SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6
SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

Year Ended
June 30, 2023

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

School Board and Administration
Year Ended June 30, 2023

SCHOOL BOARD

	Board Position
John Raasch	Chair
Monica Weber	Vice Chair
Nikki Laliberte	Clerk
Anne Claflin	Treasurer
Tim Felton	Director
Wendy Felton	Director
Vacant	Director

ADMINISTRATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the School Board and Management of
Special School District No. 6
South St. Paul, Minnesota

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OPINIONS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Special School District No. 6 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

BASIS FOR OPINIONS

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 1 of the notes to basic financial statements, in fiscal 2023, the District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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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 12 months beyond the financial statements 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information (RSI), as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the 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 RSI 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 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The accompanying Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) Compliance Table is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Minnesota Department of Education, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the District. 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 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and the UFARS Compliance Table are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

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PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

We have previously audited the District's 2022 financial statements, and we expressed unmodified audit opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information in our report dated September 30, 2022. In our opinion, the partial comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 4, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 4, 2023

This section of Special School District No. 6's (the District) annual financial statements presents management's narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the other components of the District's annual financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2023 by $4,074,061 (net position deficit). The District's total net position increased by $14,252,893 compared to the prior year, which includes an increase for a change in accounting principle discussed below.

- Government-wide revenues totaled $55,559,488 and were $14,141,628 more than expenses of $41,417,860.

- The District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, which increased beginning net position by $111,265. This change is further described in Note 1 of the notes to basic financial statements.

- The General Fund's total fund balance (under the governmental fund presentation) increased by $1,420,874 from the prior year, compared to an increase of $359,465 planned in the budget.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of the annual financial statements consists of the following parts:

- Independent Auditor's Report;
- Management's discussion and analysis;
- Basic financial statements, including the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to basic financial statements;
- Required supplementary information; and
- Supplementary information consisting of combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules.

The following explains the two types of statements included in the basic financial statements:

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes *all* of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are indicators of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

- To assess the overall health of the District requires consideration of additional nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements the District's activities are all shown in one category titled "governmental activities." These activities, including regular and special education instruction, transportation, administration, food service, and community education, are primarily financed with state aids and property taxes.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's *funds*, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds, rather than the District as a whole. Funds (Food Service Special Revenue and Community Service Special Revenue) that do not meet the threshold to be classified as major funds are called nonmajor funds. Detailed financial information for nonmajor funds can be found in the supplementary information section.

Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. For Minnesota schools, funds are established in accordance with Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards in accordance with statutory requirements and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District can establish other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain revenues.

The District maintains the following types of funds:

Governmental Funds – The District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on: 1) how *cash and other financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed *short-term* view that helps to determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide financial statements, we provide additional information (reconciliation schedules) immediately following the governmental fund financial statements that explain the relationship (or differences) between these two types of financial statement presentations.

Proprietary Funds – The District maintains one type of proprietary fund. The internal service funds are used as an accounting device to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the District's various functions. The District uses its internal service funds to account for the self-insurance activities of district employees' dental and medical claims, and its other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liabilities. These services have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary fund financial statements provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Table 1 is a summarized view of the District's Statement of Net Position:

Table 1
Summary Statement of Net Position
as of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current and other assets	$ 46,362,676	$ 38,919,717
Capital assets, net of depreciation/amortization	39,692,675	40,748,697
Total assets	$ 86,055,351	$ 79,668,414
Deferred outflows of resources		
Pension plan deferments	$ 9,535,752	$ 10,608,390
OPEB plan deferments	418,699	474,413
Total deferred outflows of resources	$ 9,954,451	$ 11,082,803
Liabilities		
Current and other liabilities	$ 5,988,671	$ 6,152,150
Long-term liabilities, including due within one year	66,409,541	56,161,178
Total liabilities	$ 72,398,212	$ 62,313,328
Deferred inflows of resources		
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	$ 14,641,887	$ 10,636,018
Pension plan deferments	8,961,442	33,401,745
OPEB plan deferments	4,082,322	2,727,080
Total deferred inflows of resources	$ 27,685,651	$ 46,764,843
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	$ 12,090,957	$ 10,645,136
Restricted	4,990,571	4,022,170
Unrestricted	(21,155,589)	(32,994,260)
Total net position	$ (4,074,061)	$ (18,326,954)

The District's financial position is the product of many factors. For example, the determination of the District's net investment in capital assets involves many assumptions and estimates, such as current and accumulated depreciation and amortization amounts. A conservative versus liberal approach to depreciation and amortization estimates, as well as capitalization policies, will produce a significant difference in the calculated amounts. Another major factor in determining net position as compared to fund balances are the liabilities for long-term pension, OPEB, and compensated absences, which impact the unrestricted portion of net position.

The District's increase in net investment in capital assets is due mostly to the relationship between the rate at which the District's capital assets are being added, depreciated/amortized, and how that compares to the rate at which the District is repaying the debt issued to purchase or construct those assets. The District's increase in net position restricted for capital asset acquisition, debt service, food service, community service, and other state funding restrictions contributed to the change in restricted net position. The change in the District's share of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) pension plans contributed to the change in deferred outflows, long-term liabilities, deferred inflows, and unrestricted net position. Positive operations in the General Fund and in self-insured activities also contributed to the increase in unrestricted net position.

Table 2 presents a summarized version of the District's Statement of Activities:

Table 2
Summary Statement of Activities
for the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

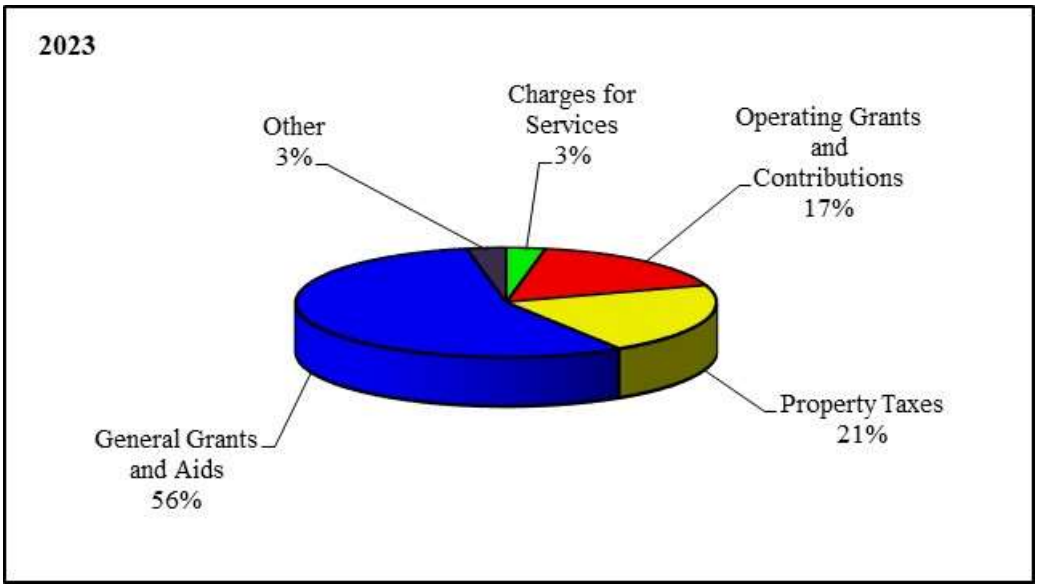
	2023	2022
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	$ 1,935,859	$ 1,344,383
Operating grants and contributions	9,511,041	9,972,164
General revenues		
Property taxes	11,448,061	11,350,714
General grants and aids	31,261,422	31,249,407
Other	1,403,105	293,120
Total revenues	55,559,488	54,209,788
Expenses		
Administration	1,118,524	1,260,499
District support services	2,399,481	2,170,865
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,719,694	18,216,885
Vocational education instruction	139,854	157,676
Special education instruction	6,964,002	7,677,928
Instructional support services	2,623,095	3,136,782
Pupil support services	3,034,585	3,100,032
Sites and buildings	4,722,976	4,435,491
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	296,544	268,937
Food service	2,041,581	1,999,919
Community service	1,918,753	1,928,293
Depreciation/amortization not allocated to other functions	1,478,380	1,439,096
Interest and fiscal charges	960,391	988,717
Total expenses	41,417,860	46,781,120
Change in net position	14,141,628	7,428,668
Net position – beginning, as previously reported	(18,326,954)	(25,755,622)
Change in accounting principle	111,265	–
Net position – beginning, restated	(18,215,689)	(25,755,622)
Net position – ending	$ (4,074,061)	$ (18,326,954)

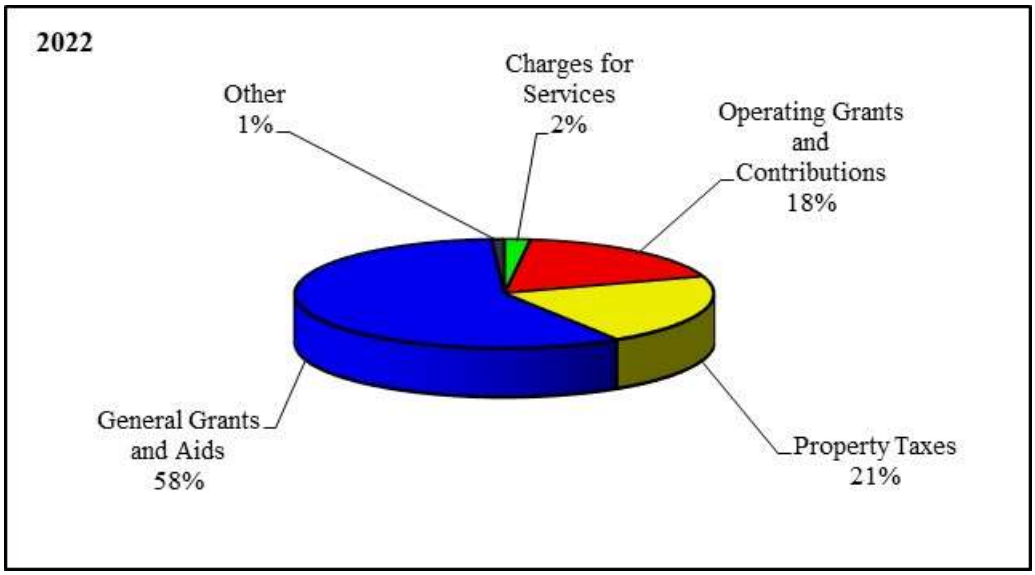
This table is presented on an accrual basis of accounting, and it includes all of the governmental activities of the District. This statement includes depreciation and amortization expense, but excludes capital asset purchase costs, debt proceeds, and the repayment of debt principal.

Revenues increased by $1,349,700, in the current year. The largest increase was in "other" sources, as presented in the table above. This increase in other revenues was largely in investment income with improved returns and market conditions in the District's revocable OPEB trust. Expenses were down compared to the prior year, due primarily to changes in state-wide pension plans.

Figure A shows further analysis of these revenue sources:

Figure A – Sources of Revenues for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2022



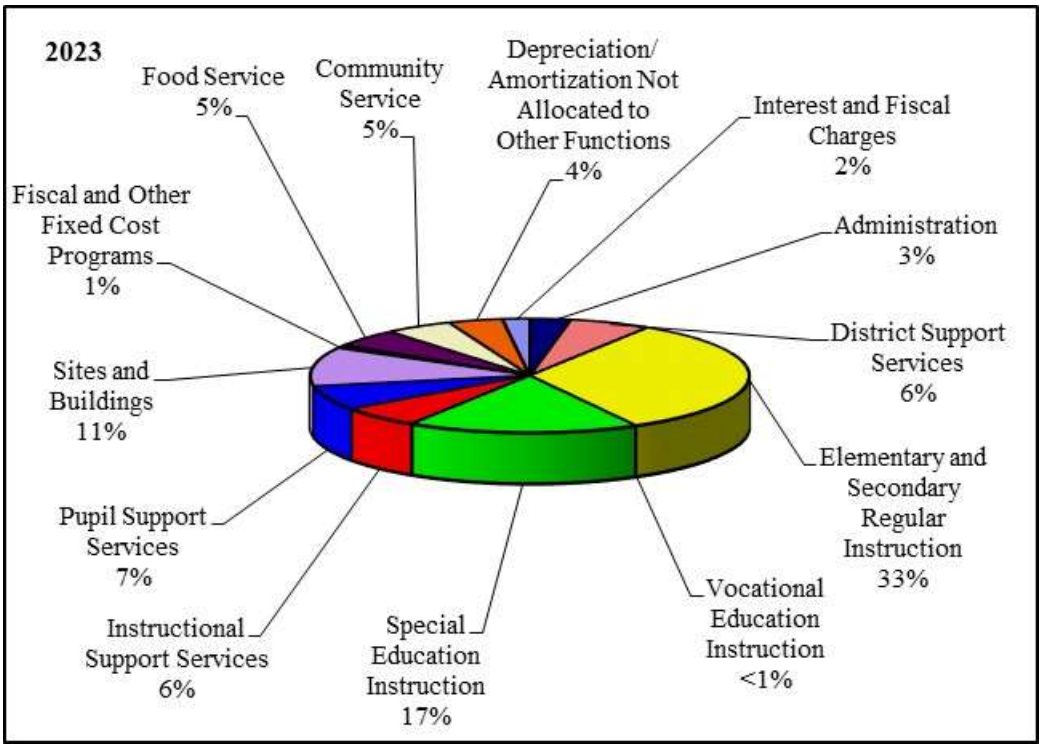


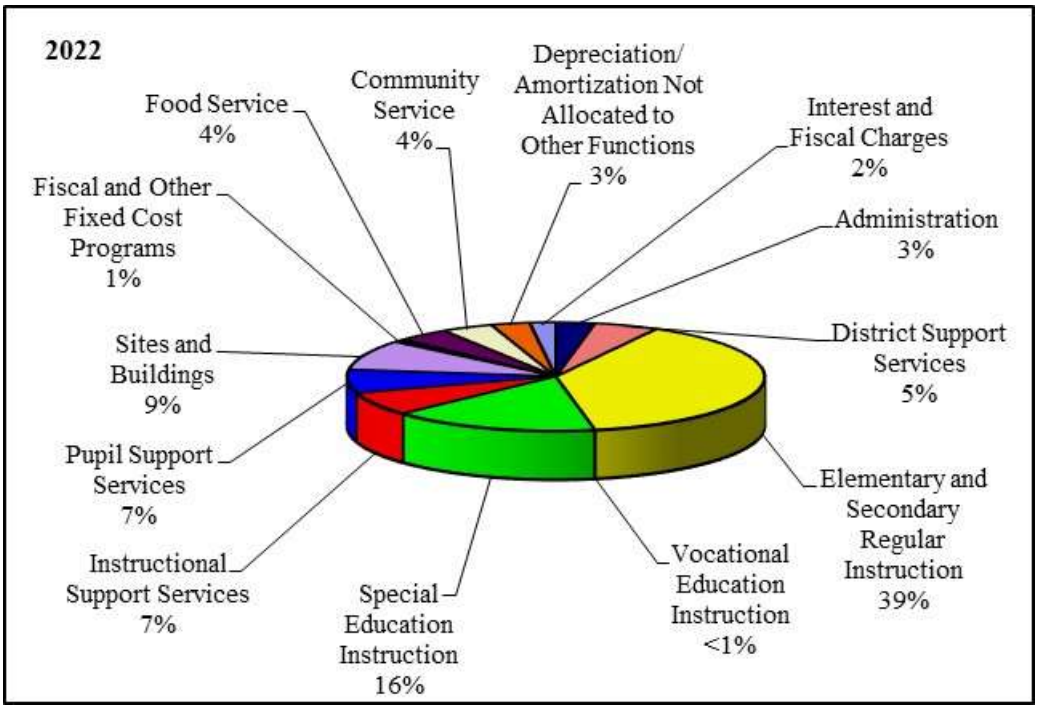
The largest share of the District's revenue is received from the state, including the general education aid formula and most of the operating grants.

Property taxes are generally the next largest source of funding. The level of revenue property tax sources provide is not only dependent on district taxpayers by way of operating and building referenda, but also by decisions made by the Legislature in the mix of state aid and local effort in a variety of funding formulas.

Figure B shows further analysis of these expense functions:

Figure B – Expenses for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2022





The District's expenses are predominately related to educating students. Programs (or functions), such as elementary and secondary regular instruction, vocational education instruction, special education instruction, and instructional support services, are directly related to classroom instruction, while the rest of the programs support instruction and other necessary costs to operate the District. The shift in expenses between programs and the decrease in elementary and secondary regular instruction when compared to prior year was largely due to changes in the TRA state-wide pension plan obligations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The financial performance of the District is also reflected in its governmental funds. Table 3 shows the change in total fund balances of each of the District's governmental funds:

Table 3
Governmental Fund Balances
as of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022	Change
Major funds			
General	$ 9,689,470	$ 8,268,596	$ 1,420,874
Debt Service	841,031	736,221	104,810
Nonmajor funds			
Food Service Special Revenue	864,943	822,309	42,634
Community Service Special Revenue	728,068	549,213	178,855
Total governmental funds	$ 12,123,512	$ 10,376,339	$ 1,747,173

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as they represent the portion of fund balance, which has not yet been limited to use for a particular purpose by either an external party, the District itself, or a group or individual that has been delegated authority to assign resources for use for particular purposes by the District's School Board.

