

Hillsdale Community Schools

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Education
Hillsdale Community Schools
Hillsdale, Michigan

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hillsdale Community Schools, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hillsdale Community Schools, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hillsdale Community Schools, 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.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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 Hillsdale Community Schools' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Hillsdale Community Schools' basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report (under separate cover) dated September 15, 2025, on our consideration of Hillsdale Community Schools' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Hillsdale Community Schools' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Sincerely,

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

September 15, 2025

Hillsdale Community Schools
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Our discussion and analysis of Hillsdale Community Schools' financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The management's discussion and analysis is provided at the beginning of the audit to provide in layman's terms, the past and current position of the School District's financial condition. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit which consists of the financial statements and other supplemental information that presents all the revenues and expenditures by program for all the District's funds.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The School District's annual report consists of a series of financial statements that show information for the School District as a whole, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (pages 1 - 2), provide information about the activities of the School District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the School District's finances. Our fund financial statements start on page 3. Our governmental activities statements tell how we financed our services in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the School District's operations in more detail than governmental-wide financial statements by providing information about the School District's most significant funds. The remaining statement provides information about activities for which the School District acts solely as an agent for the benefit of student groups.

Reporting the School District as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the School District is, "Is the School District as a whole better off or worse off financially as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which appear first in the School District's financial statements, report information on the School District as a whole and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. We prepared these statements to include all assets and liabilities, using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenue and expenses, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's *net position* – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the School District's financial health or *financial position*. Over time, *increases* or *decreases* in the School District's net position – are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses indicates the School District's *operating results*. However, the School District's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the school to assess the *overall health* of the School District.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

The School District's Fund Financial Statements, which begin on page 3, provide detailed information about the School District's most significant funds – not the School District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the School District establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (like the Food Service Fund and the Student Activities Fund) or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money (like the Building & Site Funds).

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Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of the funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending in future periods. They are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term* view of the School District's operations and the 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 School District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between *governmental activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and *governmental funds* in reconciliations on pages 4 and 6.

The School District as a Whole

The School District's net position at June 30, 2025 was \$929,130. Of this amount, \$16,793,450 was unrestricted. Restricted net position is reported separately to show legal constraints that limit the School District's ability to use those assets for day-to-day operations. Below we focus our attention on the net position (TABLE 1) and changes in net position (TABLE 2) of the School District's governmental activities.

TABLE 1 – Net Position
June 30, 2025 and 2024

	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 11,963,789	\$ 11,138,361
Non-current assets	15,617,683	12,163,571
Total assets	27,581,472	23,301,932
 Deferred Outflows of Resources	 6,958,256	 9,733,006
 Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	2,842,691	2,840,767
Non-current liabilities	19,262,962	26,093,838
Total liabilities	22,105,653	28,934,605
 Deferred Inflows of Resources	 11,569,316	 8,051,209
 Net Position:		
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	12,180,095	11,627,974
Restricted	5,527,701	2,615,376
Unrestricted	(16,778,666)	(18,194,226)
Total net position	\$ 929,130	\$ (3,950,876)

*The 2024 numbers have not been updated for the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101.

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The School District as a Whole (Concluded)

TABLE 2 – Changes in Net Position

Years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 238,994	\$ 244,410
Operating grants	5,593,027	5,997,196
General revenues:		
Property taxes - general purpose	2,685,720	2,444,335
Property taxes - capital projects	948,123	884,533
State School Aid	11,646,737	12,269,161
Miscellaneous	468,063	399,121
Total revenues	21,580,664	22,238,756
Expenses:		
Instruction	9,007,626	10,147,653
Support services	5,330,706	6,071,158
Food service	944,558	1,028,722
Student activities	324,952	378,718
Community service	26,942	19,189
Other	30,777	66,891
Interest	558	-
Capital outlay	12,584	122,073
Depreciation (unallocated)	928,203	941,063
Total expenses	16,606,906	18,775,467
Increase (decrease) in net position	4,973,758	3,463,289
Net position beginning of year	(4,044,628)	(7,414,165)
Ending net position	\$ 929,130	\$ (3,950,876)

*The 2024 numbers have not been updated for the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101.

As shown above, the cost of all our governmental activities this year was \$16,606,906. However, the amount that our taxpayers ultimately financed for those activities through school property taxes was \$3,633,843. The remainder of the cost was paid by charges for services, State Aid, federal grants, and use of prior years' accumulation of funds.

There were several reasons for the change in the financial condition from 2024 to 2025 including:

- Continued monitoring of costs
- Prior year use of one-time federal grants

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MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETING AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

The School District's budgets are prepared according to Michigan law. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the School District amended the General Fund Budget two times.

General Fund

The actual revenue and other financing sources of the General Fund was \$18,645,629, below the original budget estimates of \$19,594,546 and above the final amended budget of \$18,228,527. Revenues were updated throughout the year as additional revenue became available through State Aid and when it was known that some of the federal grant awards would not be used in the current year.

The actual expenditures and other financing uses of the General Fund were \$17,999,429, below the original budget estimates of \$20,817,602 and below the final amended budget of \$19,630,511. Expenditures are also updated as additional revenue becomes available and reduced when grant awards would not be able to be utilized.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets - At the end of fiscal year 2025, the School District had \$27,872,617 invested in land and buildings, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. We have estimated that these assets have depreciated by \$15,598,087 through June 30, 2025; therefore, we currently have net book value of \$12,274,530.

Total additions for the year consisted of district-wide roofing upgrades, food service freezers and cafeteria tables, a new bus, new dump truck, and other building improvements.

Governmental Activities

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 77,434	\$ 77,434
Construction in process	-	287,634
Buildings and improvements	22,177,796	20,862,125
Infrastructure	9,819	9,819
Furniture and equipment	1,877,664	1,649,191
Vehicles	3,502,234	3,411,655
Right-to-use assets	<u>227,670</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets	27,872,617	26,297,858
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,598,087)</u>	<u>(14,669,884)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$12,274,530</u>	<u>\$11,627,974</u>

Long-term Debt - At June 30, 2025, the District had a long-term capital lease payable of \$94,435 as follows:

Governmental Activities

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Capital lease payable	\$ 94,435	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 94,435</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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The debt increased during the year due to a multi-year copier lease. In addition, compensated absences were estimate to be \$141,030, an increase over the prior year of \$765.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

The District has an established pattern of financial stability. The general fund balance increased from the prior year. This resulted from a careful use of resources, procurement and utilization of supplemental incomes.

