

**Halifax County
Board of Education**

Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2025

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Halifax County Board of Education
Halifax, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Halifax County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of the Halifax County Board of Education'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, the business-type activities and each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Halifax County Board of Education as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Other Special Revenue Fund, and the Federal Grants Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Halifax County Board of Education 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 described in Note 5 to the financial statements, the Board adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, as of July 1, 2024. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 raises substantial doubt about Halifax County Board of Education's

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Governmental Auditing Standards* we

- Exercised professional judgement and maintained 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 responsible 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 Halifax County Board of Education's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Halifax County Board of Education's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 9 and the Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Board Contributions on pages 47 through 52, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Halifax County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The individual fund budgetary schedules, as well as the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, individual fund budgetary schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 4, 2026 on our consideration of Halifax County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Halifax County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Halifax County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

Huntersville, North Carolina

February 4, 2026

Halifax County Schools Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2025

This section of the Halifax County Board of Education's (the "Board") financial report represents our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2025. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in this report.

Financial Highlights

- As discussed in Note 5 to the financial statements, effective July 1, 2024, the Board implemented accounting and financial reporting requirements of GASB Statement 101, Compensated Absences. The statement required the Board to begin recording liabilities for employee sick leave balances that are more likely than not to be used. As a result of implementation of this statement, the Board's governmental and business-type activities net position, as previously reported at June 30, 2024, was reduced by \$6.9 million and \$283 thousand, respectively.
- The final average daily membership for Halifax County Schools for the fiscal year 2025 was 2,019 which represents a decrease of 30 students from the previous year.
- The Board continues to monitor future revenues and will make additional budget cuts as needed.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Halifax County Board of Education consist of four components. They are as follows:

- *Independent Auditors' Report*
- *Management's Discussion and Analysis (required supplementary information)*
- *Basic Financial Statements*
- *Required supplemental information section presents schedules for Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, Retiree Health Benefit Fund, Disability Income Plan of North Carolina*

The *Basic Financial Statements* include two types of statements that present different views of the Board's finances. The first is the *Government-wide Statements*. The government-wide statements are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting and include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. The statement of net position includes all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows. Assets and liabilities are classified in the order of relative liquidity for assets and due date for liabilities. This statement provides a summary of the Board's investment in assets and obligations to creditors. Liquidity and financial flexibility can be evaluated using the information contained in this statement. The statement of activities summarizes the Board's revenues and expenses for the current year. A net (expense) revenue format is used to indicate to what extent each function is self-sufficient.

The second set of statements included in the basic financial statements is the *Fund Financial Statements*, which are presented for the Board's governmental funds and proprietary fund. These statements present the governmental funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting, measuring the near term inflows and outflows of financial resources and what is available at year-end to spend in the next fiscal year. The proprietary fund is presented on the full accrual basis of accounting. The fund financial statements focus on the Board's most significant funds. Because a different basis of accounting is used in the government-wide statements, reconciliation from the governmental fund financial statements to the government-wide statements is required. The government-wide statements provide information about the Board as an economic unit while the fund financial statements provide information on each of the financial resources of each of the Board's major funds.

Government-wide Statements

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

The two government-wide statements report the Board's net position and how they have changed. Net position is the difference between the Board's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. This is one way to measure the unit's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Board's net position is an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.
- To assess the Board's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of its school buildings and other physical assets.

The unit's activities are divided into two categories in the government-wide statements:

- *Governmental activities:* Most of the Board's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. County funding and state and federal aid finance most of these activities.
- *Business-type activities:* The Board charges fees to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. School food services are included here.

The government-wide statements are shown as Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Board's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the unit as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Board uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds are required by State law, such as the State Public School Fund.
- The Board has established other funds to control and manage money for a particular purpose or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as in the Federal Grants Fund.

Halifax County Board of Education has two types of funds:

Governmental funds: Most of the Board's basic services are included in the governmental funds, which generally focus on two things – 1) how cash and other assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. As a result of this focus, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the coming year to finance the Board's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental fund statements, in the form of a reconciliation, explains the relationship (or differences) between the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The Board has several governmental funds: the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Individual Schools Fund, the Capital Outlay Fund, the Other Special Revenue Fund and the Federal Grants Fund.

The governmental fund statements are shown as Exhibits 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this report.

Proprietary fund: Services for which the Board charges a fee are generally reported in the proprietary funds. The proprietary fund statements are reported on the same full accrual basis of accounting as the government-wide statements. The Halifax County Board of Education has one proprietary fund - an enterprise fund – the School Food Service Fund.

The proprietary fund statements are shown as Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 of this report.

Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole

Net position is an indicator of the fiscal health of the Board. Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$47.8 million as of June 30, 2025, an increase of \$18.9 million. Excluding the \$7.2 million reduction in beginning of year net position for implementation of GASB 101, net position increased by \$26.1 million. The largest component of net position is net investment in capital assets, of \$71.4 million.

Following is a summary of the Statement of Net Position:

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total Primary Government</u>	
	<u>6/30/25</u>	<u>6/30/24</u>	<u>6/30/25</u>	<u>6/30/24</u>	<u>6/30/25</u>	<u>6/30/24</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 11,985,573	\$ 13,429,048	\$ 982,762	\$ 1,139,272	\$ 12,968,335	\$ 14,568,320
Capital assets	<u>71,330,944</u>	<u>48,102,911</u>	<u>206,878</u>	<u>217,239</u>	<u>71,537,822</u>	<u>48,320,150</u>
Total assets	<u>83,316,517</u>	<u>61,531,959</u>	<u>1,189,640</u>	<u>1,356,511</u>	<u>84,506,157</u>	<u>62,888,470</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>12,089,709</u>	<u>12,666,810</u>	<u>616,412</u>	<u>642,648</u>	<u>12,706,121</u>	<u>13,309,458</u>
Current liabilities	460,525	2,506,587	13,866	98,738	474,391	2,605,325
Long-term liabilities	<u>39,199,354</u>	<u>34,032,259</u>	<u>1,894,971</u>	<u>1,699,887</u>	<u>41,094,325</u>	<u>35,732,146</u>
Total liabilities	<u>39,659,879</u>	<u>36,538,846</u>	<u>1,908,837</u>	<u>1,798,625</u>	<u>41,568,716</u>	<u>38,337,471</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>7,509,839</u>	<u>8,584,031</u>	<u>382,900</u>	<u>435,508</u>	<u>7,892,739</u>	<u>9,019,539</u>
Net investment in capital assets	71,227,634	48,053,372	206,878	217,239	71,434,512	48,270,611
Restricted net position	8,385,468	8,379,541	1,013	-	8,386,481	8,379,541
Unrestricted net position	<u>(31,376,594)</u>	<u>(27,357,021)</u>	<u>(693,576)</u>	<u>(452,213)</u>	<u>(32,070,170)</u>	<u>(27,809,234)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$48,236,508</u>	<u>\$29,075,892</u>	<u>\$ (485,685)</u>	<u>\$ (234,974)</u>	<u>\$47,750,823</u>	<u>\$28,840,918</u>

Net position of governmental activities increased by approximately \$19.2 million during the year, indicating improvement in the financial condition of the Board. Also note that the Board carries capital assets for which Halifax County carries the offsetting debt.

The following table shows the revenues and expenses for the Board for the current and prior fiscal years:

Table 2
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/25	6/30/24	6/30/25	6/30/24	6/30/25	6/30/24
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,875	\$ 5,406	\$ 450,733	\$ 354,353	\$ 452,608	\$ 359,759
Operating grants and contributions	34,036,495	38,411,012	2,101,884	2,020,620	36,138,379	40,431,632
Capital grants and contributions	21,268,839	6,679,614	-	-	21,268,839	6,679,614
General - county	6,406,400	6,067,299	-	-	6,406,400	6,067,299
General - State	559,984	478,117	-	-	559,984	478,117
General - other	2,503,822	3,557,035	(710)	1,202	2,503,112	3,558,237
Total revenues	<u>64,777,415</u>	<u>55,198,483</u>	<u>2,551,907</u>	<u>2,376,175</u>	<u>67,329,322</u>	<u>57,574,658</u>
Expenses:						
Governmental activities:						
Instructional services	24,648,182	20,344,648	-	-	24,648,182	20,344,648
System-wide support services	12,558,258	17,967,961	-	-	12,558,258	17,967,961
Ancillary services	39,713	7,188	-	-	39,713	7,188
Non-programmed charges	814,158	860,759	-	-	814,158	860,759
Unallocated depreciation	598,747	305,628	-	-	598,747	305,628
Business-type activities:						
School food service	-	-	2,585,841	2,514,926	2,585,841	2,514,926
Total expenses	<u>38,659,058</u>	<u>39,486,184</u>	<u>2,585,841</u>	<u>2,514,926</u>	<u>41,244,899</u>	<u>42,001,110</u>
Transfers in (out)	<u>(66,196)</u>	<u>(40,229)</u>	<u>66,196</u>	<u>40,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>26,052,161</u>	<u>15,672,070</u>	<u>32,262</u>	<u>(98,522)</u>	<u>26,084,423</u>	<u>15,573,548</u>
Beginning net position, as previously reported	29,075,892	13,403,822	(234,974)	(136,452)	28,840,918	13,267,370
Change in accounting principle (Note 5)	<u>(6,891,545)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(282,973)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,174,518)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position, beginning, as restated	<u>22,184,347</u>	<u>13,403,822</u>	<u>(517,947)</u>	<u>(136,452)</u>	<u>21,666,400</u>	<u>13,267,370</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 48,236,508</u>	<u>\$ 29,075,892</u>	<u>\$ (485,685)</u>	<u>\$ (234,974)</u>	<u>\$ 47,750,823</u>	<u>\$ 28,840,918</u>

Total governmental activities generated revenues of \$64.8 million while expenses in this category totaled \$38.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2025. Net of the \$6.9 million reduction in beginning of year net position for implementation of GASB 101, this resulted in a \$26.1 million increase in net position for governmental activities. Comparatively, revenues were \$55.2 million, and expenses totaled \$39.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. Instructional services comprised 64% of total governmental-type expenses while system-wide support services made up 32% of those expenses for 2025.

