

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
BARRE, VERMONT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS**

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97

JUNE 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Education
Barre Unified Union School District #97

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Barre Unified Union School District #97 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions

We have expressed a qualified opinion on the governmental activities.

We have expressed unmodified opinions on the business-type activities, discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information.

Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the District as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Business-type Activities, Discretely Presented Component Unit, Each Major Fund and the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, each major fund and the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with

the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to the Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities

The District's staff was unable to provide the auditors with requested financial information related to the capital assets and accrued compensation. GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* requires auditors to obtain evidence to support the basis for the auditor's conclusion. Auditors were not able to completely test items that may have resulted in additional capital assets or accrued compensation liabilities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, expenses and net position of the governmental activities has not been determined.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedules 1 and 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 19, 2026, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting; on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and on 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Montpelier, Vermont
March 19, 2026

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2025

The management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) of Barre Unified Union School District #97 (the District) financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the independent auditor's letter, the basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and the supplementary information to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Like most Districts, the Barre Unified Union School District carries healthy fund balances in its Capital Projects Fund, Tax Stabilization Fund, Food Service Fund, and Grant Funds.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the year ended June 30, 2025, are as follows:

- The financial statements as of June 30, 2025 reflect the government-wide net position decrease of \$604,809. The net position of governmental activities decreased by \$605,132, and the component unit net position increased by \$323.
- Government-wide revenues totaled over \$63 million. General revenues accounted for \$41 million or 65% of total revenues. Program revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, contributions, and other sources accounted for \$22 million or 35% of total revenues.
- The District had \$63.7 million in expenses related to governmental activities; \$22 million of these expenses were offset by program-specific charges for services, grants, contributions, and other sources. General revenues (primarily taxes and subsidies) of \$41 million were insufficient in funding the remaining cost of programs which decreased governmental activities net position by \$605,132.
- Among the governmental funds, the General Fund had \$56.2 million in revenues and \$56.8 million in expenditures. The General Fund also had \$82 thousand in net other financing uses (consisting of an insurance recovery). The General Fund's fund balance decreased by \$558,238.

Using this Annual Report

The District's annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements that show information for the District as a whole, its various funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The statements are organized in a manner so that the reader might understand the District. First, the statements show the District as a financial whole by presenting information on a government-wide basis. Then, the statements provide the reader with a detailed look at specific financial activities of the District.

The first two statements are the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position and the Government-Wide Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the financial status and operations of the entire District.

Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail, showing the District's most significant funds in separate columns and non-major funds totaled in one column. For governmental funds, these statements tell how the services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fiduciary fund statements present information for relationships where the District acts solely as a trustee or agent of the party to whom the resources belong.

The notes to financial statements further explain the information presented in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The notes are an integral part of the financial statements. The notes are followed by a section of supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with additional post-employment benefits plan information.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The analysis of the District as a whole in the MD&A begins on page 6. While this report contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "Is the condition of the District better or worse as a result of the operations during the school year?" The government-wide statements, which begin on page 11, present information about the District as a whole in a way that helps to answer this question. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position. 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. Both statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the method used by most private sector companies.

The government-wide statements report the District's net position. Assets plus deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, as reported in the Statement of Net Position, are one way to measure the District's financial health, or net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position, as reported in the statement of activities, are used as one indicator of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. The District exists to provide services, primarily educational, to its students so it does not have the profit-generation goal of private-sector companies. For this reason, the reader must also consider nonfinancial factors, such as the quality of the education provided, when assessing the *overall* health of the District.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into three categories:

- *Governmental Activities* - Most of the District's programs and services are reported under this category including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant services, pupil transportation, and extracurricular activities. These activities are primarily financed by property taxes, subsidies and grants from the federal and state governments.
- *Business-Type Activities* - Up to June 30, 2022, the District operated an adult education program whereby it charges students, staff and other users in order to cover the costs of the services provided. The District also operated a building trades program, which ended during a prior period, which was funded by proceeds from house sales. There was no reportable business activity for the period ended June 30, 2025.
- *Component Unit* - The District has identified the Spaulding High School Foundation, LTD. (SHS Foundation) as a discretely presented component unit in accordance with GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity Omnibus*. Component units are legally separate entities that are included in the District's financial statements due to fiscal dependency or common management. In the case of the SHS Foundation, it is a legally separate nonprofit entity. The relationship between the SHS Foundation and the District includes a financial benefit, as the intent of the SHS Foundation is to support the District. The SHS Foundation is reported in a separate column in the District's government-wide financial statements.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

The analysis of the District's major funds begins on page 8. The fund financial statements, which provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the District as a whole, begin on page 14. The District's funds are divided into two broad types – governmental and fiduciary. Each type of fund uses a different accounting approach.

- *Governmental Funds* - Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. Governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information is used to determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance District programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (as reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in the financial statements on pages 14 and 17.
- *Fiduciary Funds* - The District acts as fiscal agent for certain student groups and other outside groups. This activity is reported separately by the District. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement on pages 22 and 23. These activities are excluded from the District's other statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations and does not control these assets.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Recall that the statement of net position provides the perspective of the District as a whole (primary government and component unit). The Table below provides the District's net position at June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024, respectively.

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>Net Change</u>
Assets					
Current assets	\$ 10,093,260	\$	12,283,872	\$	(2,190,612)
Noncurrent assets	<u>23,786,098</u>		<u>23,426,308</u>		<u>359,790</u>
Total Assets	<u>33,879,358</u>		<u>35,710,180</u>		<u>(1,830,822)</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>461,624</u>		<u>746,886</u>		<u>(285,262)</u>

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	4,702,702	5,602,716	(900,014)
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,771,507</u>	<u>5,330,267</u>	<u>(558,760)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>9,474,209</u>	<u>10,932,983</u>	<u>(1,458,774)</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>103,570</u>	<u>185,929</u>	<u>(82,359)</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	20,359,801	19,503,316	856,485
Restricted	5,546,941	6,240,291	(693,350)
Unrestricted	<u>(1,143,539)</u>	<u>(405,453)</u>	<u>(738,086)</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>24,763,203</u>	\$ <u>25,338,154</u>	\$ <u>(574,951)</u>

The District's net position consists of \$20.4 million invested in capital assets (such as buildings, and land). The restricted net position of \$5.5 million consists of the balances in capital projects funds that are voter committed for capital projects and tax stabilization, as well as restricted Grant Funds, restricted Food Service funds, and Other Special Revenue Fund restricted fund balances. The decrease in the unrestricted net position to a deficit of \$1.1 million is primarily due to in process capital projects at June 30, 2025 that are partially being funded through Capital Project Fund amounts available from prior years.