Supplemental funds from both the State and federal levels enabled the District to conduct significant roofing and HVAC projects over the past two years. The District has also utilized supplemental funding to update our safety and security plans and equipment throughout our buildings. We are continuing to use our resources to provide smaller class sizes, additional after-school programs, and supplemental instruction resources to address learning loss.

The District continued collaboration with the Hillsdale County ISD to implement a transportation agreement, food service agreement, and special education program agreements. In the past year we have entered into a collaborative agreement with the Hillsdale City Police Department, utilizing grant funds from Michigan State Police to add the presence of a School Resource Officer to our buildings. The collaborations focus on cost containment and efficiency for all organizations involved.

By "committing" a portion of the anticipated funds needed over a period of several years, the District has been successful with advance planning for large purchases such as buses, curriculum and technology. This strategy often allows the District to make purchases without loan costs of interest and other financing expenses. Continued utilization of this approach can provide for updated curriculum materials and well-maintained resources across the District without the added cost of rising interest expense for these purchases.

The Board of Education engages in strategic planning and updates the plan annually to make long-term progress. The District's Continuous Improvement Plan process includes input from stakeholders including staff, parents and students (as appropriate). The consistent involvement and opportunity for staff engagement in the District's formal processes result in a high level of trust and confidence in the financial status of the District.

The School District has a stable financial position. Collaborations for shared costs and other expense containment strategies will continue to provide benefit. Utilizing a staffing plan aligned to the current enrollment is another important factor to maintain stability. A healthy financial situation contributes to staff retention and consistency of programming for students.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to give an overview of the financial conditions of the Hillsdale Community Schools. If you have any questions about this report or need further information, you may contact the Superintendent's Office by phone at 517-437-4401 located inside Hillsdale High School, at 30 S. Norwood Avenue, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242.

Hillsdale Community Schools

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 9,042,960
Receivables	25,824
Due from other governmental units	2,749,675
Inventories	41,997
Prepaid expenses	103,333
Land contract receivable, due within one year	64,371
Net OPEB asset	<u>3,343,153</u>
Capital assets:	
Cost of capital assets	27,872,617
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,598,087)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>12,274,530</u>
Total assets	<u>27,645,843</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Pension related	5,463,233
OPEB related	<u>1,495,023</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>6,958,256</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,267,396
Unearned revenue	575,295
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Lease payable	18,614
Compensated absences	14,103
Claims and judgments	
Due in more than one year:	
Lease payable	75,821
Compensated absences	126,927
Net pension liability	<u>19,027,497</u>
Total liabilities	<u>22,105,653</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Pension related	7,134,272
OPEB related	<u>4,435,044</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>11,569,316</u>
Net Position:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,180,095
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	1,907,951
Student activities	276,597
Net other post-employment benefits	3,343,153
Unrestricted	<u>(16,778,666)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 929,130</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2025

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>		<u>Governmental Activities</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Change in Net Position</u>
Primary Government				
Governmental activities:				
Instruction	\$ 9,007,626	\$ 3,220	\$ 2,523,620	\$ (6,480,786)
Support services	5,330,706	184,039	1,508,970	(3,637,697)
Food service activities	944,558	51,735	1,202,213	309,390
Student activities	324,952	-	323,510	(1,442)
Community services	26,942	-	34,714	7,772
Other	30,777	-	-	(30,777)
Interest on long-term debt	558	-	-	(558)
Capital outlay	12,584	-	-	(12,584)
Depreciation (unallocated)	928,203	-	-	(928,203)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 16,606,906</u>	<u>\$ 238,994</u>	<u>\$ 5,593,027</u>	<u>(10,774,885)</u>
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				2,685,720
Property taxes, levied for capital projects				948,123
State aid not restricted to specific purposes				11,646,737
Unrestricted investment earnings				293,195
Other				174,868
Total general revenues				<u>15,748,643</u>
Change in Net Position				4,973,758
Net Position - Beginning of Year				<u>(4,044,628)</u>
Net Position - End of Year				<u>\$ 929,130</u>

Hillsdale Community Schools
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building & Site Fund 2</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and investments	\$ 6,352,862	\$ 1,851,913	\$ 838,185	\$ 9,042,960
Receivable from other governments	2,647,909	-	101,766	2,749,675
Other receivables	25,718	-	106	25,824
Inventories	-	-	41,997	41,997
Prepaid expenditures	40,549	14,784	48,000	103,333
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,067,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,054</u>	<u>\$ 11,963,789</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 13,766	\$ -	\$ 69,409	\$ 83,175
Salaries payable and related	2,132,708	-	51,513	2,184,221
Unearned revenue	570,358	-	4,937	575,295
Total liabilities	<u>2,716,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,859</u>	<u>2,842,691</u>
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Inventories	-	-	41,997	41,997
Prepaid expenditures	40,549	14,784	48,000	103,333
Restricted:				
Capital projects	-	1,851,913	56,038	1,907,951
Food services	-	-	481,563	481,563
Student activities	-	-	276,597	276,597
Committed	481,359	-	-	481,359
Assigned	1,452,682	-	-	1,452,682
Unassigned	4,375,616	-	-	4,375,616
Total fund balances	<u>6,350,206</u>	<u>1,866,697</u>	<u>904,195</u>	<u>9,121,098</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,067,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,054</u>	<u>\$ 11,963,789</u>

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Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to
Net Position of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2025