The Board's primary sources of revenues were funding from the State of North Carolina, Halifax County, and the United States Government, which respectively comprised 73%, 10% and 14% of our total governmental activities revenues.

Total business-type activities generated revenues of \$2.6 million while expenses in this category totaled \$2.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2025. Net of the \$283 thousand reduction in beginning of year net position for implementation of GASB 101, net position of business-type activities increased by \$32,262 after transfers in of \$66,196. Comparatively, revenues were \$2.4 million, and expenses totaled \$2.5 million for

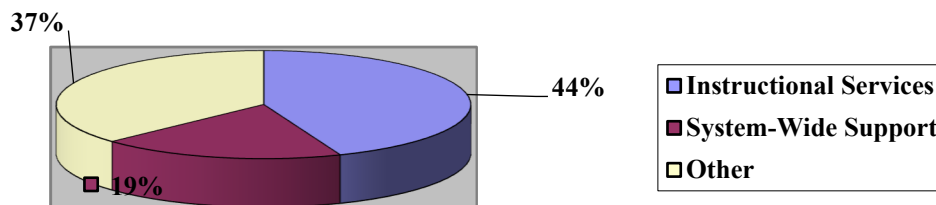
the year ended June 30, 2024, resulting in a decrease in net position of \$98,522 after transfers in of \$40,229.

Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

Governmental Funds: The focus of Halifax County Board of Education's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financing requirements.

The Board's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$11.5 million at June 30, 2025, an increase of \$585,664 from the prior year. Fund balance in the General Fund decreased by \$74,820. The Board's Other Special Revenue Fund had revenues that exceeded expenditures by \$789,281 for the year ended June 30, 2025. The Board's Capital Outlay Fund had expenditures that exceeded revenues by \$130,357 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

**Categorization of Expenditures
For Governmental Funds**



Proprietary Fund: The Board's business-type fund experienced an increase in net position in the past year. The School Food Service Fund had an increase in net position of \$32,262.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Board approved several budget amendments to account for changes in revenue and expenditure projections. Budget amendments are submitted to the Board on a monthly basis to reflect new revenues not measurable or known at the time of the original budget resolution. State and federal budgets are not approved at the State level until after the fiscal year begins and amendments are needed to reconcile the initial budget to final approved State and federal budgets. The State may send new allotments throughout the year and require additional budget amendments. There were no significant budget amendments during the year. Note that there were expenditures in excess of the budgeted expenditures in the General Fund, State Public School Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and School Food Service Fund. See budget and actual statements and the compliance report for further information regarding these budgetary overages.

Capital Assets

Capital assets increased by \$23,217,672, or 48.05%, compared to the previous year. The increase was primarily attributable to the completion of multiple ESSER III funded capital projects across the district and an increase in construction in progress from the construction of a new elementary school building. The following is a summary of the capital assets, net of depreciation, at June 30, 2025 and 2024. See Note 3 for additional details of capital activity.

Table 3
Summary of Capital Assets
As of June 30, 2025 and 2024

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/25	6/30/24	6/30/25	6/30/24	6/30/25	6/30/24
Land	\$ 654,127	\$ 654,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 654,127	\$ 654,127
Construction in Progress	27,633,703	13,289,540	-	-	27,633,703	13,289,540
Buildings and improvements	39,898,607	30,480,652	-	-	39,898,607	30,480,652
Equipment and furniture	530,011	558,212	206,878	217,239	736,889	775,451
Vehicles	2,614,496	3,120,380	-	-	2,614,496	3,120,380
Total	<u>\$ 71,330,944</u>	<u>\$ 48,102,911</u>	<u>\$ 206,878</u>	<u>\$ 217,239</u>	<u>\$ 71,537,822</u>	<u>\$ 48,320,150</u>

Debt Outstanding

The Board's installment purchase obligation debt stands at \$103,310 at June 30, 2025. All installment purchase obligations were issued for the acquisition of school buses. The Board is limited by North Carolina General Statutes with regards to the types of debt it can issue and for what purpose that debt can be used. Halifax County holds virtually all debt issued for school capital construction. More detailed information about the Board's outstanding debt is contained in Note 3 in the footnotes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors

- Halifax County has a large population on public assistance which is putting a strain on the economic systems in place. We have asked the county to put a greater emphasis on education as a way to attract better industry and enhance the quality of life for citizens.
- As of June 30, 2025, the unemployment rate in Halifax County was 5.4%, which is higher than the State unemployment rate of 4.0%. Halifax County Schools serve most of the impoverished areas within the county.
- Halifax County is not likely to experience the same level of growth as the national and state economies due to the instability of its population and employment opportunities.

Requests for Information

This report is intended to provide a summary of the financial condition of Halifax County Board of Education. Questions or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2025

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,583,551	\$ 827,576	\$ 11,411,127
Due from other governments	960,364	66,128	1,026,492
Receivables	68,659	32,144	100,803
Internal balances	32,296	(32,296)	-
Prepays	211,922	-	211,922
Net OPEB asset	19,875	1,013	20,888
Inventories	108,906	88,197	197,103
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	28,287,830	-	28,287,830
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	43,043,114	206,878	43,249,992
Total capital assets	<u>71,330,944</u>	<u>206,878</u>	<u>71,537,822</u>
Total assets	<u>83,316,517</u>	<u>1,189,640</u>	<u>84,506,157</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>12,089,709</u>	<u>616,412</u>	<u>12,706,121</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	320,574	12,888	333,462
Unavailable revenues	-	978	978
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	3,384,317	143,195	3,527,512
Due in more than one year:			
Net pension liability	10,384,496	529,469	10,913,965
Net OPEB liability	20,806,127	1,060,832	21,866,959
Other due in more than one year	<u>4,624,414</u>	<u>161,475</u>	<u>4,785,889</u>
Total liabilities	<u>39,659,879</u>	<u>1,908,837</u>	<u>41,568,716</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>7,509,839</u>	<u>382,900</u>	<u>7,892,739</u>
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	71,227,634	206,878	71,434,512
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by State statute	2,563,248	-	2,563,248
School capital outlay	2,038,947	-	2,038,947
Instructional services	1,518,674	-	1,518,674
Special revenues	1,924,338	-	1,924,338
Individual schools activities	320,386	-	320,386
DIPNC OPEB plan	19,875	1,013	20,888
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(31,376,594)</u>	<u>(693,576)</u>	<u>(32,070,170)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 48,236,508</u>	<u>\$ (485,685)</u>	<u>\$ 47,750,823</u>

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	\$ 10,860,752	\$ -	\$ 12,709,220	\$ -	\$ 1,848,468	\$ -	\$ 1,848,468
Special populations	3,074,546	-	3,186,825	-	112,279	-	112,279
Alternative programs	5,135,468	-	4,799,631	-	(335,837)	-	(335,837)
School leadership	2,837,130	-	2,785,450	-	(51,680)	-	(51,680)
Co-curricular	954,207	-	-	-	(954,207)	-	(954,207)
School-based support	1,786,079	-	1,871,829	-	85,750	-	85,750
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	522,911	-	250,579	-	(272,332)	-	(272,332)
Special population support and development	101,891	-	103,005	-	1,114	-	1,114
Alternative programs and services support and development	143,168	-	138,928	-	(4,240)	-	(4,240)
Technology support	317,576	-	319,170	-	1,594	-	1,594
Operational support	9,173,250	1,875	6,596,511	21,268,839	18,693,975	-	18,693,975
Financial and human resource services	1,226,814	-	647,633	-	(579,181)	-	(579,181)
Policy, leadership and public relations	1,072,648	-	489,354	-	(583,294)	-	(583,294)
Ancillary services	39,713	-	35,297	-	(4,416)	-	(4,416)
Non-programmed charges	814,158	-	103,063	-	(711,095)	-	(711,095)
Unallocated depreciation expense**	598,747	-	-	-	(598,747)	-	(598,747)
Total governmental activities	38,659,058	1,875	34,036,495	21,268,839	16,648,151	-	16,648,151
Business-type activities:							
School food service	2,585,841	450,733	2,101,884	-	-	(33,224)	(33,224)
Total primary government	\$ 41,244,899	\$ 452,608	\$ 36,138,379	\$ 21,268,839	\$ 16,648,151	\$ (33,224)	\$ 16,614,927
General revenues:							
Unrestricted county appropriations - operating					5,392,865	-	5,392,865
Unrestricted county appropriations - capital					1,013,535	-	1,013,535
Unrestricted State appropriations - operating					559,984	-	559,984
Investment earnings, unrestricted					137,767	4,333	142,100
Miscellaneous, unrestricted					2,366,055	(5,043)	2,361,012
Transfers					(66,196)	66,196	-
Total general revenues and transfers					9,404,010	65,486	9,469,496
Change in net position					26,052,161	32,262	26,084,423
Net position - beginning, as previously reported					29,075,892	(234,974)	28,840,918
Restatement (Note 5)					(6,891,545)	(282,973)	(7,174,518)
Net position - beginning, as restated					22,184,347	(517,947)	21,666,400
Net position - ending					\$ 48,236,508	\$ (485,685)	\$ 47,750,823