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the statement of activities on page 13. All expenses are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues, and subsidies that directly relate to specific expense categories are listed as program revenues in the second, third, and fourth columns. The fifth and sixth columns show the amount of the District's governmental and business-type activities, respectively, that must be supported by general revenues and transfers. The eighth column shows amounts relating to the SHS Foundation component unit. The District's largest general revenue is the education spending grant. The table below takes the information from the statement of activities and rearranges the line items slightly to display total revenues for the year.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Expenses			
Education - General	\$ 57,554,065	\$ 57,124,821	\$ 429,244
Grants	3,692,426	5,971,757	(2,279,331)
Food service	1,962,019	1,941,510	20,509
Other programs	407,504	5,581	401,923
Adult education	-	82,138	(82,138)
Component unit	-	13,225	(13,225)
Interest	<u>74,618</u>	<u>191,237</u>	<u>(116,619)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>63,690,632</u>	<u>65,330,269</u>	<u>(1,639,637)</u>
Program Revenues			
Grants and Contributions	20,427,780	27,260,124	(6,832,344)
Charges for Services	579,238	606,470	(27,232)
Other	<u>1,040,576</u>	<u>576,709</u>	<u>463,867</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>22,047,594</u>	<u>28,443,303</u>	<u>(6,395,709)</u>

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
General Revenues			
Education Spending Grant	40,871,402	39,645,397	1,226,005
Interest income	<u>166,827</u>	<u>206,262</u>	<u>(39,435)</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>41,038,229</u>	<u>39,851,659</u>	<u>1,186,570</u>
Total Revenues	<u>63,085,823</u>	<u>68,294,962</u>	<u>(5,209,139)</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ <u>(604,809)</u>	\$ <u>2,964,693</u>	\$ <u>(3,569,502)</u>

The table above shows that total revenues were less than total expenses for the District as a whole by \$604,809 for the year ended June 30, 2025. It should be noted that although the District is required to present government-wide information using the accrual basis of accounting, as detailed above, the District must still prepare its budgets and report its operations under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the fund financial statements. Operations in relation to the District's budget will be discussed later in this report under the "Financial Analysis of the District by Funds" section.

The statement of activities breaks the expenses of the District into functions or programs. These expenses are offset by related revenues (charges for services, grants, and contributions) before the general revenues of the District are applied.

The dependence upon local taxes for governmental activities is apparent. Program revenue provides only 38.3% of the funding needed for instruction, the major program area of the District. Even if all of the unrestricted grants, subsidies, and contributions are used toward instruction, there remains a need for more than \$35.5 million of the funding for instruction to come from local taxes and other general revenues.

Financial Analysis of the District by Funds

As previously noted, the District uses a number of funds to control and manage resources for particular purposes. Information about the District's major governmental funds starts on page 14. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Combined, the governmental funds had total revenues of \$63 million, and expenditures of \$64.4 million. The net change in fund balance for the year was a decrease of \$1,333,511. The decrease in fund balance is primarily related to the utilization of Capital Projects Fund resources to fund capital spending.

The general fund decreased its fund balance by \$558,238 to a balance of \$269,518. The District had budgeted to utilize \$1,386,450 with a Tax Stabilization Fund appropriation but did not use the appropriation. This was due to a significant beginning General Fund balance available for the year ended June 30, 2025, as well as, available grant funds from the State of Vermont and other unbudgeted revenues.

Nonspendable fund balance in the amount of \$8,910 corresponds with the inventory amount included in assets. Restricted fund balance in the amount of \$2,290,117 is the fund balance for the Grant Funds, Food Service Fund, and Other Special Revenue Fund. The District's voters have committed \$955,501 for future capital projects and \$2,257,962 for future tax rate stabilization. Remaining Board assigned fund balance of \$126,523 relates to board assigned fund balance for future capital project costs. The remaining fund balance consists of an unassigned General Fund balance of \$269,518.

Long-term Debt

As of June 30, 2025, the District had an obligation to repay debt of \$3,276,046. The District is indebted to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank for a 2021 series 1 bond which matures in November 2036. The two other notes mature in July 2028, and July 2026.

Financial Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Vermont law and is based on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The fund with a formally adopted budget is the General Fund. The General Fund budget to actual statement can be found on pages 20 and 21.

Total General Fund revenue from all sources was \$55,531 more than budgeted. Expenditures were \$695,932 more than budgeted. The end result is that the District reduced its General Fund balance by \$558,238 from a beginning surplus of \$827,756 to \$269,518 at June 30, 2025.

Relative to the budget, the following significant variations occurred during the fiscal year:

- The District budgeted to utilize \$1,386,450 in tax stabilization funds to cover expenditures and those funds did not need to be utilized in the current year. They will be carried over to future years.
- State grant revenues were higher than anticipated but were offset by related expenditures.
- Federal grant revenues were higher than anticipated but were offset by related expenditures.
- Tuition revenue exceeded the anticipated budget by \$103,773. This resulted from a higher number of students from sending districts than was anticipated.
- Technology infrastructure expenses which were primarily offset by E-rate funds.

The District's General Fund balance at June 30, 2025 was \$269,518.

The District's Future

The District continues to operate with one of the lowest per-pupil spending levels among school districts in Vermont. While the District has worked diligently to maintain this level of spending, doing so will become increasingly challenging due to rising costs associated with collective bargaining agreements and significant health insurance increases over the past four years. In addition, unfunded legislative, association, and Agency of Education mandates continue to place financial pressure on the District. One example is 16 V.S.A. §1944d, the Employer Annual Charge for Teacher Health Care. This annual assessment is paid to the Vermont State Treasurer for teachers who entered the retirement system after July 1, 2015. The District paid \$264,781 in FY25, and this obligation will increase in future years. The outcome of the arbitration under Act 11 of 2018 also significantly increased the cost of health insurance benefits.

FY25 was a challenging year operationally and financially. The District experienced significant leadership turnover, with over 50% of the leadership and administrative team changing during the year, including the appointment of a one-year interim Superintendent. Maintaining stable leadership is important to ensure continuity in decision-making, support staff, and advance long-term educational goals.

The FY25 budget development process was also particularly difficult. The District experienced three budget defeats before voters ultimately approved the budget on September 17, 2024. This occurred during a period of evolving education policy and funding discussions at the state level. Recent legislative actions, including Act 73 and other ongoing education finance reforms, continue to create uncertainty for school districts as they work to plan future budgets.

FY25 was also the first year the District worked with a new audit team following more than a decade with the previous auditors. As with any transition, there were differences in documentation requests, reporting

perspectives, and expectations related to audit procedures. The District worked collaboratively with the auditors to address these differences and appreciates their role in supporting strong financial oversight.

Looking ahead, continued enrollment declines in Barre combined with rising operational costs and evolving state policy will require the District to continue evaluating staffing levels, class sizes, and operational efficiencies while maintaining a commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities for students.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Manager at the central office at 120 Ayers Street, Barre, VT 05641.

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025
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	<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Component Unit</u>
	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>Spaulding</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>High School</u>
			<u>Foundation, LTD.</u>
ASSETS:			
Current assets -			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,905,107	\$ 5,905,107	\$ 43,347
Accounts receivable	4,010,878	4,010,878	-
Inventory	8,910	8,910	-
Due from (to) other activities	125,004	125,004	14
Total current assets	<u>10,049,899</u>	<u>10,049,899</u>	<u>43,361</u>
Noncurrent assets -			
Capital assets	55,355,005	55,355,005	-
less - accumulated depreciation	(31,719,158)	(31,719,158)	-
Lease assets	223,599	223,599	-
less - accumulated amortization	(73,348)	(73,348)	-
Total noncurrent assets	<u>23,786,098</u>	<u>23,786,098</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>33,835,997</u>	<u>33,835,997</u>	<u>43,361</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS			
OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred pension expense	<u>461,624</u>	<u>461,624</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Current liabilities -			
Accounts payable	556,659	556,659	-
Accrued expenses	3,575,727	3,575,727	-
Current portion - Long-term debt	473,652	473,652	-
- Lease liability	68,303	68,303	-
Accrued interest	28,361	28,361	-
Total current liabilities	<u>4,702,702</u>	<u>4,702,702</u>	<u>-</u>
Noncurrent liabilities -			
Accrued compensated absences	135,085	135,085	-
Net pension liability	1,749,574	1,749,574	-
Long-term debt	2,802,394	2,802,394	-
Lease liability	84,454	84,454	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,771,507</u>	<u>4,771,507</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>9,474,209</u>	<u>9,474,209</u>	<u>-</u>

