Long-Term Liabilities Other than OPEB and Pensions

Summary

The changes in the District's long-term liabilities other than OPEB and pensions during the year consisted of the following:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due in One Year
Long-Term Liabilities					
General obligation bonds	\$ 75,407,882	\$ 1,286,307	\$ (1,490,000)	\$ 75,204,189	\$ 3,280,000
General obligation bond - private placement	1,320,000	-	(1,320,000)	-	-
Unamortized premiums	2,043,680	-	(84,054)	1,959,626	-
Leases	103,607	476,865	(93,365)	487,107	109,424
Compensated absences	662,461	67,121	-	729,582	-
	<u>662,461</u>	<u>67,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>729,582</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 79,537,630</u>	<u>\$ 1,830,293</u>	<u>\$ (2,987,419)</u>	<u>\$ 78,380,504</u>	<u>\$ 3,389,424</u>

The general obligation bonds are paid by the tax payers through the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund with local property taxes. The premiums will be amortized over the life of the related debt. The leases are paid by the General Fund. The compensated absences are paid by the fund for which the employee worked.

General Obligation Bonds

The outstanding general obligation bonded debt is as follows:

Issuance Date	Final Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Bonds Outstanding July 1, 2023	Interest Accreted	Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2024
3/1/04	8/1/28	5.13-5.23	\$2,709,268	\$ 2,709,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,709,268
	Accreted interest			4,614,094	373,332	-	4,987,426
6/1/05	6/1/30	4.00-5.07	8,415,303	4,592,543	-	(445,553)	4,146,990
	Accreted interest			6,656,683	517,879	(619,447)	6,555,115
10/16/14	8/1/37	4.76-5.04	1,198,568	1,198,568	-	-	1,198,568
	Accreted interest			638,518	91,304	-	729,822
10/16/14	8/1/44	3.00-3.25	10,260,000	7,875,000	-	(170,000)	7,705,000
12/17/15	8/1/39	2.00-5.00	2,124,008	1,897,782	-	(85,587)	1,812,195
	Accreted interest			636,525	95,625	(19,413)	712,737
12/17/15	8/1/45	1.94-4.52	16,140,000	14,915,000	-	-	14,915,000
4/25/17	8/1/40	3.56-4.38	614,260	614,260	-	-	614,260
	Accreted interest			178,479	33,135	-	211,614
4/25/17	8/1/47	3.00-4.00	11,025,000	10,395,000	-	-	10,395,000
10/14/18	8/1/48	3.00-5.00	6,640,000	6,390,000	-	(70,000)	6,320,000
4/12/22	8/1/46	4.00	3,920,000	3,920,000	-	(80,000)	3,840,000
4/12/22	8/1/40	3.85-4.36	1,736,465	1,736,465	-	-	1,736,465
	Accreted interest			95,377	76,959	-	172,336
6/22/23	8/1/49	5.00-5.25	4,280,000	4,280,000	-	-	4,280,000
6/22/23	6/1/48	3.53-5.04	2,057,292	2,057,292	-	-	2,057,292
	Accreted interest			7,028	98,073	-	105,101
Private placement							
6/5/13	8/1/23	3.25-5.00	9,560,000	1,320,000	-	(1,320,000)	-
Total				<u>\$76,727,882</u>	<u>\$ 1,286,307</u>	<u>\$ (2,810,000)</u>	<u>\$75,204,189</u>

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The current interest bonds mature as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest to Maturity	Total
2025	\$ 475,000	\$ 2,011,724	\$ 2,486,724
2026	500,000	1,989,475	2,489,475
2027	345,000	1,970,425	2,315,425
2028	395,000	1,953,875	2,348,875
2029	450,000	1,940,624	2,390,624
2030-2034	3,335,000	9,412,635	12,747,635
2035-2039	4,890,000	8,730,889	13,620,889
2040-2044	13,695,000	7,101,401	20,796,401
2045-2049	21,040,000	2,952,654	23,992,654
2050	2,330,000	61,163	2,391,163
Total	<u>\$ 47,455,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,124,865</u>	<u>\$ 85,579,865</u>

The capital appreciation bonds mature as follows:

Bonds Maturing Fiscal Year	Initial Bond Value	Accreted Interest	Accreted Obligation	Unaccreted Interest	Maturity Value
2025	\$ 1,098,210	\$ 1,706,790	\$ 2,805,000	\$ -	\$ 2,805,000
2026	1,109,155	1,711,744	2,820,899	154,101	2,975,000
2027	1,163,901	1,755,364	2,919,265	300,735	3,220,000
2028	1,190,221	1,773,319	2,963,540	471,460	3,435,000
2029	1,201,414	1,785,233	2,986,647	653,353	3,640,000
2030-2034	3,681,441	3,644,656	7,326,097	2,413,903	9,740,000
2035-2039	2,381,730	824,143	3,205,873	2,359,127	5,565,000
2040-2044	1,197,338	207,885	1,405,223	1,479,777	2,885,000
2045-2049	1,251,628	65,017	1,316,645	2,848,355	4,165,000
Total	<u>\$ 14,275,038</u>	<u>\$ 13,474,151</u>	<u>\$ 27,749,189</u>	<u>\$ 10,680,811</u>	<u>\$ 38,430,000</u>

Leases

The District has entered into agreements to lease various equipment and facilities. The District's liability on lease agreements is summarized below:

Lease	Leases Outstanding July 1, 2023	Addition	Payments	Leases Outstanding June 30, 2024
Copiers	\$ 5,671	\$ 140,942	\$ (15,337)	\$ 131,276
Facilities	97,936	335,923	(78,028)	355,831
Total	<u>\$ 103,607</u>	<u>\$ 476,865</u>	<u>\$ (93,365)</u>	<u>\$ 487,107</u>

Copiers

The District entered into agreements to lease copiers for up to five years. Under the terms of the leases, the District paid total monthly payments of \$8,561, which amounted to total principal and interest costs of \$308,907. The annual interest rates charged on the leases are 4.00% - 8.23%. At June 30, 2024, the District has recognized a right-to-use leased asset of \$140,942 and a lease liability of \$131,276 related to these agreements. During the fiscal year, the District recorded \$17,196 in amortization expense and \$10,371 in interest expense for the right-to-use the copiers. The District also pays for each additional copy in excess of the contracted amount, which is not included in the measurement of the lease liability as they are variable in nature.

Facilities

The District entered into facilities lease agreements for up to five years. Under the terms of the leases, the District paid monthly payments of \$11,981 which amounted to total principal and interest costs of \$513,103. The annual interest rates charged on the leases are 3.00% to 5.00%. At June 30, 2024, the District has recognized a right-to-use leased asset of \$480,123 and a lease liability of \$355,831 related to these agreements. During the fiscal year, the District recorded \$77,694 in amortization expense and \$3,253 in interest expense for the right-to-use the facilities.

The remaining principal and interest payment requirements for the lease obligation debt as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 109,424	\$ 19,257	\$ 128,681
2026	89,810	15,056	104,866
2027	96,147	10,825	106,972
2028	102,871	6,278	109,149
2029	88,855	1,607	90,462
Total	<u>\$ 487,107</u>	<u>\$ 53,023</u>	<u>\$ 540,130</u>

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences (unpaid employee vacation) for the District at June 30, 2024, amounted to \$729,582.

Note 9 - Net Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) Liability

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District reported net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense for the following plans:

OPEB Plan	Net OPEB Liability	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	OPEB Expense
District Plan	\$ 15,760,358	\$ 8,909,677	\$ 3,123,745	\$ 2,924,841
Medicare Premium Payment (MPP) Plan	495,034	-	-	(28,525)
Total	<u>\$ 16,255,392</u>	<u>\$ 8,909,677</u>	<u>\$ 3,123,745</u>	<u>\$ 2,896,316</u>

The details of each plan are as follows:

District Plan

Plan Administration

The Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) administers the Postemployment Benefits Plan (the Plan). The Plan is a multiple-employer agent defined benefit plan that is used to provide postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) for eligible retirees and their spouses. The plans assets are maintained in the Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) postemployment benefits trust and financial information including audit reports of the plan can be found on their website.

Plan Membership

At July 1, 2022, the valuation date, the Plan membership consisted of the following:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits payments	162
Active employees	955
Total	<u>1,117</u>

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Benefits are provided through a third-party insurer, and the full cost of benefits is covered by the Plan. The District's governing board has the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms as contained within the negotiated labor agreements.