**This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2025

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds					Non-major Fund	Total
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	Governmental Funds
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,461,841	\$ 558,472	\$ 465,634	\$ 3,513,681	\$ 2,246,697	\$ 337,226	\$ 10,583,551
Due from other governments	250,437	-	-	54,239	655,688	-	960,364
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	68,659	-	-	68,659
Due from other funds	451,011	-	-	145,319	937,895	-	1,534,225
Inventories	108,906	-	-	-	-	-	108,906
Prepaid expenses	211,922	-	-	-	-	-	211,922
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,484,117</u>	<u>\$ 558,472</u>	<u>\$ 465,634</u>	<u>\$ 3,781,898</u>	<u>\$ 3,840,280</u>	<u>\$ 337,226</u>	<u>\$ 13,467,627</u>
Liabilities and fund balances							
Liabilities							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 105,069	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,755	\$ 207,750	\$ -	\$ 320,574
Due to other funds	538,020	418,521	465,634	62,914	-	16,840	1,501,929
Due to other governments	-	139,951	-	-	-	-	139,951
Total liabilities	<u>643,089</u>	<u>558,472</u>	<u>465,634</u>	<u>70,669</u>	<u>207,750</u>	<u>16,840</u>	<u>1,962,454</u>
Fund balances:							
Nonspendable:							
Inventories	108,906	-	-	-	-	-	108,906
Prepays	211,922	-	-	-	-	-	211,922
Restricted:							
Stabilization by State statute	701,448	-	-	268,217	1,593,583	-	2,563,248
School capital outlay	-	-	-	-	2,038,947	-	2,038,947
Instructional services	-	-	-	1,518,674	-	-	1,518,674
Individual schools	-	-	-	-	-	320,386	320,386
School capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned:							
Subsequent year's expenditures	838,933	-	-	-	-	-	838,933
Special revenues	-	-	-	1,924,338	-	-	1,924,338
Unassigned:	1,979,819	-	-	-	-	-	1,979,819
Total fund balances	<u>3,841,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,711,229</u>	<u>3,632,530</u>	<u>320,386</u>	<u>11,505,173</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,484,117</u>	<u>\$ 558,472</u>	<u>\$ 465,634</u>	<u>\$ 3,781,898</u>	<u>\$ 3,840,280</u>	<u>\$ 337,226</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	71,330,944
OPEB asset	19,875
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	5,180,879
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	6,908,830
Some liabilities, including those for compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Installment purchases	(103,310)
Compensated absences	(7,905,421)
Net pension liability	(10,384,496)
OPEB liability	(20,806,127)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(6,798,406)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(711,433)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 48,236,508</u>

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Exhibit 4

	Major Funds					Non-major Fund	Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	
Revenues:							
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ 25,459,678	\$ -	\$ 559,984	\$ 21,268,839	\$ -	\$ 47,288,501
Halifax County	5,392,865	-	-	2,416	1,013,535	-	6,408,816
U.S. Government	-	-	8,643,013	92,394	602,815	-	9,338,222
Other	287,820	-	-	1,113,074	14,563	329,371	1,744,828
Total revenues	<u>5,680,685</u>	<u>25,459,678</u>	<u>8,643,013</u>	<u>1,767,868</u>	<u>22,899,752</u>	<u>329,371</u>	<u>64,780,367</u>
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	801,504	12,479,794	229,426	168,213	-	-	13,678,937
Special populations	45,860	2,316,906	869,919	8,828	-	-	3,241,513
Alternative programs	72,745	1,048,198	3,751,433	541,978	-	-	5,414,354
School leadership	205,753	2,704,330	81,120	-	-	-	2,991,203
Co-curricular	156,849	-	-	37,851	483,515	327,811	1,006,026
School-based support	11,245	1,818,408	53,421	-	-	-	1,883,074
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	164,255	250,579	-	136,474	-	-	551,308
Special population support and development	4,419	103,005	-	-	-	-	107,424
Alternative programs and services support	12,015	24,749	114,179	-	-	-	150,943
Technology support	15,652	319,170	-	-	-	-	334,822
Operational support	2,068,086	3,299,941	3,296,570	83,777	224,068	-	8,972,442
Financial and human resource services	627,228	503,751	143,882	1,466	153	-	1,276,480
Policy, leadership and public relations	641,545	489,354	-	-	-	-	1,130,899
Ancillary services	4,225	35,297	-	-	-	-	39,522
Non-programmed charges	908,040	-	103,063	-	-	-	1,011,103
Debt service - principal retirement	-	-	-	-	103,312	-	103,312
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	22,376,144	-	22,376,144
Total expenditures	<u>5,739,421</u>	<u>25,393,482</u>	<u>8,643,013</u>	<u>978,587</u>	<u>23,187,192</u>	<u>327,811</u>	<u>64,269,506</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(58,736)	66,196	-	789,281	(287,440)	1,560	510,861
Other financing sources (uses):							
Installment purchase obligations issued	-	-	-	-	157,083	-	157,083
Transfers to other funds	-	(66,196)	-	-	-	-	(66,196)
Net change in fund balance	(58,736)	-	-	789,281	(130,357)	1,560	601,748
Fund balances:							
Beginning of year	3,915,848	-	-	2,921,948	3,762,887	318,826	10,919,509
Increase in reserve for inventories	(16,084)	-	-	-	-	-	(16,084)
End of year	<u>\$ 3,841,028</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,711,229</u>	<u>\$ 3,632,530</u>	<u>\$ 320,386</u>	<u>\$ 11,505,173</u>

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Exhibit 5

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 601,748
Change in fund balance due to change in reserve for inventory	(16,084)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	23,228,033
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities.	2,332,879
The issuance of notes receivable do not provide current financial resources to governmental funds, while the collections of notes receivable do provide current financial resources of governmental funds. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term notes receivable.	(2,952)
Contributions to the OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities.	1,007,348
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	6,330
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	(53,771)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Pension (expense) benefit	(2,558,359)
Net OPEB expense	425,252
Compensated absences	<u>1,081,737</u>
Total change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 26,052,161</u>

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	General Fund			Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Halifax County	5,450,067	5,450,067	5,392,865	(57,202)
U.S. Government	-	-	-	-
Other	225,000	225,000	287,820	62,820
Total revenues	5,675,067	5,675,067	5,680,685	5,618
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	850,226	1,250,226	1,293,956	(43,730)
System-wide support services	4,488,274	4,088,274	3,533,200	555,074
Ancillary services	25,500	25,500	4,225	21,275
Nonprogrammed charges	1,150,000	1,150,000	908,040	241,960
Total expenditures	6,514,000	6,514,000	5,739,421	774,579
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(838,933)	(838,933)	(58,736)	780,197
Fund balance appropriated	838,933	838,933	-	(838,933)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	(58,736)	\$ (58,736)
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			3,915,848	
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventories			(16,084)	
End of year			\$ 3,841,028	

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6 (continued)****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	State Public School Fund			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget		Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 23,477,891	\$ 25,723,969	\$ 25,459,678	\$ (264,291)
Halifax County	-	-	-	-
U.S. Government	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>23,477,891</u>	<u>25,723,969</u>	<u>25,459,678</u>	<u>(264,291)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	18,821,831	18,962,771	20,367,636	(1,404,865)
System-wide support services	4,621,520	6,694,658	4,990,549	1,704,109
Ancillary services	-	-	35,297	(35,297)
Nonprogrammed charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>23,443,351</u>	<u>25,657,429</u>	<u>25,393,482</u>	<u>263,947</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	34,540	66,540	66,196	(344)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers to other funds	<u>(34,540)</u>	<u>(66,540)</u>	<u>(66,196)</u>	<u>344</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6 (continued)****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Federal Grants Fund			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget		Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Halifax County	-	-	-	-
U.S. Government	6,256,440	12,569,780	8,643,013	(3,926,767)
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	6,256,440	12,569,780	8,643,013	(3,926,767)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	5,628,989	5,931,239	4,985,319	945,920
System-wide support services	470,324	6,482,740	3,554,631	2,928,109
Ancillary services	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Nonprogrammed charges	147,127	145,801	103,063	42,738
Total expenditures	6,256,440	12,569,780	8,643,013	3,926,767
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			\$ -	

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Exhibit 6 (continued)****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -****BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Other Special Revenue Fund			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget		Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 499,575	\$ 499,575	\$ 559,984	\$ 60,409
Halifax County	7,256	7,256	2,416	(4,840)
U.S. Government	88,954	88,954	92,394	3,440
Other	<u>1,547,675</u>	<u>1,547,675</u>	<u>1,113,074</u>	<u>(434,601)</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,143,460</u>	<u>2,143,460</u>	<u>1,767,868</u>	<u>(375,592)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	1,546,083	1,546,083	756,870	789,213
System-wide support services	597,377	597,377	221,717	375,660
Ancillary services	-	-	-	-
Nonprogrammed charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>2,143,460</u>	<u>2,143,460</u>	<u>978,587</u>	<u>1,164,873</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	789,281	<u>\$ 789,281</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>2,921,948</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 3,711,229</u>	