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

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
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	<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Component Unit</u>
	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>Spaulding</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>High School</u>
			<u>Foundation, LTD.</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS			
OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred pension credits	94,588	94,588	-
Unavailable grants	<u>8,982</u>	<u>8,982</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>103,570</u>	<u>103,570</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	20,359,801	20,359,801	-
Restricted	5,503,580	5,503,580	43,361
Unrestricted	<u>(1,143,539)</u>	<u>(1,143,539)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>24,719,842</u>	\$ <u>24,719,842</u>	\$ <u>43,361</u>

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

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Component Unit</u>
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Spaulding High School Foundation, LTD.</u>
Governmental activities -							
Education - General	\$ 57,554,065	\$ 13,881,570	\$ 515,241	\$ 897,258	\$ (42,259,996)	\$ (42,259,996)	\$ -
Grants	3,692,426	4,906,118	-	143,318	1,357,010	1,357,010	-
Food service	1,962,019	1,621,369	63,997	-	(276,653)	(276,653)	-
Other programs	407,504	18,400	-	-	(389,104)	(389,104)	-
Interest	74,618	-	-	-	(74,618)	(74,618)	-
Total governmental activities	<u>63,690,632</u>	<u>20,427,457</u>	<u>579,238</u>	<u>1,040,576</u>	<u>(41,643,361)</u>	<u>(41,643,361)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	\$ <u>63,690,632</u>	\$ <u>20,427,457</u>	\$ <u>579,238</u>	\$ <u>1,040,576</u>	<u>(41,643,361)</u>	<u>(41,643,361)</u>	<u>-</u>
Component unit	\$ -	\$ 323	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	<u>323</u>
					40,871,402	40,871,402	-
					166,827	166,827	-
					<u>41,038,229</u>	<u>41,038,229</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					(605,132)	(605,132)	323
NET POSITION, July 1, 2024 (See Note 14):							
As previously reported					25,295,116	25,295,116	43,038
Aggregate restatements					29,858	29,858	-
As restated					<u>25,324,974</u>	<u>25,324,974</u>	<u>43,038</u>
NET POSITION, June 30, 2025					\$ <u>24,719,842</u>	\$ <u>24,719,842</u>	\$ <u>43,361</u>

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	<u>General</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Other Special</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
			<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>
ASSETS							
Cash and							
cash equivalents	\$ 5,839,097	\$ -	\$ 66,010	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,905,107
Inventory	-	-	8,910	-	-	-	8,910
Accounts receivable	4,010,878	-	-	-	-	-	4,010,878
Due from other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>1,232,307</u>	<u>816,902</u>	<u>214,445</u>	<u>1,082,024</u>	<u>2,257,962</u>	<u>5,603,640</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>9,849,975</u>	\$ <u>1,232,307</u>	\$ <u>891,822</u>	\$ <u>214,445</u>	\$ <u>1,082,024</u>	\$ <u>2,257,962</u>	\$ <u>15,528,535</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITY							
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable	\$ 525,570	\$ 27,278	\$ 3,811	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 556,659
Accrued expenditures	3,575,727	-	-	-	-	-	3,575,727
Due to other funds	<u>5,478,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,478,636</u>
Total liabilities	<u>9,579,933</u>	<u>27,278</u>	<u>3,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,611,022</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Unavailable grants	<u>524</u>	<u>8,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,982</u>

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Grant</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Food</u> <u>Service</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Other Special</u> <u>Revenue</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Tax</u> <u>Stabilization</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>Funds</u>
FUND EQUITY:							
Fund balances -							
Nonspendable	-	-	8,910	-	-	-	8,910
Restricted	-	1,196,571	879,101	214,445	-	-	2,290,117
Committed	-	-	-	-	955,501	2,257,962	3,213,463
Assigned	-	-	-	-	126,523	-	126,523
Unassigned	<u>269,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,518</u>
Total fund balance	<u>269,518</u>	<u>1,196,571</u>	<u>888,011</u>	<u>214,445</u>	<u>1,082,024</u>	<u>2,257,962</u>	<u>5,908,531</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund equity	\$ <u>9,849,975</u>	\$ <u>1,232,307</u>	\$ <u>891,822</u>	\$ <u>214,445</u>	\$ <u>1,082,024</u>	\$ <u>2,257,962</u>	\$ <u>15,528,535</u>

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:**

Amount reported on Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - total fund balances	\$	5,908,531
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position are different because -		
Capital assets used in governmental funds are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets		55,355,005
Accumulated depreciation		(31,719,158)
Lease assets		223,599
Accumulated amortization		(73,348)
Liabilities not due and payable in the year are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Accrued compensated absences		(135,085)
Long-term debt		(3,276,046)
Accrued interest on long-term debt		(28,361)
Lease liability		(152,757)
Balances related to net pension asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred pension expense		461,624
Deferred pension credits		(94,588)
Net pension liability		<u>(1,749,574)</u>
Net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Net Position	\$	<u>24,719,842</u>

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Other Special</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
			<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>
REVENUES:							
Education spending grant	\$ 40,871,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,871,402
Intergovernmental -							
State	13,543,271	593,291	412,870	-	18,400	-	14,567,832
Federal	246,754	4,312,827	1,208,499	-	-	-	5,768,080
Local -							
Tuition	418,773	-	-	-	-	-	418,773
Charges for services	96,468	-	63,997	-	-	-	160,465
E-rate	91,545	-	-	-	-	-	91,545
Interest	166,622	-	205	-	-	-	166,827
Other	815,095	143,318	-	-	-	-	958,413
Total revenues	<u>56,249,930</u>	<u>5,049,436</u>	<u>1,685,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,003,337</u>
EXPENDITURES:							
Salaries	29,346,809	2,142,681	188,792	-	-	-	31,678,282
Benefits	10,971,038	771,810	69,488	-	-	-	11,812,336
Professional services	5,146,266	265,761	1,303,414	-	-	-	6,715,441
Purchased services	7,245,424	85,613	1,984	-	-	-	7,333,021
Supplies and materials	1,550,419	223,601	320,957	7,157	-	-	2,102,134
Facilities	1,222,120	-	35,774	-	400,347	-	1,658,241
Miscellaneous	2,200	202,960	986	-	-	-	206,146
Capital outlay - capital assets	783,895	1,051,776	59,260	-	396,319	-	2,291,250
Debt service - debt principal	468,178	-	-	-	-	-	468,178
- lease principal	72,410	-	-	-	-	-	72,410

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grant Funds</u>	<u>Food Service Fund</u>	<u>Other Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Tax Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Totals Governmental Funds</u>
EXPENDITURES							
(CONTINUED):							
Debt service - debt interest	75,595	-	-	-	-	-	75,595
- lease interest	5,977	-	-	-	-	-	5,977
Total expenditures	<u>56,890,331</u>	<u>4,744,202</u>	<u>1,980,655</u>	<u>7,157</u>	<u>796,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,419,011</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	<u>(640,401)</u>	<u>305,234</u>	<u>(295,084)</u>	<u>(7,157)</u>	<u>(778,266)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,415,674)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Insurance recovery	<u>82,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,163</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>82,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,163</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(558,238)	305,234	(295,084)	(7,157)	(778,266)	-	(1,333,511)
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2024 (see Note 14)							
As previously reported	797,898	891,337	1,183,095	221,602	1,860,290	2,257,962	7,212,184
Aggregate restatements	<u>29,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,858</u>
As restated	<u>827,756</u>	<u>891,337</u>	<u>1,183,095</u>	<u>221,602</u>	<u>1,860,290</u>	<u>2,257,962</u>	<u>7,242,042</u>
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2025	\$ <u>269,518</u>	\$ <u>1,196,571</u>	\$ <u>888,011</u>	\$ <u>214,445</u>	\$ <u>1,082,024</u>	\$ <u>2,257,962</u>	\$ <u>5,908,531</u>

