

**Lake George Charter School**

**Financial Report**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Directors  
Lake George Charter School  
Lake George, CO**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Lake George Charter School (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes 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.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund information of the Lake George Charter School as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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**Other Matters**

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis in Section B and the Pension Trust Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions in Section E be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, 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 Management's Discussion and Analysis in Section B and the Pension Trust Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions in Section E in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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.

*McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.*

**McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.**

December 21, 2017

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The little school with the huge heart!



**Lake George Charter School  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
As of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017**

As management of the Lake George Charter School (the "School"), we offer readers of the School's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of the School were exceeded by its liabilities and deferred inflows as of June 30, 2017 by \$2,365,778 resulting in deficit net position. The School was not able to report a positive amount for unrestricted assets, due to implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board's ("GASB") Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (an Amendment of GASB No. 27), requiring employers to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability on the Statement of Net Position.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements have three components: 1) School-wide financial statements; 2) Fund financial statements; and 3) Notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

**School-wide Financial Statements:** The School-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School's finances, using accounting methods similar to those used by a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the School's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and changes in long-term compensated absences).

The School-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the School that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The school only reports governmental activities.

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the School's basic services are included here, such as instructional services, support services and student activities. Other services include activities relating to building maintenance and operations, student transportation, technology and administration.

The School-wide financial statements can be found on pages C1 and C2 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements:** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the operations of the School by fund instead of the School as a whole. All of the funds of the School are governmental funds.

**Governmental Funds:** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the School-wide financial statements. However, unlike the School-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. The School's significant, or "major", governmental fund is the General Fund.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the School-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the School-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The School adopts an annual appropriated budget for all of its funds. The budgetary comparison statement has been provided to demonstrate compliance with state budget statutes.

The basic major governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages C1 - C3.

**Notes to the Financial Statements:** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the School-wide and fund financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found at section D this report.

**School-wide Financial Analysis:**

The following table provides a comparative summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016:

**Lake George Charter School Summary of Net Position**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 408,769	\$ 279,452
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>408,769</u>	<u>279,452</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows:</b>		
Pension related deferred outflow	1,605,258	298,599
<b>Total Deferred Outflows</b>	<u>1,605,258</u>	<u>298,599</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Other liabilities	94,255	105,286
Long-term liabilities	4,150,166	2,191,856
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>4,244,421</u>	<u>2,297,142</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows:</b>		
Pension related deferred inflow	135,384	162,801
<b>Total Deferred Inflows</b>	<u>135,384</u>	<u>162,801</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Restricted for emergency	47,212	47,212
Restricted for capital reserves	69,000	69,000
Unrestricted	(2,481,990)	(1,998,104)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ (2,365,778)</u>	<u>\$ (1,881,892)</u>

Note that net position may serve as an indicator of the School's financial position over time. The School's net position for governmental activities has decreased during the current year (see further discussion below).

The following table presents a summary of activities and changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

**Lake George Charter School Summary of Activities and Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Per pupil funding	\$ 1,021,066	\$ 898,577
Investment income	2,965	1,329
Federal sources	40,781	40,156
State sources	334,159	383,261
Other	29,918	18,310
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,428,889</u>	<u>1,341,633</u>
<b>Expenditures/Expenses:</b>		
Direct instruction	1,194,902	726,660
General administration	306,798	194,020
Support services	23,661	19,823
Custodial maintenance	233,866	183,089
Transportation	4,619	4,330
Community service	1,316	2,365
Food Service Operations	147,613	82,598
<b>Total Expenditures/Expenses</b>	<u>1,912,775</u>	<u>1,362,885</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(483,886)	(21,252)
<b>Net Position - July 1</b>	<u>(1,881,892)</u>	<u>(1,860,640)</u>
<b>Net Position - June 30</b>	<u>\$ (2,365,778)</u>	<u>\$ (1,881,892)</u>

**Governmental Activities:** Because the School's building and significant assets are owned by the District and the School has no debt, the governmental activities do not differ in any significant way from the School Fund activities.