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 9,121,098
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.</p>		
The cost of capital assets is	\$ 27,872,617	
Accumulated depreciation is	<u>(15,598,087)</u>	12,274,530
<p>Land contract receivable is not due and receivable in the current period and is not reported in the funds.</p>		
		64,371
<p>Some assets are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.</p>		
<p>Noncurrent assets at year-end consist of:</p>		
Net OPEB asset		3,343,153
<p>Long-term liabilities and related deferred outflows and inflows are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.</p>		
Lease payable	(94,435)	
Compensated absences	(141,030)	
Net pension liability	<u>(19,027,497)</u>	(19,262,962)
<p>Deferred inflows and outflows related to long-term debt and pension/OPEB assets/liabilities are long-term and thus, not reported in the funds.</p>		
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	5,463,233	
Deferred outflows related to net OPEB asset/liability	1,495,023	
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	(7,134,272)	
Deferred inflows related to net OPEB asset/liability	<u>(4,435,044)</u>	(4,611,060)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 929,130</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Building & Site Fund 2	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 2,990,764	\$ 990,986	\$ 362,002	\$ 4,343,752
State sources	14,434,901	18,905	74,618	14,528,424
Federal sources	777,332	-	1,127,595	1,904,927
Interdistrict and other	280,858	-	24,697	305,555
Total revenues	<u>18,483,855</u>	<u>1,009,891</u>	<u>1,588,912</u>	<u>21,082,658</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	11,350,778	-	-	11,350,778
Support services	6,584,823	-	-	6,584,823
Community services	26,942	-	-	26,942
Food service activities	-	-	1,107,332	1,107,332
Student activities	-	-	324,952	324,952
Other	30,777	-	-	30,777
Debt service:				-
Principal	4,839	-	-	4,839
Interest and other charges	558	-	-	558
Capital outlay	-	954,827	10,675	965,502
Total expenditures	<u>17,998,717</u>	<u>954,827</u>	<u>1,442,959</u>	<u>20,396,503</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>485,138</u>	<u>55,064</u>	<u>145,953</u>	<u>686,155</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	7,500	-	30,577	38,077
Proceeds from capital leases	99,274	-	-	99,274
Transfers in	55,000	-	712	55,712
Transfers out	(712)	-	(55,000)	(55,712)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>161,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,711)</u>	<u>137,351</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	646,200	55,064	122,242	823,506
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	5,704,006	1,811,633	781,953	8,297,592
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 6,350,206</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,697</u>	<u>\$ 904,195</u>	<u>\$ 9,121,098</u>

Hillsdale Community Schools

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 823,506

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the Statement of Activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.

Depreciation expense	\$ (928,203)	
Capital outlay	<u>1,574,759</u>	646,556

Governmental funds report land contract proceeds as current financial resources when received. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such items as a receivable. Governmental funds report payment of land contract principal as an other financing source. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such payments as a reduction in receivables.

Principal payments		(30,508)
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Governmental funds report debt proceeds as current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such issuance of debt as a liability. Governmental funds report repayment of principal as an expenditure. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such repayments as a reduction in long-term liabilities. This is the amount by which repayments exceeded proceeds.

Capital lease proceeds	(99,274)	
Lease payments	<u>4,839</u>	(94,435)

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Change in compensated absences		(765)
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Governmental funds report the required pension and OPEB contributions for the District's fiscal year ended June 30 as expenditures. The Statement of Activities reports the fully accrued pension and OPEB expenses based upon a September year-end to coincide with the State of Michigan's fiscal year.

Changes in pension related liabilities and deferrals	2,191,938	
Changes in OPEB related assets/liabilities and deferrals	<u>1,437,466</u>	<u>3,629,404</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 4,973,758

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of Hillsdale Community Schools (the “School District” or “District”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The School District is governed by an elected seven-member Board of Education. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are a part of the School District’s reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate, component units of the School District. Based on the application of the criteria, the District does not contain any component units.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

District-Wide Statements – The district-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All of the School District’s government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents all governmental activities on a consolidated basis. The Statement of Net Position reports all assets and liabilities including those of a long-term nature. The net difference is reported as net position. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position. It is the District’s policy to allocate resource outlays first to restricted net position with the remainder allocated to unrestricted net position.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments, and other unrestricted items are not included as program revenues but instead as general revenue. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

District-Wide Statements (Continued) - As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the district-wide financial statements.

Fund-Based Statements – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, severance pay, claims, and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions of lease and SBITA assets are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, unrestricted State aid, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period, are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the School District’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Building & Site Fund 2 – The Building & Site Fund 2 is used to record tax receipts or other revenue and the disbursement of monies specifically designated for acquiring new school sites, buildings, equipment, and for remodeling.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes (not including expendable trusts or major capital projects). The District maintains the Food Service Fund and the Student Activities Fund.

Capital Projects Funds – Capital Projects Funds are used to record tax receipts or other revenue and the disbursement of monies specifically designated for acquiring new school sites, buildings, equipment and for remodeling. In addition to the Building and Site Fund 2, which is a major fund, the District maintains the Building and Site Fund 1.

Revenue, Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

State Revenue – The State of Michigan utilizes a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per pupil based on a statewide formula. The foundation is funded from State and local sources. Revenues from State sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of State funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue, Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

State Revenue (Continued) - For the year ended June 30, 2025, the foundation allowance was based on pupil membership counts taken in February 2024 and October 2024.

The State portion of the foundation is provided primarily by a State education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of State sales and other taxes. The local portion of the foundation is funded primarily by non-homestead property taxes which may be levied at a rate of up to 18 mills. The local portion also includes 6 mills on commercial personal property. The State revenue is recognized during the foundation period and is funded through payments from October 2024 to August 2025. The unpaid portion at June 30th is reported as due from other governmental units.

The District also receives revenue from the State to administer certain categorical education programs. State rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be used for its specific purpose. Certain categorical funds require an accounting to the State of the expenditures incurred. For categorical funds meeting this requirement, funds received, which are not expended by the close of the fiscal year, are recorded as unearned revenue. Other categorical funding is recognized when the appropriation is received.

Property Taxes - Property taxes levied by the District are collected by various municipalities and periodically remitted to the District. The taxes are levied and become a lien as of December 1 and are due upon receipt of the billing by the taxpayer and become a lien on the first day of the levy year. The actual due date is February 14, after which time the bills become delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the collecting entity.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District levied the following amounts per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:

General Fund – non-primary residence	17.3154
General Fund – commercial personal property	5.3154
Building & Site Fund – all taxable values	2.1772

Tax abatements provided to property taxpayers, if any, were not significant, and thus, no disclosure was deemed required in accordance with GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*.

Deposits and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit.

The District reports its investments in accordance with GASB professional standards. Under these standards, certain investments are valued at fair value as determined by quoted market prices or by estimated fair values when quoted market prices are not available. The standards also provide that certain investments are valued at cost (or amortized cost) when they are of a short-term duration, the rate of return is fixed, and the District intends to hold the investment until maturity. Accordingly, investments in bankers' acceptances and commercial paper are recorded at amortized cost.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue, Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Deposits and Investments (Continued) - State statutes authorize the District to invest in bonds, and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or National Credit Union Administration, respectively; and in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. The District is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

Receivables and Payables – In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.” Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “advances to/from other funds.” Property tax and other receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The District has determined the uncollectible amounts are immaterial and no provision has been recorded.