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

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (1,333,511)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Activities are different because -	
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 as depreciation or amortization expense.	
Additions to capital assets, net of dispositions	2,287,130
Depreciation	(1,898,823)
Additions to lease assets, net of dispositions	45,908
Amortization	(74,425)
The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) 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.	
Proceeds from lease	(45,908)
Principal payments on long-term debt	468,178
(Increase)/decrease in accrued interest on long-term debt	6,954
Principal payments on lease	72,410
Changes in other post-employment benefits accumulated by employees will increase or decrease the liability reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.	
(Increase)/decrease in accrued compensated absences	2,165
Changes in net pension asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources will increase or decrease the amounts reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.	
Net (increase) decrease in net pension obligation	<u>(135,210)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Activities	<u>\$ (605,132)</u>

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES:			
Tuition	\$ 315,000	\$ 418,773	\$ 103,773
Tax stabilization appropriation	1,386,450	-	(1,386,450)
Charges for services	416,000	96,468	(319,532)
Education spending grant	40,871,402	40,871,402	-
Intergovernmental - State	10,139,486	10,657,210	517,724
- Federal	-	449,714	449,714
E-rate	-	91,545	91,545
Interest	80,000	166,622	86,622
Other	<u>100,000</u>	<u>612,135</u>	<u>512,135</u>
Total revenues	<u>53,308,338</u>	<u>53,363,869</u>	<u>55,531</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Direct instruction	18,159,251	17,679,589	(479,662)
Special education	16,141,626	16,142,211	585
Vocational education	1,254,895	1,252,102	(2,793)
Athletics	648,391	668,861	20,470
Co-curricular	330,571	375,126	44,555
Guidance services	1,339,460	1,373,457	33,997
Health services	604,728	670,251	65,523
Behavioral services	1,327,419	956,662	(370,757)
Other support services	80,932	218,595	137,663
Instruction and curriculum development	544,106	753,244	209,138
Library and media services	490,337	505,276	14,939
Board of education	353,203	786,412	433,209
Executive administration	406,507	457,072	50,565
Office of the principal	2,356,749	2,335,086	(21,663)
Other support services	131,412	130,243	(1,169)
Fiscal services	622,183	640,896	18,713
Personnel services	332,771	342,430	9,659
Administrative technology services	1,389,015	1,427,182	38,167
Operation and maintenance of buildings	4,702,343	5,147,354	445,011
Transportation	1,471,266	1,598,448	127,182
Debt service - capital construction	322,840	318,217	(4,623)

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

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

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	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis) <u> </u>	Variance Over (Under) <u> </u>
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):			
Debt service - other	<u>298,333</u>	<u>225,556</u>	<u>(72,777)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>53,308,338</u>	<u>54,004,270</u>	<u>695,932</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(640,401)</u>	<u>640,401</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Insurance recovery	<u>-</u>	<u>82,163</u>	<u>82,163</u>
Total other financing sources (uses):	<u>-</u>	<u>82,163</u>	<u>82,163</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>(558,238)</u>	\$ <u>558,238</u>

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

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Custodial <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>289,824</u>
Total assets	<u>289,824</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Due to other funds	125,018
NET POSITION:	
Restricted - extracurricular activities	<u>164,806</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ <u>289,824</u>

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Extracurricular related contributions	\$ 177,110
Employee elected savings	32,981
Interest	<u>586</u>
	<u>210,677</u>
 DEDUCTIONS:	
Extracurricular activities	173,193
Employee elected withdrawals	<u>35,073</u>
	<u>208,266</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	2,411
NET POSITION, July 1, 2024	<u>162,395</u>
NET POSITION, June 30, 2025	\$ <u>164,806</u>

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

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies:

The Barre Unified Union School District #97 (the District) is organized according to State law under the governance of the Board of Education (the Board) to provide public education to preschool through 12th grade students across two communities: Barre City and Barre Town, Vermont. The District operates three schools serving approximately 2,300 students. Students from other districts attend the schools by tuition arrangements.

- A. Reporting entity - The District is a primary unit of government under reporting criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Those criteria include a separately elected governing body, separate legal standing, and fiscal independence from other state and local governmental entities.

Spaulding High School Foundation, LTD. - The District identified the Spaulding High School Foundation, Ltd. (SHS Foundation) as a discreetly presented component unit for the year ended June 30, 2025. The SHS Foundation is a legally separate nonprofit entity from the District. The relationship between the SHS Foundation and the District includes a financial benefit, as the intent of the SHS Foundation is to support the District. The SHS Foundation is reported in a separate column in the District's government-wide financial statements. The notes to the financial statements focus on the District as the primary government.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing *Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes U.S. GAAP for governmental units.

- B. Government-wide and fund financial statements - The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the financial position of the District is consolidated and incorporates capital assets as well as all long-term debt and obligations. The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net costs by category. Direct expenses that are clearly identifiable with the category are offset by program revenues of the category. Program revenues include charges for services provided by a particular function or program and grants that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of the particular segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds, if any, are summarized in a single column.

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- C. Basis of presentation - The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, fund balances or net position, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Grant Funds - This fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources related to federal, state and local grants that are restricted to expenditures for specified services.

Food Service Fund - This fund is used to account for the operations of the food service program. The food service program provides lunches for the students of the District.

Other Special Revenue Fund - This fund is used to account for the specific revenue sources of the District's after school program and other restricted funds received by outside donors or certain grantors.

Capital Projects Fund - This fund is used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Tax Stabilization Fund - This fund is used to account for resources that are voter committed for future use.

The District also reports fiduciary funds which are used to account for assets held in a custodial capacity (Custodial Funds) for the benefit of parties outside of the District. The District's fiduciary funds are the Custodial Funds.

- D. Measurement focus and basis of accounting - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction that can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (generally, 60 days). Expenditures generally are recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is made.

- E. Budget and budgetary accounting - The District adopts an annual budget for the General Fund at an annual meeting. The accounting method used for the budget presentation varies from U.S. GAAP as described in note 9. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control during the year for the General Fund. The District does not legally adopt budgets for other governmental funds. All budgeted amounts lapse at year end.

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

E. Budget and budgetary accounting (continued) –

Transfers of budgeted amounts between line items require approval of management. The General Fund budget is presented in these financial statements. Board approval is required for interfund transfers and budget transfers between personnel and operating costs.

F. Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and deferred outflows/inflows of resources as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Risk management - The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and others; environmental liability; and natural disasters. The District manages these risks through commercial insurance packages and participation in public entity risk pools covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. There were no settlements in excess of the insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

H. Cash, cash equivalents and investments - The District considers all cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition to be cash and cash equivalents. Investments and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the individual fund and government-wide financial statements. Investments of the District are reported at fair value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. This is considered a level 1 input valuation technique under the framework established by U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value. The District does not own investments valued with level 2 or level 3 inputs, which would use quoted prices for similar assets, or in inactive markets, or other methods for estimating fair value.

I. Inventory - Inventory in the Food Service Fund is valued using the first in/first out (FIFO) cost method. Inventory is recorded as an expenditure when consumed rather than when purchased.