The majority of School's operating revenues are generated from Total Program Funding as determined by the School Finance Act of 1994. Per pupil funding is comprised of general fund property taxes, specific ownership taxes, and state equalization as enumerated above.

## Financial Analysis of the School's Funds

The School utilizes fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds:** The focus of the School's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balances may serve as a useful measure of the School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the School's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$330,023 an increase change of \$141,153 from the prior year ending fund balances.

**Budget Variances in the General Fund:** The School's budget is prepared according to Colorado law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. Original and final adopted budgets, as well as variances between actual revenues, expenditures, and final budgeted amounts are reflected in the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures on page C3 of the audited financial statements. The most significant budgeted variances are noted as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
District funding	988,732	1,021,066	Pupil count increased, resulting in higher allocations in both state and district funding
State sources	295,614	334,159	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,355,801</u>	<u>1,428,889</u>	
<b>Expenditures/Expenses:</b>			
Direct instruction	896,217	798,720	Budgets were conservatively high to allow for increased salaries and meet student growth. Expenses overall comparable to prior year.
General administration	201,609	186,348	
Custodial maintenance	281,135	171,263	
Food Service Operations	134,244	101,809	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>1,549,827</u>	<u>1,287,736</u>	

**Capital Assets:** The School's capital assets are owned by the Park County School District.

**Long-Term Liabilities:** As of the end of the current fiscal year, the School has long-term liabilities of \$4,150,166. This includes Net Pension Liability of \$4,150,166 which is required to be reported per the School's implementation of GASB 68 as noted above requiring employers to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability on the Statement of Net Position.

Additional information, as well as detailed classification of the School's long-term liabilities, can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements section of this report.

**Next Year's Budget and Fund Balance:** The School's General Fund's equity balance at the end of fiscal year totaled \$330,025. The subsequent year's budget for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 is fiscally balanced.

### Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Lake George Charter School, School Headmaster, P.O. Box 420, Lake George, Colorado 80827.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/  
FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**Lake George Charter School**  
**Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	393,051	-	393,051
Due from other governments	15,717	-	15,717
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>408,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408,768</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows:</b>			
Pension related deferred outflow	-	1,605,258	1,605,258
<b>Total Deferred Outflows</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,605,258</u>	<u>1,605,258</u>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	8,287	-	8,287
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	70,458	15,509	85,967
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>78,745</u>	<u>15,509</u>	<u>94,254</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>			
Net pension liability	-	4,150,166	4,150,166
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,150,166</u>	<u>4,150,166</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows:</b>			
Pension related deferred inflow	-	135,384	135,384
<b>Total Deferred Inflows</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,384</u>	<u>135,384</u>
<b>Fund Balances/Net Position:</b>			
<b>Fund balance:</b>			
Restricted for emergencies	47,212	(47,212)	
Restricted for capital reserves	69,000	(69,000)	
Unassigned	213,811	(213,811)	
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<u>330,023</u>	<u>(330,023)</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u>408,768</u>		
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Restricted for emergencies		47,212	47,212
Restricted capital reserves		69,000	69,000
Unrestricted		(2,481,990)	(2,481,990)
<b>Total Net Position</b>		<u>(2,365,778)</u>	<u>(2,365,778)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Lake George Charter School**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and**  
**Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Per pupil funding	1,021,066	-	1,021,066
Investment income	2,965	-	2,965
Federal sources	40,781	-	40,781
State sources	334,159	-	334,159
Other	29,918	-	29,918
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,428,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,428,889</u>
<b>Expenditures/Expenses:</b>			
Direct instruction	798,720	396,182	1,194,902
General administration	186,349	120,449	306,798
Support services	23,661	-	23,661
Custodial maintenance	171,262	62,604	233,866
Transportation	4,619	-	4,619
Community service	1,316	-	1,316
Food Service Operations	101,809	45,804	147,613
<b>Total Expenditures/Expenses</b>	<u>1,287,736</u>	<u>625,039</u>	<u>1,912,775</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	141,153	(625,039)	(483,886)
<b>Fund Balance/Net Position:</b>			
Beginning of the Year	<u>188,870</u>		<u>(1,881,892)</u>
End of the Year	<u>330,023</u>		<u>(2,365,778)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Lake George Charter School**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**  
**(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2016)**