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
June 30, 2025

Exhibit 7

	Enterprise Major Fund School Food Service
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 827,576
Due from other governments	66,128
Receivables	32,144
OPEB asset	1,013
Due from other funds	65,759
Inventories	88,197
Total current assets	<u>1,080,817</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Furniture, equipment and vehicles, net	<u>206,878</u>
Total assets	<u>1,287,695</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>616,412</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12,888
Due to other funds	98,055
Compensated absences	143,195
Unearned revenues	978
Total current liabilities	<u>255,116</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	529,469
Net OPEB liability	1,060,832
Compensated absences	161,475
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,751,776</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,006,892</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>382,900</u>
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	206,878
DIPNC OPEB plan	1,013
Unrestricted	<u>(693,576)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (485,685)</u>

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Exhibit 8

	Enterprise Major Fund School Food Service
Operating revenues:	
Food sales	\$ 450,733
Operating expenses:	
Food cost:	
Purchase of food	1,171,669
Food processing supplies	121,360
Salaries and benefits	1,101,546
Indirect costs	93,882
Materials and supplies	27,338
Repairs and maintenance	7,068
Fuel	12,661
Depreciation	35,920
Contracted services	6,084
Other	8,313
Total operating expenses	2,585,841
Operating loss	(2,135,108)
Nonoperating revenues:	
Federal reimbursements	1,972,353
Federal commodities	129,531
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(5,043)
Interest earned	4,333
Total nonoperating revenues	2,101,174
Income (loss) before transfers	(33,934)
Transfers from other funds	66,196
Change in net position	32,262
Net position - beginning	(234,974)
Restatement (Note 5)	(282,973)
Total net position - beginning, as restated	(517,947)
Net position - end of year	\$ (485,685)

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Exhibit 9

	Enterprise Major Fund School Food Service
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 448,112
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,342,371)
Cash paid to employees for services	(1,216,820)
Net cash used by operating activities	(2,111,079)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Due to/from other funds, net	(157,960)
Federal and State reimbursements	1,933,978
Net cash provided by noncapital activities	1,776,018
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Purchase of capital assets	(30,602)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest earned on investments	4,333
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(361,330)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,188,906
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 827,576
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (2,135,108)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	35,920
Donated commodities	129,531
Salaries paid by State Public School Fund	66,196
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(2,940)
(Increase) decrease in net OPEB asset	(1,013)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(4,532)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(85,191)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	26,236
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	(52,608)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(137,640)
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB liability	110,157
Increase (decrease) in unavailable revenues	319
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	(60,406)
Total adjustments	24,029
Net cash used by operating activities	\$ (2,111,079)

NONCASH OPERATING AND NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

The School Food Service Fund received donated commodities with a value of \$129,531 during the fiscal year. The receipt of these commodities is reflected as a nonoperating revenue on Exhibit 8. The consumption of these commodities is recorded as an operating expense.

The State Public School Fund contributed \$66,196 to the School Food Service Fund during the fiscal year to provide assistance with the payment of salaries and benefits. This payment is reflected as a transfer in and an operating expense on Exhibit 8.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Halifax County Board of Education conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Halifax County Board of Education (Board) is a Local Education Agency empowered by State law [Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes] with the responsibility to oversee and control all activities related to public school education in Halifax County, North Carolina. The Board receives State, local, and federal government funding and must adhere to the legal requirements of each funding entity. The Board has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Board. These statements include the financial activities of all the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the effect of internal activities upon revenues and expenses. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Board. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Board and for each function of the Board's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Board's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental* and *proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. All expenses are considered to be operating expenses.

The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Board. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are accounted for in another fund.

State Public School Fund. The State Public School Fund includes appropriations from the Department of Public Instruction for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

Federal Grants Fund. The Federal Grants Fund includes appropriations from the U.S. Government for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

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Other Special Revenue Fund. The Other Special Revenue Fund is used to account for revenues from reimbursements, including indirect costs, fees for actual costs, tuition, sales tax refunds, gifts and grants restricted as to use, federal and State grants restricted as to use, federal and State appropriations made directly to local school administrative units, funds received for prekindergarten programs and special programs.

Capital Outlay Fund. The Capital Outlay Fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). It is mandated by State law [G.S.115C-426]. Capital projects are funded by Halifax County appropriations, restricted sales tax moneys, proceeds of county debt issued for public school construction, lottery proceeds, as well as certain State assistance.

The Board reports the following enterprise fund:

School Food Service Fund. The School Food Service Fund is a major fund and is used to account for the food service program within the school system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Board gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Board considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. These could include federal, State, and county grants, and some charges for services. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Board funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Board's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The Board's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Annual budgets are adopted for all funds, except for the individual schools special revenue funds, as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. No budget is required by State law for individual school funds. All appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the purpose level for all annually budgeted funds. The Board has authorized the Superintendent to move moneys from one purpose to another within a fund. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

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E. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 115C-444]. The Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Board may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. The Board also has money credited in its name with the State Treasurer and may issue State warrants against these funds.

State law [G.S. 115C-443] authorizes the Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; The North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT) is a SEC registered money market mutual fund allowable by G.S. 159-30(c)(8). The NCCMT Government Portfolio is a 2a-7 fund maintaining an AAAM rating from S & P Global Ratings and AAAMf by Moody's Investors Service. The NCCMT Government Portfolio is reported at fair value.

The Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF) is managed by the staff of the Department of State Treasurer and operated in accordance with state laws and regulations. It is not registered with the SEC. It consists of an internal portion and an external portion in which the board participates. Investments are restricted to those enumerated in G.S. 147-69.1.

The Board's investments are reported at fair value determined by either quoted market prices or a matrix pricing model. Bank deposits are measured at amortized cost. Ownership of the STIF is determined on a fair market valuation basis as of fiscal year end in accordance with the STIF operating procedures. STIF investments are valued by the custodian using Level 2 inputs which in this case involves inputs—other than quoted prices—included within Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability. The STIF is valued at \$1 per share. The STIF portfolio is unrated and had a weighted average maturity at June 30, 2025 of 1.3 years. Under the authority of G.S. 147-69.3, no unrealized gains or losses of the STIF are distributed to participants of the fund.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Board pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents.

3. Inventories

The inventories of the Board are valued at cost, and the Board uses the first-in, first-out (FIFO) cost assumption in determining the cost. The inventories of the Board's General Fund consist of expendable materials and supplies which are recorded as expenditures when purchased. The General Fund inventories do not reflect current appropriable resources and, thus, an equivalent portion of fund balance is reserved.

Proprietary Fund inventories consist of food and supplies and are recorded as expenses when consumed.

4. Prepaid items

Prepaid items for the Board's governmental funds are treated using the consumption method.

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5. Capital Assets

Donated assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation or forfeiture. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other capital assets are recorded at original cost. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Certain items acquired before July 1, 1987 are recorded at an estimated original historical cost. The total of these estimates is not considered large enough that any errors would be material when capital assets are considered as a whole.

For capital assets utilized in governmental activities, it is the policy of the Board to capitalize those assets costing more than \$5,000 with an estimated useful life of two or more years. For capital assets utilized in business-type activities, the Board's policy is to capitalize those assets costing more than \$500. The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives is not capitalized.

Halifax County holds title to certain properties, which are reflected as capital assets in the financial statements of the Board. The properties have been deeded to the County to permit installment purchase financing of acquisition and construction costs and to permit the County to receive refunds of sales tax paid for construction costs. Agreements between the County and the Board gives the schools full use of the facilities, full responsibility for maintenance of the facilities, and provides that the County will convey title of the property back to the Board, once all restrictions of the financing agreements and all sales tax reimbursement requirements have been met.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	25–50
Building improvements	20
Equipment and furniture	7-10
Vehicles	8

Depreciation for assets that serve multiple purposes cannot be allocated ratably and is therefore reported as "unallocated depreciation" on the Statement of Activities.

6. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Board has several items that meet this criterion - pension and OPEB related deferrals and contributions made to the plans subsequent to the measurement date. The statement of financial position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Board has several items that meet this criterion - pension and OPEB related deferrals.

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7. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities.

8. Compensated Absences

The Board 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 (for example, paid in cash to the employee) during or upon separation from employment. Based on the criteria listed, two types of leave qualify for liability recognition for compensated absences – vacation and sick leave. The Board follows the State's policy for vacation and sick leave. The liability for compensated absences is reported as incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements on a FIFO basis. A liability for compensated absences is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured because of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable. An estimate has been made based on prior years' records of the current portion of compensated absences.

Vacation Leave - Employees may accumulate up to thirty (30) days of earned but unused vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned and eligible for payment at the employee's current pay rate upon separation from employment.

Sick Leave - The sick leave policy of the Board provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. However, a liability for the estimated value of sick leave that will be used by employees as time off is included in the liability for compensated absences.

9. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through State statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of three classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Inventories – portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of ending inventories, which are not spendable resources.

Prepaids – portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of prepaid expenditures, which are not spendable resources.

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Restricted fund balance – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute - portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 115C-425(a)].

Restricted for school capital outlay - portion of fund balance that can only be used for school capital outlay. [G.S. 159-18 through 22]

Restricted for instructional services – grant and other revenues restricted for expenditures for various instructional services, as allowable by the funding source.

Restricted for individual schools – revenue sources restricted for expenditures for the various clubs and organizations, athletic events, and various fund raising activities for which they were collected.

Assigned fund balance – portion of fund balance that the Board of Education intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent year's expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted. The Board of Education approves the appropriation.

Special revenues – portion of fund balance that represents the residual amount of revenues from certain grants, reimbursements, indirect costs and other financial resources in excess of related expenditures that the Board of Education has assigned to be expended for educational services. This amount can be expended on instructional services, system-wide support services, ancillary services or non-programmed charges.

Unassigned fund balance – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The Board of Education has a management policy for revenue spending that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-board of education funds, board of education funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance.