J. Prepaid items - Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

K. Capital assets - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column of the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Net interest costs are capitalized on projects during the construction period. Normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of an asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the useful lives shown on the following page.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

K. Capital assets (continued) -

Land improvements	5 - 50 years
Buildings and improvements	5 - 50 years
Equipment and fixtures	3 - 20 years
Vehicles	5 years
Software	3 - 5 years

L. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources - In addition to assets and liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are reported as separate sections in the applicable statement of net position or balance sheet. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources in the current period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources in the current period.

M. Accrued compensated absences - The District's policy is to permit employees to accrue sick leave benefits based on the terms of their employment contract. Teachers are eligible to receive \$15 per day of accrued sick leave up to 100 days at termination. Para-educators employed 10 years or more are eligible to receive \$20 per day for unused accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 100 days. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - AFL-CIO Local 1369, Council 93 union members who were employed 25 years or more are eligible to receive payment of all unused vacation time on a pro-rated basis and \$25 per day of accrued sick leave up to 100 days at termination. Accrued compensated absences at June 30, 2025 of \$135,085 have been recorded as a noncurrent liability in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position but not in the fund financial statements.

N. Long-term obligations - Governmental activities, business-type activities, and proprietary funds report long-term debt and other long-term obligations as liabilities in the applicable statement of net position. Governmental funds report the amount of debt issued as other financing sources and the repayment of debt as debt service expenditures.

O. Fund equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds may report five categories of fund balances: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts associated with inventory, prepaid expenditures, long-term loans or notes receivable, and trust fund principal to be held in perpetuity.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by the District's highest level of decision making authority, the voters, as a result of articles passed at Annual or Special Meetings.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes as authorized by the Board.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

O. Fund equity (continued) -

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in another classification. Deficits are also classified as unassigned.

The District's policy is to apply expenditures to fund balance in the order of restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned unless the Board specifies otherwise.

- P. On-behalf payments - The State of Vermont makes payments on behalf of the District's teachers to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) for pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB). The District recognizes these on-behalf payments as intergovernmental grant revenues and education expenses or expenditures, as appropriate, in the government-wide financial statements and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds. The amounts are not budgeted and have been excluded from the budget basis statements; see note 9 for reconciling details.

2. Deposits:

Custodial credit risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2025, \$16,445 of the District's deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized.

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3. Capital assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 has been detailed as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2025</u>
Governmental activities -				
Capital assets, not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 604,595	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 604,595
Construction in progress	<u>7,739,325</u>	<u>929,794</u>	<u>7,453,689</u>	<u>1,215,430</u>
Total capital assets, not depreciated	<u>8,343,920</u>	<u>929,794</u>	<u>7,453,689</u>	<u>1,820,025</u>
Capital assets, depreciated:				
Land improvements	32,349	-	-	32,349
Buildings and improvements	39,445,872	8,441,424	14,875	47,872,421
Equipment and fixtures	4,992,198	195,204	343,814	4,843,588
Vehicles	405,136	109,235	-	514,371
Software	<u>202,969</u>	<u>69,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>272,251</u>
Total capital assets, depreciated	<u>45,078,524</u>	<u>8,815,145</u>	<u>358,689</u>	<u>53,534,980</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	32,349	-	-	32,349
Buildings and improvements	25,543,119	1,616,088	10,755	27,148,452
Equipment and fixtures	4,198,371	210,636	343,814	4,065,193
Vehicles	255,898	52,310	-	308,208
Software	<u>145,167</u>	<u>19,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,956</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>30,174,904</u>	<u>1,898,823</u>	<u>354,569</u>	<u>31,719,158</u>
Total capital assets, depreciated, net	<u>14,903,620</u>	<u>6,916,322</u>	<u>4,120</u>	<u>21,815,822</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>23,247,540</u>	\$ <u>7,846,116</u>	\$ <u>7,457,809</u>	\$ <u>23,635,847</u>

Depreciation expense of \$1,898,823 in the governmental activities was allocated to expenses of the education function (\$1,858,199), and food service (\$40,624) programs based on capital assets assigned to those functions.

4. Interfund receivable and payable balances:

Interfund receivable and payable balances, due to the pooling of cash in the General Fund for cash receipts and disbursements, as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	<u>Interfund</u> <u>Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund</u> <u>Payables</u>
Governmental funds -		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,478,636
Grant Funds	1,232,307	-
Food Service Fund	816,902	-
Afterschool Program Fund	214,445	-

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4. Interfund receivable and payable balances (continued):

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
Governmental funds (continued) -		
Capital Projects Fund	1,082,024	-
Tax Stabilization Fund	2,257,962	-
	<u>5,603,640</u>	<u>5,478,636</u>
Fiduciary funds -		
Custodial Funds	-	125,018
Component unit -		
Spaulding High School Foundation	14	-
	<u>\$ 5,603,654</u>	<u>\$ 5,603,654</u>

5. Interfund transfers:

Interfund transfers constitute the transfer of resources from the fund that receives the resources to the fund that utilizes them. There were no interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025.

6. Long-term obligations:

Long-term obligations activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 is detailed below.

	<u>Balance July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2025</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental activities -					
Direct borrowings	\$ 3,744,224	\$ -	\$ 468,178	\$ 3,276,046	\$ 473,652
Accrued interest on long-term debt	35,315	-	6,954	28,361	28,361
Accrued compensated absences	137,250	-	2,165	135,085	-
Net pension liability	1,817,267	-	67,693	1,749,574	-
Lease liability	179,259	45,908	72,410	152,757	68,303
	<u>\$ 5,913,315</u>	<u>\$ 45,908</u>	<u>\$ 617,400</u>	<u>\$ 5,341,823</u>	<u>\$ 570,316</u>

7. Debt:

Short-term - During the year, the District was authorized a \$7,370,781 line of credit in the form of a 5.59% revenue anticipation note which matured on June 30, 2025. There were no borrowings or repayments on this loan in fiscal year 2025, and no interest related to this note.

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7. Debt (continued):

Long-term - Outstanding long-term debt as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Governmental activities -

Notes from direct borrowings:

Capital improvement note payable, interest at 2.45%, matures July 2028.	\$	956,050
Capital improvement note payable, interest at 2.49%, matures July 2026.		120,000
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - 2021 Series 1, various interest rates. Annual principal payments of \$183,333. Matures November 2036.		<u>2,199,996</u>
	\$	<u><u>3,276,046</u></u>

Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Due Within</u>
	<u>July 1, 2024</u>				<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities -						
Notes from direct borrowings:						
Note payable, 2.45%	\$ 1,180,895	\$ -	\$ 224,845	\$ 956,050	\$ 230,319	
Note payable, 2.49%	180,000	-	60,000	120,000	60,000	
VMBB 21 Series 1	<u>2,383,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,333</u>	<u>2,199,996</u>	<u>183,333</u>	
	\$ <u>3,744,224</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>468,178</u>	\$ <u>3,276,046</u>	\$ <u>473,652</u>	

Debt service requirements to maturity are detailed as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Notes from Direct Borrowings</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Fiscal year -		
2026	\$ 473,652	\$ 67,182
2027	479,268	58,431
2028	425,048	49,241
2029	431,414	39,591
2030	183,333	32,359
2031-2035	916,665	102,097
2036-2037	<u>366,666</u>	<u>9,074</u>
	\$ <u>3,276,046</u>	\$ <u>357,975</u>

In the event of default by the District outstanding debt balances become immediately due. The District has committed to pay its debt obligations with future budgeted appropriations funded with education taxes or other resources that can be lawfully used to pay these expenditures. Additionally, in the event the District is in default on their payment obligations issued from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank (VMBB), the State Treasurer has the ability to intercept State funding until the default is cured.