Upon attainment of age 55 and completion of at least 15 years of District service, including at least five years immediately before retirement, an employee may retire and receive District-paid medical, dental and vision insurance for a period depending on employment classification (and, in some cases, date of hire), and subject to making any required monthly retiree contributions.

Classified retirees receive benefits for the lesser of five years or until age 65. Classified employees may self-pay for up to five years after retirement to preserve their rights to five years of District benefits, but in no case do benefits extend beyond age 65. Benefits are capped at \$1,215.17 per month for 2022-2023. Classified employees' service must be full-time to qualify.

Certificated retirees with less than 20 years of service receive benefits for the lesser of ten years or until age 65 (Option 65). Certificated retirees with at least 20 years of service receive benefits for the lesser of ten years or until the end of the school year in which age 67 is reached (Option 67). Retirees age 65 or older who have earned Medicare Part A must purchase Part B to retain eligibility for District-paid benefits. Benefits are capped at \$1,215.17 per month for 2022-2023.

Management retiree benefits depend on the date first hired by the District into a Management position, as follows:

Plan 1: Hired prior to January 17, 1989.

Plan 2: Hired on or after January 17, 1989 and on or before February 5, 1991.

Plan 3: Hired on or after February 6, 1991.

Plan 1 and Plan 2 retirees receive lifetime District-paid benefits and are not subject to a District cap; however, Plan 2 retirees must have at least 20 years of service to receive dental and vision coverage and at least 32 years of service to receive spousal coverage. Plan 3 retirees receive benefits for the lesser of ten years or until the end of the school year in which age 67 is reached and are subject to a cap of \$1,215.17 per month for 2022-2023.

Contributions

The contribution requirements of Plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the District, the Merced City Teachers Association (MCTA), the local California Service Employees Association (CSEA), and unrepresented groups. Voluntary contributions based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements, and any additional amounts to prefund benefits with the District, MCTA, CSEA, and the unrepresented groups are based on availability of funds. There are no required contributions beyond the annual pay as you go amounts. For the measurement period of June 30, 2023, the District contributed \$3,679,926 to the Plan, of which \$2,855,124, including implicit subsidy, was used for current premiums and \$824,802 was used to fund the OPEB Trust.

Net OPEB Liability of the District

The District's net OPEB liability of \$15,760,358 was measured as of June 30, 2023, by applying certain roll-forward procedures to the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The components of the net OPEB liability of the District at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Total OPEB liability	\$ 34,185,118
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>(18,424,760)</u>
Net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 15,760,358</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	<u>53.90%</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024 was determined by applying updated procedures to the financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 and rolling forward the total OPEB liability to June 30, 2024. The following assumptions were applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00%
Discount rate	6.00%
Investment rate of return	6.00%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rates	6.00%

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer 20-bond General Obligation Index.

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on mortality rates for active employees from CalSTRS Experience Analysis (2015-2018) and pre-retirement mortality rates from CalPERS Experience Study (2000-2019). Post-retirement mortality rates were based on mortality rates for retired members and beneficiaries from CalSTRS Experience Analysis (2015-2018) and post-retirement mortality rates for healthy recipients from CalPERS Experience Study (2000-2019).

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on a review of plan experience during the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. The calculated investment rate of return was set equal to the expected ten-year compound (geometric) real return plus inflation (rounded to the nearest 25 basis points, where appropriate). The table below provides the long-term expected real rates of return by asset class (based on published capital market assumptions).

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Broad U.S. Equity	60.0%	4.4%
U.S. Fixed	40.0%	1.8%

The Trust's investment policy restricts the investment allocation of the plan. It is the guideline of the plan as of June 30, 2021 and 2022 that assets will not exceed a maximum allocation percentage by category of: equities - 70%, fixed income - 70% and non-correlating assets - 20%. It is also understood that from time to time, this will fluctuate in either direction and can be rebalanced due to market conditions.

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>		
	<u>Total OPEB Liability (a)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</u>	<u>Net OPEB Liability (a) - (b)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$ 33,732,094	\$ 15,860,533	\$ 17,871,561
Service cost	1,291,159	-	1,291,159
Interest	2,016,989	-	2,016,989
Net investment income	-	1,755,931	(1,755,931)
Contributions - employer	-	3,679,926	(3,679,926)
Benefit payments	(2,855,124)	(2,855,124)	-
Administrative expense	-	(16,506)	16,506
Net change in total OPEB liability	453,024	2,564,227	(2,111,203)
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 34,185,118</u>	<u>\$ 18,424,760</u>	<u>\$ 15,760,358</u>

Changes in Benefit Terms - There were no changes in the benefit terms since the previous valuation.

Changes of Assumptions – The healthcare cost trend rates changed from 6.50% to 6.00% since the previous measurement.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

Discount Rate	Net OPEB Liability
1% decrease (5.00%)	\$ 18,286,448
Current discount rate (6.00%)	15,760,358
1% increase (7.00%)	13,432,694

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percent lower or higher than the current healthcare costs trend rate:

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	Net OPEB Liability
1% decrease (5.00%)	\$ 12,446,759
Healthcare cost trend rate (6.00%)	15,760,358
1% increase (7.00%)	19,593,897

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$445,330. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
OPEB contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 4,629,096	\$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	707,734	823,737
Changes of assumptions	1,793,368	525,916
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,779,479	1,774,092
Total	<u>\$ 8,909,677</u>	<u>\$ 3,123,745</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the subsequent fiscal year.

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB trust investments will be amortized over a closed five-year period and will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ (43,505)
2026	(186,752)
2027	390,527
2028	(154,883)
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Total	\$ 5,387

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total OPEB liability and changes of assumptions will be amortized over the Expected Average Remaining Service Life (EARS) of all members that are provided benefits (active, inactive, and retirees) as of the beginning of the measurement period.

Year Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ 963,884
2026	963,885
2027	496,693
2028	444,783
2029	370,474
Thereafter	611,036
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Total	\$ 3,850,755

Medicare Premium Payment (MPP) Program

Plan Description

The Medicare Premium Payment (MPP) Program is administered by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). The MPP Program is a cost-sharing multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB) established pursuant to Chapter 1032, Statutes 2000 (SB 1435). CalSTRS administers the MPP Program through the Teachers' Health Benefits Fund (THBF).

A full description of the MPP Program regarding benefit provisions, assumptions (for funding, but not accounting purposes), and membership information is listed in the June 30, 2022, annual actuarial valuation report, Medicare Premium Payment Program Actuarial Valuation. This report and CalSTRS audited financial information are publicly available reports that can be found on the CalSTRS website under Publications at: <http://www.calstrs.com/member-publications>.

Benefits Provided

The MPP Program pays Medicare Part A premiums and Medicare Parts A and B late enrollment surcharges for eligible members of the State Teachers Retirement Plan (STRP) Defined Benefit (DB) Program who were retired or began receiving a disability allowance prior to July 1, 2012 and were not eligible for premium free Medicare Part A. The payments are made directly to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on a monthly basis.

The MPP Program is closed to new entrants as members who retire after July 1, 2012, are not eligible for coverage under the MPP Program.

The MPP Program is funded on a pay-as-you go basis from a portion of monthly District benefit payments. In accordance with California *Education Code* Section 25930, contributions that would otherwise be credited to the DB Program each month are instead credited to the MPP Program to fund monthly program and administrative costs. Total redirections to the MPP Program are monitored to ensure that total incurred costs do not exceed the amount initially identified as the cost of the program.

Net OPEB Liability and OPEB Expense

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$495,034 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for the MPP Program. 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 an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB Plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts, actuarially determined. The District's proportionate share for the measurement period June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, was 0.1631% and 0.1589%, resulting in a net increase in the proportionate share of 0.0042%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(28,525).

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The June 30, 2023 total OPEB liability was determined by applying update procedures to the financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, and rolling forward the total OPEB liability to June 30, 2023, using the assumptions listed in the following table:

Measurement Date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Valuation Date	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Experience Study	July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018	July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Investment Rate of Return	3.65%	3.54%
Medicare Part A Premium Cost Trend Rate	4.50%	4.50%
Medicare Part B Premium Cost Trend Rate	5.40%	5.40%

For the valuation as of June 30, 2022, CalSTRS uses a generational mortality assumption, which involves the use of a base mortality table and projection scales to reflect expected annual reductions in mortality rates at each age, resulting in increases in life expectancies each year into the future. The base mortality tables are CalSTRS custom tables derived to best fit the patterns of mortality among members. The projection scale was set equal to 110% of the ultimate improvement factor from the Mortality Improvement Scale (MP-2019) table, issued by the Society of Actuaries.