At June 30, 2023, the District's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of $12,123,512, an increase of $1,747,173 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 40.1 percent of this amount ($4,866,864) constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance is either nonspendable, restricted, or assigned to indicate that it is: 1) not in spendable form ($13,875), 2) restricted for particular purposes ($5,427,901), or 3) assigned for particular purposes ($1,814,872).

Changes in the table above are discussed on the following pages.

ANALYSIS OF THE GENERAL FUND

Table 4 summarizes the amendments to the General Fund budget:

Table 4
General Fund
Budget

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Change	Percent Change
Revenue	$ 45,715,777	$ 46,495,449	$ 779,672	1.7%
Expenditures	$ 45,597,467	$ 46,135,984	$ 538,517	1.2%

The District is required to adopt an operating budget prior to the beginning of its fiscal year, referred to above as the original budget. During the year, the District amended the budget for known significant changes in circumstances, such as: updated enrollment estimates, legislative changes, additional funding received from grants or other local sources, staffing changes, employee contract settlements, insurance premium changes, special education tuition changes, or for new debt issued.

Table 5 summarizes the operating results of the General Fund:

Table 5
General Fund
Operating Results

		Over (Under) Final Budget		Over (Under) Prior Year	
	2023 Actual	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Revenue	$ 47,332,848	$ 837,399	1.8%	$ 627,703	1.3%
Expenditures	45,911,974	(224,010)	(0.5%)	307,754	0.7%
Excess of revenue over expenditures	1,420,874	1,061,409		319,949	
Other financing sources	–	–		(1,027,248)	
Net change in fund balances	$ 1,420,874	$ 1,061,409		$ (707,299)	

The fund balance of the General Fund increased $1,420,874, compared to an increase of $359,465 approved in the final budget.

Several sources contributed to the favorable revenue variance over the amended projection. Property taxes and other local sources (including investment earnings) were over budget by $191,893 and $822,385, respectively. State sources were over budget by $57,575, while federal sources were less than projections by $234,454. The favorable variance in revenues was largely due to conservative budgeting and improved investment earnings. The increase in total revenue was largely in investment earnings and in state sources with more compensatory funding recognized in the current year.

General Fund expenditures were close to budget, as seen in the previous table, with the variance spread across several programs and object categories. Expenditures increased from the prior year, with the majority of the increase in purchased services, as anticipated in the approved budget.

Other financing sources were down compared to the prior year. The District reported proceeds from the sale of capital assets last year that did not occur in the current year.

COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN OTHER FUNDS

Debt Service Fund

The funding of debt service is controlled in accordance with each outstanding debt issue's financing plan. Debt Service Fund revenues and other financing sources exceeded expenditures and other financing uses by $104,810 in the current year. The year-end fund balance of $841,031 at June 30, 2023 is available for meeting future debt service obligations. During fiscal 2023, the District issued refunding bonds that were used to call outstanding bonds in the current year, in order to reduce future debt levies.

Other Governmental Funds

The Food Service Special Revenue Fund ended the year with revenues exceeding expenditures, increasing equity by $42,634, compared to a planned fund balance reduction of $7,536.

The Community Service Special Revenue Fund ended the year with revenues exceeding expenditures, increasing equity by $178,855, compared to a planned fund balance increase of $209,400.

Internal Service Funds

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods and services provided by one department or agency of a government to other departments or agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis. The District currently maintains internal service funds to account for the District's self-insured dental plan, the District's self-insured medical plan, and for the District's OPEB obligations.

The combined total net position balance for the internal service funds as of June 30, 2023 was $4,928,109. Current year operations increased net position by $2,211,046, mainly in the Medical Self-Insurance Fund and Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Capital Assets

Table 6 shows the District's capital assets, together with changes from the previous year. The table also shows the total depreciation/amortization expense for fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Table 6
Capital Assets

	2023	2022	Change
Land	$ 1,646,893	$ 1,646,893	$ –
Buildings	56,174,515	56,096,093	78,422
Building improvements	6,360,654	6,360,654	–
Furniture and equipment	5,653,386	5,551,879	101,507
Technology subscriptions	242,429	–	242,429
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization	(30,385,202)	(28,906,822)	(1,478,380)
Total	$ 39,692,675	$ 40,748,697	$ (1,056,022)
Depreciation/amortization expense	$ 1,478,380	$ 1,439,096	$ 39,284

By the end of 2023, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, athletic facilities, and other equipment for various instructional programs (see Table 6).

The changes presented in the table above reflect the ongoing activity and completion of projects at district sites during fiscal year 2023, including the capital spending in the General Fund.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96, as previously discussed, created a class of assets new to the District in the current year. The change includes the $111,265 change in accounting principle reported in the current year.

The District defines capital assets as those with an initial, individual cost of $3,000 or more, which benefit more than one fiscal year.

Additional details about capital assets can be found in the notes to basic financial statements.

Long-Term Liabilities

Table 7 illustrates the components of the District's long-term liabilities with changes from the prior year:

Table 7
Outstanding Long-Term Liabilities

	2023	2022	Change
General obligation bonds payable	$ 20,605,000	$ 23,015,000	$ (2,410,000)
Certificates of participation	4,450,000	4,745,000	(295,000)
Unamortized premium/discount	2,546,718	2,343,561	203,157
Financed purchase payable	85,201	169,446	(84,245)
Compensated absences payable	177,426	149,525	27,901
Net pension liability	33,109,388	18,499,627	14,609,761
Total OPEB liability	5,435,808	7,239,019	(1,803,211)
Total	$ 66,409,541	$ 56,161,178	$ 10,248,363

The decreases in bonds, certificates of participation, and financed purchase payable in the table above are primarily due to the planned repayment schedules reflecting principal payments during fiscal year 2023. As previously discussed, the District issued refunding bonds in the current year that were used to call outstanding bonds in advance of their original maturities to reduce future debt levies. The increase in unamortized premium was due to the new refunding bonds issued in the current year that were used to reduce outstanding principal on bonds payable.

The difference in the net pension liability reflects the change in the District's proportionate share of the state-wide pension obligations for the PERA and the TRA. The change in the total OPEB liability was due, in part, to assumption changes used to calculate this obligation.

The state limits the amount of general obligation debt the District can issue to 15.0 percent of the market value of all taxable property within the District's corporate limits (see Table 8):

Table 8
Limitations on Debt

District's market value	$ 2,243,349,825
Limit rate	15.0%
Legal debt limit	$ 336,502,474

Additional details of the District's long-term debt activity can be found in the notes to basic financial statements.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

With the exception of the voter-approved operating referendum, the District is dependent on the state of Minnesota for a majority of its revenue authority.

The general education program is the method by which school districts receive the majority of their financial support. This source of funding is primarily state aid and, as such, school districts rely heavily on the state of Minnesota for educational resources. The Legislature has added $275, or 4.00 percent, per pupil to the basic general education funding formula for fiscal year 2024, and an additional $143, or 2.00 percent, per pupil to the formula for fiscal year 2025.

The amount of funding a district receives is also dependent on the number of students it serves, meaning attracting and retaining students is critical to the District's financial well-being.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

These financial statements are designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact the Business Services Department, Special School District No. 6, 104 – 5th Avenue South, South St. Paul, Minnesota 55075.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Net Position
as of June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2022)

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 27,333,868	$ 22,002,272
Receivables		
Current taxes	8,542,930	6,708,925
Delinquent taxes	155,127	141,868
Accounts and interest	116,029	163,933
Due from other governmental units	5,482,970	5,303,539
Inventory	13,875	25,793
Restricted assets		
Cash and investments for OPEB	4,717,877	4,573,387
Capital assets		
Not depreciated/amortized	1,646,893	1,646,893
Depreciated/amortized, net	38,045,782	39,101,804
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	39,692,675	40,748,697
Total assets	86,055,351	79,668,414
Deferred outflows of resources		
Pension plan deferments	9,535,752	10,608,390
OPEB plan deferments	418,699	474,413
Total deferred outflows of resources	9,954,451	11,082,803
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	$ 96,009,802	$ 90,751,217
Liabilities		
Salaries payable	$ 2,674,119	$ 2,822,172
Accounts and contracts payable	973,082	1,003,807
Accrued interest payable	516,952	544,809
Due to other governmental units	501,042	375,240
Unearned revenue	906,810	1,112,178
Claims incurred, but not reported	416,666	293,944
Long-term liabilities		
Due within one year	3,381,810	2,891,044
Due in more than one year	63,027,731	53,270,134
Total long-term liabilities	66,409,541	56,161,178
Total liabilities	72,398,212	62,313,328
Deferred inflows of resources		
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	14,641,887	10,636,018
Pension plan deferments	8,961,442	33,401,745
OPEB plan deferments	4,082,322	2,727,080
Total deferred inflows of resources	27,685,651	46,764,843
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	12,090,957	10,645,136
Restricted for		
Capital asset acquisition	1,869,072	1,274,890
Debt service	384,896	255,396
Food service	864,943	822,309
Community service	732,998	553,936
Other purposes (state funding restrictions)	1,138,662	1,115,639
Unrestricted	(21,155,589)	(32,994,260)
Total net position	(4,074,061)	(18,326,954)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	$ 96,009,802	$ 90,751,217

See notes to basic financial statements

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

Functions/Programs	2023 Expenses	2023 Program Revenues: Charges for Services	2023 Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	2023 Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Governmental Activities	2022 Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Governmental Activities
Governmental activities					
Administration	$ 1,118,524	$ –	$ –	$ (1,118,524)	$ (1,260,499)
District support services	2,399,481	–	–	(2,399,481)	(2,170,865)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,719,694	535,483	630,925	(12,553,286)	(17,213,981)
Vocational education instruction	139,854	–	–	(139,854)	(157,676)
Special education instruction	6,964,002	167,819	6,091,765	(704,418)	(1,722,146)
Instructional support services	2,623,095	–	–	(2,623,095)	(3,136,782)
Pupil support services	3,034,585	–	57,011	(2,977,574)	(2,948,097)
Sites and buildings	4,722,976	48,454	–	(4,674,522)	(4,398,051)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	296,544	–	–	(296,544)	(268,937)
Food service	2,041,581	364,689	1,701,209	24,317	410,150
Community service	1,918,753	819,414	1,030,131	(69,208)	(169,876)
Depreciation/amortization not allocated to other functions	1,478,380	–	–	(1,478,380)	(1,439,096)
Interest and fiscal charges	960,391	–	–	(960,391)	(988,717)
Total governmental activities	$ 41,417,860	$ 1,935,859	$ 9,511,041	(29,970,960)	(35,464,573)
General revenues					
Taxes					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				7,911,050	7,757,253
Property taxes, levied for community service				514,983	597,941
Property taxes, levied for debt service				3,022,028	2,995,520
General grants and aids				31,261,422	31,249,407
Other general revenues				445,963	413,309
Gain on sale of capital assets				–	171,449
Investment earnings (charges)				957,142	(291,638)
Total general revenues				44,112,588	42,893,241
Change in net position				14,141,628	7,428,668
Net position – beginning, as previously reported				(18,326,954)	(25,755,622)
Change in accounting principle				111,265	–
Net position – beginning, restated				(18,215,689)	(25,755,622)
Net position – ending				$ (4,074,061)	$ (18,326,954)

See notes to basic financial statements

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
as of June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2022)

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Funds
Assets			
Cash and temporary investments	$ 12,888,468	$ 2,158,386	$ 1,977,382
Receivables			
Current taxes	6,374,533	1,919,029	249,368
Delinquent taxes	103,488	44,026	7,613
Accounts and interest	10,579	–	18,935
Due from other governmental units	5,292,268	–	190,702
Inventory	–	–	13,875
Total assets	$ 24,669,336	$ 4,121,441	$ 2,457,875
Liabilities			
Salaries payable	$ 2,614,781	$ –	$ 59,338
Accounts and contracts payable	930,221	–	42,861
Due to other governmental units	191,277	–	309,765
Unearned revenue	211,653	–	25,339
Total liabilities	3,947,932	–	437,303
Deferred inflows of resources			
Unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	65,090	27,998	4,930
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	10,966,844	3,252,412	422,631
Total deferred inflows of resources	11,031,934	3,280,410	427,561
Fund balances			
Nonspendable	–	–	13,875
Restricted	3,007,734	841,031	1,579,136
Assigned	1,814,872	–	–
Unassigned	4,866,864	–	–
Total fund balances	9,689,470	841,031	1,593,011
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 24,669,336	$ 4,121,441	$ 2,457,875

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Total Governmental Funds	
2023	2022
$ 17,024,236	$ 13,495,883
8,542,930	6,708,925
155,127	141,868
29,514	49,539
5,482,970	5,303,539
13,875	25,793
$ 31,248,652	$ 25,725,547
$ 2,674,119	$ 2,822,172
973,082	1,003,807
501,042	375,240
236,992	420,701
4,385,235	4,621,920
98,018	91,270
14,641,887	10,636,018
14,739,905	10,727,288
13,875	25,793
5,427,901	4,472,479
1,814,872	1,047,952
4,866,864	4,830,115
12,123,512	10,376,339
$ 31,248,652	$ 25,725,547

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the
Statement of Net Position
Governmental Funds
as of June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2022)

	2023	2022
Total fund balances – governmental funds	$ 12,123,512	$ 10,376,339
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets are included in net position, but are excluded from fund balances because they do not represent financial resources.		
Cost of capital assets	70,077,877	69,655,519
Accumulated depreciation/amortization	(30,385,202)	(28,906,822)
Long-term liabilities are included in net position, but are excluded from fund balances until due and payable. Debt issuance premiums and discounts are excluded from net position until amortized, but are included in fund balances upon issuance as other financing sources and uses.		
General obligation bonds payable	(20,605,000)	(23,015,000)
Certificates of participation	(4,450,000)	(4,745,000)
Unamortized premium/discount	(2,546,718)	(2,343,561)
Financed purchase payable	(85,201)	(169,446)
Compensated absences payable	(177,426)	(149,525)
Net pension liability	(33,109,388)	(18,499,627)
Accrued interest payable on long-term debt is included in net position, but is excluded from fund balances until due and payable.	(516,952)	(544,809)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in the governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.	4,928,109	2,717,063
The recognition of certain revenues and expenses/expenditures differ between the full accrual governmental activities financial statements and the modified accrual governmental fund financial statements.		
Deferred outflows of resources – pension plan deferments	9,535,752	10,608,390
Deferred inflows of resources – pension plan deferments	(8,961,442)	(33,401,745)
Deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	98,018	91,270
Total net position – governmental activities	$ (4,074,061)	$ (18,326,954)

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Funds
Revenue			
Local sources			
Property taxes	$ 7,905,472	$ 3,021,065	$ 514,776
Investment earnings	344,998	136,534	54,397
Other	1,197,719	–	1,184,103
State sources	33,952,732	–	1,030,606
Federal sources	3,931,927	–	1,700,734
Total revenue	47,332,848	3,157,599	4,484,616
Expenditures			
Current			
Administration	1,459,459	–	–
District support services	2,457,096	–	–
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	19,985,908	–	–
Vocational education instruction	201,508	–	–
Special education instruction	9,306,173	–	–
Instructional support services	3,392,309	–	–
Pupil support services	3,379,409	–	–
Sites and buildings	4,912,021	–	–
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	296,544	–	–
Food service	–	–	2,044,708
Community service	–	–	2,200,791
Capital outlay	–	–	17,628
Debt service			
Principal	379,245	1,855,000	–
Interest and fiscal charges	142,302	1,272,976	–
Total expenditures	45,911,974	3,127,976	4,263,127
Excess of revenue over expenditures	1,420,874	29,623	221,489
Other financing sources (uses)			
Refunding debt issued	–	9,365,000	–
Premium on issuance of debt	–	630,187	–
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	–	(9,920,000)	–
Insurance recovery	–	–	–
Sale of capital assets	–	–	–
Total other financing sources (uses)	–	75,187	–
Net change in fund balances	1,420,874	104,810	221,489
Fund balances			
Beginning of year	8,268,596	736,221	1,371,522
End of year	$ 9,689,470	$ 841,031	$ 1,593,011

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Total Governmental Funds	
2023	2022
$ 11,441,313	$ 11,351,035
535,929	21,782
2,381,822	1,725,333
34,983,338	34,591,525
5,632,661	6,786,649
54,975,063	54,476,324
1,459,459	1,604,709
2,457,096	2,381,164
19,985,908	20,350,908
201,508	178,954
9,306,173	8,683,754
3,392,309	3,520,581
3,379,409	3,242,525
4,912,021	4,849,740
296,544	268,937
2,044,708	2,086,892
2,200,791	2,112,752
17,628	43,095
2,234,245	2,340,533
1,415,278	1,275,614
53,303,077	52,940,158
1,671,986	1,536,166
9,365,000	12,610,000
630,187	2,177,044
(9,920,000)	(14,685,000)
–	32,359
–	994,889
75,187	1,129,292
1,747,173	2,665,458
10,376,339	7,710,881
$ 12,123,512	$ 10,376,339