The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Board of Education.

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10. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

a. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net position – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The net adjustment of \$36,731,335 consists of several elements as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds (total capital assets on government-wide statement in governmental activities column)	\$ 143,513,496
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>72,182,552</u>
Net capital assets	71,330,944
 Net OPEB asset	 19,875
 Pension related deferred outflows of resources	 5,180,879
OPEB related deferred outflows of resources	6,908,830
 Liabilities that, because they are not due and payable in the current period, do not require current resources to pay and are therefore not recorded in the fund statements:	
Compensated absences	(7,905,421)
Installment purchases	(103,310)
Net pension liability	(10,384,496)
Net OPEB liability	(20,806,127)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(711,433)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(6,798,406)</u>
 Total adjustment	 <u>\$ 36,731,335</u>

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b. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. There are several elements of that total adjustment of \$25,450,413 as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital outlay expenditures recorded in the fund statements but capitalized as assets in the statement of activities.	\$ 25,626,114
Depreciation expenses, the allocation of those assets over their useful lives, that is recorded on the statement of activities but not in the fund statements.	(2,398,081)
Change in fund balance due to change in reserve for inventory	(16,084)
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	2,332,879
Contributions to the OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	1,007,348
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	6,330
Expenses reported in the statement of activities that do not require the use of current resources to pay are not recorded as expenditures in the fund statements.	
Pension expense	(2,558,359)
Net OPEB expense	425,252
Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements but not in the fund statements because they do not use current resources.	1,081,737
The issuance of notes receivable do not provide current financial resources to governmental funds, while the collections of notes receivable do provide current financial resources of governmental funds. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term notes receivable.	(2,952)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt.	(53,771)
Total adjustment	<u>\$ 25,450,413</u>

11. Defined Benefit Pension Plan and OPEB Plans

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Board has several items that meet this criterion - pension and OPEB related deferrals and contributions made to the plans subsequent to the measurement date. The statement of financial position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement

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element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Board has several items that meet this criterion - pension and OPEB related deferrals.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the Board reported expenditures that violated State law [G.S. 115C-441] due to actual expenditures exceeding the budget within the General Fund, State Public School Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and School Food Service Fund which is in violation of North Carolina General Statutes. Expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts can be seen in the accompanying budget-to-actual financial statements.

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All of the Board's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Board's agents in the unit's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Board or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Board has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2025, the Board had deposits with banks and savings and loans with a carrying amount of \$11,344,814. The bank balances with the financial institutions and the State Treasurer were \$11,208,014, and \$2,604,541, respectively. Of these balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$13,562,555 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the name of the State Treasurer.

2. Investments

At June 30 2025, the Board had \$66,313 invested with the State Treasurer in the Short Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF is unrated and had a weighted average maturity of 1.3 years at June 30, 2025. The Board has no policy for managing interest rate risk or credit risk.

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3. Accounts Receivable

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2025, were as follows

	Due from (to) other funds (Internal balances)	Due from other governments	Other	Total
Governmental activities:				
General Fund	\$ (87,009)	\$ 250,437	\$ -	\$ 163,428
Other government activities	<u>119,305</u>	<u>709,927</u>	<u>68,659</u>	<u>897,891</u>
Total	<u>\$ 32,296</u>	<u>\$ 960,364</u>	<u>\$ 68,659</u>	<u>\$ 1,061,319</u>
Business-type activities:				
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ (32,296)</u>	<u>\$ 66,128</u>	<u>\$ 32,144</u>	<u>\$ 65,976</u>

Due from other governments consists of the following:

Governmental activities:		
General Fund	\$ 250,437	Halifax County and State tax refunds
Special Revenue Funds	54,239	Weldon City and State University funds
Capital Outlay Fund	<u>655,688</u>	Federal grant funds
Total	<u>\$ 960,364</u>	
Business-type activities:		
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 66,128</u>	USDA Reimbursement

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4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 654,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 654,127
Construction in progress	13,289,540	23,723,640	-	(9,379,477)	27,633,703
Total capital assets not being depreciated	13,943,667	23,723,640	-	(9,379,477)	28,287,830
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	79,974,814	-	-	-	79,974,814
Building improvements	7,328,373	1,652,790	-	9,379,477	18,360,640
Equipment and furniture	4,423,569	92,601	-	-	4,516,170
Vehicles	12,216,959	157,083	-	-	12,374,042
Total capital assets being depreciated	103,943,715	1,902,474	-	9,379,477	115,225,666
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	53,896,912	1,136,367	-	-	55,033,279
Buildings improvements	2,925,623	477,945	-	-	3,403,568
Equipment and furniture	3,865,357	120,802	-	-	3,986,159
Vehicles	9,096,579	662,967	-	-	9,759,546
Total accumulated depreciation	69,784,471	2,398,081	-	-	72,182,552
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	34,159,244				43,043,114
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$ 48,102,911				\$ 71,330,944
	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases		Ending Balances
Business-type activities:					
School Food Service Fund:					
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Equipment and furniture	\$ 1,092,346	\$ 30,602	\$ 8,560		\$ 1,114,388
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Furniture and office equipment	875,107	35,920	3,517		907,510
School Food Service capital assets, net	\$ 217,239				\$ 206,878

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Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Regular instructional services	\$ 1,136,367
System-wide support services	662,967
Unallocated depreciation	<u>598,747</u>
	<u>\$ 2,398,081</u>

The Board has \$25,339,348 of commitments from construction contracts as of June 30, 2025.

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan and Other Postemployment Obligations

a. Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Board is a participating employer in the statewide Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. TSERS membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the employees of Local Education Agencies and charter schools. Article 1 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the TSERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for TSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454 or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Benefits Provided. TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined at 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

TSERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

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Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Board employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the TSERS Board of Trustees. The Board's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2025 was 16.79% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of the benefits earned by the employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Board were \$2,451,823 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Refunds of Contributions. Board employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of TSERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60 day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by TSERS.

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

At June 30, 2025, the Board reported a liability of \$10,913,965 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2024 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Board's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating TSERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024 and at June 30, 2023, the Boards proportion was 0.07% and 0.08%, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Board recognized pension expense of \$2,690,232. At June 30, 2025, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 983,538	\$ 32,263
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,799,661	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	210,012	715,443
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,451,823	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,445,034</u>	<u>\$ 747,706</u>

\$2,451,823 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulted from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year

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ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2026	\$	675,870
2027		1,808,819
2028		(46,543)
2029		(192,641)
2030		-
Thereafter		-
Total	\$	<u>2,245,505</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25% to 8.05%, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including Inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation were based on the experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021. Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurements.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33.0%	0.9%
Global Equity	38.0%	6.5%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.9%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.2%
Credit	7.0%	5.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	2.7%
Total	100.0%	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2017 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including TSERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount Rate. The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability reported at June 30, 2025 and 2024 was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50 percent, as well as what the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.50%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.50%)</u>
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 20,020,459	\$ 10,913,965	\$ 3,404,327

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Other Post-employment Benefits

Healthcare Benefits

Plan description. The Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF) has been established as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is established in Chapter 135, Article 1 of the General Statutes. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, LEAs, charter schools, and some select local governments also participate.

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Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

Benefits provided. Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees. The plan options change when former employees become eligible for Medicare. Medicare retirees have the option of selecting one of two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PDP) options of the self-funded Traditional 70/30 preferred Provider Organization plan option that is also offered to non-Medicare members. If the Traditional 70/30 Plan is selected by a Medicare retiree, the self-funded State Health Plan coverage is secondary to Medicare.

Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) and retirees of the TSERS, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program (ORP), and a small number of local governments, with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007, future coverage as retired employees and retired members of the General Assembly is subject to the requirement that the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the State Health Plan's noncontributory premium.

Section 35.21 (c) and (d) of Session Law 2017-57 repeals retiree medical benefits for employees first hired January 1, 2021. The new legislation amends Article 3B of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes to require that retirees must earn contributory retirement service in TSERS (or in an allowed local system unit), CJRS, or LRS prior to January 1, 2021, and not withdraw that service, in order to be eligible for retiree medical benefits under the amended law. Consequently, members first hired on and after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits.

RHBF's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 1 and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Contributions. By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to RHBF are irrevocable. Also by law, fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF. However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer the RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state-supported retired employees' health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis are determined by the

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General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill. For the current fiscal year, the Board contributed 6.99% of covered payroll which amounted to \$1,039,725. During the current fiscal year, the plan also recognized a one-time transfer of excess funding from the Public Employees Health Benefits Fund totaling \$10.3 million, which was isolated from the OPEB expense and allocated to participating employers as a separate revenue item. The Board's proportionate share of this allocation totaled \$6,330.

At June 30, 2025, Board reported a liability of \$21,866,959 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2024 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024 and at June 30, 2023, the Boards proportion was 0.06% and 0.07%, respectively.

\$1,039,725 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2026	\$	(1,484,605)
2027		(482,110)
2028		555,334
2029		467,881
2030		-
Thereafter		-
Total	\$	<u>(943,500)</u>

Actuarial assumptions. Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25-8.05%, include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%
Healthcare cost trend rate – medical	5.00% - 6.50%
Healthcare cost trend rate – prescription drug	5.00% - 10.00%
Healthcare cost trend rate – administrative	3.00%
Post-retirement mortality rates	Pub-2010 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females, adjusted for classification for some Participants, further adjusted with scaling factors varying by participant group, and projected for mortality improvement using Scale MP-2019

Discount rate. The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability for the RHBF at June 30, 2025 were 3.93% and 3.65% for 2024. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 3.93% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 3.93% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2024.