Assumptions were made about future participation (enrollment) into the MPP Program because CalSTRS is unable to determine which members not currently participating meet all eligibility criteria for enrollment in the future. Assumed enrollment rates were derived based on past experience and are stratified by age with the probability of enrollment diminishing as the members' age increases. This estimated enrollment rate was then applied to the population of members who may meet criteria necessary for eligibility and are not currently enrolled in the MPP Program. Based on this, the estimated number of future enrollments used in the financial reporting valuation was 179 or an average of 0.13% of the potentially eligible population (138,780).

The MPP Program is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis with contributions generally being made at the same time and in the same amount as benefit payments and expenses coming due. Any funds within the MPP Program as of June 30, 2023, were to manage differences between estimated and actual amounts to be paid and were invested in the Surplus Money Investment Fund, which is a pooled investment program administered by the State Treasurer.

Discount Rate

As the MPP Program is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to make projected future benefit payments. Therefore, the MPP Program used the Bond Buyer's 20-Bond GO Index from Bondbuyer.com as of June 30, 2023, as the discount rate, which was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability. The discount rate as of June 30, 2023, was 3.65%, which is an increase of 0.11% from 3.54% as of June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the current discount rate, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower or higher than the current rate:

Discount Rate	Net OPEB Liability
1% decrease (2.65%)	\$ 538,000
Current discount rate (3.65%)	495,034
1% increase (4.65%)	457,674

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Medicare Costs Trend Rates

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the current Medicare costs trend rates, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using Medicare costs trend rates that are one percent lower or higher than the current rates:

Medicare Costs Trend Rates	Net OPEB Liability
1% decrease (3.50% Part A and 4.40% Part B)	\$ 455,480
Current Medicare costs trend rates (4.50% Part A and 5.40% Part B)	495,034
1% increase (5.50% Part A and 6.40% Part B)	539,688

Note 10 - Fund Balances

Fund balances are composed of the following elements:

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable					
Revolving cash	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Stores inventories	178,822	-	-	377,641	556,463
Prepaid expenditures	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Total nonspendable	182,322	-	-	380,141	562,463
Restricted					
Legally restricted programs	54,998,157	-	-	3,214,460	58,212,617
Food service	-	-	-	6,957,648	6,957,648
Capital projects	-	7,179,667	-	21,718,225	28,897,892
Debt service	-	-	-	5,088,269	5,088,269
Student activity	-	-	-	52,903	52,903
Total restricted	54,998,157	7,179,667	-	37,031,505	99,209,329
Committed					
Economic uncertainties	27,248,295	-	-	-	27,248,295
Textbook adoption	7,000,000	-	-	-	7,000,000
Deferred maintenance program	-	-	-	923,548	923,548
Employer pension contribution	7,500,000	-	-	-	7,500,000
Negotiated salary agreement	18,034,923	-	-	-	18,034,923
Total committed	59,783,218	-	-	923,548	60,706,766
Assigned					
School bus replacement	1,220,000	-	-	-	1,220,000
Internal golden handshake	651,000	-	-	-	651,000
Property and liability	2,535,998	-	-	-	2,535,998
Equipment and furniture	28,195	-	-	-	28,195
Capital projects	-	-	29,323,218	-	29,323,218
Total assigned	4,435,193	-	29,323,218	-	33,758,411
Unassigned					
Reserve for economic uncertainties	6,538,339	-	-	-	6,538,339
Remaining unassigned	2,211,784	-	-	-	2,211,784
Total unassigned	8,750,123	-	-	-	8,750,123
Total	\$ 128,149,013	\$ 7,179,667	\$ 29,323,218	\$ 38,335,194	\$ 202,987,092

Note 11 - Risk Management

Employee Medical Benefits

The District has contracted with the SISC III to provide employee medical and vision benefits. SISC III is a shared risk pool. Rates are set through an annual calculation process. The District pays a monthly contribution, which is placed in a common fund from which claim payments are made for all participating districts. Claims are paid for all participants regardless of claims flow. The Board of Directors has a right to return monies to a district subsequent to the settlement of all expenses and claims if a district withdraws from the pool.

Property and Liability

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the District contracted with School Insurance Authority for property and liability insurance coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2024, the District participated in the Merced County Schools Insurance Group (MCSIG I), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of MCSIG I is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in MCSIG I. The workers' compensation experience of the participating districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all districts in MCSIG I. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium based on its individual rate. Total savings are then calculated and each participant's individual performance is compared to the overall savings. A participant will then either receive money from or be required to contribute to the "equity-pooling fund." This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares equally in the overall performance of MCSIG I. Participation in MCSIG I is limited to districts that can meet MCSIG I selection criteria. The firm of Keenan and Associates provides administrative and cost control.

Unpaid Claims Liability

The District is self-insured for income protection, which is accounted for in the District's Internal Service Fund. The fund establishes a liability for both reported and unreported events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses. As of June 30, 2024, that liability has been established in the amount of \$25,000.

Note 12 - Employee Retirement Systems

Qualified employees are covered under multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans maintained by agencies of the State of California. Academic employees are members of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and classified employees are members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of net pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense for each of the above plans as follows:

Pension Plan	Net Pension Liability	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Pension Expense
CalSTRS	\$ 84,002,635	\$ 27,345,980	\$ 7,357,592	\$ 11,951,073
CalPERS	41,777,337	15,217,428	1,654,459	6,003,768
Total	<u>\$ 125,779,972</u>	<u>\$ 42,563,408</u>	<u>\$ 9,012,051</u>	<u>\$ 17,954,841</u>

The details of each plan are as follows:

California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)

Plan Description

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement Plan (STRP) administered by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). STRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan. Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended, within the State Teachers' Retirement Law.

A full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions (for funding, but not accounting purposes), and membership information is listed in the June 30, 2022, annual actuarial valuation report, Defined Benefit Program Actuarial Valuation. This report and CalSTRS audited financial information are publicly available reports that can be found on the CalSTRS website under Publications at: <http://www.calstrs.com/member-publications>.

Benefits Provided

The STRP provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. Benefits are based on members' final compensation, age, and years of service credit. Members hired on or before December 31, 2012, with five years of credited service are eligible for the normal retirement benefit at age 60. Members hired on or after January 1, 2013, with five years of credited service are eligible for the normal retirement benefit at age 62. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 2.0% of final compensation for each year of credited service.

The STRP is comprised of four programs: Defined Benefit Program, Defined Benefit Supplement Program, Cash Balance Benefit Program, and Replacement Benefits Program. The STRP holds assets for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and beneficiaries of these programs. CalSTRS also uses plan assets to defray reasonable expenses of administering the STRP. Although CalSTRS is the administrator of the STRP, the state is the sponsor of the STRP and obligor of the trust. In addition, the state is both an employer and nonemployer contributing entity to the STRP.

The District contributes exclusively to the STRP Defined Benefit Program, thus disclosures are not included for the other plans.

The STRP provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2024, are summarized as follows:

	STRP Defined Benefit Program	
	On or before December 31, 2012	On or after January 1, 2013
Hire date	2% at 60	2% at 62
Benefit formula	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit vesting schedule	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Benefit payments	60	62
Retirement age	2.0% - 2.4%	2.0% - 2.4%
Monthly benefits as a percentage of eligible compensation	10.25%	10.205%
Required employee contribution rate	19.10%	19.10%
Required employer contribution rate	10.828%	10.828%
Required state contribution rate		

Contributions

Required member, District and State of California contributions rates are set by the California Legislature and Governor and detailed in Teachers' Retirement Law. The contributions rates are expressed as a level percentage of payroll using the entry age normal actuarial method. In accordance with AB 1469, employer contributions into the CalSTRS will be increasing to a total of 19.1% of applicable member earnings phased over a seven-year period. The contribution rates for each plan for the year ended June 30, 2024, are presented above and the District's total contributions were \$15,816,578.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related state support and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

Total net pension liability, including State share	
Proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 84,002,635
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	40,248,025
	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 124,250,660</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts and the State, actuarially determined. The District's proportionate share for the measurement period June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, was 0.1103% and 0.1059%, resulting in a net increase in the proportionate share of 0.0044%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$11,951,073. In addition, the District recognized pension expense and revenue of \$5,474,843 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 15,816,578	\$ -
Change in proportion and differences between contributions made and District's proportionate share of contributions	4,082,208	2,863,025
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	359,565	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	6,601,223	4,494,567
Changes of assumptions	486,406	-
Total	<u>\$ 27,345,980</u>	<u>\$ 7,357,592</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent fiscal year.