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Reconciliation of the Statement of
Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
to the Statement of Activities
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023	2022
Total net change in fund balances – governmental funds	$ 1,747,173	$ 2,665,458
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are recorded as net position and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense. However, fund balances are reduced for the full cost of capital outlays at the time of purchase.		
Capital outlays	311,093	209,375
Depreciation/amortization expense	(1,478,380)	(1,439,096)
A gain or loss on the disposal of capital assets, including the difference between the carrying value and any related sale proceeds, is included in the change in net position. However, only the sale proceeds are included in the change in fund balances.	–	(823,440)
The amount of debt issued is reported in the governmental funds as a source of financing. Debt obligations are not revenues in the Statement of Activities, but rather constitute long-term liabilities.	(9,365,000)	(12,610,000)
Repayment of long-term debt does not affect the change in net position. However, it reduces fund balances.		
General obligation bonds payable	11,775,000	16,660,000
Certificates of participation	295,000	285,000
Financed purchase payable	84,245	80,533
Debt issuance premiums and discounts are included in the change in net position as they are amortized over the life of the debt. However, they are included in the change in fund balances upon issuance as other financing sources and uses.	(203,157)	(1,807,252)
Certain expenses are included in the change in net position, but do not require the use of current funds, and are not included in the change in fund balances.		
Compensated absences payable	(27,901)	93,661
Severance benefits payable	–	97,681
Net pension liability	(14,609,761)	14,093,794
Interest on long-term debt is included in the change in net position as it accrues, regardless of when payment is due. However, it is included in the change in fund balances when due.	27,857	(82,895)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities to individual funds. The change in net position of the internal service funds is included in the governmental activities in the Statement of Activities.	2,211,046	1,389,759
The recognition of certain revenues and expenses/expenditures differ between the full accrual governmental activities financial statements and the modified accrual governmental fund financial statements.		
Deferred outflows of resources – pension plan deferments	(1,072,638)	(2,680,758)
Deferred inflows of resources – pension plan deferments	24,440,303	(8,702,831)
Deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	6,748	(321)
Change in net position – governmental activities	$ 14,141,628	$ 7,428,668

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			Over (Under)
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenue				
Local sources				
Property taxes	$ 7,713,579	$ 7,713,579	$ 7,905,472	$ 191,893
Investment earnings	–	–	344,998	344,998
Other	720,332	720,332	1,197,719	477,387
State sources	33,475,754	33,895,157	33,952,732	57,575
Federal sources	3,806,112	4,166,381	3,931,927	(234,454)
Total revenue	45,715,777	46,495,449	47,332,848	837,399
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	1,434,176	1,430,176	1,459,459	29,283
District support services	2,092,300	2,785,806	2,457,096	(328,710)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	20,197,815	20,133,099	19,985,908	(147,191)
Vocational education instruction	166,881	183,313	201,508	18,195
Special education instruction	9,008,203	9,008,203	9,306,173	297,970
Instructional support services	3,768,748	3,466,731	3,392,309	(74,422)
Pupil support services	3,280,176	3,280,176	3,379,409	99,233
Sites and buildings	4,800,620	4,869,932	4,912,021	42,089
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	327,000	457,000	296,544	(160,456)
Debt service				
Principal	379,245	379,245	379,245	–
Interest and fiscal charges	142,303	142,303	142,302	(1)
Total expenditures	45,597,467	46,135,984	45,911,974	(224,010)
Net change in fund balances	$ 118,310	$ 359,465	1,420,874	$ 1,061,409
Fund balances				
Beginning of year			8,268,596	
End of year			$ 9,689,470	

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Net Position
Internal Service Funds
as of June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information as of June 30, 2022)

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 10,309,632	$ 8,506,389
Receivables		
Accounts and interest	86,515	114,394
Total current assets	10,396,147	8,620,783
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted assets		
Investments	4,717,877	4,573,387
Total assets	15,114,024	13,194,170
Deferred outflows of resources		
OPEB plan deferments	418,699	474,413
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Unearned revenue	669,818	691,477
Claims incurred, but not reported	416,666	293,944
Total OPEB liability	514,183	508,224
Total current liabilities	1,600,667	1,493,645
Noncurrent liabilities		
Total OPEB liability (net of current portion)	4,921,625	6,730,795
Total liabilities	6,522,292	8,224,440
Deferred inflows of resources		
OPEB plan deferments	4,082,322	2,727,080
Net position		
Unrestricted	$ 4,928,109	$ 2,717,063

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Internal Service Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023	2022
Operating revenue		
Contributions from governmental funds	$ 7,399,833	$ 7,435,671
Operating expenses		
Dental benefit claims	289,434	270,948
Medical benefit claims	5,499,654	5,187,546
OPEB	(179,088)	273,998
Total operating expenses	5,610,000	5,732,492
Operating income	1,789,833	1,703,179
Nonoperating revenue		
Investment earnings (charges)	421,213	(313,420)
Change in net position	2,211,046	1,389,759
Net position		
Beginning of year	2,717,063	1,327,304
End of year	$ 4,928,109	$ 2,717,063

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Statement of Cash Flows
Internal Service Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Partial Comparative Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Received from assessments made to other funds	$ 7,406,053	$ 7,287,705
Payment for dental claims	(290,051)	(266,926)
Payment for medical claims	(5,376,315)	(5,196,262)
Post-employment benefit payments	(213,167)	(240,986)
Net cash flows from operating activities	1,526,520	1,583,531
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		
Cash received from other funds	–	164,558
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(144,490)	(357,212)
Sale of investments	–	269,134
Interest on investments	421,213	99,564
Net cash flows from investing activities	276,723	11,486
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,803,243	1,759,575
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of year	8,506,389	6,746,814
End of year	$ 10,309,632	$ 8,506,389
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash flows from operating activities		
Operating income	$ 1,789,833	$ 1,703,179
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to cash flows from operating activities		
Changes in assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows		
Accounts and interest receivable	27,879	(50,897)
Prepaid items	–	60,432
Deferred outflows – OPEB plan deferments	55,714	(80,389)
Unearned revenue	(21,659)	(97,069)
Claims incurred, but not reported	122,722	(65,126)
Total OPEB liability	(1,803,211)	472,703
Deferred inflows – OPEB plan deferments	1,355,242	(359,302)
Net cash flows from operating activities	$ 1,526,520	$ 1,583,531

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization

Special School District No. 6 (the District) was formed and operates pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and statutes. The District is governed by a School Board elected by voters of the District. The District's financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements include all funds, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and other organizations that comprise the District, along with any component units.

Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (primary government) is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. The criteria used to determine if the primary government is financially accountable for a component unit includes whether or not the primary government appoints the voting majority of the potential component unit's governing body, is able to impose its will on the potential component unit, is in a relationship of financial benefit or burden with the potential component unit, or is fiscally depended upon by the potential component unit. Based on these criteria, there are no organizations considered to be component units of the District.

C. Government-Wide Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District. Generally, the effect of material interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. Transactions representing interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the consolidation process to the government-wide financial statements.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other internally directed revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are generally recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied, except for amounts advance recognized in accordance with a statutory "tax shift" described later in these notes. Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

For capital assets that can be specifically identified with, or allocated to functional areas, depreciation/amortization expense is included as a direct expense in the functional areas that utilize the related capital assets. For capital assets that essentially serve all functional areas, depreciation/amortization expense is reported as "depreciation/amortization not allocated to other functions." Interest is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

D. Fund Financial Statement Presentation

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Aggregated information for the remaining nonmajor governmental funds is reported in a single column in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, transactions are recorded in the following manner:

1. **Revenue Recognition** – Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction 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. For this purpose, the District generally considers revenues, including property taxes, to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to funding formulas established by Minnesota Statutes. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

2. **Recording of Expenditures** – Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt and other long-term obligations, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as capital outlay expenditures in the governmental funds. In the General Fund, capital outlay expenditures are included within the applicable functional areas.

The proprietary (internal service funds) are presented in the proprietary fund financial statements. Because the principal users of internal services are the District's governmental activities, the internal service funds are consolidated into the governmental activities column when presented in the government-wide financial statements. The cost of these services is reported in the appropriate functional activity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the District's Internal Service Fund is charges to customers (other district funds) for services. Operating expenses for the Internal Service Fund include the cost of providing the services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as described earlier in these notes.

Description of Funds

The existence of the various district funds has been established by the Minnesota Department of Education. Each fund is accounted for as an independent entity. Descriptions of the funds included in this report are as follows:

Major Governmental Funds

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

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of general obligation debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Food Service Special Revenue Fund – The Food Service Special Revenue Fund is primarily used to account for the District's child nutrition program.

Community Service Special Revenue Fund – The Community Service Special Revenue Fund is used to account for services provided to residents in the areas of recreation, civic activities, nonpublic pupils, adult or early childhood programs, or other similar services.

Proprietary Funds

Internal Service Funds – Internal service funds account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department to other departments or agencies of the District, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The District's internal service funds are used to account for dental and medical insurance benefits offered by the District to its employees as a self-insured plan and for the payment and financing of its other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liabilities, including the administration of assets held in a revocable trust to finance these liabilities.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Budgetary Information

The School Board adopts an annual budget for all governmental funds prepared on the same basis of accounting as the fund financial statements. Legal budgetary control is at the fund level. Budgeted appropriations lapse at year-end.

Actual expenditures exceeded final appropriations in the current year by $194,436 in the Food Service Special Revenue Fund and by $317,145 in the Community Service Special Revenue Fund. These variances were funded by revenues excess of budget, along with available fund balance.

F. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets are cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements, such as a trust agreement. Restricted assets are reported only in the government-wide and proprietary (internal service) fund financial statements. Restricted assets include balances held in segregated accounts that are established for specific purposes. In the Internal Service Fund, this represents assets held in a revocable trust established to finance the District's liability for other post-employment insurance benefits. Interest earned on these investments is allocated directly to these accounts.

G. Cash and Temporary Investments

Cash and temporary investments include balances from all funds that are combined and invested to the extent available in various securities as authorized by state law. Earnings from the pooled investments are allocated to the respective funds on the basis of applicable cash balance participation by each fund.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity from the time of purchase by the District of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The proprietary (internal service) fund's equity in the government-wide cash and investment management pool is considered cash equivalent.

Investments are generally stated at fair value, except for investments in certain external investment pools, which are stated at amortized cost. Short-term, highly liquid debt instruments (including commercial paper, bankers' acceptance, and U.S. treasury and agency obligations) purchased with a remaining maturity of one year or less may also be reported at amortized cost. Investment income is accrued at the Balance Sheet date.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Debt securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

See Note 2 for the District's recurring fair value measurements as of year-end.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Receivables

When necessary, the District utilizes an allowance for uncollectible accounts to value its receivables. However, the District considers all of its current receivables to be collectible. The only receivables not expected to be fully collected within one year are delinquent property taxes receivable.

I. Inventories

Inventories are recorded using the consumption method of accounting and consist of purchased food and surplus commodities received from the federal government. Purchased food inventory is recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis. Surplus commodities are stated at standardized costs, as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

J. Property Taxes

The majority of the District's revenue in the General Fund is determined annually by statutory funding formulas. The total revenue allowed by these formulas is allocated between property taxes and state aids by the Legislature based on education funding priorities.

Generally, property taxes are recognized as revenue by the District in the fiscal year that begins midway through the calendar year in which the tax levy is collectible. To help balance the state budget, the Minnesota Legislature utilizes a tool referred to as the "tax shift," which periodically changes the District's recognition of property tax revenue. The tax shift advance recognizes cash collected for the subsequent year's levy as current year revenue, allowing the state to reduce the amount of aid paid to the District. Currently, the mandated tax shift recognizes $527,242 of the property tax levy collectible in 2023 as revenue to the District in fiscal year 2022–2023. The remaining portion of the taxes collectible in 2023 is recorded as a deferred inflow of resources (property taxes levied for subsequent year).

Property tax levies are certified to the County Auditor in December of each year for collection from taxpayers in May and October of the following calendar year. In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The county spreads all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on property on the following January 1. The county generally remits taxes to the District at periodic intervals, as they are collected.

Taxes that remain unpaid are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. Revenue from these delinquent property taxes that is not collected within 60 days of year-end is reported as a deferred inflow of resources (unavailable revenue) in the fund financial statements because it is not known to be available to finance the operations of the District.

K. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

A SBITA is a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The District has entered into certain SBITAs for education, evaluation tracking, and other purposes. Capital assets associated with SBITAs are presented separately from other capital assets in Note 3 and are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT assets. When applicable, a subscription liability is reported in Note 4 to include the terms and related disclosures associated with any subscription liability.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets that are purchased or constructed by the District are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. SBITA capital assets are recorded based on the measurement of any subscription liability plus the payments due to a SBITA vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, including any applicable initial implementation costs as defined in the standard. The District defines capital assets as those with an initial, individual cost of $3,000 or more, which benefit more than one fiscal year. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are generally sold for an immaterial amount or scrapped when declared as no longer fit or needed for public school purposes by the District, no salvage value is considered for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 20 to 50 years for buildings and building improvements, and 5 to 20 years for furniture and equipment. SBITAs are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT assets. Land is not depreciated.

The District does not possess material amounts of infrastructure capital assets, such as sidewalks or parking lots. Such items are considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

M. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. If material, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period as other financing sources or uses, respectively. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

N. Compensated Absences

Under the terms of collectively bargained contracts, eligible employees accrue vacation and sick leave at varying rates, portions of which may be carried over to future years. Employees are reimbursed for unused, accrued vacation to the limit specified in their labor contract or School Board policy upon termination. Unused sick leave enters into the calculation of severance benefits for some employees upon termination. Compensated absences are accrued when earned in the government-wide financial statements. Compensated absences are accrued in the governmental fund financial statements only to the extent they have been used or otherwise matured prior to year-end, due to employee termination or similar circumstances.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O. State-Wide Pension Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from the PERA's and the TRA's fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERA and the TRA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the state of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the state of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association in 2015.

P. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets and liabilities, statements of financial position or balance sheets will sometimes report separate sections for deferred outflows or inflows of resources. These separate financial statement elements represent a consumption or acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) or an inflow of financial resources (revenue) until then.

The District reports deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB plans reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. These deferred outflows and inflows result from differences between expected and actual economic experience, changes in actuarial assumptions, net collective difference between projected and actual investment earnings, changes in proportion, and contributions to the plan subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the reporting period. These amounts are deferred and amortized as required under pension and OPEB standards.

Property taxes levied for subsequent years, which represents property taxes received or reported as a receivable before the period for which the taxes are levied, are reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the governmental funds Balance Sheet. Property taxes levied for subsequent years are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements in the year for which they are levied, and in the governmental fund financial statements during the year for which they are levied, if available.

Unavailable revenue from property taxes arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the governmental funds Balance Sheet. Delinquent property taxes not collected within 60 days of year-end are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the governmental funds in the period the amounts become available.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Q. Net Position

In the government-wide and proprietary (internal service) fund financial statements, net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is displayed in three components:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** – Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by any outstanding debt attributable to acquire capital assets.

- **Restricted Net Position** – Consists of net position restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

- **Unrestricted Net Position** – All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

R. Fund Balance Classifications

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications that disclose constraints for which amounts in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

- **Nonspendable** – Consists of amounts that are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items, inventory, and other long-term assets.

- **Restricted** – Consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors, or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

- **Committed** – Consists of internally imposed constraints that are established by resolution of the School Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts.

- **Assigned** – Consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints consist of amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the governing body itself or by an official to which the governing body delegates the authority. Pursuant to School Board resolution, the District's superintendent of schools is authorized to establish assignments of fund balance.

- **Unassigned** – The residual classification for the General Fund, which also reflects negative residual amounts in other funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to first use restricted resources, then use unrestricted resources as they are needed.

When committed, assigned, or unassigned resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use resources in the following order: 1) committed, 2) assigned, and 3) unassigned. The District's policy includes an exception to defer spending out of other categories and spend unassigned resources first if fund balances need to be preserved to facilitate future expenditure plans.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

S. Risk Management and Self-Insurance

1. **General Insurance** – The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and workers' compensation for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. As part of the insurance renewal process and available coverage limits for cyber and privacy liability there was a reduction in this one area of the District's insurance coverage in the current fiscal year.

2. **Self-Insurance** – The District has established two internal service funds to account for and finance its self-insured risk of loss for respective employee dental and health insurance plans. Under these plans, the internal service funds provide coverage to participating employees and their dependents for various dental and healthcare costs as described in the plans.