	<u>2017</u>		<b>Variance Positive (Negative)</b>	<u>2016</u>
	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
District funding	988,732	1,021,066	32,334	898,577
Investment income	2,690	2,965	275	1,329
Federal sources	40,781	40,781	-	40,156
State sources	295,614	334,159	38,545	383,261
Other	27,984	29,918	1,934	18,310
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,355,801</u>	<u>1,428,889</u>	<u>73,088</u>	<u>1,341,633</u>
<b>Expenditures/Expenses:</b>				
Direct instruction	896,217	798,720	97,497	676,926
General administration	201,609	186,349	15,260	180,168
Support services	26,990	23,661	3,329	19,823
Custodial maintenance	281,135	171,262	109,873	175,181
Transportation	6,100	4,619	1,481	4,330
Community service	2,414	1,316	1,098	2,365
Food Service Operations	134,244	101,809	32,435	78,504
Contingency	47,662	-	47,662	-
Capital Outlay	1,118	-	1,118	150,000
<b>Total Expenditures/Expenses</b>	<u>1,597,489</u>	<u>1,287,736</u>	<u>309,753</u>	<u>1,287,297</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	(241,688)	141,153	382,841	54,336
<b>Fund Balance:</b>				
Beginning of the Year	322,538	188,870	(133,668)	134,534
End of the Year	<u>80,850</u>	<u>330,023</u>	<u>249,173</u>	<u>188,870</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**Lake George Charter School  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2017**

**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Lake George Charter School (the "School") was formed September 29, 1999 and operates under a charter from the Park County School District (the "District") and is a public entity. The School also created a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation which is utilized for grants and large charitable contributions. The financial statements include both transactions of the non-profit and public entity.

On June 3, 1993, the Colorado State Legislature passed a statute, known as the Charter School Act (the "Act"), allowing the creation of public, non-sectarian, non-religious, nonhome-based schools to operate within a public school district. The schools, known as charter schools, allow for groups of parents, teachers, and community members to operate a school in a semi-autonomous environment. Under the Act, charter schools operate according to an approved charter application that serves as a contract between the charter school and the District's Board.

In 1995 the District approved a charter application through a resolution, allowing for the creation of the Lake George / Guffey Community Charter School. The charter contract was later amended to separate the schools into the Lake George Charter School and the Guffey Community Charter School.

Charter Schools are financed from a portion of School Finance Act revenues and from revenues generated by the School, within the limits established by the Charter School Act, *CRS Section 22-30-101*. The School operates under an elected Board of Directors and follows state and federal accounting and reporting requirements in compliance with the terms of its approved charter.

The School's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established by GAAP used by the School are discussed below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government; i.e., the School, and (b) organizations for which the School is financially accountable. The School is considered financially accountable for legally separate organizations if it is able to appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and is either able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the School. Consideration is also given to other organizations, which are fiscally dependent; i.e., unable to adopt a budget, levy taxes, or issue debt without approval by the School. Organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete are also included in the reporting entity.

Based on the criteria above, the School is not financially accountable for any other organization. The School is included in the District's reporting entity because of the nature and significance of their operational and financial relationships with the District. The School's financial transactions are reported within the District's as a discretely presented component unit.

**Lake George Charter School**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2017**  
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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**B. School-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

**1. School-wide Financial Statements**

The School's basic financial statements include both School-wide (financial activities of the overall School) and fund financial statements (reporting the School's major funds). Both the School-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The School does not have any business-type activities, only governmental activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through per pupil revenue allocations from the State Department of Education, fees charged for services, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

In the School-wide Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Net Position column is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The School's net position is reported in three parts—invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The School-wide focus is on the sustainability of the School as an entity and the change in the School's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the School are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The fund focus is on current available resources and budget compliance.