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments will be amortized over a closed five-year period and will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ (2,642,788)
2026	(4,141,712)
2027	6,806,283
2028	337,782
Total	<u>\$ 359,565</u>

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the change in proportion and differences between contributions made and District's proportionate share of contributions, differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability, and changes of assumptions will be amortized over the Expected Average Remaining Service Life (EARSL) of all members that are provided benefits (active, inactive, and retirees) as of the beginning of the measurement period. The EARSL for the measurement period is seven years and will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ 444,106
2026	374,655
2027	159,099
2028	85,824
2029	1,182,361
Thereafter	1,566,200
Total	<u>\$ 3,812,245</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Total pension liability for STRP was determined by applying update procedures to the financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2023. The financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, used the following methods and assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Valuation date	June 30, 2022
Measurement date	June 30, 2023
Experience study	July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Discount rate	7.10%
Investment rate of return	7.10%
Consumer price inflation	2.75%
Wage growth	3.50%

CalSTRS uses a generational mortality assumption, which involves the use of a base mortality table and projection scales to reflect expected annual reductions in mortality rates at each age, resulting in increases in life expectancies each year into the future. The base mortality tables are CalSTRS custom tables derived to best fit the patterns of mortality among its members. The projection scale was set equal to 110% of the ultimate improvement factor from the Mortality Improvement Scale (MP-2019) table, issued by the Society of Actuaries.

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. The best estimate ranges were developed using capital market assumptions from CalSTRS general investment consultant as an input to the process. The actuarial investment rate of return assumption was adopted by the board in January 2020 in conjunction with the most recent experience study. For each current and future valuation, CalSTRS' independent

consulting actuary (Milliman) reviews the return assumption for reasonableness based on the most current capital market assumptions. Best estimates of expected 20-year geometrically linked real rates of return and the assumed asset allocation for each major asset class for the year ended June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Assumed Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Public equity	38%	5.25%
Real estate	15%	4.05%
Private equity	14%	6.75%
Fixed income	14%	2.45%
Risk mitigating strategies	10%	2.25%
Inflation sensitive	7%	3.65%
Cash/liquidity	2%	0.05%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from plan members and employers will be made at statutory contribution rates. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return of 7.10% and assume that contributions, benefit payments and administrative expense occurred midyear. Based on these assumptions, the STRP's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term assumed investment rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine total pension liability.

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

Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability
1% decrease (6.10%)	\$ 140,907,717
Current discount rate (7.10%)	84,002,635
1% increase (8.10%)	36,736,332

California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

Plan Description

Qualified employees are eligible to participate in the School Employer Pool (SEP) under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS. Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended, within the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

A full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions (for funding, but not accounting purposes), and membership information is listed in the June 30, 2022, annual actuarial valuation report, Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation. This report and CalPERS audited financial information are publicly available reports that can be found on the CalPERS website under Forms and Publications at:
<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/forms-publications>.

Benefits Provided

CalPERS provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of service credit, a benefit factor and the member's final compensation. Members hired on or before December 31, 2012, with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. Members hired on or after January 1, 2013, with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 52 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after five years of service. The Basic Death Benefit is paid to any member's beneficiary if the member dies while actively employed. An employee's eligible survivor may receive the 1957 Survivor Benefit if the member dies while actively employed, is at least age 50 (or 52 for members hired on or after January 1, 2013), and has at least five years of credited service. The cost of living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

The CalPERS provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2024, are summarized as follows:

	School Employer Pool (CalPERS)	
	On or before December 31, 2012	On or after January 1, 2013
Hire date		
Benefit formula	2% at 55	2% at 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	55	62
Monthly benefits as a percentage of eligible compensation	1.1% - 2.5%	1.0% - 2.5%
Required employee contribution rate	7.00%	8.00%
Required employer contribution rate	26.680%	26.680%

Contributions

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. Total plan contributions are calculated through the CalPERS annual actuarial valuation process. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. The contributions rates are expressed as percentage of annual payroll. The contribution rates for each plan for the year ended June 30, 2024, are presented above and the total District contributions were \$7,064,697.

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

As of June 30, 2024, the District reported net pension liabilities for its proportionate share of the CalPERS net pension liability totaling \$41,777,337. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating school districts, actuarially determined. The District's proportionate share for the measurement period June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, was 0.1154% and 0.1195%, resulting in a net decrease in the proportionate share of 0.0041 %.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$6,003,768. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 7,064,697	\$ -
Change in proportion and differences between contributions made and District's proportionate share of contributions	241,077	1,012,821
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	4,462,417	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	1,524,573	641,638
Changes of assumptions	1,924,664	-
	<u>\$ 15,217,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,654,459</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,217,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,654,459</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent fiscal year.

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments will be amortized over a closed five-year period and will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ 832,415
2026	493,144
2027	2,997,985
2028	138,873
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Total	\$ 4,462,417
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The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the change in proportion and differences between contributions made and District's proportionate share of contributions, differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability, and changes of assumptions will be amortized over the Expected Average Remaining Service Life (EARSL) of all members that are provided benefits (active, inactive, and retirees) as of the beginning of the measurement period. The EARSL for the measurement period is 3.9 years and will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ 1,001,729
2026	802,995
2027	231,131
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Total	\$ 2,035,855
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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Total pension liability for the SEP was determined by applying update procedures to the financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, and rolling forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2023. The financial reporting actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, used the following methods and assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Valuation date	June 30, 2022
Measurement date	June 30, 2023
Experience study	July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Discount rate	6.90%
Investment rate of return	6.90%
Consumer price inflation	2.30%
Wage growth	Varies by entry age and service

The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The rates incorporate Generational Mortality to capture ongoing mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Projected returns for all asset classes are estimated and, combined with risk estimates, are used to project compound (geometric) returns over the long term. The discount rate used to discount liabilities was informed by the long-term projected portfolio return. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Assumed Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equity - cap-weighted	30%	4.54%
Global Equity non-cap-weighted	12%	3.84%
Private Equity	13%	7.28%
Treasury	5%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10%	1.56%
High Yield	5%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5%	2.48%
Private Debt	5%	3.57%
Real Assets	15%	3.21%
Leverage	(5%)	(0.59%)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from plan members and employers will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the School Employer Pool fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on the School Employer Pool investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine total pension liability.

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

<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability</u>
1% decrease (5.90%)	\$ 60,399,231
Current discount rate (6.90%)	41,777,337
1% increase (7.90%)	26,386,766

Social Security

As established by Federal law, all public sector employees who are not members of their employer's existing retirement system (CalSTRS or CalPERS) must be covered by Social Security or an alternative plan. The District has elected to contribute to Social Security. Contributions made by the District and an employee vest immediately. The District contributes 6.2% of an employee's gross earnings. An employee is required to contribute 6.2% of his or her gross earnings to Social Security.

On Behalf Payments

The State of California makes contributions to CalSTRS on behalf of the District. These payments consist of State General Fund contributions to CalSTRS in the amount of \$6,437,730 (10.828% of annual payroll). Contributions are no longer appropriated in the annual *Budget Act* for the legislatively mandated benefits to CalPERS. Therefore, there is no on behalf contribution rate for CalPERS. Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these amounts are to be reported as revenues and expenditures. Accordingly, these amounts have been recorded in these financial statements. On behalf payments have been included in the calculation of available reserves.

Note 13 - Commitments and Contingencies

Grants

The District received financial assistance from Federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2024.

Litigation

The District is involved in various litigation arising from the normal course of business. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the disposition of all litigation pending is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2024.