Inventories and Prepaid Items – Inventories are valued at cost on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both district-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the district-wide financial statements. The government defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost of \$5,000 or greater and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Group purchases are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Right-to-use assets, if any, are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease/subscription period or the estimated useful lives. Capital assets are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	15-50 years
Infrastructure	20 years
Buses and other vehicles	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years

Leases and Subscription-Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs) – The District recognizes lease/subscription-based IT arrangement liabilities and the related intangible right-to-use assets in the government-wide financial statements with an initial individual value of \$10,000 or more.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue, Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Leases and Subscription-Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs) (Continued) – At the commencement of a lease/subscription, the District initially measures the liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease/SBITA term. Subsequently, the lease/SBITA liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease/SBITA payments made. The lease/SBITA right-to-use asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease/SBITA liability, adjusted for lease/subscription payments made at or before the lease/subscription commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease/SBITA asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases/SBITAs include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease/SBITA payments to present value, (2) lease/SBITA terms, and (3) lease/SBITA payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases/SBITA.
- The lease/SBITA term includes the noncancelable period of the lease/subscription. Lease/SBITA payments included in the measurement of the lease/SBITA liability are composed of fixed payments and any purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease/SBITA liabilities and remeasures lease/SBITA assets and liabilities if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease/SBITA liabilities.

Lease/SBITA assets are reported with other capital assets, and lease/SBITA liabilities are reported with long-term obligations on the Statement of Net Position.

Compensated Absences - The District recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled during or upon separation from employment. The liability for compensated absences is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary and related benefits, where applicable.

Long-Term Obligations – In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed as incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue, Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources – In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School District currently reports deferred outflows of resources related to deferred pension and OPEB plan expenses. Deferred pension and OPEB plan expenses are recognized in the applicable plan years. The District also currently reports deferred outflows of resources from pension and OPEB payments made subsequent to the measurement date to be recognized as the corresponding time lags are met.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report 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 an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District currently reports deferred inflows of resources related to its pension and OPEB plan earnings. These future resources will be amortized and recognized over a time period established by the actuary and relate to differences between actuarial estimates and actual results.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the plan benefit terms. Related plan investments are reported at fair value. See Note 11 for detailed information.

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions – For purposes of measuring the net OPEB asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Related investments are reported at fair value. See Note 11 for detailed information.

Fund Equity – The District has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. In accordance with this guidance, fund balances of governmental funds are categorized according to five defined categories of fund balance. These categories consist of *nonspendable* amounts which are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact; *restricted* amounts that are constrained for specific purposes set by external parties or law; *committed* amounts that are constraints set by the highest decision-making authority (the School Board) through adoption of a resolution and may only be removed by the School Board through a rescindment resolution; *assigned* amounts that have an intended purpose but require no formal specific action; and *unassigned* amounts which are the residual of the other categories and have no specific purpose. It is the District's policy to generally use fund balance in order according to the hierarchy of fund balance categories, from restricted down to unassigned.

Use of Estimates - The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 – Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Superintendent submits to the School Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The level of control for the budgets is at the functional level as set forth and presented as required supplemental information.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted by School Board resolution pursuant to the *Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act* (P.A. 621 of 1978). The Act requires that the budget be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year when necessary to adjust appropriations if it appears that revenues and other financing sources will be less than anticipated or so that expenditures will not be in excess of original estimates. Expenditures shall not be made or incurred, unless authorized in the budget, in excess of the amount appropriated. Violations, if any, for the General Fund and any major special revenue funds are noted in the required supplemental information section.
4. The Superintendent is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between major expenditures functions within any fund; however, these transfers and any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the School Board.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Special Revenue Funds.
6. The budget was amended during the year with supplemental appropriations, the last one approved prior to fiscal year-end.

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

At year-end, the District's deposits were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Governmental Activities
Cash and investments	\$ 9,042,960

The breakdown between deposits and investments for the School District is as follows:

Deposits (checking and savings accounts)	\$ 1,430,266
Investments in MILAF pooled investment fund	7,611,794
Petty cash and cash on hand	900
Total	\$ 9,042,960

Hillsdale Community Schools
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments (Continued)

The District holds investments in a pooled Michigan Investment Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF) account which is a qualified local government investment pool for Michigan School Districts and is considered an external investment pool as defined by GASB and as such is recorded at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The District's investments under the interlocal agreement (MILAF – Michigan CLASS) in the amount of \$7,611,794 at year-end, are regulated by the Urban Cooperation Act.

The Michigan CLASS investment pool invests in U.S. Treasury obligations, federal agency obligations of the U.S. government, high-grade commercial paper, and approved money market funds. The program is designed to meet the needs of Michigan public sector investors. There are no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals from the investments held in the MILAF account except for a one-day minimum investment period on the MILAF cash management funds and a fourteen-day redemption limitation on MILAF MAX Class funds.

Investment and Deposit Risk – The District's cash and investments are subject to several types of risk, as noted below.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. The District requires that financial institutions be evaluated and only those with an acceptable risk level are used for the District's deposits for custodial credit risk. At year-end, the District's deposit balance of approximately \$1,400,000 had \$900,000 of bank deposits that were uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments – Custodial credit risk of investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk. The MILAF investments are not insured by FDIC or other protections. Standard & Poor's rating for the MILAF investments is AAAM.

Interest Rate Risk – State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments. The District's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of State law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers' acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools. See Note 1 for a full description of allowed investments. The District's investment policy does not further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The District's investment policy does not limit investments with individual issuers.

Foreign Currency Risk – The District does not invest in foreign currency and does not maintain a policy regarding foreign currency risk.