   The District makes premium payments that include both employer and employee contributions to the internal service funds on behalf of program participants based on rates determined by insurance company estimates of monthly claims paid for each coverage class, plus the stop-loss health insurance premium costs and administrative service charges.

   District claim liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred, but not reported. Because actual claim liabilities depend on complex factors, such as inflation, changes in legal doctrines, and damage awards, the process used in computing a claim liability does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Claim liabilities are evaluated periodically to take into consideration recently settled claims, the frequency of claims, and other economic and social factors.

   Changes in the balance of dental claim liabilities for the past two years were as follows:

	Balance – Beginning of Year	Charges and Changes in Estimates	Claim Payments	Balance – End of Year
2022	$ 10,367	$ 270,948	$ 268,945	$ 12,370
2023	$ 12,370	$ 289,434	$ 290,051	$ 11,753

   Changes in the balance of health claim liabilities for the past two years were as follows:

	Balance – Beginning of Year	Charges and Changes in Estimates	Claim Payments	Balance – End of Year
2022	$ 348,703	$ 5,187,546	$ 5,254,675	$ 281,574
2023	$ 281,574	$ 5,499,654	$ 5,376,315	$ 404,913

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

T. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

U. Prior Period Comparative Financial Information/Reclassification

The basic financial statements include certain prior year partial comparative information in total, but not at the level of detail required for a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the prior year, from which the summarized information was derived. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

V. Deficit Net Position

As of June 30, 2023, the District has a net position deficit of $4,381,554 in its Other Post-Employment Benefits Internal Service Fund. This deficit will be eliminated through contributions and investment earnings.

W. Change in Accounting Principle

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* (SBITAs). This statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for government end users. A SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) IT software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Under this statement, a government generally should recognize a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability. Certain amounts necessary to fully restate fiscal year 2022 financial information are not determinable; therefore, prior year comparative amounts have not been restated. The implementation of this new GASB statement in the current year resulted in the District reporting new capital assets for technology subscriptions, increasing beginning net position by $111,265 in the government-wide financial statements in the current year. See Note 3 for additional details on this change in the current year.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

In accordance with applicable Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the School Board, including checking accounts, savings accounts, and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit.

The following is considered the most significant risk associated with deposits:

Custodial Credit Risk – In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may be lost.

Minnesota Statutes require that all deposits be protected by federal deposit insurance, corporate surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance or corporate surety bonds. Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes, and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated "A" or better; revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standard letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral. The District's deposit policies do not further limit depository choices.

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was $273,386, while the balance on the bank records was $277,754. At June 30, 2023, all deposits were fully covered by federal deposit insurance, surety bonds, or by collateral held by the District's agent in the District's name.

B. Investments

Investments are subject to various risks, the following of which are considered the most significant:

Custodial Credit Risk – For investments, this is the risk that in the event of a failure of the counterparty to an investment transaction (typically a broker-dealer) the District would not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments in investment pools and money markets are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form and, therefore, are not subject to custodial credit risk disclosures. Although the District's investment policies do not directly address custodial credit risk, it typically limits its exposure by purchasing insured or registered investments, or by the control of who holds the securities.

Concentration Risk – This is the risk associated with investing a significant portion of the District's investments (considered 5 percent or more) in the securities of a single issuer, excluding U.S. guaranteed investments (such as treasuries), investment pools, and mutual funds. The District's investment policies do not address concentration risk.

Interest Rate Risk – This is the risk of potential variability in the fair value of fixed rate investments resulting from changes in interest rates (the longer the period for which an interest rate is fixed, the greater the risk). The District's investment policies do not limit the maturities of investments; however, when purchasing investments, the District considers such things as interest rates and cash flow needs.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk – This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Minnesota Statutes limit the District's investments to direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the United States or its agencies; shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 that receive the highest credit rating, are rated in one of the two highest rating categories by a statistical rating agency, and all of the investments have a final maturity of 13 months or less; general obligations rated "A" or better; revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; general obligations of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency rated "A" or better; bankers' acceptances of United States banks eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System; commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, rated of the highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies, and maturing in 270 days or less; Guaranteed Investment Contracts guaranteed by a United States commercial bank, domestic branch of a foreign bank, or a United States insurance company, and with a credit quality in one of the top two highest categories; repurchase or reverse purchase agreements and securities lending agreements with financial institutions qualified as a "depository" by the government entity, with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding $10,000,000; that are a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; or certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers. For assets held in the District's revocable OPEB trust accounted for in its OPEB Internal Service Fund, the investment options available to the District are expanded to include the investment types specified in Minnesota Statutes § 356A.06, Subd. 7. The District's investment policies do not further restrict investing in specific financial instruments.

The following table presents the District's deposit and investment balances, and information relating to potential investment risks:

	Credit Risk		Fair Value	Interest Risk – Maturity Duration in Years				
Investment Type	Rating	Agency	Measurements	Less Than 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	Over 10	Total
U.S. treasury note	N/A	N/A	Level 1	$ –	$ 207,318	$ 207,873	$ 204,691	$ 619,882
U.S. agency security	AA	S&P	Level 1	$ –	$ 23,121	$ –	$ –	23,121
Corporate obligations	AA	S&P	Level 1	$ –	$ 63,358	$ 55,631	$ 23,195	142,184
Corporate obligations	A	S&P	Level 1	$ –	$ 114,784	$ 123,826	$ 41,186	279,796
Corporate obligations	BBB	S&P	Level 1	$ –	$ 159,803	$ 211,598	$ –	371,401
Corporate obligations	BAA	Moody's	Level 1	$ –	$ 28,517	$ –	$ –	28,517
Equities	N/R	N/R	Level 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,575,435
Investment pools/mutual funds								
OPEB mutual funds	N/R	N/R	Level 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,371,583
Real estate investment trust	N/R	N/R	Level 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22,050
Real asset funds	N/R	N/R	Level 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	283,908
Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF)								
Liquid Class	AAA	S&P	Amortized cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,974,395
MAX Class	AAA	S&P	Amortized cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,086,087
Total investments								31,778,359
Total deposits								273,386
Total deposits and investments								$ 32,051,745

N/A – Not Applicable
N/R – Not Rated

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The MSDLAF is regulated by Minnesota Statutes and is an external investment pool, which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC. The District's investment in this pool is measured at the net asset value per share provided by the pool, which is based on an amortized cost method that approximates fair value. There are no restrictions or limitations on withdrawals from the MSDLAF Liquid Class investment pool. Investments in the MSDLAF MAX Class must be deposited for a minimum of 14 calendar days with the exception of direct investments of funds distributed by the state of Minnesota. Withdrawals prior to the 14-day restriction period may be subject to a penalty and there is a 24-hour hold on all requests for redemptions.

Deposits and investments are included on the basic financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position	
Cash and temporary investments	$ 27,333,868
Restricted assets	
Cash and investments for OPEB	4,717,877
Total deposits and investments	$ 32,051,745

NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the current year ended is as follows:

	Balance – Beginning of Year	Change in Accounting Principle*	Additions	Deletions	Balance – End of Year
Capital assets, not depreciated/amortized					
Land	$ 1,646,893	$ –	$ –	$ –	$ 1,646,893
Capital assets, depreciated/amortized					
Buildings	56,096,093	–	78,422	–	56,174,515
Building improvements	6,360,654	–	–	–	6,360,654
Furniture and equipment	5,551,879	–	101,507	–	5,653,386
Technology subscriptions	–	111,265	131,164	–	242,429
Total capital assets, depreciated/amortized	68,008,626	111,265	311,093	–	68,430,984
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for					
Buildings	(22,245,023)	–	(930,711)	–	(23,175,734)
Building improvements	(3,343,245)	–	(246,558)	–	(3,589,803)
Furniture and equipment	(3,318,554)	–	(252,625)	–	(3,571,179)
Technology subscriptions	–	–	(48,486)	–	(48,486)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(28,906,822)	–	(1,478,380)	–	(30,385,202)
Net capital assets, depreciated/amortized	39,101,804	111,265	(1,167,287)	–	38,045,782
Total capital assets, net	$ 40,748,697	$ 111,265	$ (1,167,287)	$ –	$ 39,692,675

*The change in accounting principle was for new subscription-based information technology arrangement standard requirements in the current year.

Capital assets of the District are used by multiple functions; therefore, depreciation and amortization expense for the year is reported as "depreciation/amortization not allocated to other functions" in the Statement of Activities.

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. General Obligation Bonds Payable

The District currently has the following general obligation bonds payable outstanding:

Issue	Issue Date	Interest Rate	Face/Par Value	Final Maturity	Principal Outstanding
General obligation bonds payable					
Series 2015A – Capital Facilities	04/09/2015	2.00%	$ 1,520,000	02/01/2025	$ 325,000
Series 2021A – Refunding	12/02/2021	5.00%	$ 12,610,000	02/01/2029	10,915,000
Series 2022A – Refunding	11/17/2022	4.00–5.00%	$ 9,365,000	02/01/2033	9,365,000
Total general obligation bonds payable					$ 20,605,000

These bonds were issued to finance acquisition, construction, and/or improvements of capital facilities, or to finance the retirement (refunding) of prior bond issues. Assets of the Debt Service Fund, together with scheduled future ad valorem tax levies, are dedicated for the retirement of these bonds. The annual future debt service levies authorized are equal 105 percent of the principal and interest due each year. These levies are subject to reduction if fund balance amounts exceed limitations imposed by Minnesota law.

In November 2022, the District issued $9,365,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A. In February 2023, the proceeds of this issue, including debt issue premium, were used to refund, in advance of their stated maturities, the remaining maturities of the District's 2014B General Obligation School Building Bonds totaling $9,920,000. This refunding reduced the District's total future debt service payments by $661,493 and resulted in a present value savings of $99,371.

B. Certificates of Participation Payable

The District currently has the following certificates of participation outstanding:

Issue	Issue Date	Interest Rate	Face/Par Value	Final Maturity	Principal Outstanding
2019A Certificates of Participation	12/30/2019	2.00–4.00%	$ 5,265,000	04/01/2035	$ 4,450,000

The certificates of participation were issued to finance the acquisition and renovation of a building for educational programing purposes. Scheduled future ad valorem lease obligation tax levies will be made to finance the retirement of principal and interest payments on the certificates. The certificates of participation are being paid by the General Fund.

C. Financed Purchase Payable

The District has one financed purchase outstanding at year-end for computers. The agreement has a five-year term, bears an interest rate of 3.40 percent, and has a final maturity of February 2024. This obligation will be repaid by the General Fund. The District did not capitalize the computers as the cost of each individual computer did not meet the capitalization threshold policy.

D. Other Long-Term Liabilities

The District offers a number of benefits to its employees, including: compensated absences, pensions, and OPEB. The details of these various benefit liabilities are discussed elsewhere in these notes. Such benefits are financed primarily from the General Fund. The District has also established an Internal Service Fund to finance OPEB obligations.

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

District employees participate in two state-wide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans, administered by the PERA and the TRA. The following is a summary of the net pension liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense reported for these plans as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Pension Plans	Net Pension Liabilities	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Pension Expense
PERA	$ 7,389,391	$ 2,616,851	$ 734,768	$ 756,536
TRA	25,719,997	6,918,901	8,226,674	(6,984,440)
Total	$ 33,109,388	$ 9,535,752	$ 8,961,442	$ (6,227,904)

E. Minimum Debt Payments

Minimum annual principal and interest payments to maturity for general obligation bonds payable, certificates of participation, and the financed purchase payable are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds Payable		Certificates of Participation		Financed Purchase Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	$ 2,300,000	$ 1,073,110	$ 305,000	$ 126,394	$ 85,201	$ 2,234
2025	2,345,000	874,100	320,000	114,194	–	–
2026	2,655,000	761,800	335,000	101,394	–	–
2027	2,690,000	629,050	345,000	87,994	–	–
2028	1,810,000	494,550	360,000	74,194	–	–
2029–2033	8,805,000	1,160,500	1,945,000	221,200	–	–
2034–2035	–	–	840,000	28,462	–	–
	$ 20,605,000	$ 4,993,110	$ 4,450,000	$ 753,832	$ 85,201	$ 2,234

F. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	Balance – Beginning of Year	Additions	Deletions	Balance – End of Year	Due Within One Year
General obligation bonds payable	$ 23,015,000	$ 9,365,000	$ 11,775,000	$ 20,605,000	$ 2,300,000
Certificates of participation	4,745,000	–	295,000	4,450,000	305,000
Unamortized premium/discount	2,343,561	630,187	427,030	2,546,718	–
Financed purchase payable	169,446	–	84,245	85,201	85,201
Compensated absences payable	149,525	481,170	453,269	177,426	177,426
Net pension liability	18,499,627	17,389,545	2,779,784	33,109,388	–
Total OPEB liability	7,239,019	397,255	2,200,466	5,435,808	514,183
	$ 56,161,178	$ 28,263,157	$ 18,014,794	$ 66,409,541	$ 3,381,810

NOTE 5 – FUND BALANCES

The following is a breakdown of equity components of governmental funds, which are defined earlier in the report. When applicable, certain restrictions, which have an accumulated deficit balance at June 30 are included in unassigned fund balance in the District's financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. A description of these deficit balance restrictions is included herein since the District has specific authority to future resources for such deficits.

A. Classifications

At year-end, a summary of the District's governmental fund balance classifications are as follows:

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total
Nonspendable				
Inventory	$ –	$ –	$ 13,875	$ 13,875
Restricted				
Student activities	260,569	–	–	260,569
Staff development	161,344	–	–	161,344
Capital projects levy	299,870	–	–	299,870
Operating capital	1,140,270	–	–	1,140,270
Gifted and talented	112,803	–	–	112,803
Safe schools levy	216,711	–	–	216,711
Long-term facilities maintenance	428,932	–	–	428,932
Medical Assistance	91,711	–	–	91,711
Debt reduction	251,503	–	–	251,503
Flexible benefits	44,021	–	–	44,021
Debt service	–	841,031	–	841,031
Food service	–	–	851,068	851,068
Community education programs	–	–	544,783	544,783
Early childhood family education programs	–	–	116,798	116,798
School readiness	–	–	13,332	13,332
Adult basic education	–	–	53,155	53,155
Total restricted	3,007,734	841,031	1,579,136	5,427,901
Assigned				
Alternative Teacher Performance Pay System	39,872	–	–	39,872
Curriculum	1,000,000	–	–	1,000,000
Staff development	75,000	–	–	75,000
Construction	200,000	–	–	200,000
Building maintenance	100,000	–	–	100,000
Technology replacement	400,000	–	–	400,000
Total assigned	1,814,872	–	–	1,814,872
Unassigned	4,866,864	–	–	4,866,864
Total	$ 9,689,470	$ 841,031	$ 1,593,011	$ 12,123,512

NOTE 5 – FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

B. Minimum Fund Balance Policy

The School Board has formally adopted a fund balance policy regarding the minimum unassigned fund balance for the General Fund. The policy establishes that the District will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned General Fund balance of 8.0 percent of the annual budget. At June 30, 2023, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was 10.6 percent of fiscal 2023 actual expenditures.

NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

A. Plan Descriptions

The District participates in the following cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the PERA and the TRA. The PERA's and the TRA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes. The PERA's and the TRA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

1. General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF)

The PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356.

Certain full-time and part-time employees of the District other than teachers are covered by the GERF. GERF members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

2. Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)

The TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. The TRA is a separate statutory entity, administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees consists of four active members, one retired member, and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul Public Schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)). Educators first hired by MnSCU may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Plan administered by Minnesota State.

B. Benefits Provided

The PERA and the TRA provide retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statutes and can only be modified by the State Legislature.

The benefit provisions stated in the following paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

1. GERF Benefits

Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for the PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated Plan members is 1.2 percent for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated Plan members is 1.7 percent for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at age 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The post-retirement increase is equal to 50.0 percent of the cost of living adjustment announced by the Social Security Administration, with a minimum increase of at least 1.0 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase, will receive the full increase. For recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month, but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase, will receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024 or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.

2. TRA Benefits

The TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statutes and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for the TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Tier I Benefits

Step-Rate Formula	Percentage per Year
Basic Plan	
First 10 years of service	2.2 %
All years after	2.7 %
Coordinated Plan	
First 10 years if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.2 %
First 10 years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4 %
All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7 %
All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9 %

With these provisions:

(a) Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.

(b) Three percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.

(c) Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule of 90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for Coordinated Plan members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic Plan members applies. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for Coordinated Plan members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic Plan members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statutes. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree—no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but not yet receiving them, are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

C. Contributions

Minnesota Statutes set the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the State Legislature.

1. GERF Contributions

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.5 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2023 and the District was required to contribute 7.5 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the GERF for the year ended June 30, 2023, were $557,792. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statutes.

2. TRA Contributions

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Rates for each fiscal year were:

	Year Ended June 30,					
	2021		2022		2023	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
Basic Plan	11.00 %	12.13 %	11.00 %	12.34 %	11.00 %	12.55 %
Coordinated Plan	7.50 %	8.13 %	7.50 %	8.34 %	7.50 %	8.55 %

The District's contributions to the TRA for the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, were $1,668,048. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statutes.