Construction Commitments

As of June 30, 2024, the District had the following commitments with respect to the unfinished capital projects:

Capital Projects	Remaining Construction Commitment	Expected Date of Completion
Gracey roofing	\$ 175,537	September 2024
Cruickshank roofing	159,025	September 2024
Reyes roofing	234,880	August 2024
Givens roofing	742,936	August 2024
Franklin Phase 2	833,284	February 2025
MCSD OSSC	5,650,000	February 2025
Sheehy	950,000	December 2024
District HVAC project	177,651	March 2025
Franklin Phase 3	16,000,000	March 2026
EV charging project	1,997,154	April 2025
Total	<u>\$ 26,920,467</u>	

Note 14 - Participation in Public Entity Risk Pools and Joint Power

The District is a member of the Self Insured Schools of California III (SISC III), School Insurance Authority (SIA) and the Merced County Schools Insurance Group (MCSIG I) public entity risk pools. The District pays an annual premium to each entity for its employee medical benefits, workers' compensation and property liability coverage. The relationships between the District and pools are such that they are not component units of the District for financial reporting purposes.

These entities have budgeting and financial reporting requirements independent of member units and their financial statements are not presented in these financial statements; however, fund transactions between the entities and the District are included in these statements. Audited financial statements are available from the respective entities.

The District has appointed one member to the Governing Board of SISC III.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District made payment of \$15,326,752 to SISC III for employee medical benefits.

The District has appointed no members to the Governing Board of SIA.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District made payment of \$1,094,849 to SIA for liability and property insurance.

The District has appointed one member to the Governing Board of MCSIG I.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District made payments of \$1,918,549 to MCSIG I for workers' compensation insurance.



Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2024

Merced City School District

Merced City School District
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variances - Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local Control Funding Formula	\$ 149,648,253	\$ 151,398,963	\$ 151,459,405	\$ 60,442
Federal sources	45,442,018	55,255,617	47,133,629	(8,121,988)
Other State sources	30,094,801	36,885,870	23,534,977	(13,350,893)
Other local sources	1,304,222	4,029,822	8,745,951	4,716,129
Total revenues ¹	226,489,294	247,570,272	230,873,962	(16,696,310)
Expenditures				
Current				
Certificated salaries	68,494,634	79,651,594	83,451,087	(3,799,493)
Classified salaries	23,135,177	26,807,106	25,199,552	1,607,554
Employee benefits	47,038,810	51,659,297	52,478,235	(818,938)
Books and supplies	12,604,361	14,701,708	7,133,432	7,568,276
Services and operating expenditures	25,038,305	30,523,188	17,479,616	13,043,572
Other outgo	2,449,265	2,218,902	1,508,104	710,798
Capital outlay	26,099,563	33,553,306	27,327,106	6,226,200
Debt service				
Debt service - principal	-	-	93,365	(93,365)
Total expenditures ¹	204,860,115	239,115,101	214,670,497	24,444,604
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	21,629,179	8,455,171	16,203,465	7,748,294
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Sources from leases	-	-	476,865	476,865
Transfers out	(885,000)	(1,085,000)	(3,750,992)	(2,665,992)
Net financing sources (uses)	(885,000)	(1,085,000)	(3,274,127)	(2,189,127)
Net Change in Fund Balances	20,744,179	7,370,171	12,929,338	5,559,167
Fund Balance - Beginning	115,219,675	115,219,675	115,219,675	-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 135,963,854	\$ 122,589,846	\$ 128,149,013	\$ 5,559,167

¹ Due to the consolidation of Fund 17, Special Reserve Fund for Other Than Capital Outlay Projects for reporting purposes into the General Fund, additional revenues and expenditures pertaining to these other funds are included in the Actual (GAAP Basis) revenues and expenditures, however are not included in the original and final General Fund budgets.

Merced City School District
Schedule of Changes in the District's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost	\$ 1,291,159	\$ 1,084,379	\$ 891,319	\$ 854,255
Interest	2,016,989	1,870,233	1,845,995	1,881,578
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	178,977	-	(1,524,793)
Changes of assumptions	-	1,811,801	-	629,991
Benefit payments	(2,855,124)	(2,561,611)	(2,492,234)	(2,450,662)
Net change in total OPEB liability	453,024	2,383,779	245,080	(609,631)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	33,732,094	31,348,315	31,103,235	31,712,866
Total OPEB Liability - Ending (a)	<u>\$ 34,185,118</u>	<u>\$ 33,732,094</u>	<u>\$ 31,348,315</u>	<u>\$ 31,103,235</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Contributions - employer	\$ 3,679,926	\$ 3,505,569	\$ 3,642,239	\$ 3,507,115
Net investment income	1,755,931	(1,683,334)	3,654,894	(8,835)
Benefit payments	(2,855,124)	(2,561,611)	(2,492,234)	(2,450,662)
Administrative expense	(16,506)	(17,326)	(13,812)	(11,352)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,564,227	(756,702)	4,791,087	1,036,266
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	15,860,533	16,617,235	11,826,148	10,789,882
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u>\$ 18,424,760</u>	<u>\$ 15,860,533</u>	<u>\$ 16,617,235</u>	<u>\$ 11,826,148</u>
Net OPEB Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 15,760,358</u>	<u>\$ 17,871,561</u>	<u>\$ 14,731,080</u>	<u>\$ 19,277,087</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	53.90%	47.02%	53.01%	38.02%
Covered Payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020

¹ The District's OPEB Plan is administered through a trust, however, contributions are not made based on a measure of pay; therefore, no measure of payroll is presented.

Note: In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Merced City School District
Schedule of Changes in the District's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 1,115,556	\$ 1,148,048	\$ 992,919
Interest	1,861,887	1,476,257	1,459,536
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	2,176,181	-
Changes of assumptions	-	(2,028,538)	-
Benefit payments	(2,327,062)	(2,439,448)	(1,804,354)
Net change in total OPEB liability	650,381	332,500	648,101
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	31,062,485	30,729,985	30,081,884
Total OPEB Liability - Ending (a)	<u>\$ 31,712,866</u>	<u>\$ 31,062,485</u>	<u>\$ 30,729,985</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions - employer	\$ 3,312,541	\$ 3,682,298	\$ 2,899,345
Net investment income	617,949	679,928	753,023
Benefit payments	(2,327,062)	(2,439,448)	(1,804,354)
Administrative expense	(9,833)	(8,546)	(6,498)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	1,593,595	1,914,232	1,841,516
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	9,196,287	7,282,055	5,440,539
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u>\$ 10,789,882</u>	<u>\$ 9,196,287</u>	<u>\$ 7,282,055</u>
Net OPEB Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 20,922,984</u>	<u>\$ 21,866,198</u>	<u>\$ 23,447,930</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	34.02%	29.61%	23.70%
Covered Payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Measurement Date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017

¹ The District's OPEB Plan is administered through a trust, however, contributions are not made based on a measure of pay; therefore, no measure of payroll is presented.

Note: In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Merced City School District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – MPP Program
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Year ended June 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021
Proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.1631%	0.1589%	0.1582%	0.1882%
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 495,034	\$ 523,559	\$ 630,827	\$ 797,634
Covered payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of it's covered payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	(0.96%)	(0.94%)	(0.80%)	(0.71%)
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020

¹ As of June 30, 2012, active members are no longer eligible for future enrollment in the MPP Program; therefore, the covered payroll disclosure is not applicable.

Note: In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

Merced City School District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – MPP Program
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Year ended June 30,	2020	2019	2018
Proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.1890%	0.1842%	0.1844%
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 703,821	\$ 704,986	\$ 775,695
Covered payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of it's covered payroll	N/A ¹	N/A ¹	N/A ¹
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	(0.81%)	(0.40%)	0.01%
Measurement Date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017

¹ As of June 30, 2012, active members are no longer eligible for future enrollment in the MPP Program; therefore, the covered payroll disclosure is not applicable.