Note 4 – Receivables

Receivables at year end, excluding the land contract receivable, totaled \$2,775,499 and consist mainly of amounts due from the Michigan Department of Education for State aid and federal grants.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the District's governmental activities was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Year-End Balance</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 77,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,434
Construction in progress	287,634	-	287,634	-
Subtotal	<u>365,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>287,634</u>	<u>77,434</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	20,862,125	1,315,671	-	22,177,796
Infrastructure	9,819	-	-	9,819
Buses and other vehicles	1,649,191	228,473	-	1,877,664
Furniture and equipment	3,411,655	90,579	-	3,502,234
Right-to-use - copiers	-	99,274	-	99,274
Right-to-use - SBITAs	-	128,396	-	128,396
Subtotal	<u>25,932,790</u>	<u>1,862,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,795,183</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	10,992,543	655,926	-	11,648,469
Infrastructure	8,592	490	-	9,082
Buses and other vehicles	845,059	168,742	-	1,013,801
Furniture and equipment	2,823,690	60,247	-	2,883,937
Right-to-use - SBITAs	-	42,798	-	42,798
Subtotal	<u>14,669,884</u>	<u>928,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,598,087</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated	<u>11,262,906</u>	<u>934,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,197,096</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 11,627,974</u>	<u>\$ 934,190</u>	<u>\$ 287,634</u>	<u>\$ 12,274,530</u>

Depreciation for the current year totaled \$928,203. The District determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

Note 6 – Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

The District reports interfund balances between some of its funds. These interfund balances resulted primarily from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

A transfer of \$55,000 was made from the Food Service Fund to the General Fund for the current year to cover indirect costs and \$712 was transferred from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund to cover expenditures allowable under a State grant program.

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Note 7 – Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the components of unearned revenue are as follows:

Grant and categorial aid payments received prior to meeting all eligibility requirements	\$ 570,358
Food service deposits	<u>4,937</u>
	<u>\$ 575,295</u>

Note 8 – Long-Term Debt

The School District issues bonds, notes, and other contractual commitments to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and the acquisition of certain equipment. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District. As of June 30, 2025, no bonded debt or notes payable were held by the District. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences as described in Note 1 and net pension and OPEB liabilities. See Note 11 for further details regarding the net pension and OPEB liabilities. Other long-term debt activity is summarized as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2024, as restated	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2025	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Lease payable	\$ -	\$ 99,274	\$ 4,839	\$ 94,435	18,614
Compensated absences	<u>140,265</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,030</u>	<u>14,103</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 140,265</u>	<u>\$ 100,039</u>	<u>\$ 4,839</u>	<u>\$ 235,465</u>	<u>\$ 32,717</u>

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

The lease payable is for copiers and payments are due in monthly installments of \$1,799 through March, 2030 with an implied interest rate of 3.46%.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on the above lease payable are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 18,614	\$ 2,974	\$ 21,588
2027	19,268	2,320	21,588
2028	19,946	1,642	21,588
2029	20,647	941	21,588
2030	15,960	231	16,191
	<u>\$ 94,435</u>	<u>\$ 8,108</u>	<u>\$ 102,543</u>

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Note 9 – Committed and Assigned Fund Balance

Portions of fund equity are segregated for specific future use and are, therefore, not available for future general appropriations or expenditure. Assigned fund balance represents those amounts that are expected to be used to cover expenditures that exceed revenue in the subsequent year. Fund balance commitments represent those amounts that are segregated by Board directive for future use as follows:

General Fund

Committed:	
Curriculum	\$ 56,419
Technology	30,000
Bus	35,440
Capital projects	359,500
Total committed	<u>\$ 481,359</u>

Note 10 – Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; employee injuries and natural disasters. The District participates in a distinct pool of educational institutions within the State of Michigan for self-insuring workers' disability compensation. The pool is considered a public entity risk pool. The District pays annual premiums to the pool for the respective insurance coverage. In the event the pool's total claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said year, all members of the specific pool's policy year may be subject to special assessment to make up the deficiency. The pool maintains reinsurance for claims in excess of \$500,000 for each occurrence with the overall maximum coverage being unlimited. The District has not been informed of any special assessments being required.

The School District has purchased commercial insurance for other risks of loss, including property and casualty, errors and omissions, fleet, and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance did not exceed the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

Organization

Pension/OPEB Plan Description – The School District participates in the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System ("MPERS" or "the System"), a State-wide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan. The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor, and disability benefits to public school employees, and covers substantially all employees of the School District.

There are currently approximately 688 participating employers in the System which meets the definition of a qualified pension trust fund under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the System maintains a health plan ("OPEB") which provides postemployment healthcare benefits to all eligible retirees as an elective option including health, prescription drug, dental, and vision coverage.

The System was originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified, and currently operates under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this Act establishes a governing board and its authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members – eleven appointed by the Governor plus the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Organization (Continued)

Pension/OPEB Plan Description (Continued) - The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State of Michigan Investment Board serves as the fiduciary and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are included as a pension and other employee benefit trust fund in the State of Michigan Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and are available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools. Information provided in this report includes financial data, actuarial assumptions data, and detailed information about the pension plan and OPEB plan fiduciary positions.

Pension Benefits Provided – Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit (DB) pension plan. Participants are enrolled in one of multiple plans based on date of hire and certain voluntary elections. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits for DB plan members are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25% to 1.50%. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

Based on current benefit provisions, new hires can opt between two plans. The first plan, called Pension Plus 2, is a hybrid plan that contains a pension component with a required employee contribution and a flexible and transferable defined contribution tax-deferred investment account component that contains a 50/50 contribution share between the employee and the employer, including the cost of future unfunded liabilities. The assumed rate of return on the Pension Plus 2 plan is 6%. The second option is a Defined Contribution plan under which a participant receives a 4% employer contribution to a tax-deferred 401(k) account and can choose to make employee contributions up to the maximum allowed per IRS regulations to a tax-deferred 457 account.

A DB plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account, if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Organization (Continued)

OPEB Benefits Provided – Benefit provisions of the postemployment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008 (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members), the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of OPEB, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the MPSERS, who earned service credit in the twelve months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare expenses in retirement.

Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) accounts.

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Organization (Continued)

Pension/OPEB Plan Contributions – Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, requires contributions from both the participating employers and the active plan members. The School District, as a participating employer, is required to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of pension and OPEB benefits of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature. Under these provisions, each school district's contribution is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees (plan members) during the year, with an additional amount paid in to finance a portion of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Required employer pension contributions are comprised of pension normal cost, pension unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), and pension early retirement incentive contributions. Required employer pension contributions also include the UAAL rate stabilization contributions. Required employer OPEB contributions are comprised of OPEB normal cost and OPEB UAAL.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The normal cost is the annual cost assigned under the actuarial funding method to the current and subsequent plan years. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability will be amortized over a declining period ending September 30, 2038.