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in the TRA's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position to the employer contributions used in the Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Pension Allocations:

	in thousands
Employer contributions reported in the TRA's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	$ 482,679
Add employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts	(2,178)
Deduct the TRA's contributions not included in allocation	(572)
Total employer contributions	479,929
Total nonemployer contributions	35,590
Total contributions reported in the Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations	$ 515,519

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations, due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. The TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

D. Pension Costs

1. GERF Pension Costs

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of $7,389,391 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the state of Minnesota's contribution of $16 million. The state of Minnesota is considered a nonemployer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The state of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled $216,555. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by the PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of the PERA's participating employers. The District's proportionate share was 0.0933 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0900 percent for the beginning of the period.

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$	7,389,391
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	$	216,555

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of $724,178 for its proportionate share of the GERF's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized an additional $32,358 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the state of Minnesota's contribution of $16 million to the GERF.

At June 30, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of the GERF's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	$ 61,722	$ 77,619
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,614,989	35,273
Net collective difference between projected and actual investment earnings	276,654	–
Changes in proportion	105,694	621,876
District's contributions to the GERF subsequent to the measurement date	557,792	–
Total	$ 2,616,851	$ 734,768

The $557,792 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2024	$ 376,060
2025	$ 446,935
2026	$ (166,964)
2027	$ 668,260

2. TRA Pension Costs

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of $25,719,997 for its proportionate share of the TRA's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the TRA in relation to total system contributions, including direct aid from the state of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District. The District's proportionate share was 0.3212 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.3349 percent for the beginning of the period.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to the TRA. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 25,719,997
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	$ 1,907,256

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized a negative pension expense of $7,246,693. It also recognized $262,253 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

At June 30, 2023, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	$ 403,857	$ 240,994
Changes in actuarial assumptions	4,296,599	5,912,255
Net collective difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	401,748	–
Changes in proportion	148,649	2,073,425
District's contributions to the TRA subsequent to the measurement date	1,668,048	–
Total	$ 6,918,901	$ 8,226,674

A total of $1,668,048 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from district contributions to the TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2024	$ (6,130,362)
2025	$ 349,009
2026	$ (202,207)
2027	$ 3,089,530
2028	$ (81,791)

E. Long-Term Expected Return on Investment

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of the PERA and the TRA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages.

The target allocation and best-estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	33.50 %	5.10 %
International equity	16.50	5.30 %
Private markets	25.00	5.90 %
Fixed income	25.00	0.75 %
Total	100.00 %	

NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

F. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Assumptions	GERF	TRA
Inflation	2.25%	2.50%
Wage growth rate		2.85% before July 1, 2028, and 3.25% thereafter
Projected salary increase	3.00%	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028, and 3.25% to 9.25% thereafter
Investment rate of return	6.50%	7.00%

1. GERF

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total liability is 6.50 percent. This assumption is based on a review of inflation and investments return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of return investment return rates deemed to be reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 6.50 percent was deemed to be within that range of reasonableness for financial reporting purposes.

Inflation is assumed to be 2.25 percent for the GERF Plan. Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.25 percent for the GERF Plan.

Salary growth assumptions in the GERF Plan range in annual increments from 10.25 percent after one year of service to 3.00 percent after 27 years of service.

Mortality rates for the GERF Plan are based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table. The table is adjusted slightly to fit the PERA's experience.

Actuarial assumptions for the GERF Plan are reviewed every four years. The most recent four-year experience study for the GERF Plan was completed in 2019. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation.

2. TRA

Salary increases were based on a service-related table.

Mortality Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability	
Pre-retirement	RP-2014 White Collar Employee Table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 Scale.
Post-retirement	RP-2014 White Collar Annuitant Table, male and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 Scale.
Post-disability	RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, without adjustment.

Cost of living benefit increases after retirement for retirees are assumed to be 1.00 percent for January 2019 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.10 percent each year, up to 1.50 percent annually.

Actuarial assumptions for the TRA Plan were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent experience study in the TRA Plan was completed in 2019, with economic assumptions updated in 2019.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2022:

1. GERF

CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

2. TRA

CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- None.

G. Discount Rate

1. GERF

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2022 was 6.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the GERF was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

2. TRA

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. There was no change in the discount rate since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2022 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate.

NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

H. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed on the preceding page, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
GERF discount rate	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%
District's proportionate share of the GERF net pension liability	$ 11,671,930	$ 7,389,391	$ 3,877,048
TRA discount rate	6.00%	7.00%	8.00%
District's proportionate share of the TRA net pension liability	$ 40,546,175	$ 25,719,997	$ 13,567,154

I. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at www.mnpera.org.

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.minnesotatra.org, by writing to the TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling 651-296-2409 or 800-657-3669.

NOTE 7 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLAN

A. Plan Description

The District provides post-employment benefits to certain eligible employees through the OPEB Plan, a single-employer defined benefit plan administered by the District. Management of the plan is vested with the School Board of the District. All post-employment benefits are based on contractual agreements with employee groups. Eligibility for these benefits is based on years of service and/or minimum age requirements. These contractual agreements do not include any specific contribution or funding requirements. The plan does not issue a separate financial report.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

B. Benefits Provided

All retirees of the District upon retirement have the option under state law to continue their medical insurance coverage through the District. For members of certain employee groups, the District pays for all or part of the eligible retiree's premiums for medical and/or dental insurance from the time of retirement until the employee reaches the age of eligibility for Medicare. Benefits paid by the District differ by bargaining unit, with some contracts specifying a certain dollar amount per month, and some covering premium costs as defined within each collective bargaining agreement. Retirees not eligible for these district-paid premium benefits must pay the full district premium rate for their coverage.

The District is legally required to include any retirees for whom it provides health insurance coverage in the same insurance pool as its active employees until the retiree reaches Medicare eligibility, whether the premiums are paid by the District or the retiree. Consequently, participating retirees are considered to receive a secondary benefit known as an "implicit rate subsidy." This benefit relates to the assumption that the retiree is receiving a more favorable premium rate than they would otherwise be able to obtain if purchasing insurance on their own, due to being included in the same pool with the District's younger and statistically healthier active employees.

C. Contributions

The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements, with additional amounts to prefund benefits as determined periodically by the District. The District's contributions in the current year totaled $213,167 as required on a pay-as-you-go basis to finance current year benefits as described in the previous section. The District has established a separate Internal Service Fund to finance these OPEB obligations.

D. Membership

Membership in the plan consisted of the following as of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	89
Active plan members	401
Total members	490

E. Total OPEB Liability of the District

The District's total OPEB liability of $5,435,808 as of year-end was measured as of July 1, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

NOTE 7 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLAN (CONTINUED)

F. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial study using the entry-age method, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Discount rate	3.80%
20-year municipal bond yield	3.80%
Inflation rate	2.50%
Salary increases	Service graded table
Medical trend rate	6.50% grading to 5.00% over 6 years, and then 4.00% over the next 48 years

Since the plan is not funded by an irrevocable trust, the discount rate is equal to the 20-year municipal bond yield.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2021 Generational Improvement Scale.

The retirement and withdrawal assumptions used to value GASB Statement No. 75 liabilities are similar to those used to value pension liabilities for Minnesota school district employees. The rates are based on the TRA of Minnesota actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the latest valuation were based on those used to value pension liabilities for Minnesota school district employees. The state pension plans base their assumptions on periodic experience studies.

G. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Beginning balance	$ 7,239,019
Changes for the year	
Service cost	242,657
Interest	154,598
Assumption changes	(475,233)
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,484,247)
Benefit payments	(240,986)
Total net changes	(1,803,211)
Ending balance	$ 5,435,808

Assumption changes since the prior measurement date include the following:

- The healthcare trend rates, mortality tables, salary increase rates for nonteachers, and withdrawal rates were updated.
- The discount rate was changed from 2.10 percent to 3.80 percent.

NOTE 7 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLAN (CONTINUED)

H. Total OPEB Liability Sensitivity to Discount and Healthcare Cost Trend Rate Changes

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
OPEB discount rate	2.80%	3.80%	4.80%
Total OPEB liability	$ 5,743,867	$ 5,435,808	$ 5,142,818

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

	1% Decrease in Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase in Healthcare Cost Trend Rate
Healthcare trend rate	5.50% grading to 4.00%, then 3.00%	6.50% grading to 5.00%, then 4.00%	7.50% grading to 6.00%, then 5.00%
Total OPEB liability	$ 5,168,454	$ 5,435,808	$ 5,746,427

I. OPEB Expense and Related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the current year ended, the District recognized a negative OPEB expense of ($179,088). As of year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	$ –	$ 3,040,215
Changes in actuarial assumptions	205,532	1,042,107
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	213,167	–
Total	$ 418,699	$ 4,082,322

NOTE 7 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLAN (CONTINUED)

A total of $213,167 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB contributions, subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	OPEB Expense Amount
2024	$ (576,343)
2025	$ (576,343)
2026	$ (576,343)
2027	$ (576,343)
2028	$ (576,343)
Thereafter	$ (995,075)

NOTE 8 – FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN

The District has a flexible benefit plan, which is classified as a cafeteria plan (the Plan) under § 125 of the IRC. All employee groups of the District are eligible if and when the collective bargaining agreement or contract with their group allows eligibility. Eligible employees can elect to participate by contributing pretax dollars withheld from payroll checks to the Plan for healthcare and dependent care benefits. Payments are made from the Plan to participating employees upon submitting a request for reimbursement of eligible expenses actually incurred by the participant.

Before the beginning of the plan year, which is from January 1 to December 31, each participant designates a total amount of pretax dollars to be contributed to the Plan during the year. At June 30, the District is contingently liable for claims against the total amount of participants' annual contributions to the Plan, whether or not such contributions have been made.

Payments of insurance premiums (health, dental, life, and disability) are made by the District directly to the designated insurance companies. These payments are made on a monthly basis and are accounted for in the General Fund and special revenue funds.

Amounts withheld for medical reimbursement and dependent care are accounted for by a district employee who serves as the plan administrator. Payments are made to participating employees upon submitting a request for reimbursement of eligible expenses actually incurred by the employee. The medical reimbursement and dependent care activity are included in the General Fund.

All property of the Plan and income attributable to that property is solely the property of the District, subject to the claims of the District's general creditors. Participants' rights under the Plan are equal to those of general creditors of the District in an amount equal to eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses incurred by the participants. The District believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

NOTE 9 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Federal and State Programs

Amounts received or receivable from federal and state agencies are subject to agency audit and adjustment. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of funds which may be disallowed by the agencies cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

B. Legal Claims

The District had the usual and customary types of miscellaneous legal claims pending at year-end, mostly of a minor nature and usually covered by insurance carried for that purpose. Although the outcomes of these lawsuits are not presently determinable, the District believes that the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position.

C. Purchase Power Commitment

Solar Gardens

During fiscal year 2021, the District entered into a solar power purchase agreement with IPS Solar DG Solar A, LLC. The District is committed to purchasing all of the annual delivered energy generated by the system for a period of 20 years and additional 3 terms of 5 years from the commercial operation date and continues for the duration of the initial term and any additional terms. In return, the District will receive bill credits associated with the energy production.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Public Employees Retirement Association Pension Benefits Plan
Schedule of District's and Nonemployer Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2023

District Fiscal Year-End Date	PERA Fiscal Year-End Date (Measurement Date)	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the State of Minnesota's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the District's Share of the State of Minnesota's Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
06/30/2015	06/30/2014	0.1107%	$ 5,200,131	$ –	$ 5,200,131	$ 5,796,603	89.71%	78.70%
06/30/2016	06/30/2015	0.1091%	$ 5,654,128	$ –	$ 5,654,128	$ 6,430,677	87.92%	78.20%
06/30/2017	06/30/2016	0.1074%	$ 8,720,346	$ 113,888	$ 8,834,234	$ 6,666,940	130.80%	68.90%
06/30/2018	06/30/2017	0.1108%	$ 7,073,396	$ 88,931	$ 7,162,327	$ 7,141,483	99.05%	75.90%
06/30/2019	06/30/2018	0.1093%	$ 6,063,516	$ 198,744	$ 6,262,260	$ 7,332,178	82.70%	79.50%
06/30/2020	06/30/2019	0.1122%	$ 6,203,286	$ 192,825	$ 6,396,111	$ 7,939,979	78.13%	80.20%
06/30/2021	06/30/2020	0.1095%	$ 6,565,025	$ 202,484	$ 6,767,509	$ 7,816,070	83.99%	79.10%
06/30/2022	06/30/2021	0.0900%	$ 3,843,402	$ 117,435	$ 3,960,837	$ 6,488,932	59.23%	87.00%
06/30/2023	06/30/2022	0.0933%	$ 7,389,391	$ 216,555	$ 7,605,946	$ 6,989,076	105.73%	76.70%

Public Employees Retirement Association Pension Benefits Plan
Schedule of District Contributions
Year Ended June 30, 2023

District Fiscal Year-End Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
06/30/2015	$ 474,641	$ 474,641	$ –	$ 6,430,677	7.38%
06/30/2016	$ 499,908	$ 499,908	$ –	$ 6,666,940	7.50%
06/30/2017	$ 535,497	$ 535,497	$ –	$ 7,141,483	7.50%
06/30/2018	$ 549,688	$ 549,688	$ –	$ 7,332,178	7.50%
06/30/2019	$ 595,495	$ 595,495	$ –	$ 7,939,979	7.50%
06/30/2020	$ 585,902	$ 585,902	$ –	$ 7,816,070	7.50%
06/30/2021	$ 486,506	$ 486,506	$ –	$ 6,488,932	7.50%
06/30/2022	$ 524,137	$ 524,137	$ –	$ 6,989,076	7.50%
06/30/2023	$ 557,792	$ 557,792	$ –	$ 7,437,227	7.50%

Note: The District implemented GASB Statement No. 68 in fiscal 2015 (using a June 30, 2014 measurement date). This schedule is intended to present 10-year trend information. Additional years will be added as they become available.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Teachers Retirement Association Pension Benefits Plan
Schedule of District's and Nonemployer Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2023

District Fiscal Year-End Date	TRA Fiscal Year-End Date (Measurement Date)	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the State of Minnesota's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the District's Share of the State of Minnesota's Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
06/30/2015	06/30/2014	0.3819%	$ 17,597,677	$ 1,238,076	$ 18,835,753	$ 17,434,323	100.94%	81.50%
06/30/2016	06/30/2015	0.3716%	$ 22,987,135	$ 2,819,725	$ 25,806,860	$ 18,878,949	121.76%	76.80%
06/30/2017	06/30/2016	0.3670%	$ 87,538,256	$ 8,785,747	$ 96,324,003	$ 19,304,901	453.45%	44.88%
06/30/2018	06/30/2017	0.3669%	$ 73,239,894	$ 7,080,446	$ 80,320,340	$ 19,744,761	370.93%	51.57%
06/30/2019	06/30/2018	0.3489%	$ 21,914,186	$ 2,059,012	$ 23,973,198	$ 19,279,005	113.67%	78.07%
06/30/2020	06/30/2019	0.3560%	$ 22,691,515	$ 2,008,105	$ 24,699,620	$ 20,206,696	112.30%	78.21%
06/30/2021	06/30/2020	0.3523%	$ 26,028,396	$ 2,181,119	$ 28,209,515	$ 20,470,746	127.15%	75.48%
06/30/2022	06/30/2021	0.3349%	$ 14,656,225	$ 1,235,935	$ 15,892,160	$ 20,040,978	73.13%	86.63%
06/30/2023	06/30/2022	0.3212%	$ 25,719,997	$ 1,907,256	$ 27,627,253	$ 19,851,392	129.56%	76.17%

Teachers Retirement Association Pension Benefits Plan
Schedule of District Contributions
Year Ended June 30, 2023

District Fiscal Year-End Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
06/30/2015	$ 1,415,929	$ 1,415,929	$ –	$ 18,878,949	7.50%
06/30/2016	$ 1,448,037	$ 1,448,037	$ –	$ 19,304,901	7.50%
06/30/2017	$ 1,481,077	$ 1,481,077	$ –	$ 19,744,761	7.50%
06/30/2018	$ 1,445,979	$ 1,445,979	$ –	$ 19,279,005	7.50%
06/30/2019	$ 1,557,835	$ 1,557,835	$ –	$ 20,206,696	7.71%
06/30/2020	$ 1,621,284	$ 1,621,284	$ –	$ 20,470,746	7.92%
06/30/2021	$ 1,629,325	$ 1,629,325	$ –	$ 20,040,978	8.13%
06/30/2022	$ 1,655,615	$ 1,655,615	$ –	$ 19,851,392	8.34%
06/30/2023	$ 1,668,048	$ 1,668,048	$ –	$ 19,509,333	8.55%

Note: The District implemented GASB Statement No. 68 in fiscal 2015 (using a June 30, 2014 measurement date). This schedule is intended to present 10-year trend information. Additional years will be added as they become available.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan
Schedule of Changes in the District's Total
OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	District Fiscal Year-End Date					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total OPEB liability						
Service cost	$ 442,920	$ 444,251	$ 489,454	$ 403,634	$ 435,373	$ 242,657
Interest	311,019	316,347	292,396	274,215	170,032	154,598
Assumption changes	–	(218,512)	193,824	(724,418)	102,740	(475,233)
Plan changes	–	337,912	–	–	–	–
Differences between expected and actual experience	–	(1,402,059)	–	(1,395,345)	–	(1,484,247)
Benefit payments	(586,475)	(610,891)	(333,430)	(464,018)	(235,442)	(240,986)
Net change in total OPEB liability	167,464	(1,132,952)	642,244	(1,905,932)	472,703	(1,803,211)
Total OPEB liability – beginning balance	8,995,492	9,162,956	8,030,004	8,672,248	6,766,316	7,239,019
Total OPEB liability – ending balance	$ 9,162,956	$ 8,030,004	$ 8,672,248	$ 6,766,316	$ 7,239,019	$ 5,435,808
Covered-employee payroll	$24,641,269	$24,372,096	$25,103,259	$24,421,664	$25,154,314	$24,398,605
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	37.19%	32.95%	34.55%	27.71%	28.78%	22.28%

Note 1: The District has not established a trust fund to finance GASB Statement No. 75 related benefits.