The School reports the following major governmental fund:

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

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

Measurement focus refers to whether financial statements measure changes in current resources only (current financial focus) or changes in both current and long-term resources (long-term economic focus). Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues, expenditures, or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Financial statement presentation refers to classification of revenues by source and expenses by function.

**Lake George Charter School**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2017**  
**(Continued)**

**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)**

**1. Long-term Economic Focus and Accrual Basis**

Governmental activities in the school-wide financial statements use the long-term economic focus and are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

**2. Current Financial Focus and Modified Accrual Basis**

The School fund financial statements use the current financial focus and are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. The School considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

**D. Financial Statement Accounts**

**1. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as deposits that can be withdrawn at any time without notice or penalty and investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**2. Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value. The change in fair value of investments is recognized as an increase or decrease to investment assets and investment income.

**3. Receivables**

The School uses the allowance method for recognition of uncollectible receivables, whereby an allowance for possible uncollectibility is established when collection becomes doubtful. No allowance was established at June 30, 2017, as all amounts were considered collectible.

**Lake George Charter School**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2017**  
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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**D. Financial Statement Accounts (continued)**

**4. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, are reported in the school-wide financial statements. The School defines capital assets as assets with an initial cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical record exists. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed asset, as applicable.

Capital outlay for projects is capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase, if applicable, is capitalized as part of the value of the assets.

Buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated using the straight line method over estimated useful lives. The building occupied by the School is owned and depreciated by the District. The School had no other assets with a cost meeting the statutory capitalization policy referred to above.

**5. Long-term Obligations**

In the school-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statements of Net Position. In the fund financial statements, the School records the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources.

**6. Pensions**

The School participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**D. Financial Statement Accounts (continued)**

**7. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future reporting period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. That item is the collective deferred outflows related to the School's net pension obligation. Pension contributions made after the measurement date, and the net difference between projected and actual earnings will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in future periods. See note IV D.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resource (revenue) until that time. The School has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, the collective deferred inflows related to the School's net pension obligation. Collective deferred inflows related to the School's pension obligation are reported on the Statement of Net Position and amortized over the average service lives of participants. See note IV D.

**8. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the School's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**9. Fund Balance**

The School classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

*Non-spendable* - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements.

*Restricted* – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed* – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority which is the Board of Directors.

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**D. Financial Statement Accounts (continued)**

**9. Fund Balance (continued)**

*Assigned* – includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by the Board of Directors or its management designee.

*Unassigned* - includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

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

**II. Reconciliation of School-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

**A. Explanation of differences between the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the school-wide Statement of Net Position**

The governmental fund Balance Sheet and school-wide Statement of Net Position includes a reconciling column. Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund. The adjustment of \$15,510 and \$4,150,166 represents the additional accrued compensation and net pension liability.

Other reconciling items include changes in pension related actuarial assumptions, proportion of collective pension amounts, difference between actual and expected experience and investment earnings, and difference between actual and annualized contributions to the pension plan are recorded as deferred inflows or outflows of resources and amortized over the average remaining service life of all active and inactive plan members. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 pension changes include:

Unamortized Pension-related Deferred Outflows:

Change in investment return difference	\$ 138,773
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,346,642
Change in proportionate share	9,501
Change in actual and reported contributions difference	224
Change in total contributions after measurement date	58,234
Change in expected and actual experience	51,884
Total	\$ 1,605,258

Unamortized Pension-related Deferred Inflows:

Change in actual and expected experience	\$ 36
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	18,715
Change in investment return difference	116,633
Total	\$ 135,384

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**II. Reconciliation of School-wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)**

**B. Explanation of differences between the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the School-wide Statement of Activities**

The governmental fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the school-wide Statement of Activities includes a reconciling column. The accrual for accrued compensation, the difference between employer contributions to pension plan, change in pension liability and amortization of pension-related deferrals resulted in an adjustment of \$625,039.