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8. Leases:

The District has entered into agreements that meet the reporting criteria of a lease in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Most of the district's leases are for office equipment such as copiers and postage machines. Lease assets and lease liabilities activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>July 1, 2024</u>			<u>June 30, 2025</u>
Governmental activities -				
Lease asset				
Equipment	\$ 216,362	\$ 45,908	\$ 38,671	\$ 223,599
Total lease assets	<u>216,362</u>	<u>45,908</u>	<u>38,671</u>	<u>223,599</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Equipment	<u>37,594</u>	<u>74,425</u>	<u>38,671</u>	<u>73,348</u>
Total accumulated amortization	<u>37,594</u>	<u>74,425</u>	<u>38,671</u>	<u>73,348</u>
Lease asset, net	\$ <u>178,768</u>	\$ <u>(28,517)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>150,251</u>
Lease liability				
Equipment	\$ 179,259	\$ 45,908	\$ 72,410	\$ 152,757
Total lease liabilities	\$ <u>179,259</u>	\$ <u>45,908</u>	\$ <u>72,410</u>	\$ <u>152,757</u>

Lease service requirements to maturity are detailed as following:

Year ending -	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 68,303	\$ 3,815
2027	65,345	1,582
2028	9,426	400
2029	<u>9,683</u>	<u>142</u>
	\$ <u>152,757</u>	\$ <u>5,939</u>

The leases summarized above expire between May 2027 and June 2029. Amortization expense of \$74,425 was allocated to the general education function in the governmental activities expenses of the general government.

9. Budgetary basis of accounting:

These financial statements include totals for General Fund revenues and expenditures on the District's budgetary basis of accounting, which vary from the totals of revenues and expenditures recognized on the basis of accounting prescribed by U.S. GAAP, as indicated on the following page.

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9. Budgetary basis of accounting (continued):

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:		
U.S. GAAP basis	\$ 56,249,930	\$ 56,890,331
On-behalf payments -		
VSTRS pension	(2,976,715)	(2,976,715)
VSTRS OPEB	<u>90,654</u>	<u>90,654</u>
Budget basis	\$ <u>53,363,869</u>	\$ <u>54,004,270</u>

10. Pension plans:

Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System -

Plan description: The District participates in the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS or the Plan), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system with a special funding situation in which the State of Vermont contributes to the Plan on behalf of the participating employers. The Plan was created in 1947, and is governed by Title 16, V.S.A. Chapter 55. It covers nearly all teachers and school administrators in schools supported by the State. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of VSTRS is vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of eight members. VSTRS issues annual financial information which is available and may be reviewed at the VSTRS' office, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05609-6200, by calling (802) 828-2305 or online at <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov>.

Benefits provided: The Plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on the number of years of creditable service and are determined as a percentage of average final compensation in the three highest consecutive years of service. Eligibility for benefits requires five years of service.

Contributions: Member teachers are required to contribute a percentage of earnable compensation and the State contributes the balance of an actuarially determined rate. The State is a nonemployer contributor to the Plan and is required by statute to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of member employers. Contributions as a percentage of earnable compensation are as follows.

- Group A 5.50% of earnable compensation. Contributions stop after 25 years of service.

- Group C 6.15% Earnable compensation up to \$40,000
- 6.20% Earnable compensation of \$40,000 to \$50,000
- 6.30% Earnable compensation of \$50,000 to \$60,000
- 6.40% Earnable compensation of \$60,000 to \$70,000
- 6.55% Earnable compensation of \$70,000 to \$80,000
- 6.80% Earnable compensation of \$80,000 to \$90,000
- 7.10% Earnable compensation of \$90,000 to \$100,000
- 7.35% Earnable compensation more than \$100,000

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10. Pension plans (continued):

Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (continued) -

The District's teachers contributed \$1,280,553, \$1,224,571, and \$1,143,927 to the System in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Pension liabilities and pension expense: The District does not contribute directly to the Plan; therefore, no net pension liability needs to be recorded by the District. However, the District is required to report the District's portion of the following items as calculated by the State of Vermont:

District's share of -		
VSTRS net pension liability	\$	40,389,374
VSTRS net pension expenditure	\$	2,976,715

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System -

Plan description: The District contributes to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS or the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system with defined benefit and defined contribution plans, administered by the State of Vermont. The State statutory provisions, found in Title 24, Chapter 125, of the V.S.A., govern eligibility for benefits, service requirements and benefit provisions. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of VMERS is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. VMERS issues annual financial information which is available and may be reviewed at the VMERS' office, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05609-6200, by calling (802) 828-2305, or online at <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov>.

Benefits provided: VMERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits do vary between the groups included in the Plan, but are determined for the members of each group as a percentage of average compensation in a certain number of the highest consecutive years of service. Eligibility for benefits requires five years of service.

Contributions: Defined benefit plan members are required to contribute 4.0% (Group A), 6.375% (Group B), 11.5% (Group C) or 12.85% (Group D) of their annual covered salary, and the District is required to contribute 5.5% (Group A), 7.0% (Group B), 8.750% (Group C) or 11.35% (Group D) of the employees' compensation. Defined contribution plan members are required to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute an equal dollar amount. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the Board of Trustees. The District's contributions to VMERS for the years ended June 30, 2025, 2024 and 2023 were \$196,843, \$173,509 and \$161,722, respectively. The amounts contributed were equal to the required contributions for each year.

Pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources: These financial statements include the District's proportionate share of the VMERS net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources for pension expense, deferred inflows of resources from investment earnings and contributions, and the related effects on government-wide net position and activities. The State of Vermont has provided

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10. Pension plans (continued):

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (continued) -

the following information to all employers participating in VMERS, which is based on its calculation of the District's 0.52674588% proportionate share of VMERS.

Districts's share of VMERS net pension liability	\$ 1,749,574
Deferred outflows of resources - Deferred pension expense	\$ 461,624
Deferred inflows of resources - Deferred pension credits	\$ 94,588

Additional information: VMERS obtains an annual actuarial valuation for the pension plan. Detailed information is provided in that report for actuarial assumptions of inflation rates, salary increases, investment rates of return, mortality rates, discount rates, and the calculations used to develop annual contributions and the VMERS net position.

The District adopted GASB Statement No 68 in fiscal year 2015 and has developed the ten years of required supplementary information in schedules 1 and 2. This historical pension information includes the District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability of VMERS and District's Contributions to VMERS.

403(b) Non-Teaching Employees' Retirement Plan -

Plan description: District employees who are at least 21 years old and not covered under the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System or the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System are eligible to be covered under a 403(b) pension plan administered through Empower Retirement. The District contributes at various rates for certain classes of employees. In addition, any employee of the District may voluntarily contribute to this Plan; however, the District will not match these contributions. All contributions are 100% vested to each employee. At June 30, 2025, there were 185 plan members from the District.

Funding policy: The District pays all costs accrued each year for the Plan. Total contributions for the year ended June 30, 2025 were \$560,012 by the employees and \$108,379 by the District.

11. Other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan:

Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefit Fund -

Plan description: The District participates in the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefit Fund of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS), which provides postemployment benefits to eligible retired employees through a cost-sharing, multiple-employer postemployment benefit plan (the Plan). The Plan covers nearly all public day school and nonsectarian private high school teachers and administrators as well as teachers in schools and teacher training institutions within and supported by the State that are controlled by the State Board of Education. Membership in the Plan for those covered classes is a condition of employment.