Pension Plan Contributions – The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024:

<u>Benefit Type</u>	<u>Member Rates</u>	<u>Employer Rates</u>	<u>Status</u>
Basic (Defined Benefit)	0.0% - 4.0%	13.90 – 23.03%	Closed
MIP (Defined Benefit)	3.0% - 7.0%	13.90 – 23.03%	Closed
Pension Plus (Hybrid)	3.0% - 6.4%	19.17%	Closed
Pension Plus 2 (Hybrid)	6.2%	20.10%	Open
Defined Contribution	0.0%	13.90%	Open

Employer contributions for the plan year ended September 30, 2024 range from 13.90% to 23.03% and are determined based on employee elections. The District's required and actual contributions to the plan for the year ended September 30, 2024 were \$3,249,372. The District's required and actual pension contributions include an allocation of \$1,555,224 in revenue received from the State of Michigan, and remitted to the System, to fund the MPERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) stabilization rate for the year ended September 30, 2024.

OPEB Contributions – OPEB employee contributions in effect for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 range from 0% - 3%. Employer contributions range from 0.00% to 8.31% for the plan year ended September 30, 2024 and are determined based on employee elections. Required contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$645,584 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The District's required and actual OPEB contributions include an allocation of \$0 in revenue received from the State of Michigan, and remitted to the System, to fund the MPERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) stabilization rate for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Pension/OPEB (Asset)/Liabilities, Pension/OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions/OPEB

Proportionate Share of School District’s Net Pension Liability - At June 30, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$19,027,497 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 30, 2023. The District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer’s statutorily required pension contributions to the System during the measurement period by the percent of statutorily required pension contributions from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2024, the District’s proportionate share was .07772031 percent, a decrease of .0027569 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2023.

Pension Expense - For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District recognized pension expense of \$1,484,970, exclusive of payments to fund the MPSERS UAAL stabilization rate.

Proportionate Share of School District’s Net OPEB Asset/Liability - At June 30, 2025, the District reported an asset of \$3,343,153 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB asset. The net OPEB asset was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the total OPEB asset used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 30, 2023. The District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB asset was determined by dividing each employer’s statutorily required OPEB contributions to the System during the measurement period by the percent of statutorily required OPEB contributions from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2024, the District’s proportionate share was .07766832 percent, a decrease of .00023855 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2023.

OPEB Expense - For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District recognized OPEB benefit of \$1,218,890.

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows - At June 30, 2025, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
	<u>Pension</u>	<u>OPEB</u>	<u>Pension</u>	<u>OPEB</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 516,229	\$ -	\$ 206,736	\$3,542,722
Changes of assumptions	1,983,730	730,193	1,394,113	83,930
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension/OPEB plan investments	-	-	3,631,253	632,897
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	320,670	146,129	837,383	175,495
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,642,604	618,701	1,064,787	-
Total	<u>\$5,463,233</u>	<u>\$1,495,023</u>	<u>\$7,134,272</u>	<u>\$4,435,044</u>

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

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

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows (Continued) - \$2,642,604 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2026. \$618,701 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as an increase/reduction of the net OPEB asset/liability in the year ended June 30, 2026.

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

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Pension</u>	<u>OPEB</u>
2026	\$ (619,027)	\$(1,154,159)
2027	(29,180)	(678,314)
2028	(1,562,012)	(669,934)
2029	(1,038,637)	(638,891)
2030	-	(353,434)
Thereafter	-	(63,990)

Payables to the Pension/OPEB Plan - The District reported an accrued pension/OPEB plan payable at June 30, 2025 of \$396,273. This amount represents employee withholdings and the employer amount payable for wages earned at June 30, 2025 but not yet paid. The District is current on all required pension and OPEB plan payments. Amounts accrued at year-end represent current payments for June paid in July, accruals for summer pay primarily for teachers, and the contributions due from State Revenue Section 147c restricted to fund the MPSERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL).

Actuarial Assumptions

Actuarial Valuations and Assumptions - Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. A summary of actuarial assumptions as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation date	September 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Entry age, normal
Wage inflation rate	2.75%
Investment rate of return:	
MIP and Basic plans	6.00%, net of investment expenses
Pension Plus Plan and Plus 2 Plans	6.00%, net of investment expenses
OPEB	6.00%, net of investment expenses
Projected salary increases	2.75 – 11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Cost-of-living pension adjustments	3% annual non-compounded for MIP members
Healthcare cost trend rate	Pre-65: 7.25% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15 Post-65: 6.50% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15
Mortality: Retirees:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010
Active Members:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
Disabled Retirees:	PubNS-2010 Male and Female Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

Other Assumptions (OPEB) – applies to individuals hired before September 4, 2012:

Opt-Out Assumption	21% of eligible participants hired before July 1, 2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree health plan.
Survivor Coverage	80% of male retirees and 67% of female retirees electing two-person coverage are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree’s death.
Coverage Election at Retirement	Of those opting out, 75% of male and 60% of female future retirees who elect coverage are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more dependents.

Additional assumption information includes the following:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the periods 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension and OPEB valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total pension/OPEB liability as of September 30, 2024 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2023, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years – 4.4612 for pension plan employers and 6.2834 for OPEB plan employers.
- Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000.
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2024 MPSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return on Plan Assets – The long-term expected rate of return on pension/OPEB 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/OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return on Plan Assets (Continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension/OPEB plan’s target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
Domestic equity pools	25.0%	5.3%
Private equity pools	16.0%	9.0%
International equity	15.0%	6.5%
Fixed income pools	13.0%	2.2%
Real estate and infrastructure pools	10.0%	7.1%
Absolute return pools	9.0%	5.2%
Real Return/Opportunistic Pools	10.0%	6.9%
Short-term investment pools	<u>2.0%</u>	1.4%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

*Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.3% inflation.

Rate of Return – For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension/OPEB plan investments, net of pension/OPEB plan investment expense, was 15.47% and 15.45%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate – A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total pension liability and OPEB asset. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rates of return on pension and OPEB plan investments of 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that future plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on these assumptions, the pension/OPEB plans’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension/OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits payments to determine the total pension liability/OPEB asset.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the School District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using a single discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher:

Current Single Discount Rate		
1% Decrease	Assumption	1% Increase
5.00%	6.00%	7.00%
<u>\$27,894,518</u>	<u>\$19,027,499</u>	<u>\$11,644,000</u>

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Note 11 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset/liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.20%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset/liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher:

1% Decrease 5.00%	Current Discount Rate 6.00%	1% Increase 7.00%
<u>\$2,583,616</u>	<u>\$3,343,153</u>	<u>\$3,999,853</u>

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Asset/Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset/liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher:

1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
<u>(\$355,282)</u>	<u>\$3,343,153</u>	<u>\$1,129,040</u>

Note 12 – Federal and State Grants

The District has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Although such audits could generate expenditure disallowance under terms of the grants, management believes that any required reimbursements would not be material.