**III. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

**A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. As required by Colorado Statutes, all funds have legally adopted budgets and appropriations. The total expenditures for each fund may not exceed the amount appropriated. Appropriations for a fund may be increased if unanticipated revenues offset them. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

As required by Colorado Statutes, the School followed the required timetable noted below in preparing, approving, and enacting its budget for 2017.

1. The proposed budget was submitted to the School Board and the District's Board of Education by May 31 of the year proceeding the budget year. The proposed budget must include a description of major educational objectives and how the proposed budget fulfills those objectives.
2. Notice was published within ten (10) days which contained: availability of proposed budget for inspection, date and time of budget adoption meeting, and that any County taxpayer may file objections prior to the adoption of the budget.
3. The District's Board of Education certified revenue requirements to the local County Commissioners prior to December 15.
4. The final budget was adopted prior to June 30, along with an appropriation resolution.

**B. TABOR Amendment – Revenue and Spending Limitation Amendment**

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding Section 20; commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights ("TABOR"). TABOR contains revenue, spending, tax and debt limitations that apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increase, mill levy above that for the prior year, extension of any expiring tax, or tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenues gain to any local government.

Except for refinancing bonded debt at a lower interest rate or adding new employees to existing pension plans, TABOR requires advance voter approval for the creation of any multiple fiscal year debt or other financial obligation unless adequate present cash reserves are pledged irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years.

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**III. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability (continued)**

**B. TABOR Amendment – Revenue and Spending Limitation Amendment (continued)**

TABOR also requires local governments to establish emergency reserves to be used for declared emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or fringe benefit increases. These reserves are required to be 3% or more of fiscal year revenues. The School has reserved a portion of its June 30, 2017 year-end fund balance in the General Fund for emergencies as required under TABOR in the amount of \$47,212.

On November 3, 1998, the District’s electorate approved to: *“allow the District to collect, keep, and expend revenue from any sources received without regard to any spending, revenue raising, or other limitation on Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution or other laws of the State.”*

The School’s management believes it is in compliance with the financial provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds**

**A. Deposits and Investments**

The School’s deposits are entirely covered by federal depository insurance (the “FDIC”) or by collateral held under Colorado’s Public Deposit Protection Act (“PDPA”). The FDIC insures the first \$250,000 of the School’s deposits at each financial institution. Deposit balances over \$250,000 are collateralized as required by PDPA.

At June 30, 2017, the School had the following investments measured at net asset value:

<b>Investments Measured at Net Asset Value</b>	<b>Total</b>
Colotrust	\$ 329,237

The deposits held by the School at June 30, 2017, were as follows:

	<b>Standard and Poors Rating</b>	<b>Carrying Amounts</b>	<b>Maturities</b>	
			<b>Less than One Year</b>	<b>Less than Five Years</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>				
Petty	Not rated	\$ -	-	-
Checking	Not rated	63,814	63,814	-
Pools	AAAm	329,237	329,237	-
		\$ 393,051	393,051	-

The Investment Pool represents investments in COLOTRUST. The fair value of the pool is determined by the pool’s share price. The City has no regulatory oversight for the pool.

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**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds (continued)**

**A. Deposits and Investments (continued)**

The School has addressed the following risks as noted:

*Credit Risk* – State statutes authorize the District to only invest in bank deposits, general obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies, repurchase agreements of less than 180 days and collateralized by U.S. Treasury or Federal Instrumentality Securities with a maturity not exceeding 5 years, highest rated commercial paper, certain bankers acceptances, local government investment pools, money market funds and certificates of deposit. The District’s policy is to restrict investments to only those permitted by state statute.