Note: In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

Merced City School District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
CalSTRS					
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.1103%	0.1059%	0.1052%	0.1080%	0.1068%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 84,002,635	\$ 73,587,344	\$ 47,881,428	\$ 104,679,224	\$ 96,491,668
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	40,248,025	36,852,254	24,092,078	53,962,152	52,642,647
Total	<u>\$ 124,250,660</u>	<u>\$ 110,439,598</u>	<u>\$ 71,973,506</u>	<u>\$ 158,641,376</u>	<u>\$ 149,134,315</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 66,234,351</u>	<u>\$ 61,118,191</u>	<u>\$ 57,546,650</u>	<u>\$ 58,540,275</u>	<u>\$ 57,857,254</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	126.83%	120.40%	83.20%	178.82%	166.78%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	81%	81%	87%	72%	73%
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
CalPERS					
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.1154%	0.1195%	0.1216%	0.1187%	0.1226%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 41,777,337	\$ 41,125,062	\$ 24,733,310	\$ 36,414,462	\$ 35,736,500
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 20,833,618</u>	<u>\$ 18,582,292</u>	<u>\$ 17,737,952</u>	<u>\$ 17,102,835</u>	<u>\$ 16,960,497</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	200.53%	221.31%	139.44%	212.91%	210.70%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70%	70%	81%	70%	70%
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019

Merced City School District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
CalSTRS					
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.1026%	0.1018%	0.1012%	0.1023%	0.0972%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 94,309,058	\$ 94,184,029	\$ 81,851,939	\$ 68,857,165	\$ 56,820,660
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	53,996,346	55,718,476	46,596,849	36,417,849	34,310,768
Total	<u>\$ 148,305,404</u>	<u>\$ 149,902,505</u>	<u>\$ 128,448,788</u>	<u>\$ 105,275,014</u>	<u>\$ 91,131,428</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 54,793,146</u>	<u>\$ 53,634,165</u>	<u>\$ 51,275,694</u>	<u>\$ 46,041,734</u>	<u>\$ 43,823,503</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	<u>172.12%</u>	<u>175.60%</u>	<u>159.63%</u>	<u>149.55%</u>	<u>129.66%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>71%</u>	<u>69%</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>74%</u>	<u>77%</u>
Measurement Date	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
CalPERS					
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.1197%	0.1193%	0.1188%	0.1184%	0.1139%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 31,917,260	\$ 28,481,923	\$ 23,466,244	\$ 17,449,861	\$ 12,926,690
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 15,907,186</u>	<u>\$ 15,208,597</u>	<u>\$ 14,297,746</u>	<u>\$ 13,099,677</u>	<u>\$ 11,856,450</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	<u>200.65%</u>	<u>187.28%</u>	<u>164.13%</u>	<u>133.21%</u>	<u>109.03%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>71%</u>	<u>72%</u>	<u>74%</u>	<u>79%</u>	<u>83%</u>
Measurement Date	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014

Merced City School District
Schedule of the District's Contributions
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CalSTRS					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 15,816,578	\$ 12,650,761	\$ 10,341,198	\$ 9,293,784	\$ 10,010,387
Less contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>15,816,578</u>	<u>12,650,761</u>	<u>10,341,198</u>	<u>9,293,784</u>	<u>10,010,387</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 82,809,309</u>	<u>\$ 66,234,351</u>	<u>\$ 61,118,191</u>	<u>\$ 57,546,650</u>	<u>\$ 58,540,275</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>19.10%</u>	<u>19.10%</u>	<u>16.92%</u>	<u>16.15%</u>	<u>17.10%</u>
CalPERS					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 7,064,697	\$ 5,285,489	\$ 4,257,203	\$ 3,671,756	\$ 3,372,850
Less contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>7,064,697</u>	<u>5,285,489</u>	<u>4,257,203</u>	<u>3,671,756</u>	<u>3,372,850</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 26,479,374</u>	<u>\$ 20,833,618</u>	<u>\$ 18,582,292</u>	<u>\$ 17,737,952</u>	<u>\$ 17,102,835</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>26.680%</u>	<u>25.370%</u>	<u>22.910%</u>	<u>20.700%</u>	<u>19.721%</u>

Merced City School District
Schedule of the District's Contributions
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
CalSTRS					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 9,419,161	\$ 7,906,651	\$ 6,747,178	\$ 5,501,882	\$ 4,088,506
Less contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>9,419,161</u>	<u>7,906,651</u>	<u>6,747,178</u>	<u>5,501,882</u>	<u>4,088,506</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 57,857,254</u>	<u>\$ 54,793,146</u>	<u>\$ 53,634,165</u>	<u>\$ 51,275,694</u>	<u>\$ 46,041,734</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>16.28%</u>	<u>14.43%</u>	<u>12.58%</u>	<u>10.73%</u>	<u>8.88%</u>
CalPERS					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,063,405	\$ 2,470,545	\$ 2,112,170	\$ 1,693,854	\$ 1,541,963
Less contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>3,063,405</u>	<u>2,470,545</u>	<u>2,112,170</u>	<u>1,693,854</u>	<u>1,541,963</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 16,960,497</u>	<u>\$ 15,907,186</u>	<u>\$ 15,208,597</u>	<u>\$ 14,297,746</u>	<u>\$ 13,099,677</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>18.062%</u>	<u>15.531%</u>	<u>13.888%</u>	<u>11.847%</u>	<u>11.771%</u>

Note 1 - Purpose of Schedules

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

The District employs budget control by object codes and by individual appropriation accounts. Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and provisions of the California *Education Code*. The governing board is required to hold a public hearing and adopt an operating budget no later than July 1 of each year. The adopted budget is subject to amendment throughout the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenue and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption with the legal restriction that expenditures cannot exceed appropriations by major object account.

The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts after all budget amendments have been accounted for.

This schedule presents information for the original and final budgets and actual results of operations, as well as the variances from the final budget to actual results of operations.

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

This schedule presents information on the District's changes in the net OPEB liability, including beginning and ending balances, the plan's fiduciary net position, and the net OPEB liability. In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

- *Changes in Benefit Terms* - There were no changes in the benefit terms since the previous valuation.
- *Changes of Assumptions* - The healthcare cost trend rates changed from 6.50% to 6.00% since the previous measurement.

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - MPP Program

This schedule presents information on the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB Liability - MPP Program and the plans' fiduciary net position. In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

- *Changes in Benefit Terms* - There were no changes in the benefit terms since the previous valuation.
- *Changes of Assumptions* - The plan rate of investment return assumption was changed from 3.54% to 3.65% since the previous valuation.

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

This schedule presents information on the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL), the plans' fiduciary net position and, when applicable, the State's proportionate share of the NPL associated with the District. In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.

- *Changes in Benefit Terms* - There were no changes in benefit terms since the previous valuations for both CalSTRS and CalPERS.
- *Changes of Assumptions* - There were no changes in economic assumptions for the CalSTRS or CalPERS plans from the previous valuations.

Schedule of the District's Contributions

This schedule presents information on the District's required contribution, the amounts actually contributed, and any excess or deficiency related to the required contribution. In the future, as data becomes available, ten years of information will be presented.



Supplementary Information
June 30, 2024

Merced City School District

Merced City School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed through California Department of Education			
Education Stabilization Fund			
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Relief II (ESSER II) Fund	84.425D	15547	\$ 4,101,175
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund: Learning Loss	84.425U	10155	5,071,227
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund	84.425U	15559	27,301,797
COVID-19 ESSER III State Reserve Emergency Needs	84.425U	15620	733,747
COVID-19 ESSER III State Reserve Learning Loss	84.425U	15621	681,323
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth II (ARP HCY II)	84.425W	15566	47,108
Subtotal			<u>37,936,377</u>
Title I, Part A, Basic Grants Low Income and Neglected	84.010	14329	6,152,997
Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367	14341	683,858
Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424	15396	998,696
Passed through Merced County SELPA			
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
Local Assistance, Part B, Sec 611, Private School Individual Service Plans	84.027	10115	35,428
Basic Local Assistance Entitlement, Part B, Sec 611	84.027	13379	1,565,943
Mental Health Allocation Plan, Part B, Sec 611	84.027A	15197	75,964
Subtotal			<u>1,677,335</u>
Preschool Grants, Part B, Sec 619	84.173	13430	52,491
COVID-19 ARP Part B, Sec. 619, Preschool Grants	84.173	15639	31,874
Subtotal			<u>84,365</u>
Subtotal Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			<u>1,761,700</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>47,533,628</u>

Merced City School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed through California Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Basic	10.553	13525	5,275
School Breakfast Needy	10.553	13526	2,213,191
Subtotal			2,218,466
School Lunch - Section 4	10.555	13523	738,150
Commodities	10.555	13524	832,937
School Lunch - Section 11	10.555	13524	5,385,161
COVID-19 Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds	10.555	15655	312,746
Local Food for Schools	10.555	15708	59,286
Subtotal			7,328,280
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	14968	201,373
Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster			9,748,119
Passed through California Department of Social Services			
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
CACFP Claims - Centers and Family Day Care Homes	10.558	13529	730,660
Cash in Lieu of Commodities	10.558	13534	50,716
Subtotal			781,376
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			10,529,495

Merced City School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed through California Department of Social Services			
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Cluster			
Federal Child Care, Center-based	93.596	13609	214,460
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			214,460
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 58,277,583