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11. Other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan (continued):

Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefit Fund (continued) -

Vermont Statute Title 16 Chapter 55 assigns the authority to VSTRS to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the Plan and to establish maximum obligations of the plan members to contribute to the Plan. Management of the Plan is vested in the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System's Board of Trustees,

consisting of eight members. The Plan issues annual financial information which is available and may be reviewed at the State Treasurer's office, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05609-6200, by calling (802) 828-2305 or online at <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov>.

Benefits provided and eligibility: The Plan provides medical and prescription drug benefits for plan members and their spouses; retirees pay the full cost of dental benefits. Benefits are based on the number of years of creditable service. Eligibility requirements are summarized below:

Group A - Public school teachers employed within the State of Vermont prior to July 1, 1981 and elected to remain in Group A qualify for retirement at the attainment of 30 years of service or age 55.

Group C - Public school teachers employed within the State of Vermont on or after July 1, 1990. Teachers hired before July 1, 1990 and were Group B members in service on July 1, 1990 are now Group C members, and qualify for benefits at the age of 65, or age plus creditable service equal to 90, or age 55 with 5 years of creditable service. Grandfathered participants are Group C members who were within five years of normal retirement eligibility as defined prior to July 1, 2010, and qualify for benefits at the attainment of age 62, or 30 years of service, or age 55 with 5 years of service.

Vesting and Disability - Five years of creditable service. Participants who terminate with 5 years of service under the age of 55 may elect coverage upon receiving pension benefits.

Total OPEB liability: The State of Vermont is a nonemployer contributing entity and is presently the sole entity required to contribute to the Plan. The District does not contribute to the Plan; therefore, no net OPEB liability needs to be recorded by the District. However, the District is required to report the District's share of the Plan's net OPEB liability (\$21,512,504) and OPEB expense (\$90,654) as determined by an actuarial valuation. The liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 for the reporting period of June 30, 2025.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability: A change in assumptions can have a large effect on the estimated OPEB obligation. A decrease of 1% in the 7% discount rate used to calculate future costs would increase the District's share of OPEB liability to \$24,512,504, while an increase of 1% would reduce the District's share of OPEB liability to \$18,442,092. A decrease of 1% in the current healthcare cost trend rate would reduce the District's share of OPEB liability to \$18,091,941, while an increase of 1% would increase the District's share of OPEB liability to \$25,072,085.

Collective OPEB Plan liability and expense: The Plan's collective net OPEB liability is \$861,332,701 and total OPEB expense for the year is \$16,076,908.

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11. Other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan (continued):

Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefit Fund (continued) -

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs: The total OPEB liability used the actuarial assumptions detailed below, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

Salary increase rate	Varies by age
Discount rate	8.1%
Healthcare cost trend rates	8.44% Non-Medicare 5.5% Medicare \$300 Comprehensive and JY Plan 4.50% Medicare VSTRS 65
Retiree Contributions	Equal to health trend
Mortality tables	Various PubT-2010, and PubNS-2010 tables using Scale MP-2021
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal, Level Percentage of Pay
Asset valuation method	Market value

12. Fund balances:

The Other Special Revenue Fund reported \$84,466 in restricted fund balance relating to the District's Afterschool Program, \$29,035 in restricted fund balance from donations and grants for the benefit of the Spaulding High School and related Spaulding High School Programs, \$22,493 in restricted fund balance from donations and grants for the benefit of the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School and related programs, and \$78,451 in restricted fund balance from donations and grants for the benefit of the Barre City Elementary and Middle School and related programs.

The Capital Projects Fund reported \$955,501 in voter committed fund balance for future capital projects and \$126,523 in board assigned fund balance for future capital projects.

13. Central Vermont Career Center School District:

On March 1, 2022, the 18 sending school towns (Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Cabot, Calais, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Fayston, Marshfield, Montpelier, Moretown, Plainfield, Roxbury, Rumney, Waitsfield, Warren, Waterbury, Worcester) voted in support of the creation of the Central Vermont Career Center School District (CVCCSD). This means that CVCCSD became independently run effective July 1, 2022. CVCCSD continues to lease the current space from the District and contracts for certain services offered by the District. The prior Central Vermont Career Center Director became the Superintendent of CVCCSD and the CVCCSD board is composed of appointed and elected members. The CVCCSD board establishes policies and procedures and provides oversight for the Central Vermont Career Center (CVCC) including programming and budgeting among other functions.

District management has closed out the Adult Education Fund, and Building Trades Fund, as a result of the formation of the CVCCSD discussed previously. There was no reportable business-type activity for the period ended June 30, 2025.

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14. Restatements:

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the following restatements were made to fund balances and net position as of June 30, 2024:

Reporting Units affected by Restatements of Beginning Balance

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Government-Wide</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
June 30, 2024, as previously reported	\$ 797,898	\$ 25,295,116	
Overstatement of expenditures and accounts payable	<u>29,858</u>	<u>29,858</u>	
June 30, 2024, as restated	<u>\$ 827,756</u>	<u>\$ 25,324,974</u>	

15. Subsequent events:

The District has evaluated subsequent events through March 19, 2026, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
NET PENSION LIABILITY
VMERS
JUNE 30, 2025**

Schedule 1

	June 30, <u>2025</u>	June 30, <u>2024</u>	June 30, <u>2023</u>	June 30, <u>2022</u>	June 30, <u>2021</u>	June 30, <u>2020</u>	June 30, <u>2019</u>	June 30, <u>2018</u>	June 30, <u>2017</u>	June 30, <u>2016</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.5267%	0.5674%	0.5591%	0.5403%	0.5906%	0.5338%	0.4341%	0.4872%	0.5262%	0.5270%
District's proportionate share of the netpension liability	\$ 1,749,574	\$ 1,817,267	\$ 1,696,185	\$ 795,230	\$ 1,494,118	\$ 926,153	\$ 610,788	\$ 590,319	\$ 677,252	\$ 406,308
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,853,324	\$ 2,642,846	\$ 2,529,712	\$ 2,297,857	\$ 2,158,848	\$ 2,383,926	\$ 1,990,900	\$ 1,218,892	\$ 1,407,752	\$ 1,424,312
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	61.317%	68.762%	67.051%	34.607%	69.209%	38.850%	30.679%	48.431%	48.109%	28.527%
VMERS net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.22%	74.01%	73.60%	86.29%	74.52%	80.35%	82.60%	83.64%	80.95%	87.42%

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
VMERS
JUNE 30, 2025**

Schedule 2

	June 30, <u>2025</u>	June 30, <u>2024</u>	June 30, <u>2023</u>	June 30, <u>2022</u>	June 30, <u>2021</u>	June 30, <u>2020</u>	June 30, <u>2019</u>	June 30, <u>2018</u>	June 30, <u>2017</u>	June 30, <u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 196,843	\$ 173,509	\$ 161,722	\$ 139,458	\$ 120,570	\$ 120,273	\$ 102,567	\$ 65,976	\$ 79,571	\$ 79,981
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>196,843</u>	<u>173,509</u>	<u>161,722</u>	<u>139,458</u>	<u>120,570</u>	<u>120,273</u>	<u>102,567</u>	<u>65,976</u>	<u>79,571</u>	<u>79,981</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,853,324	\$ 2,642,846	\$ 2,529,712	\$ 2,297,857	\$ 2,158,848	\$ 2,383,926	\$ 1,990,900	\$ 1,218,892	\$ 1,407,752	\$ 1,424,312
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.899%	6.565%	6.393%	6.069%	5.585%	5.045%	5.152%	5.413%	5.652%	5.615%

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

The Board of Education
Barre Unified Union School District #97

We were engaged to audit, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Barre Unified Union School District #97 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 2026. Our report qualifies an opinion on the governmental activities because the District was unable to provide sufficient appropriate evidence to the auditors for capital assets and compensated absences testing.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-1 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-2, to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

In connection with our engagement to audit the financial statements of the District, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, if the scope of our work had been sufficient to enable us to express unmodified opinions on the basic financial statements, instances of noncompliance or other matters may have been identified and reported herein.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's responses to the findings identified in our engagement and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the engagement to audit the financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

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

Montpelier, Vermont
March 19, 2026

Margaret Bennett 9
Shoshanna, P.L.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

The Board of Education
Barre Unified Union School District #97

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Barre Unified Union School District #97's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 2026, which contained a qualified opinion on the governmental activities on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Montpelier, Vermont
March 19, 2026

Margaret Bennett
Grant Wilson, P.C.