Colorado statutes specify instruments in which local governments may invest, including:

- Obligations of the U.S. and certain U.S. governmental agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds for U.S. local governmental entities
- Bankers acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts

*Concentration Risk* – Investment diversification is utilized to avoid unreasonable risks inherent in overinvesting in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities. The School’s investments consist entirely of certificates of deposit within three financial institutions. However, these deposits are made with varied maturity dates and are collateralized for amounts over insured limits as required under Colorado State Statutes.

*Interest Rate Risk* – Colorado Revised Statutes limit the School’s investment maturities to 5 years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investment maturities is a means of limiting exposure to fair values arising from interest rates. The School’s investment policy is to follow the State Statute in order to reduce interest rate risk.

**B. Receivables**

The School had no receivables as of year-end June 30, 2017 for the governmental funds.

**C. Changes in Long-term Obligations**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 14,704	-	(805)	15,509	-
Net Pension Liability	2,129,956	2,020,210	-	4,150,166	-
	<u>\$ 2,144,660</u>	<u>2,020,210</u>	<u>(805)</u>	<u>4,165,675</u>	<u>-</u>

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**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds (continued)**

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions**

At June 30, 2017, the School reported a liability of \$4,150,166 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2016. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on School contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2016 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SCHDTF.

At December 31, 2016, the School's proportion was 0.0139%, as compared to its proportion of 0.0143% measured as of December 31, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School recognized pension expense of \$120,173. At June 30, 2017, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 51,884	\$ 36
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,346,642	18,715
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	138,773	116,633
Changes in proportionate share of contributions	9,501	-
Difference between actual and reporting contributions recognized	224	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	58,234	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,605,258</u>	<u>\$ 135,384</u>

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of December 31, 2016, which are reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2018	\$ 553,679
2019	560,214
2020	295,343
2021	2,404
	<u>\$ 1,411,640</u>

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**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds (continued)**

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)**

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.80 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.90 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.90 – 10.10 percent
Long-term investment Rate of Return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.50 percent
Discount rate	7.50 percent
Future post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA Benefit Structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS Benefit Structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA Benefit Structure hired after 12/31/06 (ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

Based on the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016 and effective as of December 31, 2016. These revised assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll-forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.50 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50 – 9.70 percent
Long-term investment Rate of Return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	5.26 percent
Future post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA Benefit Structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS Benefit Structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA Benefit Structure hired after 12/31/06 (ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

Mortality rates used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection of Scale AA to 2020 with Males set back 1 year, and Females set back 2 years. Active member mortality was based upon the same mortality rates but adjusted to 55 percent of the base rate for males and 40 percent of the base rate for females. For disabled retirees, the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 2 years for males and set back 2 years for females) was assumed.

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**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds (continued)**

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)**

As a result of the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic actuarial assumptions including withdrawal rates, retirement rates for early reduced and unreduced retirement, disability rates, administrative expense load, and pre- and post-retirement and disability mortality rates were adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016 to more closely reflect PERA's actual experience. As the revised economic and demographic assumptions are effective as of the measurement date, December 31, 2016, these revised assumptions were reflected in the total pension liability roll-forward procedures.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Healthy, post-retirement mortality assumptions reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was changed to reflect 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four or five years for PERA. Recently, this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in presentations to PERA's Board on October 28, 2016. As a result of the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop and the November 18, 2016 PERA Board meeting, the economic assumptions changed, effective December 31, 2016, as follows:

- Investment rate of return assumption decreased from 7.50 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses to 7.25 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses.
- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.80 percent per year to 2.40 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.70 percent per year, net of investment expenses, to 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.90 percent per year to 3.50 percent per year.

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**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds (continued)**

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)**

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption for the SCHDTF, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.