Merced City School District
Schedule of Average Daily Attendance
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Second Period Report	Annual Report
Regular ADA		
Transitional kindergarten through third	4,603.83	4,613.24
Fourth through sixth	3,402.39	3,402.00
Seventh and eighth	2,244.14	2,235.12
Total regular ADA	10,250.36	10,250.36
Extended Year Special Education		
Transitional kindergarten through third	1.73	1.73
Fourth through sixth	1.36	1.36
Seventh and eighth	0.11	0.11
Total extended year special education	3.20	3.20
Community Day School		
Transitional kindergarten through third	18.73	19.97
Fourth through sixth	8.84	8.68
Total community day school	27.57	28.65
Total ADA	10,281.13	10,282.21

Merced City School District

Schedule of Instructional Time

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Grade Level	1986-1987 Minutes Requirement	2023-2024 Actual Minutes	Traditional Calendar Total Days Offered	Status
Kindergarten	36,000	54,185	180	Complied
Grades 1 - 3	50,400			
Grade 1		54,185	180	Complied
Grade 2		54,185	180	Complied
Grade 3		54,185	180	Complied
Grades 4 - 8	54,000			
Grade 4		54,185	180	Complied
Grade 5		54,185	180	Complied
Grade 6		54,185	180	Complied
Grade 7		55,445	180	Complied
Grade 8		55,445	180	Complied

Merced City School District
Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report with Audited Financial Statements
Year Ended June 30, 2024

There were no adjustments to the Unaudited Actual Financial Report, which required reconciliation to the audited financial statements at June 30, 2024.

Merced City School District
Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	(Budget) 2025 ¹	2024	2023 ¹	2022 ¹
General Fund ³				
Revenues	\$ 197,108,008	\$ 230,872,600	\$ 229,288,139	\$ 165,870,227
Other sources	-	-	-	8,552
Total revenues and other sources	197,108,008	230,872,600	229,288,139	165,878,779
Expenditures	193,730,677	214,193,633	167,284,519	147,374,854
Other uses	900,000	3,750,991	5,255,391	32,648,996
Total expenditures and other uses	194,630,677	217,944,624	172,539,910	180,023,850
Increase/(Decrease) in Fund Balance	2,477,331	12,927,976	56,748,229	(14,145,071)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 130,598,149	\$ 128,120,818	\$ 115,192,842	\$ 58,444,613
Available Reserves ²	\$ 5,838,920	\$ 8,750,123	\$ 11,581,471	\$ 36,616,736
Available Reserves as a Percentage of Total Outgo	3.00%	4.01%	6.71%	20.34%
Long-Term Liabilities	Not Available	\$ 220,415,868	\$ 212,645,156	\$ 162,032,556
Average Daily Attendance at P-2	10,281	10,281	10,036	9,522

The General Fund balance has increased by \$69,676,205 over the past two years. The fiscal year 2024-2025 budget projects an increase of \$2,477,331 (1.93%). For a district this size, the State recommends available reserves of at least three percent of total General Fund expenditures and other uses (total outgo).

The District has incurred operating surpluses in two of the past three years and anticipates incurring an operating surplus during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Total long-term liabilities have increased by \$58,383,312 over the past two years due to increases in the District's other postemployment benefits and net pension liability.

Average daily attendance has increased by 759 over the past two years. No change in ADA is anticipated during fiscal year 2024-2025.

¹ Financial information for 2025, 2023, and 2022 is included for analytical purposes only and has not been subjected to audit.

² Available reserves consist of all unassigned fund balances including all amounts reserved for economic uncertainties contained within the General Fund.

³ General Fund amounts do not include activity related to the consolidation of the Special Reserve Fund for Other Than Capital Outlay Projects as required by GASB Statement No. 54.

Merced City School District
Combining Balance Sheet – Non-Major Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	Student Activity Fund	Child Development Fund	Cafeteria Fund	Deferred Maintenance Fund	Capital Facilities Fund	County School Facilities Fund	Bond Interest and Redemption Fund	Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
Assets								
Deposits and investments	\$ 52,903	\$ 2,536,060	\$ 3,961,659	\$ 643,708	\$ 8,235,577	\$ 5,675,594	\$ 5,088,269	\$ 26,193,770
Receivables	-	642,644	2,995,199	6,500	29,087	7,915,065	-	11,588,495
Due from other funds	-	402,963	370,389	398,295	-	-	-	1,171,647
Stores inventories	-	-	377,641	-	-	-	-	377,641
Total assets	\$ 52,903	\$ 3,581,667	\$ 7,704,888	\$ 1,048,503	\$ 8,264,664	\$ 13,590,659	\$ 5,088,269	\$ 39,331,553
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 108,393	\$ 110,732	\$ 123,450	\$ 27,149	\$ 109,949	\$ -	\$ 479,673
Due to other funds	-	258,814	256,367	1,505	-	-	-	516,686
Total liabilities	-	367,207	367,099	124,955	27,149	109,949	-	996,359
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable	-	-	380,141	-	-	-	-	380,141
Restricted	52,903	3,214,460	6,957,648	-	8,237,515	13,480,710	5,088,269	37,031,505
Committed	-	-	-	923,548	-	-	-	923,548
Total fund balances	52,903	3,214,460	7,337,789	923,548	8,237,515	13,480,710	5,088,269	38,335,194
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 52,903	\$ 3,581,667	\$ 7,704,888	\$ 1,048,503	\$ 8,264,664	\$ 13,590,659	\$ 5,088,269	\$ 39,331,553

Merced City School District

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Non-Major Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Student Activity Fund	Child Development Fund	Cafeteria Fund	Deferred Maintenance Fund	Capital Facilities Fund	County School Facilities Fund	Bond Interest and Redemption Fund	Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
Revenues								
Federal sources	\$ -	\$ 659,784	\$ 11,362,431	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,022,215
Other State sources	-	7,128,391	2,648,801	-	-	7,915,065	-	17,692,257
Other local sources	261,372	211,892	(700,531)	22,628	2,127,159	351,874	4,602,983	6,877,377
Total revenues	261,372	8,000,067	13,310,701	22,628	2,127,159	8,266,939	4,602,983	36,591,849
Expenditures								
Current								
Instruction	-	4,519,555	-	-	-	-	-	4,519,555
Instruction-related activities								
Supervision of instruction	-	487,047	-	-	-	-	-	487,047
School site administration	-	569,092	-	-	-	-	-	569,092
Pupil services								
Food services	-	-	10,596,583	-	-	-	-	10,596,583
All other pupil services	-	179,504	-	-	-	-	-	179,504
Administration								
All other administration	-	258,407	255,098	-	8,802	-	-	522,307
Plant services	-	72,892	563,458	844,863	-	-	-	1,481,213
Ancillary services	280,468	-	-	-	-	-	-	280,468
Community services	-	621,806	-	-	-	-	-	621,806
Facility acquisition and construction	-	-	-	1,175,588	1,223,790	2,692,264	-	5,091,642
Debt service								
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,810,000	2,810,000
Interest and other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,955,943	1,955,943
Total expenditures	280,468	6,708,303	11,415,139	2,020,451	1,232,592	2,692,264	4,765,943	29,115,160
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(19,096)	1,291,764	1,895,562	(1,997,823)	894,567	5,574,675	(162,960)	7,476,689
Other Financing Sources								
Transfers in	-	2,697	-	1,248,295	-	-	-	1,250,992
Net Change in Fund Balances	(19,096)	1,294,461	1,895,562	(749,528)	894,567	5,574,675	(162,960)	8,727,681
Fund Balance - Beginning	71,999	1,919,999	5,442,227	1,673,076	7,342,948	7,906,035	5,251,229	29,607,513
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 52,903	\$ 3,214,460	\$ 7,337,789	\$ 923,548	\$ 8,237,515	\$ 13,480,710	\$ 5,088,269	\$ 38,335,194

Note 1 - Purpose of Schedules

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA)

Basis of Presentation

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

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. When applicable, such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. No federal financial assistance has been provided to a subrecipient.

Indirect Cost Rate

The District has not elected to use the ten percent de minimis cost rate.

Food Donation

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in this schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. For the year ending June 30, 2024, the District disbursed food commodities totaling \$832,937.

Schedule of Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

Average daily attendance (ADA) is a measurement of the number of pupils attending classes of the District. The purpose of attendance accounting from a fiscal standpoint is to provide the basis on which apportionments of State funds are made to school districts. This schedule provides information regarding the attendance of students at various grade levels and in different programs.