Note 13 - Sinking Fund

The Building & Site Funds 1 & 2 are sinking funds which record capital project activities funded with sinking fund millage. For these funds, the School District has complied with the applicable provisions of Section 1212(1) of the Revised School Code and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Letter No. 2023-1.

Note 14 – Change in Accounting Principle

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. This Statement also establishes guidance for measuring a liability for leave that has not been used, generally using an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements.

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Note 15 – Adjustments to Beginning Net Position

The change to beginning net position as a result of adopting GASB Statement No. 101, is as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net position, as of July 1, 2024 as originally reported	\$ (3,950,878)
Adoption of GASB Statement No. 101	<u>(93,750)</u>
Net position as of July 1, 2024 as restated	<u><u>\$ (4,044,628)</u></u>

Required Supplementary Information

Hillsdale Community Schools
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
 Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 2,622,646	\$ 2,960,000	\$ 2,990,764	\$ 30,764
State sources	14,098,820	14,281,605	14,434,901	153,296
Federal sources	2,672,980	745,000	777,332	32,332
Interdistrict and other	151,800	186,922	280,858	93,936
Total revenues	<u>19,546,246</u>	<u>18,173,527</u>	<u>18,483,855</u>	<u>310,328</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Basic programs	10,235,608	9,000,000	8,669,699	330,301
Added needs	2,396,891	2,726,807	2,380,316	346,491
Adult education	309,100	303,118	300,763	2,355
Support services:				
Pupil	878,730	995,549	848,804	146,745
Instructional staff	383,200	546,028	386,976	159,052
General administration	331,340	366,280	325,362	40,918
School administration	1,061,519	1,044,526	1,000,845	43,681
Business	324,453	331,038	324,282	6,756
Operation & maintenance	1,921,668	2,056,413	1,833,836	222,577
Pupil transportation	1,227,075	1,317,064	1,056,056	261,008
Central services	225,350	368,685	336,992	31,693
Athletic activities	496,668	521,668	471,670	49,998
Community services:				
Community activities	6,000	23,569	26,942	(3,373)
Other	20,000	29,051	30,777	(1,726)
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	4,839	(4,839)
Interest and other charges	-	-	558	(558)
Capital outlay	1,000,000	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>20,817,602</u>	<u>19,629,796</u>	<u>17,998,717</u>	<u>1,631,079</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(1,271,356)</u>	<u>(1,456,269)</u>	<u>485,138</u>	<u>1,941,407</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from capital leases	-	-	99,274	99,274
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	7,500	7,500
Transfers in	-	55,000	55,000	-
Transfers out	-	(715)	(712)	3
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>54,285</u>	<u>161,062</u>	<u>106,777</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	<u>(1,271,356)</u>	<u>(1,401,984)</u>	<u>646,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,048,184</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>5,704,006</u>	<u>5,704,006</u>	<u>5,704,006</u>	
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 4,432,650</u>	<u>\$ 4,302,022</u>	<u>\$ 6,350,206</u>	

See Independent Auditors' Report.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability of the MPSERS Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years (Amounts Determined Each Year as of September 30)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of net pension liability (%)	<u>0.0777%</u>	<u>0.0805%</u>	<u>0.0810%</u>	<u>0.0777%</u>	<u>0.0783%</u>	<u>0.0791%</u>	<u>0.0794%</u>	<u>0.0788%</u>	<u>0.0773%</u>	<u>0.0799%</u>
District's proportionate share of net pension liability	<u>\$ 19,027,499</u>	<u>\$ 26,047,323</u>	<u>\$ 30,479,050</u>	<u>\$ 18,406,951</u>	<u>\$ 26,881,262</u>	<u>\$ 26,203,314</u>	<u>\$ 23,866,007</u>	<u>\$ 20,415,791</u>	<u>\$ 19,297,803</u>	<u>\$ 19,506,725</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 8,334,828</u>	<u>\$ 7,867,921</u>	<u>\$ 8,124,958</u>	<u>\$ 7,141,918</u>	<u>\$ 7,056,226</u>	<u>\$ 6,961,486</u>	<u>\$ 6,789,096</u>	<u>\$ 6,729,182</u>	<u>\$ 6,446,326</u>	<u>\$ 6,665,510</u>
District's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	<u>228.29%</u>	<u>331.06%</u>	<u>375.13%</u>	<u>257.73%</u>	<u>380.96%</u>	<u>376.40%</u>	<u>351.53%</u>	<u>303.39%</u>	<u>299.36%</u>	<u>292.65%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	<u>74.44%</u>	<u>65.91%</u>	<u>60.77%</u>	<u>72.60%</u>	<u>59.72%</u>	<u>60.31%</u>	<u>62.36%</u>	<u>64.21%</u>	<u>63.27%</u>	<u>63.17%</u>

Hillsdale Community Schools
Schedule of the District's Pension Contributions to the MPSERS Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years (Amounts Determined Each Year as of June 30)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 3,495,366	\$ 3,256,207	\$ 3,713,995	\$ 2,703,359	\$ 2,316,517	\$ 2,154,175	\$ 2,109,775	\$ 1,967,098	\$ 1,826,368	\$ 1,856,739
Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions	<u>3,495,366</u>	<u>3,256,207</u>	<u>3,713,995</u>	<u>2,703,359</u>	<u>2,316,517</u>	<u>2,154,175</u>	<u>2,109,775</u>	<u>1,967,098</u>	<u>1,826,368</u>	<u>1,856,739</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 8,636,007</u>	<u>\$ 8,251,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,766,418</u>	<u>\$ 7,757,416</u>	<u>\$ 7,019,190</u>	<u>\$ 7,056,226</u>	<u>\$ 6,845,589</u>	<u>\$ 6,718,276</u>	<u>\$ 6,903,006</u>	<u>\$ 6,469,382</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	<u>40.47%</u>	<u>39.46%</u>	<u>47.82%</u>	<u>34.85%</u>	<u>33.00%</u>	<u>30.53%</u>	<u>30.82%</u>	<u>29.28%</u>	<u>26.46%</u>	<u>28.70%</u>