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor <u>Program Title</u>	Assistance <u>Listing</u>	Pass-Through Entity Identifying <u>Number</u>	Passed Through to <u>Subrecipients</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture:				
Passed through Vermont Agency of Education -				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	4452U0972500	\$ -	\$ 235,400
National School Lunch Program	10.555	4456U0972500	-	96,565
National School Lunch Program	10.555	4450U0972500	-	736,514
Total National School Lunch Program			-	833,079
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	4455U0972500	-	71,656
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	4449U0972500	-	50,000
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	1,190,135
Passed through Action for Healthy Kids -				
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants				
Limited Availability	10.579		-	18,364
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	1,208,499
U.S. Department of Education:				
Passed through Vermont Agency of Education -				
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	4226U0972501	-	905,000
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	4228U0972501	-	23,465
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			-	928,465
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	4250U0972501	-	1,149,826
School Safety National Activities	84.184	S184S240005	-	128,152
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	4651U0972501	-	204,603
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	4570U0972501	-	325,501
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	4599U0972101	-	1,472,927
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425W	4604U0972201	-	12,622
Education Stabilization Fund	84.425W	4604U0972202	-	6,557
Total Education Stabilization Fund			-	1,492,106
Total U.S. Department of Education			-	4,228,653

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor <u>Program Title</u>	Assistance <u>Listing</u>	Pass-Through Entity Identifying <u>Number</u>	Passed Through to <u>Subrecipients</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of the Defense:				
Direct -				
Junior ROTC - Salary Assistance	12.U01		<u>-</u>	<u>97,515</u>
Total U.S. Department of Defense			<u>-</u>	<u>97,515</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:				
Passed through Vermont Agency of Human Services -				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	03420-09763	<u>-</u>	<u>64,100</u>
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significanc	93.243	SM-23-001	<u>-</u>	<u>20,074</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>-</u>	<u>84,174</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security:				
Passed through Vermont Department of Public Safety -				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	02140-84720-008	-	6,368
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	02140-84810-009	<u>-</u>	<u>142,871</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>-</u>	<u>149,239</u>
Total federal award expenditures			\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>5,768,080</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2025

1. Basis of presentation:

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in financial position, or cash flows of the District.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the 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. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. The District has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance.

3. Subrecipients:

The District did not provide any federal awards to subrecipients during the year ended June 30, 2025.

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

A. Summary of Auditor's Results:

Financial Statements -

Type of auditor's report issued: Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes; 2025-1
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes; 2025-2

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? *No*

Federal Awards -

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None reported*

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516 (a)? *No*

Identification of major programs:

- *U.S. Department of Education:
Assistance Listing 84.010 - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies*
- *U.S. Department of Education:
Assistance Listing 84.424 - Title IV-A Student Support & Academic Enrichment*
- *U.S. Department of Education:
Assistance Listing 84.027, 84.173 - IDEA (Special Education Cluster)*

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: *\$750,000*

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? *No*

B. Audit Findings - Financial Statements:

2025-1 Material Weakness -Accounting records not available for audit:

Condition - The District's staff was unable to provide the auditors with requested financial information related to the capital assets and accrued compensation. Auditors were not able to completely test items that may have resulted in additional capital assets or accrued compensation liabilities. This scope limitation resulted in an Audit Report with a qualified opinion for the governmental activities.

Criteria - Auditing Standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* requires auditors to obtain evidence to support the basis for the auditor's conclusion. Because the additional evidence for capital assets and accrued compensation was not obtained and tested, the Auditors' Report is a qualified opinion because of the scope limitation.

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

B. Audit findings - financial statements (continued):

Cause - The Districts' Assistant Business Manager has been responsible for the audit workpapers in prior years. However, the Assistant Business Manager left just before commencement of the audit and did not prepare the necessary documentation. Management shifted responsibilities among the remaining business office team members, creating confusion and a stressful environment.

Effect - The auditors made several attempts and requests to obtain the desired audit information. Staff did not understand or ignored the repeated requests and uploaded information that was not relevant or useful. This created additional time and delay of the audit reports.

Recommendation - We recommend that the District hire an individual that may assist staff with financial reporting, schedule preparation and audit support.

Management's response - Management acknowledges the challenges encountered during the audit process and agrees with the recommendation. The District experienced an unexpected transition when the Assistant Business Manager, who had historically prepared the majority of audit workpapers and supporting schedules, left the organization just prior to the commencement of the audit. As a result, responsibilities for audit preparation were redistributed among the remaining business office staff while also maintaining daily operational responsibilities. During the audit process, the District also worked with two new members of the audit team who were becoming familiar with the District's systems and documentation practices. This contributed to additional clarification requests and delays as both parties worked to identify the information needed to support the audit procedures. Management appreciates the auditors' patience throughout this process and recognizes the importance of maintaining organized documentation and clearly assigned audit preparation responsibilities. The District agrees that additional accounting support is needed to assist with financial reporting, preparation of audit schedules, and coordination of future audits.

2025-2 Significant Deficiency - Incomplete Bank Reconciliations:

Condition - The June 30, 2025 bank reconciliations had several significant variances. Nine adjustments and one reclassification adjustment were made to the cash accounts after the start of the audit field work in October 2025.

Criteria - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that cash is reconciled to bank statements and any variances identified and corrected by the entity.

Cause - The Districts' Assistant Business Manager had been responsible for many of the bank reconciliations. With the Assistant Business Manager leaving just before commencement of the audit, the June 30, 2025 bank reconciliations were not completed or reviewed.

Effect - The auditors worked on the audit with staff over several months to obtain adjustments for the cash accounts.

Recommendation - We recommend that the District hire an individual that may assist staff with bank reconciliations.

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #97
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

B. Audit findings - financial statements (continued):

Management's response - Management acknowledges the deficiency noted in the completion and review of bank reconciliations as of June 30, 2025. Historically, the Assistant Business Manager was responsible for completing the District's bank reconciliations. The departure of this individual immediately prior to the audit created a gap in responsibilities during a period when the remaining business office staff were managing multiple operational and reporting obligations. Following the identification of variances during the audit process, District staff worked collaboratively with the auditors over several months to review the reconciliations and make the necessary adjustments to ensure the accuracy of the cash balances reported in the financial statements. Management agrees with the recommendation that additional accounting support would strengthen the District's ability to complete reconciliations and provide appropriate oversight. The District is evaluating staffing and structural solutions to ensure that bank reconciliations are completed, reviewed, and documented in a timely manner moving forward.

C. Audit Findings - Federal Awards:

There were no federal awards audit findings identified for the year ended June 30, 2025.

**STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025**

There are no prior audit findings applicable to this auditee.