Note 2: The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 in fiscal 2018. This schedule is intended to present 10-year trend information. Additional years will be added as they become available.

PERA – GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND

2022 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

2021 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent, for financial reporting purposes.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.00 percent for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and zero percent thereafter. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2020 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50 percent to 2.25 percent.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25 percent less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years two through five, and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 Table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality Table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Mortality Table to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher Disabled Annuitant Mortality Table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from MP-2018 to MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100.00 percent joint and survivor option changed from 35.00 percent to 45.00 percent. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100.00 percent joint and survivor option changed from 15.00 percent to 30.00 percent. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

PERA – GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND (CONTINUED)

2019 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from $31.0 million to $21.0 million per year. The state's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring $16.0 million due per year through 2031.

2019 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

2018 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to zero percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Post-retirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year, with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90.00 percent funding ratio, to 50.00 percent of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age. Does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2018 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044, and 2.50 percent per year thereafter, to 1.25 percent per year.

PERA – GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND (CONTINUED)

2017 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- The state's contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund equals $16.0 million in 2017 and 2018, and $6.0 million thereafter.
- The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund changed from $21.0 million to $31.0 million in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The state's contribution changed from $16.0 million to $6.0 million in calendar years 2019 to 2031.

2017 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.80 percent for active members and 60.00 percent for vested and nonvested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now zero percent for active member liability, 15.00 percent for vested deferred member liability, and 3.00 percent for nonvested deferred member liability.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year for all years, to 1.00 percent per year through 2044, and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.

2016 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2035, and 2.50 percent per year thereafter, to 1.00 percent per year for all years.
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent. The single discount rate was changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent to 3.25 percent for payroll growth, and 2.50 percent for inflation.

2015 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- On January 1, 2015, the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Retirement Fund, which increased the total pension liability by $1.1 billion and increased the fiduciary plan net position by $892.0 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised; the state's contribution of $6.0 million, which meets the special funding situation definition, was due September 2015.

2015 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2030, and 2.50 percent per year thereafter, to 1.00 percent per year through 2035, and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA)

2021 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50 percent to 7.00 percent.

2018 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- The cost of living adjustment (COLA) was reduced from 2.00 percent each January 1 to 1.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.10 percent each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.50 percent on January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit, are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.50 percent if the funded ratio was at least 90.00 percent for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.50 percent to 7.50 percent, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next six years, (7.71 percent in 2018, 7.92 percent in 2019, 8.13 percent in 2020, 8.34 percent in 2021, 8.55 percent in 2022, and 8.75 percent in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50 percent to 7.75 percent on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2018 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The investment return assumption was changed from 8.50 percent to 7.50 percent.
- The single discount rate changed from 5.12 percent to 7.50 percent.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA) (CONTINUED)

2017 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The COLA was assumed to increase from 2.00 percent annually to 2.50 percent annually on July 1, 2045.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase to 2.50 percent, but remain at 2.00 percent for all future years.
- Adjustments were made to the CSA loads. The active load was reduced from 1.40 percent to zero percent, the vested inactive load increased from 4.00 percent to 7.00 percent, and the nonvested inactive load increased from 4.00 percent to 9.00 percent.
- The investment return assumption was changed from 8.00 percent to 7.50 percent.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent.
- The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 3.50 percent to 3.00 percent.
- The general wage growth assumption was lowered from 3.50 percent to 2.85 percent for 10 years, followed by 3.25 percent thereafter.
- The salary increase assumption was adjusted to reflect the changes in the general wage growth assumption.
- The single discount rate changed from 4.66 percent to 5.12 percent.

2016 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The single discount rate was changed from 8.00 percent to 4.66 percent.

2015 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- The Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association was merged into the TRA on June 30, 2015.

2015 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The annual COLA for the June 30, 2015 valuation assumed 2.00 percent. The prior year valuation used 2.00 percent, with an increase to 2.50 percent commencing in 2034.
- The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00 percent. This is a decrease from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 8.25 percent.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN

2022 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The healthcare trend rates, mortality tables, salary increase rates for nonteachers, and withdrawal rates were updated.
- The discount rate was changed from 2.10 percent to 3.80 percent.

2021 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The discount rate was changed from 2.40 percent to 2.10 percent.

2020 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- The post-employment medical subsidy for meet and confer nonunion employees hired after July 1, 2020 changed to $150 per month payable to the earlier of 10 years or Medicare eligibility and $100 per month for the subsequent 5 years.
- The post-employment medical subsidy for principals and directors hired after January 1, 2020 changed to $7,500 (no increase post-employment) payable to the earlier of 5 years or Medicare eligibility.
- Since these changes only impact new hires, the impact on the accrued liability as of the valuation date is $0.

2020 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The healthcare trend rates, mortality tables, salary increase rates, and percentage of future retirees eligible for a subsidy who are assumed to continue on one of the District's medical plans post-employment were updated.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.10 percent to 2.40 percent.

2019 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The discount rate was changed from 3.50 percent to 3.10 percent.

2018 CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

- An early retirement incentive of $5,000 per year paid to a healthcare savings plan, payable until the earlier of five years or Medicare eligibility (or a one-time payment of $5,000 if already eligible for Medicare), was elected by nine teachers who retired by June 30, 2019. The retirement rates for these nine teachers were adjusted to assume all retire on July 1, 2019.
- The director of community education now has the same post-employment subsidies as other directors. Her eligibility start date for these post-employment subsidies is July 1, 2017.
- The post-employment subsidies for principals hired after July 1, 2004 are no longer frozen at retirement.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN (CONTINUED)

2018 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The healthcare trend rates were changed to better anticipate short-term and long-term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2015 Generational Improvement Scale to the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2017 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.40 percent to 3.50 percent.
- The percentage of future retired custodians, meet and confer nonunion employees without special agreements, office professional employees, and support staff eligible for a subsidy who are assumed to continue on one of the District's medical plans post-employment, was changed from 100 percent to 75 percent.

2017 CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The discount rate was changed from 3.50 percent to 3.40 percent.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
as of June 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds		
	Food Service	Community Service	Total
Assets			
Cash and temporary investments	$ 958,156	$ 1,019,226	$ 1,977,382
Receivables			
Current taxes	–	249,368	249,368
Delinquent taxes	–	7,613	7,613
Accounts and interest	4,581	14,354	18,935
Due from other governmental units	72,642	118,060	190,702
Inventory	13,875	–	13,875
Total assets	$ 1,049,254	$ 1,408,621	$ 2,457,875
Liabilities			
Salaries payable	$ 3,965	$ 55,373	$ 59,338
Accounts and contracts payable	22,819	20,042	42,861
Due to other governmental units	132,188	177,577	309,765
Unearned revenue	25,339	–	25,339
Total liabilities	184,311	252,992	437,303
Deferred inflows of resources			
Unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	–	4,930	4,930
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	–	422,631	422,631
Total deferred inflows of resources	–	427,561	427,561
Fund balances			
Nonspendable	13,875	–	13,875
Restricted	851,068	728,068	1,579,136
Total fund balances	864,943	728,068	1,593,011
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 1,049,254	$ 1,408,621	$ 2,457,875

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds		
	Food Service	Community Service	Total
Revenue			
Local sources			
Property taxes	$ –	$ 514,776	$ 514,776
Investment earnings	25,704	28,693	54,397
Other	364,689	819,414	1,184,103
State sources	114,995	915,611	1,030,606
Federal sources	1,586,214	114,520	1,700,734
Total revenue	2,091,602	2,393,014	4,484,616
Expenditures			
Current			
Food service	2,044,708	–	2,044,708
Community service	–	2,200,791	2,200,791
Capital outlay	4,260	13,368	17,628
Total expenditures	2,048,968	2,214,159	4,263,127
Net change in fund balances	42,634	178,855	221,489
Fund balances			
Beginning of year	822,309	549,213	1,371,522
End of year	$ 864,943	$ 728,068	$ 1,593,011

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
as of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 12,888,468	$ 9,915,658
Receivables		
Current taxes	6,374,533	4,609,032
Delinquent taxes	103,488	93,208
Accounts and interest	10,579	35,989
Due from other governmental units	5,292,268	5,085,386
Total assets	$ 24,669,336	$ 19,739,273
Liabilities		
Salaries payable	$ 2,614,781	$ 2,769,518
Accounts and contracts payable	930,221	977,631
Due to other governmental units	191,277	193,435
Unearned revenue	211,653	360,806
Total liabilities	3,947,932	4,301,390
Deferred inflows of resources		
Unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	65,090	59,512
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	10,966,844	7,109,775
Total deferred inflows of resources	11,031,934	7,169,287
Fund balances		
Restricted for student activities	260,569	239,317
Restricted for staff development	161,344	106,017
Restricted for capital projects levy	299,870	61,918
Restricted for operating capital	1,140,270	1,080,235
Restricted for gifted and talented	112,803	125,540
Restricted for safe schools levy	216,711	232,460
Restricted for long-term facilities maintenance	428,932	132,737
Restricted for Medical Assistance	91,711	153,852
Restricted for debt reduction	251,503	223,171
Restricted for flexible benefits	44,021	35,282
Assigned for ATPPS program	39,872	87,952
Assigned for separation benefits	–	335,000
Assigned for curriculum	1,000,000	250,000
Assigned for staff development	75,000	75,000
Assigned for construction	200,000	200,000
Assigned for building maintenance	100,000	100,000
Assigned for technology replacement	400,000	–
Unassigned	4,866,864	4,830,115
Total fund balances	9,689,470	8,268,596
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 24,669,336	$ 19,739,273

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

General Fund
Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023			2022
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Actual
Revenue				
Local sources				
Property taxes	$ 7,713,579	$ 7,905,472	$ 191,893	$ 7,756,124
Investment earnings	–	344,998	344,998	14,000
Other	720,332	1,197,719	477,387	1,000,983
State sources	33,895,157	33,952,732	57,575	33,603,981
Federal sources	4,166,381	3,931,927	(234,454)	4,330,057
Total revenue	46,495,449	47,332,848	837,399	46,705,145
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	1,430,176	1,459,459	29,283	1,604,709
District support services	2,785,806	2,457,096	(328,710)	2,381,164
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	20,133,099	19,985,908	(147,191)	20,350,908
Vocational education instruction	183,313	201,508	18,195	178,954
Special education instruction	9,008,203	9,306,173	297,970	8,683,754
Instructional support services	3,466,731	3,392,309	(74,422)	3,520,581
Pupil support services	3,280,176	3,379,409	99,233	3,242,525
Sites and buildings	4,869,932	4,912,021	42,089	4,849,740
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	457,000	296,544	(160,456)	268,937
Debt service				
Principal	379,245	379,245	–	365,533
Interest and fiscal charges	142,303	142,302	(1)	157,415
Total expenditures	46,135,984	45,911,974	(224,010)	45,604,220
Excess of revenue over expenditures	359,465	1,420,874	1,061,409	1,100,925
Other financing sources				
Insurance recovery	–	–	–	32,359
Sale of capital assets	–	–	–	994,889
Total other financing sources	–	–	–	1,027,248
Net change in fund balances	$ 359,465	1,420,874	$ 1,061,409	2,128,173
Fund balances				
Beginning of year		8,268,596		6,140,423
End of year		$ 9,689,470		$ 8,268,596

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Food Service Special Revenue Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
as of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 958,156	$ 738,861
Receivables		
Accounts and interest	4,581	15
Due from other governmental units	72,642	85,809
Inventory	13,875	25,793
Total assets	$ 1,049,254	$ 850,478
Liabilities		
Salaries payable	$ 3,965	$ 6,698
Accounts and contracts payable	22,819	10,104
Due to other governmental units	132,188	–
Unearned revenue	25,339	11,367
Total liabilities	184,311	28,169
Fund balances		
Nonspendable for inventory	13,875	25,793
Restricted for food service	851,068	796,516
Total fund balances	864,943	822,309
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 1,049,254	$ 850,478

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Food Service Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023			2022
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Actual
Revenue				
Local sources				
Investment earnings	$ –	$ 25,704	$ 25,704	$ 1,152
Other – primarily meal sales	435,734	364,689	(71,045)	39,043
State sources	117,320	114,995	(2,325)	67,019
Federal sources	1,293,942	1,586,214	292,272	2,304,007
Total revenue	1,846,996	2,091,602	244,606	2,411,221
Expenditures				
Current				
Salaries	492,538	525,749	33,211	563,779
Employee benefits	178,972	193,245	14,273	225,773
Purchased services	187,741	170,330	(17,411)	188,220
Supplies and materials	828,151	1,054,507	226,356	974,040
Other expenditures	142,130	100,877	(41,253)	135,080
Capital outlay	25,000	4,260	(20,740)	25,354
Total expenditures	1,854,532	2,048,968	194,436	2,112,246
Net change in fund balances	$ (7,536)	42,634	$ 50,170	298,975
Fund balances				
Beginning of year		822,309		523,334
End of year		$ 864,943		$ 822,309

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Community Service Special Revenue Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
as of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 1,019,226	$ 900,522
Receivables		
Current taxes	249,368	305,593
Delinquent taxes	7,613	7,456
Accounts and interest	14,354	13,535
Due from other governmental units	118,060	132,344
Total assets	$ 1,408,621	$ 1,359,450
Liabilities		
Salaries payable	$ 55,373	$ 45,956
Accounts and contracts payable	20,042	16,072
Due to other governmental units	177,577	181,805
Unearned revenue	–	48,528
Total liabilities	252,992	292,361
Deferred inflows of resources		
Unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	4,930	4,723
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	422,631	513,153
Total deferred inflows of resources	427,561	517,876
Fund balances		
Restricted for community education programs	544,783	396,476
Restricted for early childhood family education programs	116,798	52,840
Restricted for school readiness	13,332	37,146
Restricted for adult basic education	53,155	62,751
Total fund balances	728,068	549,213
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 1,408,621	$ 1,359,450

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Community Service Special Revenue Fund
Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023			2022
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Actual
Revenue				
Local sources				
Property taxes	$ 513,150	$ 514,776	$ 1,626	$ 597,737
Investment earnings	–	28,693	28,693	1,763
Other – primarily tuition and fees	646,316	819,414	173,098	685,307
State sources	929,648	915,611	(14,037)	920,525
Federal sources	17,300	114,520	97,220	152,585
Total revenue	2,106,414	2,393,014	286,600	2,357,917
Expenditures				
Current				
Salaries	1,239,864	1,364,246	124,382	1,316,241
Employee benefits	460,711	517,982	57,271	512,976
Purchased services	136,194	222,245	86,051	190,571
Supplies and materials	57,850	94,920	37,070	91,844
Other expenditures	1,270	1,398	128	1,120
Capital outlay	1,125	13,368	12,243	17,741
Total expenditures	1,897,014	2,214,159	317,145	2,130,493
Net change in fund balances	$ 209,400	178,855	$ (30,545)	227,424
Fund balances				
Beginning of year		549,213		321,789
End of year		$ 728,068		$ 549,213

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Debt Service Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
as of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 2,158,386	$ 1,940,842
Receivables		
Current taxes	1,919,029	1,794,300
Delinquent taxes	44,026	41,204
Total assets	$ 4,121,441	$ 3,776,346
Deferred inflows of resources		
Unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes	$ 27,998	$ 27,035
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	3,252,412	3,013,090
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,280,410	3,040,125
Fund balances		
Restricted for debt service	841,031	736,221
Total deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 4,121,441	$ 3,776,346