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Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.93 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.93 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.93%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.93%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.93%)</u>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 26,015,706	\$ 21,866,959	\$ 18,535,399

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare trend rates. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease in Trend Rates</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates (5.00- 6.50% Medical, 5.00- 10.00% Rx, 5.00% Medicare, 3.00% Administrative Expenses)</u>	<u>1% Increase in Trend Rates</u>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 18,049,386	\$ 21,866,959	\$ 26,809,364

OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ACFR for the State of North Carolina.

Disability Benefits

Plan description. Short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided through the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to the eligible members of TSERS which includes employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, certain Local Education Agencies, and ORP.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

Benefits Provided. Long-term disability benefits are payable as an OPEB from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provide the following requirements are met: (1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in TSERS or ORP, earned within 96 months prior to the end of the short-term disability period or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation

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payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers' Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3) the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS after (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing 5 years of membership service, or (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service, or (3) completing 30 years of service at any age.

Contributions. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Bill by the General Assembly and coincide with the State fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, employers made a statutory contribution of 0.13% of covered payroll which was equal to the actuarially required contribution. Board contributions to the plan were \$18,984 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The contributions cannot be separated between the amounts that relate to other postemployment benefits and employment benefits for active employees. Those individuals who are receiving extended short-term disability benefit payments cannot be separated from the number of members currently eligible to receive disability benefits as an other postemployment benefit.

At June 30, 2025, Board reported an OPEB asset of \$20,888 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB asset. The net OPEB asset was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB asset used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. The total OPEB asset was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2024 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024 and at June 30, 2023, the Boards proportion was 0.06% and 0.07%, respectively.

\$18,984 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB asset in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2026	\$	(4,983)
2027		(3,417)
2028		4,137
2029		3,393
2030		1,715
Thereafter		-
Total	\$	<u>845</u>

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Actuarial assumptions. Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25% to 8.05%, including a 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	3.00%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation

Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.00 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.00 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.00%)</u>
Net OPEB asset	\$ 18,625	\$ 20,888	\$ 23,267

Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans. The total OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB asset was calculated through the use of update procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2024. The update procedures incorporated the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. The entry age normal cost method was utilized.

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer), and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

DIPNC is primarily invested in the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2024. The long-term expected rate of return was determined based on the combination of expected future real rates of return and expected inflation. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2024 is 1.2%.

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

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	RHBF	DIPNC	Total
OPEB expense (revenue)	\$ 455,717	\$ (14,352)	\$ 441,365
OPEB liability (asset)	21,866,959	(20,888)	21,846,071
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	0.064%	0.063%	
Deferred of Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 178,228	\$ 8,421	\$ 186,649
Changes of assumptions	5,266,457	311	5,266,768
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	93,703	16,399	110,102
Changes in proportion and defferences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	627,276	11,583	638,859
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,039,725	18,984	1,058,709
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 7,205,389</u>	<u>\$ 55,698</u>	<u>\$ 7,261,087</u>
Deferred of Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 24,026	\$ 24,026
Changes of assumptions	2,851,005	9,732	2,860,737
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	4,258,159	2,111	4,260,270
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 7,109,164</u>	<u>\$ 35,869</u>	<u>\$ 7,145,033</u>

2. Accounts Payable

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2025 were as follows:

	Vendors	Salaries and Benefits
Governmental activities:		
General	\$ 9,524	\$ 95,545
Other Governmental	<u>207,750</u>	<u>7,755</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 217,274</u>	<u>\$ 103,300</u>
Business-type activities:		
School Food Service	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,888</u>

3. Unavailable Revenues

The balance is unavailable revenues at year-end and is composed of the following elements

Business-type activities:	
Prepayments of meals (School Food Service Funds)	<u>\$ 978</u>

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4. Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

The balance in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources at year-end is composed of the following:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 848,871	\$ 4,975,713
Changes in assumptions	5,266,768	2,860,737
Difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	1,909,763	-
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,510,532	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	1,170,187	56,289
Total	<u>\$ 12,706,121</u>	<u>\$ 7,892,739</u>

5. Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Board participates in the North Carolina School Boards Trust (the Trust), a member funded risk management program administered by the North Carolina School Boards Association. Through the Trust, the Board maintains general liability and errors and omissions coverage of \$1 million per claim, and workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits for employees to the extent they are paid from Federal and local funds. The State of North Carolina provides workers' compensation for employees to the extent they are paid from State funds. The Trust has an annual aggregate limit for both general liability and errors and omissions of \$3,150,000 each. The Trust is reinsured through commercial companies for losses in excess of \$150,000 per claim for errors and omissions and general liability coverage. The Trust is reinsured through commercial companies for losses in excess of \$150,000 per claim for errors and omissions and general liability. Statutory workers' compensation coverage is purchased through private insurers. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the State of North Carolina through a self-insured fund, to the extent employees are paid from State funds.

The Board also participates in the State Public Education Property Insurance Fund (the Fund), a voluntary, self-insured risk control and risk financing fund administered by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The Fund insures the tangible property assets of the Board. Buildings and contents are insured on a replacement cost basis.

The Board also participates in the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, a self-funded risk financing pool of the State administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina through December 31, 2024 and Aetna thereafter. Through the Plan, permanent full-time employees of the Board are eligible to receive health care benefits. The Board pays the majority of the cost of coverage for employees enrolled in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.

In accordance with G.S. 115C-442, the Board has a blanket bond to cover all officers, employees and agents in the amount of \$10,000. The Finance Officer is bonded for \$250,000.

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The Board carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

6. Long-Term Obligations

Direct Placement Installment Purchases

The Board is authorized to finance the purchase of school buses under G.S. 115C-528(a). Session law 2003-284, section 7.25 authorized the State Board of Education to allot monies for the payments on financing contracts entered into pursuant to G.S. 115C-528. The State has accepted the bid to purchase Thomas Built Buses through a special third party financing arrangement by Banc of America Public Capital Corp at total payments less than the purchase price. The Board entered into direct placement installment purchase contracts to finance the purchase of a school bus. The bus is pledged as collateral for the debt while the debt is outstanding. This financing contract requires annual payments ranging from \$24,770 to \$39,270. The future minimum payments of the installment purchase as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2026	\$ 64,040
2027	<u>39,270</u>
Total	<u>\$ 103,310</u>

Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the Board's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025:

	Beginning Balance (As Restated)	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Current Maturities
Governmental activities:					
Direct placement					
installment purchases	\$ 49,539	\$ 157,083	\$ 103,312	\$ 103,310	\$ 64,040
Net pension liability	13,148,963	-	2,764,467	10,384,496	-
Net OPEB liability	18,738,144	2,067,983	-	20,806,127	-
Compensated absences	8,987,158	-	1,081,737	7,905,421	3,320,277
Total	<u>\$ 40,923,804</u>	<u>\$ 2,225,066</u>	<u>\$ 3,949,516</u>	<u>\$ 39,199,354</u>	<u>\$ 3,384,317</u>
Business-type activities:					
Net pension liability	\$ 667,109	\$ -	\$ 137,640	\$ 529,469	\$ -
Net OPEB liability	950,675	110,157	-	1,060,832	-
Compensated absences	365,076	-	60,406	304,670	143,195
Total	<u>\$ 1,982,860</u>	<u>\$ 110,157</u>	<u>\$ 198,046</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,971</u>	<u>\$ 143,195</u>

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Compensated absences and pension and OPEB liabilities related to governmental activities are typically liquidated by the General Fund and other governmental funds. Installment purchases are typically liquidated by the Capital Outlay Fund.

7. Transfers and interfund balances

The State Public School Fund contributed \$66,196 to the School Food Service Fund during the fiscal year to provide assistance with the payment of administrative wages. At June 30, 2025 the Other Special Revenue Fund was due \$93,713 from the School Food Service Fund for indirect costs and was due \$51,606 from the State Public School Fund for reimbursement of expenditures. The Capital Outlay Fund was due \$472,261 from the General Fund for Capital Outlay Fund sales tax revenue that was deposited into the General Fund bank account, and was due \$465,634 from the Federal Grants fund for reimbursement of expenditures. The General Fund was due \$4,342 from the School Food Service Fund for General Fund cash deposited into the School Food Service Fund bank account, was due \$16,840 from the Individual Schools Fund and \$366,915 from the State Public School Fund for reimbursement of expenditures, and was due \$62,914 from the Other Special Revenue Fund for interest revenue. The School Food Service Fund was due \$65,759 from the General Fund for School Food Service Fund cash that was deposited into the General Fund bank account. All interfund balances presented in the financial statements are expected to be repaid within the following fiscal year.

8. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is available for appropriation.

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$3,841,028
Less:	
Nonspendable - inventories	(108,906)
Nonspendable - prepaids	(211,922)
Stabilization by State statute	(701,448)
Appropriated fund balance in subsequent budget	<u>(838,933)</u>
Remaining fund balance	<u>\$1,979,819</u>

NOTE 4 – SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Board has received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

Construction Contract

The Board entered into a contract for renovations at a high school with a construction contractor. The project was completed during fiscal year 2025 after the contractual deadline, and the Board assessed liquidated damages totaling \$181,000 due to the delayed completion. The contractor is contesting the assessed damages and may pursue legal action if the matter is not resolved. The Board is evaluating its response to this claim. As of the date of release of these financial statements, no lawsuit has been filed and no settlement has been negotiated. The maximum potential exposure of the Board related to this matter is \$181,000. At

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this time, the outcome of the matter cannot be determined, and management is unable to conclude that a loss is probable. Accordingly, no liability has been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 5 – ACCOUNTING CHANGES

Change in Accounting Principle

Effective July 1, 2024, the Board implemented accounting and financial reporting requirements of GASB Statement 101, Compensated Absences. The statement requires that governments recognize liabilities for sick leave that is attributable to services the employee has rendered, that accumulates and is more likely than not to be used. See the table below for the effects on Board's net position as a result of the adoption of this statement.