Hillsdale Community Schools
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability of the MPSERS Plan
Last Eight Fiscal Years (Amounts Determined as of September 30)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
District's proportion of net OPEB liability (asset) (%)	<u>0.0777%</u>	<u>0.0779%</u>	<u>0.0827%</u>	<u>0.0783%</u>	<u>0.0780%</u>	<u>0.0795%</u>	<u>0.0797%</u>	<u>0.0789%</u>
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	<u>\$ (3,343,153)</u>	<u>\$ (440,718)</u>	<u>\$ 1,751,048</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,874</u>	<u>\$ 4,179,548</u>	<u>\$ 5,702,825</u>	<u>\$ 6,333,217</u>	<u>\$ 6,982,649</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 8,334,828</u>	<u>\$ 7,867,921</u>	<u>\$ 8,124,958</u>	<u>\$ 7,141,198</u>	<u>\$ 7,056,226</u>	<u>\$ 6,961,486</u>	<u>\$ 6,789,096</u>	<u>\$ 6,729,182</u>
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	<u>-40.11%</u>	<u>-5.60%</u>	<u>21.55%</u>	<u>16.75%</u>	<u>59.23%</u>	<u>81.92%</u>	<u>93.29%</u>	<u>103.77%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability (asset)	<u>143.08%</u>	<u>105.04%</u>	<u>83.09%</u>	<u>87.33%</u>	<u>59.44%</u>	<u>48.46%</u>	<u>42.95%</u>	<u>36.39%</u>

Hillsdale Community Schools
Schedule of the District's OPEB Contributions to the MPSERS Plan
Last Eight Fiscal Years (Amounts Determined as of June 30)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Statutorily required OPEB contributions	\$ 679,870	\$ 645,584	\$ 607,879	\$ 612,680	\$ 568,842	\$ 558,587	\$ 533,269	\$ 486,412
OPEB contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions	<u>679,870</u>	<u>645,584</u>	<u>607,879</u>	<u>612,680</u>	<u>568,842</u>	<u>558,587</u>	<u>533,269</u>	<u>486,412</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll (OPEB)	<u>\$ 8,636,007</u>	<u>\$ 8,251,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,766,418</u>	<u>\$ 7,757,416</u>	<u>\$ 7,019,190</u>	<u>\$ 7,056,226</u>	<u>\$ 6,845,589</u>	<u>\$ 6,718,276</u>
OPEB contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	<u>7.87%</u>	<u>7.82%</u>	<u>7.83%</u>	<u>7.90%</u>	<u>8.10%</u>	<u>7.92%</u>	<u>7.79%</u>	<u>7.24%</u>

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information Pension and OPEB Schedules
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Changes of Benefit Terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in 2024.

Changes of Assumptions: For the State's fiscal year ended September 30, 2024:

The recognition period for liabilities, an average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees, changed to 4.4612 from 4.4406 for pension plan employers and to 6.2834 from 6.5099 for OPEB plan employers.

The healthcare cost trend rate was adjusted as follows:

Pre-65: From 7.50% to 7.25% for Year 1

Post-65: From 6.25% to 6.50% for Year 1

Other Supplementary Information

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Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 2025

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>Food Service Fund</u>	<u>Student Activities Fund</u>	<u>Building & Site Fund 1</u>	
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and investments	\$ 505,550	\$ 276,597	\$ 56,038	\$ 838,185
Receivable from other governments	101,766	-	-	101,766
Other receivables	106	-	-	106
Inventories	41,997	-	-	41,997
Prepaid expenditures	48,000	-	-	48,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 697,419</u>	<u>\$ 276,597</u>	<u>\$ 56,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,054</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 69,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,409
Accrued salaries and related	51,513	-	-	51,513
Unearned revenue	4,937	-	-	4,937
Total liabilities	<u>125,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,859</u>
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Inventories	41,997	-	-	41,997
Prepaid expenses	48,000	-	-	48,000
Restricted	481,563	276,597	56,038	814,198
Total fund balances	<u>571,560</u>	<u>276,597</u>	<u>56,038</u>	<u>904,195</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 697,419</u>	<u>\$ 276,597</u>	<u>\$ 56,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,054</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Hillsdale Community Schools
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		<u>Capital Projects</u>	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Food Service Fund	Student Activities Fund	Building & Site Fund 1	
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 37,742	\$ 323,510	\$ 750	\$ 362,002
State sources	74,618	-	-	74,618
Federal sources	1,127,595	-	-	1,127,595
Interdistrict and other	24,697	-	-	24,697
Total revenues	<u>1,264,652</u>	<u>323,510</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,588,912</u>
Expenditures:				
Food service activities	1,107,332	-	-	1,107,332
Student activities	-	324,952	-	324,952
Capital outlay	-	-	10,675	10,675
Total expenditures	<u>1,107,332</u>	<u>324,952</u>	<u>10,675</u>	<u>1,442,959</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>157,320</u>	<u>(1,442)</u>	<u>(9,925)</u>	<u>145,953</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	30,577	30,577
Transfers in	712	-	-	712
Transfers out	(55,000)	-	-	(55,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(54,288)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,577</u>	<u>(23,711)</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	103,032	(1,442)	20,652	122,242
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>468,528</u>	<u>278,039</u>	<u>35,386</u>	<u>781,953</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 571,560</u>	<u>\$ 276,597</u>	<u>\$ 56,038</u>	<u>\$ 904,195</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.



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September 15, 2025

To the Board of Education
Hillsdale Community Schools
Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hillsdale Community Schools for the year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Hillsdale Community Schools are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District changed accounting policies related to recognizing compensated absences by adopting GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. There were no other changes to the application of existing policies during 2025. We noted no transactions entered into by Hillsdale Community Schools during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the government-wide financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the value of capitalized assets and the related accumulated depreciation/amortization is based on an asset appraisal done in a prior year and estimated usage using estimated lives and methods to formulate net book value. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension liability and the net OPEB asset and related deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources is based on the provision by ORS to all school districts participating in the MPSERS program. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the liability for employee compensated absences is based on current eligibility and known payroll information. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the liability for compensated absences in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 15, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Hillsdale Community Schools' financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Hillsdale Community Schools' auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Schedule, and schedules related to the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability, and the related notes, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, the Nonmajor Governmental Funds Combining Balance Sheet and Combining Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Comments and Recommendations

The Food Service Fund's fund balance is currently in excess of the maximum threshold allowed under the federal program. Management is aware of this issue and has worked with the Michigan Department of Education to implement a spend-down plan to bring this back into compliance.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Education and management of Hillsdale Community Schools and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

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