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Debt Service Fund
Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	2023			2022
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Actual
Revenue				
Local sources				
Property taxes	$ 3,012,550	$ 3,021,065	$ 8,515	$ 2,997,174
Investment earnings	76,500	136,534	60,034	4,867
Total revenue	3,089,050	3,157,599	68,549	3,002,041
Expenditures				
Debt service				
Principal	1,855,000	1,855,000	–	1,975,000
Interest	1,115,532	1,115,532	–	1,010,338
Fiscal charges and other	157,687	157,444	(243)	107,861
Total expenditures	3,128,219	3,127,976	(243)	3,093,199
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(39,169)	29,623	68,792	(91,158)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Refunding debt issued	9,365,000	9,365,000	–	12,610,000
Premium on issuance of debt	630,187	630,187	–	2,177,044
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	(9,920,000)	(9,920,000)	–	(14,685,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	75,187	75,187	–	102,044
Net change in fund balances	$ 36,018	104,810	$ 68,792	10,886
Fund balances				
Beginning of year		736,221		725,335
End of year		$ 841,031		$ 736,221

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Internal Service Funds
Combining Statement of Net Position
as of June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2022)

	Dental Self-Insurance	Medical Self-Insurance	Other Post-Employment Benefits	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and temporary investments	$ 291,182	$ 10,018,450	$ –	$ 10,309,632	$ 8,506,389
Receivables					
Accounts and interest	3,402	83,113	–	86,515	114,394
Total current assets	294,584	10,101,563	–	10,396,147	8,620,783
Non-current assets					
Restricted assets					
Investments	–	–	4,717,877	4,717,877	4,573,387
Total assets	294,584	10,101,563	4,717,877	15,114,024	13,194,170
Deferred outflows of resources					
OPEB plan deferments	–	–	418,699	418,699	474,413
Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Unearned revenue	924	668,894	–	669,818	691,477
Claims incurred, but not reported	11,753	404,913	–	416,666	293,944
Total OPEB liability	–	–	514,183	514,183	508,224
Total current liabilities	12,677	1,073,807	514,183	1,600,667	1,493,645
Noncurrent liabilities					
Total OPEB liability (net of current portion)	–	–	4,921,625	4,921,625	6,730,795
Total liabilities	12,677	1,073,807	5,435,808	6,522,292	8,224,440
Deferred inflows of resources					
OPEB plan deferments	–	–	4,082,322	4,082,322	2,727,080
Net position					
Unrestricted	$ 281,907	$ 9,027,756	$ (4,381,554)	$ 4,928,109	$ 2,717,063

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Internal Service Funds
Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Dental Self-Insurance	Medical Self-Insurance	Other Post-Employment Benefits	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
Operating revenue					
Contributions from governmental funds	$ 321,598	$ 6,865,068	$ 213,167	$ 7,399,833	$ 7,435,671
Operating expenses					
Dental benefit claims	289,434	–	–	289,434	270,948
Medical benefit claims	–	5,499,654	–	5,499,654	5,187,546
OPEB	–	–	(179,088)	(179,088)	273,998
Total operating expenses	289,434	5,499,654	(179,088)	5,610,000	5,732,492
Operating income	32,164	1,365,414	392,255	1,789,833	1,703,179
Nonoperating revenue					
Investment earnings (charges)	7,987	268,736	144,490	421,213	(313,420)
Change in net position	40,151	1,634,150	536,745	2,211,046	1,389,759
Net position					
Beginning of year	241,756	7,393,606	(4,918,299)	2,717,063	1,327,304
End of year	$ 281,907	$ 9,027,756	$ (4,381,554)	$ 4,928,109	$ 2,717,063

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Internal Service Funds
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	Dental Self-Insurance	Medical Self-Insurance	Other Post-Employment Benefits	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash flows from operating activities					
Received from assessments made to other funds	$ 321,354	$ 6,871,532	$ 213,167	$ 7,406,053	$ 7,287,705
Payment for dental claims	(290,051)	–	–	(290,051)	(266,926)
Payment for medical claims	–	(5,376,315)	–	(5,376,315)	(5,196,262)
Post-employment benefit payments	–	–	(213,167)	(213,167)	(240,986)
Net cash flows from operating activities	31,303	1,495,217	–	1,526,520	1,583,531
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities					
Cash received from other funds	–	–	–	–	164,558
Cash flows from investing activities					
Purchase of investments	–	–	(144,490)	(144,490)	(357,212)
Sale of investments	–	–	–	–	269,134
Interest on investments	7,987	268,736	144,490	421,213	99,564
Net cash flows from investing activities	7,987	268,736	–	276,723	11,486
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	39,290	1,763,953	–	1,803,243	1,759,575
Cash and cash equivalents					
Beginning of year	251,892	8,254,497	–	8,506,389	6,746,814
End of year	$ 291,182	$ 10,018,450	$ –	$ 10,309,632	$ 8,506,389
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash flows from operating activities					
Operating income	$ 32,164	$ 1,365,414	$ 392,255	$ 1,789,833	$ 1,703,179
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash flows from operating activities					
Changes in assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows					
Accounts receivable	(101)	27,980	–	27,879	(50,897)
Prepaid items	–	–	–	–	60,432
Deferred outflows – OPEB plan deferments	–	–	55,714	55,714	(80,389)
Unearned revenue	(143)	(21,516)	–	(21,659)	(97,069)
Claims incurred, but not reported	(617)	123,339	–	122,722	(65,126)
Total OPEB liability	–	–	(1,803,211)	(1,803,211)	472,703
Deferred inflows – OPEB plan deferments	–	–	1,355,242	1,355,242	(359,302)
Net cash flows from operating activities	$ 31,303	$ 1,495,217	$ –	$ 1,526,520	$ 1,583,531

OTHER DISTRICT INFORMATION

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Government-Wide Revenue by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year Ended June 30,	Program Revenues		General Revenues			
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Property Taxes	General Grants and Aids	Investment Earnings and Other	Total
2014	$ 2,502,597	$ 6,428,553	$ 5,660,896	$ 28,358,725	$ 745,221	$ 43,695,992
	6%	15%	13%	65%	1%	100%
2015	2,668,863	6,909,688	8,617,083	28,799,116	314,619	47,309,369
	5%	15%	18%	61%	1%	100%
2016	2,679,050	7,276,738	8,644,541	30,313,012	120,499	49,033,840
	5%	15%	18%	62%	–	100%
2017	2,593,395	7,945,568	9,068,563	31,866,738	641,089	52,115,353
	5%	15%	18%	61%	1%	100%
2018	2,252,264	8,030,824	8,923,410	31,301,712	702,894	51,211,104
	4%	16%	18%	61%	1%	100%
2019	2,056,463	8,013,083	10,221,464	30,218,525	903,820	51,413,355
	4%	15%	20%	59%	2%	100%
2020	1,524,857	8,560,643	10,075,483	31,125,163	1,263,102	52,549,248
	3%	16%	19%	59%	3%	100%
2021	656,790	8,398,875	10,671,559	30,333,393	937,358	50,997,975
	1%	16%	21%	60%	2%	100%
2022	1,344,383	9,972,164	11,350,714	31,249,407	293,120	54,209,788
	2%	18%	21%	58%	1%	100%
2023	1,935,859	9,511,041	11,448,061	31,261,422	1,403,105	55,559,488
	3%	17%	21%	56%	3%	100%

Note: The change in "tax shift," as approved in legislation, impacted the amount of tax revenue recognized in fiscal year 2014. Changes in the amount of revenue recognized, due to the tax shift, are offset by an adjustment to state aid payments by an equal amount.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Government-Wide Expenses by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year Ended June 30,	Administration	District Support Services	Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	Vocational Education Instruction	Special Education Instruction	Instructional Support Services	Pupil Support Services
2014	$ 870,834	$ 1,216,403	$ 18,349,953	$ 236,672	$ 6,816,750	$ 3,012,807	$ 1,806,707
	2%	3%	42%	1%	16%	7%	4%
2015	1,033,622	1,360,462	19,102,239	245,692	7,330,447	3,573,162	2,093,948
	2%	3%	40%	1%	16%	8%	4%
2016	1,153,014	1,612,075	20,230,015	150,444	7,934,604	3,743,950	2,624,337
	2%	3%	41%	–	16%	8%	5%
2017	1,493,074	1,788,939	28,839,252	251,888	10,463,569	4,493,422	3,007,484
	2%	3%	46%	1%	17%	7%	5%
2018	1,460,342	1,803,755	27,957,766	252,554	9,984,693	4,517,900	2,930,048
	2%	3%	46%	1%	17%	7%	5%
2019	827,315	1,816,877	13,714,316	107,757	5,586,492	2,997,694	2,640,535
	2%	5%	35%	–	14%	8%	7%
2020	1,225,243	1,857,405	22,905,668	167,804	8,740,605	4,233,607	3,378,207
	2%	3%	42%	–	16%	8%	6%
2021	1,405,254	1,961,638	20,245,354	165,690	8,710,089	3,818,764	2,654,632
	3%	4%	41%	–	17%	8%	5%
2022	1,260,499	2,170,865	18,216,885	157,676	7,677,928	3,136,782	3,100,032
	3%	5%	39%	–	16%	7%	7%
2023	1,118,524	2,399,481	13,719,694	139,854	6,964,002	2,623,095	3,034,585
	3%	6%	33%	–	17%	6%	7%

Sites and Buildings	Fiscal and Other Fixed Cost Programs	Food Service	Community Service	Depreciation/ Amortization Not Allocated to Other Functions	Interest and Fiscal Charges	Total
$ 4,465,638	$ 130,887	$ 1,720,704	$ 2,432,466	$ 761,628	$ 1,604,152	$ 43,425,601
10%	–	4%	5%	2%	4%	100%
5,899,085	139,313	1,784,294	2,547,479	907,695	1,343,443	47,360,881
12%	–	4%	5%	2%	3%	100%
5,130,866	145,114	1,868,409	2,278,869	1,349,560	1,277,194	49,498,451
10%	–	4%	5%	3%	3%	100%
4,803,238	155,560	2,081,770	2,759,987	1,342,250	1,219,318	62,699,751
8%	–	3%	4%	2%	2%	100%
4,527,741	182,420	1,985,158	2,693,355	1,427,210	1,197,044	60,919,986
8%	–	3%	4%	2%	2%	100%
4,912,325	173,521	2,108,072	2,118,791	1,459,823	1,054,808	39,518,326
12%	–	5%	5%	4%	3%	100%
4,741,466	250,147	2,267,479	2,191,682	1,460,300	1,228,246	54,647,859
9%	1%	4%	4%	3%	2%	100%
5,036,344	267,833	1,468,286	1,696,144	1,446,479	1,120,550	49,997,057
10%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	100%
4,435,491	268,937	1,999,919	1,928,293	1,439,096	988,717	46,781,120
9%	1%	4%	4%	3%	2%	100%
4,722,976	296,544	2,041,581	1,918,753	1,478,380	960,391	41,417,860
11%	1%	5%	5%	4%	2%	100%

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

General Fund Revenue by Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year Ended June 30,	Local Property Taxes	State	Federal	Other Local	Total
2014	$ 3,444,981	$ 31,513,967	$ 1,221,561	$ 854,343	$ 37,034,852
	10%	85%	3%	2%	100%
2015	5,398,296	32,342,678	1,218,316	916,987	39,876,277
	14%	81%	3%	2%	100%
2016	5,064,027	34,259,165	1,257,276	844,992	41,425,460
	12%	83%	3%	2%	100%
2017	5,452,392	35,121,981	1,325,739	1,007,095	42,907,207
	13%	82%	3%	2%	100%
2018	5,177,387	35,710,305	1,333,323	1,139,108	43,360,123
	12%	82%	3%	3%	100%
2019	6,637,567	35,976,601	1,384,129	1,209,319	45,207,616
	15%	79%	3%	3%	100%
2020	6,592,421	35,626,546	1,378,700	1,193,262	44,790,929
	15%	79%	3%	3%	100%
2021	7,284,368	34,077,775	2,171,606	888,058	44,421,807
	16%	77%	5%	2%	100%
2022	7,756,124	33,603,981	4,330,057	1,014,983	46,705,145
	17%	72%	9%	2%	100%
2023	7,905,472	33,952,732	3,931,927	1,542,717	47,332,848
	17%	72%	8%	3%	100%

Note: The change in "tax shift," as approved in legislation, impacted the amount of tax revenue recognized in fiscal year 2014. Changes in the amount of revenue recognized, due to the tax shift, are offset by an adjustment to state aid payments by an equal amount.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

General Fund Expenditures by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year Ended June 30,	Administration	District Support Services	Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	Vocational Education Instruction	Special Education Instruction
2014	$ 916,594	$ 1,191,400	$ 17,833,876	$ 229,287	$ 6,603,735
	2%	3%	49%	1%	18%
2015	995,335	1,355,193	19,001,794	244,040	7,278,906
	2%	3%	46%	1%	18%
2016	1,079,698	1,593,886	19,997,954	147,844	7,832,449
	2%	4%	48%	–	19%
2017	1,072,918	1,704,901	20,410,135	187,501	7,751,666
	2%	4%	48%	–	18%
2018	1,127,343	1,764,843	20,746,253	180,445	7,737,139
	3%	4%	48%	–	18%
2019	1,161,013	1,891,938	21,225,940	180,823	8,066,259
	3%	4%	47%	–	18%
2020	1,183,514	1,882,854	21,927,804	160,800	8,541,448
	2%	4%	47%	–	18%
2021	1,394,814	2,038,010	19,715,733	164,582	8,680,368
	3%	5%	45%	–	20%
2022	1,604,709	2,381,164	20,350,908	178,954	8,683,754
	3%	5%	45%	–	19%
2023	1,459,459	2,457,096	19,985,908	201,508	9,306,173
	3%	5%	44%	–	20%

Instructional Support Services	Pupil Support Services	Sites and Buildings	Other Programs	Total
$ 2,961,199	$ 1,783,217	$ 4,640,689	$ 321,762	$ 36,481,759
8%	5%	13%	1%	100%
3,596,957	2,093,077	6,107,057	267,150	40,939,509
9%	5%	15%	1%	100%
3,707,592	2,609,229	4,649,362	262,554	41,880,568
9%	6%	11%	1%	100%
3,492,275	2,689,663	5,461,050	220,708	42,990,817
8%	6%	13%	1%	100%
3,677,803	2,663,758	5,565,648	182,420	43,645,652
8%	6%	13%	–	100%
3,950,967	3,009,831	5,576,373	173,521	45,236,665
9%	7%	12%	–	100%
4,137,689	3,353,482	5,613,410	338,500	47,139,501
9%	7%	12%	1%	100%
3,764,591	2,630,715	5,079,931	790,371	44,259,115
8%	6%	11%	2%	100%
3,520,581	3,242,525	4,849,740	791,885	45,604,220
8%	7%	11%	2%	100%
3,392,309	3,379,409	4,912,021	818,091	45,911,974
8%	7%	11%	2%	100%

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

School Tax Levies and Tax Rates by Fund
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Year Collectible	General Fund	Community Service Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total All Funds
Levies					
	2014	$ 5,360,648	$ 313,666	$ 2,916,376	$ 8,590,690
	2015	5,018,970	446,220	3,101,405	8,566,595
	2016	5,072,061	499,299	3,176,475	8,747,835
	2017	4,971,240	511,504	3,247,353	8,730,097
	2018	6,489,708	431,979	3,114,579	10,036,266
	2019	6,426,941	417,739	3,086,030	9,930,710
	2020	7,117,919	547,781	2,844,122	10,509,822
	2021	7,491,084	596,118	2,986,027	11,073,229
	2022	7,693,497	513,156	3,013,106	11,219,759
	2023	11,494,127	422,632	3,252,423	15,169,182
Tax capacity rates					
	2014	20.025	2.379	22.118	44.522
	2015	13.836	2.773	19.272	35.881
	2016	12.591	3.278	20.850	36.719
	2017	12.815	3.137	19.916	35.868
	2018	11.991	2.360	17.016	31.367
	2019	11.229	2.193	16.200	29.622
	2020	12.730	2.608	13.540	28.878
	2021	13.355	2.815	14.100	30.270
	2022	13.654	2.250	13.212	29.116
	2023	11.567	1.617	12.444	25.628
Market value rates					
	2014	0.14862	–	–	0.14862
	2015	0.16295	–	–	0.16295
	2016	0.18667	–	–	0.18667
	2017	0.14734	–	–	0.14734
	2018	0.23734	–	–	0.23734
	2019	0.19630	–	–	0.19630
	2020	0.19271	–	–	0.19271
	2021	0.20054	–	–	0.20054
	2022	0.17989	–	–	0.17989
	2023	0.33651	–	–	0.33651

Note: A tax rate based on market value is used primarily for the District's referendum levy.