Adjustments to and Restatements of Beginning Balances

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, implementation of GASB Statement 101 resulted in restatements of beginning net position and fund net position, as follows:

	<u>Reporting Units Affected by Restatements of Beginning Balances</u>		
	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Government-Wide</u>	
	<u>School Food Service</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
June 30, 2024 net position (deficit), as previously reported	\$ (234,974)	\$ 29,075,892	\$ (178,209)
Change in accounting principle	<u>(282,973)</u>	<u>(6,891,545)</u>	<u>(529,342)</u>
June 30, 2024 net position (deficit), as restated	<u>\$ (517,947)</u>	<u>\$ 22,184,347</u>	<u>\$ (707,551)</u>

NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated its subsequent events (events occurring after June 30, 2025) through February 4, 2026, which represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has determined there are no subsequent events that require reporting as of the date of issuance of the financial statements.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Board's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.074%	0.083%	0.090%	0.083%	0.092%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 10,913,965	\$ 13,816,072	\$ 13,285,287	\$ 3,860,805	\$ 11,163,765
Board's covered payroll	\$ 14,619,624	\$ 15,047,053	\$ 16,109,624	\$ 14,986,887	\$ 15,476,868
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	74.65%	91.82%	82.47%	25.76%	72.13%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	85.35%	82.97%	84.14%	94.86%	85.98%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Board's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.103%	0.096%	0.096%	0.111%	0.136%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 10,673,819	\$ 7,655,149	\$ 7,655,149	\$ 10,178,150	\$ 5,001,182
Board's covered payroll	\$ 16,628,998	\$ 15,400,286	\$ 14,835,995	\$ 15,965,046	\$ 19,692,873
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	64.19%	49.71%	51.60%	63.75%	25.40%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.56%	87.61%	89.51%	87.32%	94.64%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

This schedule is required supplementary information

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,451,823	\$ 2,577,440	\$ 2,615,178	\$ 2,638,756	\$ 2,215,062
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,451,823	2,577,440	2,615,178	2,638,756	2,215,062
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 14,602,879	\$ 14,619,624	\$ 15,047,053	\$ 16,109,624	\$ 14,986,887
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	16.79%	17.63%	17.38%	16.38%	14.78%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,007,350	\$ 2,043,704	\$ 1,660,151	\$ 1,480,632	\$ 1,460,802
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,007,350	2,043,704	1,660,151	1,480,632	1,460,802
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,476,868	\$ 16,628,998	\$ 15,400,286	\$ 14,835,995	\$ 15,965,046
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.97%	12.29%	10.78%	9.98%	9.15%

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND
*Last Nine Fiscal Years**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.064%	0.074%	0.077%	0.073%	0.081%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 21,866,959	\$ 19,669,667	\$ 18,300,017	\$ 22,578,431	\$ 22,471,422
Board's covered payroll	\$ 14,619,624	\$ 15,047,053	\$ 16,109,624	\$ 14,986,887	\$ 15,476,868
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	149.57%	130.72%	113.60%	150.65%	145.19%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	9.79%	10.73%	10.58%	7.72%	6.92%

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.871%	0.083%	0.087%	0.096%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 27,557,318	\$ 23,702,080	\$ 28,706,578	\$ 43,578,570
Board's covered payroll	\$ 16,628,998	\$ 15,400,286	\$ 14,835,995	\$ 15,965,046
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	165.72%	153.91%	193.49%	272.96%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	4.40%	4.40%	3.52%	2.41%

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,039,725	\$ 1,043,841	\$ 1,036,742	\$ 1,013,295	\$ 1,001,124
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,039,725	1,043,841	1,036,742	1,013,295	1,001,124
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board's covered payroll	\$ 14,602,879	\$ 14,619,624	\$ 15,047,053	\$ 16,109,624	\$ 14,986,887
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.99%	7.14%	6.89%	6.29%	6.68%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,001,353	\$ 1,042,638	\$ 931,717	\$ 861,575	\$ 894,043
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,001,353	1,042,638	931,717	861,575	894,043
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,476,868	\$ 16,628,998	\$ 15,400,286	\$ 14,835,995	\$ 15,965,046
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.47%	6.27%	6.05%	5.81%	5.60%

This schedule is required supplementary information.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA
*Last Nine Fiscal Years**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset (liability)	0.063%	0.072%	0.078%	0.073%	0.080%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability)	\$ 20,888	\$ (19,152)	\$ (23,165)	\$ 11,899	\$ 39,562
Board's covered payroll	\$ 14,619,624	\$ 15,047,053	\$ 16,109,624	\$ 14,986,887	\$ 15,476,868
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.14%	-0.13%	-0.14%	0.08%	0.26%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB asset	114.99%	90.61%	90.34%	105.18%	115.57%

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Board's proportion of the net OPEB asset (liability)	0.090%	0.085%	0.084%	0.097%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability)	\$ 38,900	\$ 25,899	\$ 51,066	\$ 60,299
Board's covered payroll	\$ 16,628,998	\$ 15,400,286	\$ 14,835,995	\$ 15,965,046
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.23%	0.17%	0.34%	0.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB asset	113.00%	108.47%	116.23%	116.06%

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HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 18,984	\$ 16,082	\$ 15,047	\$ 14,499	\$ 13,488
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	18,984	16,082	15,047	14,499	13,488
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 14,602,879	\$ 14,619,624	\$ 15,047,053	\$ 16,109,624	\$ 14,986,887
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.13%	0.11%	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 15,477	\$ 23,281	\$ 21,560	\$ 56,613	\$ 65,457
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	15,477	23,281	21,560	56,613	65,457
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Board's covered payroll	\$ 15,476,868	\$ 16,628,998	\$ 15,400,286	\$ 14,835,995	\$ 15,965,046
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.10%	0.14%	0.14%	0.38%	0.41%

This schedule is required supplementary information.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Halifax County			
County appropriation	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 2,431,621	\$ (168,379)
Supplemental tax	2,850,067	2,961,244	111,177
Total Halifax County	5,450,067	5,392,865	(57,202)
Other:			
Fines and forfeitures		123,506	
Interest earned on investment		62,914	
ABC revenues		101,400	
Total other	225,000	287,820	62,820
Total revenues	5,675,067	5,680,685	5,618
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instructional services:			
Regular instructional		801,504	
Special populations		45,860	
Alternative programs		72,745	
School leadership		205,753	
Co-curricular		156,849	
School-based support		11,245	
Total instructional services	1,250,226	1,293,956	(43,730)
System-wide support services:			
Support and development		164,255	
Special population support and development		4,419	
Alternative programs and services			
support and development		12,015	
Technology support		15,652	
Operational support		2,068,086	
Financial and human resource services		627,228	
Policy, leadership and public relations		641,545	
Total system-wide support services	4,088,274	3,533,200	555,074
Ancillary services:			
Nutrition	25,500	4,225	21,275
Nonprogrammed charges:			
Payments to charter schools	1,150,000	908,040	241,960
Total expenditures	6,514,000	5,739,421	774,579
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(838,933)	(58,736)	780,197
Fund balance appropriated	838,933	-	(838,933)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(58,736)	\$ (58,736)
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		3,915,848	
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventories		(16,084)	
End of year		\$ 3,841,028	

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
State of North Carolina:			
PSBCF - Needs Based	\$ -	\$ 21,165,527	21,165,527
State appropriations - buses	103,312	103,312	-
Total State of North Carolina	103,312	21,268,839	21,165,527
U.S. Government:			
Education Stabilization Fund (COVID 19)	-	602,815	602,815
Halifax County:			
County appropriations	488,401	488,401	-
Local sales tax	-	525,134	525,134
Total Halifax County	488,401	1,013,535	525,134
Other	24,770	14,563	(10,207)
Total revenues	616,483	22,899,752	22,283,269
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instructional services	558,401	483,515	74,886
System-wide support services	236,853	224,221	12,632
Debt service - Principal retirement	103,312	103,312	-
Capital outlay	2,100,000	22,376,144	(20,276,144)
Total expenditures	2,998,566	23,187,192	(20,188,626)
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,382,083)	(287,440)	2,094,643
Other financing sources:			
Installment purchase obligations issued	157,083	157,083	-
Fund balance appropriated	2,225,000	-	(2,225,000)
Revenues and fund balance appropriated			
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(130,357)	\$ (130,357)
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		3,762,887	
End of year		\$ 3,632,530	

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)****SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Operating revenues - food sales	<u>\$ 429,980</u>	<u>\$ 451,052</u>	<u>\$ 21,072</u>
Operating expenditures:			
Business support services:			
Purchase of food		1,176,201	
Food processing supplies		121,360	
Salaries and benefits		1,149,611	
Indirect costs		93,882	
Materials and supplies		27,338	
Repairs and maintenance		7,068	
Fuel		12,661	
Contracted services		6,084	
Other		8,313	
Capital outlay		30,602	
Total operating expenditures	<u>2,619,980</u>	<u>2,633,120</u>	<u>(13,140)</u>
Operating loss	<u>(2,190,000)</u>	<u>(2,182,068)</u>	<u>7,932</u>
Nonoperating revenues:			
Federal reimbursements		1,972,353	
Federal commodities		129,531	
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(5,043)	
Interest earned		4,333	
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>2,190,000</u>	<u>2,101,174</u>	<u>(88,826)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(80,894)</u>	<u>\$ (80,894)</u>
Reconciliation of modified accrual to full accrual basis:			
Reconciling items:			
Depreciation		(35,920)	
Capital outlay		30,602	
Compensated absences		60,406	
Unavailable revenue		(319)	
Deferred outflows		(26,236)	
Deferred inflows		52,608	
Net pension liability		137,640	
Net OPEB liability		(110,157)	
Inventories		4,532	
Change in net position (full accrual)		<u>\$ 32,262</u>	