As of the November 18, 2016 adoption of the current long-term expected rate of return by the PERA Board, the target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
U.S. Equity – Large Cap	21.20%	4.30%
U.S. Equity – Small Cap	7.42%	4.80%
Non U.S. Equity – Developed	18.55%	5.20%
Non U.S. Equity – Emerging	5.83%	5.40%
Core Fixed Income	19.32%	1.20%
High Yield	1.38%	4.30%
Non U.S. Fixed Income – Developed	1.84%	0.60%
Emerging Market Debt	0.46%	3.90%
Core Real Estate	8.50%	4.90%
Opportunity Fund	6.00%	3.80%
Private Equity	8.50%	6.60%
Cash	1.00%	0.20%
Total	100.00%	

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.26 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated economic and demographic actuarial assumptions adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.50%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the current member contribution rate. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.

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**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)**

- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date, including current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the Actuarial Value Funding Ratio reaches 103%, at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions included reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial fiduciary net position, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. As the ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases financed by the AIR are defined to have a present value at the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments equal to the amount transferred for their future payment, AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments have no impact on the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) determination process when the timing of AIR cash flows is not a factor (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is not projected to be depleted). When AIR cash flow timing is a factor in the SEIR determination process (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted), AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the end of the month.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2041 and, as a result, the municipal bond index rate was used in the determination of the discount rate. The long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to periods through 2041 and the municipal bond index rate, the December average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, was applied to periods on and after 2041 to develop the discount rate. For the measurement date, the municipal bond index rate was 3.86 percent, resulting in a discount rate of 5.26 percent.

As of the prior measurement date, the projection test indicated the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.50 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond index rate and the discount rate was 7.50 percent, 2.24 percent higher compared to the current measurement date.

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**IV. Detailed Notes on all Funds (continued)**

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)**

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.26 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.26 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.26 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.26%)	Current Discount Rate (5.26%)	1% increase (6.26%)
Proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 5,218,700	4,150,166	3,279,883

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**V. Other Information**

**A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**Plan Description:** Eligible employees of the School are provided with pensions through the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**Benefits provided.** PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100 percent match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

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**V. Other Information (continued)**

**A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100 percent of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50 percent or 100 percent on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007 and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure receive an annual increase of 2 percent, unless PERA has a negative investment year, in which case the annual increase for the next three years is the lesser of 2 percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the prior calendar year. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment after January 1, 2007 receive an annual increase of the lesser of 2 percent or the average CPI-W for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve for the SCHDTF.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the retirement benefit formula shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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**V. Other Information (continued)**

**A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

**Contributions.** Eligible employees and the School are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* Eligible employees are required to contribute 8 percent of their PERA-includable salary. The employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below with rates expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42):

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
Employer Contribution Rate <sup>1</sup>	10.15%	10.15%
Amount of Employer Contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f) <sup>1</sup>	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Amount Apportioned to the SCHDTF <sup>1</sup>	9.13%	9.13%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 <sup>1</sup>	4.50%	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 <sup>1</sup>	4.50%	5.00%
Total Employer Contribution Rate to the SCHDTF <sup>1</sup>	18.13%	18.63%

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the School were for the year ended June 30, 2017.

**B. Postemployment Healthcare Benefits**

**Plan Description** – The School contributes to the Health Care Trust Fund ("HCTF"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer healthcare trust administered by PERA. The HCTF benefit provides a health care premium subsidy and health care programs (known as PERACare) to PERA participating benefit recipients and their eligible beneficiaries. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, establishes the HCTF and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of health care subsidies. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the HCTF. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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**V. Other Information (continued)**

**B. Postemployment Healthcare Benefits (continued)**

**Funding Policy:** The School is required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of covered salary for all PERA members at rates set by statute. No member contributions are required. The contribution requirements for the School are established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the C.R.S., as amended. The apportionment of the contribution to the HCTF from the defined benefit plan employer contribution (see previous note) is established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 208 of the C.R.S., as amended. The School's contributions to the HCTF for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$6,052, \$5,877 and \$6,589, respectively, equal to their required contributions for each year.