Source: State of Minnesota School Tax Report

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Tax Capacities and Market Values
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Taxes Collectible	Tax Capacity Valuation				Market Value
	Agricultural and Nonagricultural	Net Fiscal Disparities Distribution	Tax Increment	Total Taxable	
2014	$ 12,885,732	$ 2,606,084	$ (1,556,699)	$ 13,935,117	$ 1,199,668,500
2015	14,232,820	2,550,076	(1,568,940)	15,213,956	1,322,540,825
2016	14,486,492	2,491,955	(1,661,773)	15,316,674	1,333,685,325
2017	15,213,174	2,736,665	(1,732,491)	16,217,348	1,394,111,550
2018	16,741,700	2,801,054	(1,816,971)	17,725,783	1,526,948,025
2019	17,887,397	2,881,747	(1,971,353)	18,797,791	1,617,423,625
2020	19,647,746	3,182,514	(1,948,178)	20,882,082	1,784,759,825
2021	20,621,225	3,096,995	(2,338,526)	21,379,694	1,851,551,800
2022	21,628,982	3,327,641	(2,350,284)	22,606,339	1,944,313,925
2023	25,090,595	3,061,421	(2,653,142)	25,498,874	2,243,349,825

Source: State of Minnesota School Tax Report

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Property Tax Levies and Receivables
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Original Levy		
Taxes Collectible	Local Spread	Fiscal Disparities	Total Spread
2014	$ 6,346,937	$ 2,243,753	$ 8,590,690
2015	6,306,926	2,259,669	8,566,595
2016	6,791,300	1,956,535	8,747,835
2017	6,468,534	2,261,563	8,730,097
2018	7,923,706	2,112,560	10,036,266
2019	7,499,706	2,431,004	9,930,710
2020	8,139,687	2,370,135	10,509,822
2021	8,828,211	2,245,018	11,073,229
2022	8,647,634	2,572,125	11,219,759
2023	12,894,478	2,274,704	15,169,182

Note: Delinquent taxes are written off after seven years.

Source: State of Minnesota School Tax Report

Uncollected Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2023

Delinquent		Current	
Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
$ –	– %	$ –	– %
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
14,869	0.17	–	–
3,135	0.03	–	–
9,216	0.09	–	–
18,754	0.18	–	–
25,877	0.23	–	–
83,276	0.74	–	–
–	–	8,542,930	56.32
$ 155,127		$ 8,542,930	

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Students Served
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year Ended June 30,	Average Daily Membership (ADM) (Including Enrollment Option)					Total Pupil Units
	Pre-Kindergarten and Handicapped Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Elementary	Secondary	Total	
2014	67.30	251.99	1,621.44	1,477.92	3,418.65	3,917.20
2015	55.54	251.13	1,657.25	1,503.79	3,467.71	3,768.45
2016	70.67	230.04	1,681.05	1,526.21	3,507.97	3,813.22
2017	119.07	198.26	1,654.38	1,553.52	3,525.23	3,835.94
2018	162.21	194.39	1,558.43	1,571.45	3,486.48	3,800.76
2019	182.30	189.49	1,526.59	1,520.91	3,419.29	3,723.48
2020	181.39	190.59	1,427.23	1,489.81	3,289.02	3,586.98
2021	135.65	172.56	1,316.40	1,477.72	3,102.33	3,397.87
2022	141.98	167.84	1,252.54	1,466.84	3,029.20	3,322.60
2023	135.01	154.82	1,189.09	1,449.30	2,928.22	3,218.09

Note 1: Student enrollment numbers are estimated for the most recent fiscal year.

Note 2: ADM is weighted as follows in computing pupil units:

	Pre-Kindergarten	Handicapped Kindergarten	Half-Day Kindergarten	Full-Day Kindergarten	Elementary 1–3	Elementary 4–6
Fiscal 2014	1.250	1.000	0.612	0.612	1.115	1.060
Fiscal 2015 through 2023	1.000	1.000	0.550	1.000	1.000	1.000

Source: Minnesota Department of Education student reporting system

SINGLE AUDIT AND OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal ALN	Federal Expenditures		
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Passed through Minnesota Department of Education				
Child nutrition cluster				
National School Lunch Program	10.555		$ 1,191,769	
School Breakfast Program	10.553		341,021	
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559		50,387	
Total child nutrition cluster				$ 1,583,177
COVID-19 – Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649			3,135
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Passed through Minnesota Department of Education				
COVID-19 – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027			236,196
U.S. Department of Education				
Passed through Minnesota Department of Education				
Special education cluster				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	$ 703,126		
COVID-19 – Special Education Grants to States	84.027	170,157		
Total ALN 84.027			873,283	
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	23,250		
COVID-19 – Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	6,871		
Total ALN 84.173			30,121	
Total special education cluster				903,404
Adult Education – Basic Grants to States	84.002			17,407
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010			520,340
Special Education – Grants for Infants and Families	84.181			25,812
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365			30,492
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367			80,357
Education Stabilization Fund				
COVID-19 – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund	84.425D		179,599	
COVID-19 – American Rescue Plan – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U		2,065,271	
COVID-19 – American Rescue Plan – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Fund	84.425W		8,357	
Total ALN 84.425				2,253,227
Passed through Intermediate District No. 917				
Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants to States	84.048			3,023
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through Minnesota Department of Education				
COVID-19 – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323			58,234
Passed through Minnesota Department of Human Services				
Child Care and Development Fund cluster				
COVID-19 – Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575			68,712
Total federal awards				$ 5,783,516

Note 1: The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.* Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from the amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the District's basic financial statements.

Note 2: The pass-through entities listed above use the same federal Assistance Listing Numbers (ALN) as the federal grantors to identify these grants, and have not assigned any additional identifying numbers.

Note 3: The District did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate.

Note 4: The District had $32,821 transferred into Title I federal ALN 84.010 from other Title programs.

Note 5: The District had $159,228 of noncash assistance included in the National School Lunch Program, federal ALN 10.555.

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

To the School Board and Management of
Special School District No. 6
South St. Paul, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Special School District No. 6 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 2023.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified one deficiency in internal control, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as finding 2023-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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

DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO FINDING

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

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 4, 2023

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

To the School Board and Management of
Special School District No. 6
South St. Paul, Minnesota

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

QUALIFIED AND UNMODIFIED OPINIONS

We have audited Special School District No. 6's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget *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, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Audit Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

QUALIFIED OPINION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (INCLUDING COVID-19 FUNDING) – FEDERAL ALN 84.027 AND 84.173

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Special Education Cluster (Including COVID-19 Funding) – Federal ALN 84.027 and 84.173 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

UNMODIFIED OPINION ON EACH OF THE OTHER MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

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 other major federal programs identified in the Summary of Audit Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED AND UNMODIFIED OPINIONS

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). 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.

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

MATTER(S) GIVING RISE TO QUALIFIED OPINION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (INCLUDING COVID-19 FUNDING) – FEDERAL ALN 84.027 AND 84.173

As described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs in finding 2023-002, the District did not comply with requirements regarding allowable costs for the Special Education Cluster (Including COVID-19 Funding) – Federal ALN 84.027 and 84.173.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the District to comply with requirements applicable to that program.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to on the previous page 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 on the previous page 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to on the previous page 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 on the previous page and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section on the previous page, and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as finding 2023-002 to be a material weaknesses.

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.

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

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.

Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 4, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

To the School Board and Management of
Special School District No. 6
South St. Paul, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Special School District No. 6 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 2023.

MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting – bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and uniform financial accounting and reporting standards sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2023

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

This summary is formatted to provide federal granting agencies and pass-through agencies answers to specific questions regarding the audit of federal awards.

Financial Statements

What type of auditor's report is issued?		**X** Unmodified
		____ Qualified
		____ Adverse
		____ Disclaimer
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	**X** Yes	____ No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	____ Yes	**X** None reported
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	____ Yes	**X** No

Federal Awards

Internal controls over major federal award programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	**X** Yes	____ No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	____ Yes	**X** None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs?		
U.S. Department of the Treasury – COVID-19 – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds		Unmodified
U.S. Department of Education – Special education cluster		Qualified
U.S. Department of Education – Education Stabilization Fund		Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	**X** Yes	____ No

Programs tested as major programs:

Program or Cluster	ALN No.
U.S. Department of the Treasury –	
– COVID-19 – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027
U.S. Department of Education – Special education cluster consisting of:	
– Special Education Grants to States	84.027
– COVID-19 – Special Education Grants to States	84.027
– Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173
– COVID-19 – Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173
U.S. Department of Education – Education Stabilization Fund consisting of:	
– COVID-19 – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund	84.425D
– COVID-19 – American Rescue Plan – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U
– COVID-19 – American Rescue Plan – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Fund	84.425W
Threshold for distinguishing type A and B programs.	$ 750,000

Does the auditee qualify as a low-risk auditee?	____ Yes	**X** No

B. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

2023-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria – Internal control over financial reporting.

Condition – Special School District No. 6 (the District) has limited segregation of duties in several areas, including the processing of receipts, payroll transactions, journal entries, and certain computer controls.

Questioned Costs – Not applicable.

Context – The condition applies to multiple areas as noted above.

Repeat Finding – This is a current year and prior year finding.

Cause – The limited segregation of duties is primarily caused by the limited size of the District's business office staff.

Effect – One important element of internal accounting controls is an adequate segregation of duties such that no one individual has responsibility to execute a transaction, have physical access to the related assets, and have responsibility or authority to record the transaction. A lack of segregation of duties subjects the District to a higher risk that errors or fraud could occur and not be detected and corrected in a timely manner in the normal course of business.

Recommendation – We recommend that the District continue its efforts to segregate duties as best it can within the limits of what the District considers to be cost-beneficial.

View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Actions – The District agrees with the finding. The District intends to review policies, procedures, and transaction cycles, and work with the District's financial auditors to review specific weaknesses identified during the annual audit and actions needed to eliminate or mitigate this internal control weakness. The District has separately issued a Corrective Action Plan related to this finding.

C. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

MATERIAL WEAKNESS IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL NONCOMPLIANCE – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PASSED THROUGH MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (INCLUDING COVID-19 FUNDING) – FEDERAL ALN 84.027 AND 84.173

2023-002 Internal Control Over Compliance and Material Noncompliance With Federal Allowable Costs Requirements

Criteria – 2 CFR § 200.405 specifies a cost is allocable to a particular federal award if the goods or services involved are chargeable or assignable to that federal award in accordance with relative benefits received. This standard is met if the cost is incurred specifically for the award, can be distributed in proportions that may be approximated using reasonable methods, and is necessary to the overall operation of the District and is assignable in part to the federal award in accordance with the principles in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles.

Condition – During our audit, we noted that the District did not have adequate internal controls in place to ensure all salary costs charged to the federal special education cluster programs met the standard for an allowable or allocable cost as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) allowable costs standards, which resulted in a reportable instance of noncompliance.

Questioned Costs – $250,383.

Context – For four of four employees tested, the District had charged portions of the individuals' salaries to the program, but did not have sufficient time and effort documentation to support the amount of cost allocated to the programs. This was not a statistically valid sample.

Repeat Finding – This is a current year finding.

Cause – This was an oversight by district personnel.

Effect – This is a potential violation of the award agreement.

Recommendation – We recommend that the District review its internal control procedures relating to allowable costs for its federal special education cluster programs.

View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Actions – The District agrees with the finding. The District will review and update its policies and procedures relating to allowable costs for its federal programs to ensure compliance with the Uniform Guidance in the future. The District has separately issued a Corrective Action Plan related to this finding.

D. MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE FINDINGS

None.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards
Compliance Table
June 30, 2023

		Audit	UFARS	Audit – UFARS
General Fund				
Total revenue		$ 47,332,848	$ 47,332,848	$ –
Total expenditures		$ 45,911,974	$ 45,911,974	$ –
Nonspendable				
460	Nonspendable fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Restricted				
401	Student activities	$ 260,569	$ 260,569	$ –
402	Scholarships	$ –	$ –	$ –
403	Staff development	$ 161,344	$ 161,344	$ –
407	Capital projects levy	$ 299,870	$ 299,870	$ –
408	Cooperative revenue	$ –	$ –	$ –
413	Projects funded by COP	$ –	$ –	$ –
414	Operating debt	$ –	$ –	$ –
416	Levy reduction	$ –	$ –	$ –
417	Taconite building maintenance	$ –	$ –	$ –
424	Operating capital	$ 1,140,270	$ 1,140,270	$ –
426	$25 taconite	$ –	$ –	$ –
427	Disabled accessibility	$ –	$ –	$ –
428	Learning and development	$ –	$ –	$ –
434	Area learning center	$ –	$ –	$ –
435	Contracted alternative programs	$ –	$ –	$ –
436	State approved alternative program	$ –	$ –	$ –
438	Gifted and talented	$ 112,803	$ 112,803	$ –
440	Teacher development and evaluation	$ –	$ –	$ –
441	Basic skills programs	$ –	$ –	$ –
448	Achievement and integration	$ –	$ –	$ –
449	Safe schools levy	$ 216,711	$ 216,711	$ –
451	QZAB payments	$ –	$ –	$ –
452	OPEB liability not in trust	$ –	$ –	$ –
453	Unfunded severance and retirement levy	$ –	$ –	$ –
459	Basic skills extended time	$ –	$ –	$ –
467	Long-term facilities maintenance	$ 428,932	$ 428,932	$ –
472	Medical Assistance	$ 91,711	$ 91,711	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ 295,524	$ 295,524	$ –
475	Title VII – Impact Aid	$ –	$ –	$ –
476	PILT	$ –	$ –	$ –
Committed				
418	Committed for separation	$ –	$ –	$ –
461	Committed fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Assigned				
462	Assigned fund balance	$ 1,814,872	$ 1,814,872	$ –
Unassigned				
422	Unassigned fund balance	$ 4,866,864	$ 4,866,864	$ –
Food Service				
Total revenue		$ 2,091,602	$ 2,091,602	$ –
Total expenditures		$ 2,048,968	$ 2,048,968	$ –
Nonspendable				
460	Nonspendable fund balance	$ 13,875	$ 13,875	$ –
Restricted				
452	OPEB liability not in trust	$ –	$ –	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ 851,068	$ 851,068	$ –
Unassigned				
463	Unassigned fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Community Service				
Total revenue		$ 2,393,014	$ 2,393,014	$ –
Total expenditures		$ 2,214,159	$ 2,214,159	$ –
Nonspendable				
460	Nonspendable fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Restricted				
426	$25 taconite	$ –	$ –	$ –
431	Community education	$ 544,783	$ 544,783	$ –
432	ECFE	$ 116,798	$ 116,798	$ –
440	Teacher development and evaluation	$ –	$ –	$ –
444	School readiness	$ 13,332	$ 13,332	$ –
447	Adult basic education	$ 53,155	$ 53,155	$ –
452	OPEB liability not in trust	$ –	$ –	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Unassigned				
463	Unassigned fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards
Compliance Table (continued)
June 30, 2023

		Audit	UFARS	Audit – UFARS
Building Construction				
Total revenue		$ –	$ –	$ –
Total expenditures		$ –	$ –	$ –
Nonspendable				
460	Nonspendable fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Restricted				
407	Capital projects levy	$ –	$ –	$ –
413	Projects funded by COP	$ –	$ –	$ –
467	Long-term facilities maintenance	$ –	$ –	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Unassigned				
463	Unassigned fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Debt Service				
Total revenue		$ 3,157,599	$ 3,157,599	$ –
Total expenditures		$ 3,127,976	$ 3,127,976	$ –
Nonspendable				
460	Nonspendable fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Restricted				
425	Bond refundings	$ –	$ –	$ –
433	Maximum effort loan	$ –	$ –	$ –
451	QZAB payments	$ –	$ –	$ –
467	Long-term facilities maintenance	$ –	$ –	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ 841,031	$ 841,031	$ –
Unassigned				
463	Unassigned fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Trust				
Total revenue		$ –	$ –	$ –
Total expenditures		$ –	$ –	$ –
401	Student activities	$ –	$ –	$ –
402	Scholarships	$ –	$ –	$ –
422	Net position	$ –	$ –	$ –
Custodial Fund				
Total revenue		$ –	$ –	$ –
Total expenditures		$ –	$ –	$ –
401	Student activities	$ –	$ –	$ –
402	Scholarships	$ –	$ –	$ –
448	Achievement and integration	$ –	$ –	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Internal Service				
Total revenue		$ 7,463,389	$ 7,463,388	$ 1
Total expenditures		$ 5,789,088	$ 5,789,088	$ –
422	Net position	$ 9,309,663	$ 9,309,663	$ –
OPEB Revocable Trust Fund				
Total revenue		$ 357,657	$ 357,657	$ –
Total expenditures		$ (179,088)	$ (179,088)	$ –
422	Net position	$ (4,381,554)	$ (4,381,554)	$ –
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund				
Total revenue		$ –	$ –	$ –
Total expenditures		$ –	$ –	$ –
422	Net position	$ –	$ –	$ –
OPEB Debt Service Fund				
Total revenue		$ –	$ –	$ –
Total expenditures		$ –	$ –	$ –
Nonspendable				
460	Nonspendable fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Restricted				
425	Bond refundings	$ –	$ –	$ –
464	Restricted fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –
Unassigned				
463	Unassigned fund balance	$ –	$ –	$ –

Note: Statutory restricted deficits, if any, are reported in unassigned fund balances in the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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