Compliance Section



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**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and
Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Halifax County Board of Education
Halifax, North Carolina**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Halifax County Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Halifax County Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2026.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2025-001, 2025-002, and 2025-003 that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-004 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Halifax County Board of Education's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Halifax County Board of Education's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Halifax County Board of Education's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

Huntersville, North Carolina

February 4, 2026



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Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Halifax County Board of Education
Halifax, North Carolina**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Halifax County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of Halifax County Board of Education's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. Halifax County Board of Education's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Halifax County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC

Huntersville, North Carolina

February 4, 2026



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**Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major State
Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the
State Single Audit Implementation Act**

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Halifax County Board of Education
Halifax, North Carolina**

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the Halifax County Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of Halifax County Board of Education's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The Halifax County Board of Education's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Halifax County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

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

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Huntersville, North Carolina

February 4, 2026

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☒ yes ☐ no
- Significant deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? ☒ yes ☐ none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ yes ☒ no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ yes ☒ no
- Significant deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? ☐ yes ☒ none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ☐ yes ☒ no

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>AL Numbers</u>	<u>Names of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I, Grants to Local Education Agencies
84.425	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ☐ yes ☒ no

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

State Awards

Internal control over major State programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ____yes X_no
- Significant deficiency(s) identified that
are not considered to be material weaknesses? ____yes X_none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major State programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported
in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act? ____yes X_no

Identification of major State programs:

Program Name

State Public School Fund
N.C. Pre-Kindergarten Program
Public School Building Capital Fund – Needs Based

Dollar threshold used to distinguish
between Major State Programs \$ 500,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ____yes X_no

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Finding: 2025-001

General Ledger Adjustments - Material Weakness

Criteria: Management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls to ensure transactions are processed according to established procedures and in compliance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: The Board is responsible for maintaining a system of internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, including controls over year-end closing journal entries to ensure the accuracy of financial reporting.

Effect: Numerous audit adjustments were necessary to properly reflect account balances as of June 30, 2025.

Cause: Insufficient monitoring and oversight of the general ledger.

Identification of a Repeat Finding: This is not a repeat finding.

Recommendation: We recommend that management implement procedures to ensure general ledger account balances are correct and transaction are recorded in a complete and accurate manner.

Management Response: Management agrees with this finding and recommendation.

Finding: 2025-002

Cash Receipts and Deposits - Material Weakness

Criteria: Cash receipts should be deposited into the correct bank account and recorded to the correct general ledger account.

Condition: Cash receipts were not deposited into the correct bank account. Cash receipts were not recorded in the correct general ledger account during the year ended June 30, 2025.

Effect: We noted \$472,261 of sales tax revenue received from Halifax County that is restricted to public school capital outlay by North Carolina statute that should have been deposited and recorded in the Capital Outlay Fund was incorrectly deposited and recorded in the General Fund.

Cause: Management oversight.

Identification of a Repeat Finding: This is a repeat finding.

Recommendation: We recommend that management implement procedures to ensure cash receipts are deposited into the correct bank account and recorded to the correct general ledger account.

Management Response: Management agrees with this finding and recommendation.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Finding: 2025-003

Cash Management – Material Weakness

Criteria: Cash from the Federal Grants Fund and the State Public School Fund are deposited into the Board's State Treasurer bank account. Cash in this bank account should be monitored on a regular basis, and any amounts that are due to the Board's local bank account should be transferred in a timely manner. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Board carried approximately \$884,000 for several months that should have been transferred to the Board's local bank accounts. Additionally, as of June 30, 2025, there is \$139,951 of excess cash in this bank account.

Condition: Management did not properly monitor cash balances for the State bank account and, therefore, carried cash in this account during the year that was due to the Board's local bank accounts. Carrying this cash in the State bank account resulted in the loss of interest revenue that could have been earned if the cash were transferred to the local bank account.

Effect: The Board carried excess cash in the State bank account for several months that should have been transferred to the local bank account. The district also carried excess cash of \$139,951.

Cause: The Board did not have proper internal controls in place to monitor cash balances in the State/federal bank account, and was not aware of the cash management process for this account.

Identification of a repeat finding: This is not a repeat finding from the previous audit.

Recommendation: We recommend that management implement controls to monitor cash in the State/federal bank account to ensure that cash is received and expended in a timely manner. In addition, we recommend that management investigate the cause of the excess cash balance.

Management Response: The Board agrees with this finding and recommendation.

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Finding: 2025-004

Budgeting - Significant Deficiency

Criteria: State law requires that expenditures do not exceed amounts appropriated.

Condition: The District does not have sufficient internal controls in place that appropriately monitor expenditures as compared to the Board approved budget.

Effect: The District had actual expenditures exceeding the budget within the General Fund, State Public School Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and School Food Service Fund which is in violation of North Carolina General Statutes.

Cause: There was a lack of oversight by management.

Identification of a repeat finding: This is not a repeat finding from the previous audit.

Recommendation: We recommend that management closely monitor expenditures as compared to the budget and take any needed budget amendments to the governing Board for approval.

Management Response: The Board agrees with this finding and recommendation.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

Section IV – State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None



HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

Finding: 2025-001

Name of Contact Person: Dwight Thompspon, Chief Finance Officer

Corrective Action Plan: Management will strengthen internal controls over the general ledger and year-end closing process to ensure transactions are recorded appropriately and in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Procedures will include regular review of general ledger account balances and supervisory review and approval of journal entries.

Proposed Completion Date: Immediately

Finding: 2025-002

Name of Contact Person: Dwight Thompson, Chief Finance Officer

Corrective Action Plan: Management will implement procedures to ensure cash receipts are deposited into the correct bank account and recorded to the proper general ledger account.

Proposed Completion Date: Immediately

Finding: 2025-003

Name of Contact Person: Dwight Thompson, Chief Finance Officer

Corrective Action Plan: Management will implement procedures to ensure the cash management process for the State/federal bank account is properly implemented. Additionally, the Finance Officer will obtain training to better understand the process for this bank account.

Proposed Completion Date: Immediately

Finding: 2025-004

Name of Contact Person: Dwight Thompspon, Chief Finance Officer

Corrective Action Plan: All monies received and expended by Halifax County Schools will be appropriated and included in the budget ordinance. Budget amendments will be adopted when it is known that funds are going to be expended in a different budgetary control level than what was originally adopted prior to expending the funds.

Proposed Completion Date: Immediately



HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

Section IV. State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None Reported

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Finding: 2024-001

Status: Corrected

Finding: 2024-002

Status: Not corrected. See repeat finding 2025-001

Finding: 2024-003

Status: Corrected

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal AL Number	State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
Federal Grants:			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
<u>Child Nutrition Cluster:</u>			
Noncash Assistance (Commodities):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	035	\$ 129,531
Cash Assistance:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	035	666,832
National School Lunch Program	10.555	035	1,247,015
After School Snack Program	10.555	035	1,410
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	035	57,096
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>1,972,353</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster:			<u>2,101,884</u>
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	050, 105 & 115	3,529,520
Rural and Low Income Schools	84.358	109	54,349
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	108	313,738
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	103	312,404
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund:			
ARP:			
ESSER III - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	181	3,937,323
ESSER III - Homeless I	84.425W	183	20,000
ESSER III - Homeless II	84.425W	184	32,902
ESSER III - Cyberbullying and Suicide Prevention Grants	84.425U	192	1,848
ESSER III - District and School Turnaround Grants	84.425U	195	68,464
Total COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		<u>4,060,537</u>
<u>Special Education Cluster:</u>			
Education for the Handicapped	84.027	060	788,448
Preschool Handicapped	84.173	049	98,416
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>886,864</u>
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States			
Program Development	84.048	017	<u>88,416</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>9,245,828</u>
<u>U. S. Department of Defense</u>			
Direct Program:			
ROTC	12.000		<u>54,643</u>

HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal AL Number	State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
<u>National Endowment for the Arts</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Arts Council:			
Arts in Education - Artist Residencies	45.025	451	37,751
Total federal assistance			11,440,106
State Grants:			
<u>N.C. Department of Public Instruction:</u>			
State Public School Fund		Various	25,118,903
Driving Training - SPSF		012	57,520
School Technology Fund - SPSF		015	24,553
Continuing Technical Education			
State Months of Employment		013	70,650
Program Support Funds		014	188,052
State appropriations - buses - noncash		120	103,312
Passed-through Halifax County:			
Public School Building Capital Fund - Needs Based		076	21,165,527
Total N.C. Department of Public Instruction			46,728,517
<u>N.C. Department of Health and Human Services:</u>			
Passed-through Halifax-Warren Smart Start Partnership for Children:			
North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Program		413	559,984
Total State assistance			47,288,501
Total federal and State assistance			\$ 58,728,607

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of Halifax County Board of Education under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Halifax County Board of Education, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Halifax County Board of Education.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Halifax County Board of Education has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.