Schedule of Instructional Time

The District has received incentive funding for increasing instructional time as provided by the Incentives for Longer Instructional Day. The District has met its target funding. This schedule presents information on the amount of instructional time offered by the District and whether the District complied with the provisions of *Education Code* Sections 46200 through 46207.

Districts must maintain their instructional minutes at the 1986-87 requirements, as required by *Education Code* Section 46201.

Reconciliation of Annual Financial and Budget Report with Audited Financial Statements

This schedule provides the information necessary to reconcile the fund balance of all funds reported on the Unaudited Actual Financial Report to the audited financial statements.

Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis

This schedule discloses the District's financial trends by displaying past years' data along with current year budget information. These financial trend disclosures are used to evaluate the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Non-Major Governmental Funds - Combining Balance Sheet and Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

The Non-Major Governmental Funds Combining Balance Sheet and Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances is included to provide information regarding the individual funds that have been included in the Non-Major Governmental Funds column on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances.



Other Information
June 30, 2024

Merced City School District

Organization

The Merced City School District was established in 1905 and consists of an area comprising approximately 92 square miles. The District operates thirteen pre-schools, fourteen elementary schools, four middle schools, and a community day school. There were no boundary changes during the year.

Governing Board

Member	Office	Term Expires
Allen Brooks	President	2026
Birdi Olivarez-Kidwell	Clerk	2024
Jessee Espinosa	Member	2024
Priya Lakireddy	Member	2026
Beatrice McCutchen	Member	2026

Administration

Brian Meisenheimer	Acting District Superintendent
Vacant	Deputy Superintendent
Brian Meisenheimer	Associate Superintendent, Personnel Services
Sergio Mendez	Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services



Independent Auditor's Reports
June 30, 2024

Merced City School District



**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

To the Governing Board
Merced City School District
Merced, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Merced City School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated December 13, 2024.

Purpose of this Report

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

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Fresno, California
December 13, 2024



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Governing Board
Merced City School District
Merced, California

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance

requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

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

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Fresno, California
December 13, 2024



Independent Auditor's Report on State Compliance and on Internal Control Over Compliance

To the Governing Board
Merced City School District
Merced, California

Report on Compliance

Opinion on State Compliance

We have audited Merced City School District's (the District) compliance with the requirements specified in the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, applicable to the District's state program requirements identified below for the year ended June 30, 2024.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that are applicable to the laws and regulations of the state programs noted in the table below for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), and the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* will always detect a material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of the state programs as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal controls over compliance. Accordingly, we express no such opinion; and
- Select and test transactions and records to determine the District's compliance with the state laws and regulations applicable to the following items:

<u>2023-2024 K-12 Audit Guide Procedures</u>	<u>Procedures Performed</u>
Local Education Agencies Other Than Charter Schools	
Attendance	Yes
Teacher Certification and Misassignments	Yes
Kindergarten Continuance	Yes
Independent Study	Not Applicable
Continuation Education	Not Applicable
Instructional Time	Yes
Instructional Materials	Yes
Ratios of Administrative Employees to Teachers	Yes
Classroom Teacher Salaries	Yes

2023-2024 K-12 Audit Guide Procedures	Procedures Performed
Early Retirement Incentive	Not Applicable
GANN Limit Calculation	Yes
School Accountability Report Card	Yes
Juvenile Court Schools	Not Applicable
Middle or Early College High Schools	Not Applicable
K-3 Grade Span Adjustment	Yes
Apprenticeship: Related and Supplemental Instruction	Not Applicable
Comprehensive School Safety Plan	Yes
District of Choice	Not Applicable
Home to School Transportation Reimbursement	Yes
School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Charter Schools	
Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools	Yes
After/Before School Education and Safety Program	Not Applicable
Proper Expenditure of Education Protection Account Funds	Yes
Unduplicated Local Control Funding Formula Pupil Counts	Yes
Local Control and Accountability Plan	Yes
Independent Study - Course Based	Not Applicable
Immunizations	Not Applicable
Educator Effectiveness	Yes
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO-G)	Yes
Career Technical Education Incentive Grant	Not Applicable
Expanded Learning Opportunities Program	Yes
Transitional Kindergarten	Yes
Charter Schools	
Attendance	Not Applicable
Mode of Instruction	Not Applicable
Nonclassroom-Based Instruction/Independent Study	Not Applicable
Determination of Funding for Nonclassroom-Based Instruction	Not Applicable
Annual Instructional Minutes - Classroom Based	Not Applicable
Charter School Facility Grant Program	Not Applicable

The term “Not Applicable” is used above to mean either the District did not offer the program during the current fiscal year, the District did not participate in the program during the current fiscal year, or the program applies to a different type of local education agency.

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

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2024-001. Our opinion on state compliance is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 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 a material noncompliance with a compliance requirement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention from those charged with governance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Fresno, California
December 13, 2024



Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
June 30, 2024

Merced City School District

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting	
Material weaknesses identified	No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program	
Material weaknesses identified	No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses	None Reported
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 Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516(a)	No

Identification of major programs

<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Federal Financial Assistance Listing</u>
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Relief II (ESSER II) Fund	84.425D
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund: Learning Loss	84.425U
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund	84.425U
COVID-19 ESSER III State Reserve Emergency Needs	84.425U
COVID-19 ESSER III State Reserve Learning Loss	84.425U
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth II (ARP HCY II)	84.425W
Child Nutrition Cluster	10.553, 10.555, 10.582
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs	\$ 1,748,327
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

State Compliance

Internal control over state compliance programs	
Material weaknesses identified	No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses	None Reported
Other matters to be reported	Yes
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for programs	Unmodified

None reported.

None reported.

The following finding represents an instance of noncompliance including questioned costs that are required to be reported by the *2023-2024 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. The finding has been coded as follows:

Five Digit Code	AB 3627 Finding Type
61000	Classroom Teacher Salaries

2024-001 61000 - Classroom Teacher Salaries

Criteria or Specific Requirements

In accordance with *Education Code* Section 41372, the District is required to expend at least 60% of General Fund expenditures on classroom teacher salaries.

Condition

In reviewing Form CEA, it was noted the District did not meet the minimum percentage required for payment of classroom teachers. Form CEA reported total current expense (Column 5) of \$174,453,718 and minimum classroom compensation (Part II) of \$101,871,081 which represented 58.39% of current expense, resulting in a deficiency of 1.61% or \$2,808,705.

Cause

As a result of the District receiving significant sources of one-time funding to be used specifically for COVID-19 related expenditures, the District's ratio was not maintained.

Effect

The noncompliance resulted in the District being deficient by 1.61% or \$2,808,705.

Questioned Costs

There are no questioned costs related to this finding assuming the District obtains a waiver.

Repeat Finding

No

Recommendation

The District should request a waiver from the Merced County Superintendent of Schools for this issue.

Corrective Action Plan and Views of Responsible Officials

As per *Education Code* Section 41372, the District has applied for a waiver for this unique fiscal circumstance due to the District receiving new funding sources to be used specifically for COVID-19 related expenditures that are not eligible for exclusion from this calculation.

Except as specified in previous sections of this report, summarized below is the current status of all audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Financial Statement Finding

2023-001 30000 - Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Criteria

Management is responsible for design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to ensure that financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Additionally, the District should ensure that all applicable accounting principles are adhered to when preparing the financial statements.

Condition

During our audit of the year end accruals, two misstatements were discovered:

1. The District did not accrue a receivable for the remaining entitlement of \$3,005,322 for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant, not yet received as of June 30, 2023.
2. The District did not record a payable of \$875,000 for a litigation that was settled in March 2023.

Questioned costs

There were no questioned costs associated with the condition identified.

Context

The condition was identified through inquiry with District personnel and through review of available District records related to balances reported in the District's 2022-2023 unaudited financial statements.

Cause

The cause of the condition identified appears to be due to insufficient review processes related to the preparation of the District's year-end financial statements, which includes the review of revenues/expenditures to determine their proper reporting period.

Effect

The effect of these errors resulted in misstatements that were not detected or prevented by the District's internal accounting control and review process. The net effect of these errors resulted in a \$2,130,322 understatement of the governmental activities net position and General Fund balance as of June 30, 2023.

Recommendation

In light of condition identified, the District should exercise care during its annual year-end closing process. The District should implement a process to review all balances during its year-end closing process to determine the proper cut-off period for revenues and expenditures, and to ensure that all activities are recorded in the financial statements.

Current Status

Implemented.