**C. Defined Contribution Pension Plan**

**Plan Description** - Employees of the School that are also members of the SCHDTF may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program, an Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the C.R.S, as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provisions to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report for the Plan. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**Funding Policy.** Voluntary Investment Program is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions, employer contributions and investment earnings. There were no 401(k) Plan member contributions from the School for the year ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

**D. Risk Management**

**Risk of Loss:** The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers compensation; general liability; unemployment; torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and errors and omissions. The School has acquired commercial coverage for these risks and claims, if any, are not expected to exceed the commercial insurance coverage.

**Pupil Counts:** Each year the School submits data regarding pupil counts to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The purpose of this data collection is to obtain required student level data as provided for by state statute (s), including information regarding students' funding eligibility as outlined in the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (22-54-101, C.R.S.).

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**V. Other Information (continued)**

**D. Risk Management (continued)**

The Student October Count is based on a one (1) day membership count in which districts are asked to report all students who are actively enrolled and attending classes through their district on that date. In an effort to ensure accurate reporting of those data fields associated with student funding, CDE conducts periodic compliance audits of each district's student October count data. This data not only determine per pupil funding, but also at risk and English Language Proficiency Act (ELPA) funding. CDE audits districts every one to four years, the frequency of which is determined by a number of factors including, but not limited to, the size and location of the district, as well as issues or concerns that might have arisen from prior audits.

The School believes its pupil count information is accurate and any adjustment would not be material.

**E. Lease Agreement**

The School entered into a lease agreement with Park County School District, effective July 1, 2009. The agreement provides for the School to occupy the School Building at no cost for a period of five years. Effective July 1, 2016, the agreement was renewed for a period of five years.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



**Lake George Charter School**  
**Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association School Division Trust Fund**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years \***

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0139%	0.0143%	0.0157%	0.0152%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	4,150,166	2,191,856	2,129,956	1,939,746
District's covered payroll	\$ 593,327	\$ 576,156	\$ 601,627	\$ 608,823
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	699%	380%	354%	319%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	43.13%	43.13%	59.16%	64.07%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year. Information is only available beginning in fiscal year 2014.

**Notes to the Schedule of Employers Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017:**

**Note 1. Changes of assumptions.**

Changes in assumptions or other inputs since the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation are as follows:

- o The investment return assumption was lowered from 7.50 percent to 7.25 percent.
- o The wage inflation assumption was lowered from 3.90 percent to 3.50 percent.
- o The post-retirement mortality assumption for healthy lives was changed to the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table with adjustments for credibility and gender adjustments of a 93 percent factor applied to ages below 80 and a 113 percent factor applied to age 80 and above, projected to 2018 for males, and a 68 percent factor applied to ages below 80 and a 106 percent factor applied to age 80 and above, projected to 2020 for females.
- o For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was changed to reflect 90 percent of RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.
- o The mortality assumption for active members was changed to the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.
- o The rates of retirement, withdrawal, and disability were revised to reflect more closely actual experience.
- o The estimated administrative expense as a percentage of covered payroll was increased from 0.35 percent to 0.40 percent.
- o The single equivalent interest rate (SEIR) was lowered from 7.50 percent to 5.26 percent to reflect the changes to the projection's valuation basis, a projected year of depletion of the fiduciary net position (FNP), and the resulting application of the municipal bond index rate.

**Note 2. Changes of benefit terms.**

No changes during the years presented above.

**Note 3. Changes of size or composition of population covered by benefit terms.**

No changes during the years presented above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Lake George Charter School  
Schedule of District Contributions  
Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association School Division Trust Fund  
Last 10 Fiscal Years \***

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 113,422	\$ 108,235	\$ 108,169	\$ 95,210
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>\$ (113,422)</u>	<u>\$ (108,235)</u>	<u>\$ (108,169)</u>	<u>\$ (95,210)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 593,327	\$ 576,156	\$ 601,627	\$ 608,823
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	19.12%	18.79%	17.98%	15.64%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year. Information is only available beginning in fiscal year 2014.

**Notes to the Schedule of District Contributions For the Year Ended June 30, 2017:**

**Note 1. Changes of assumptions.**

No changes during the years presented above.

**Note 2. Changes of benefit terms.**

No changes during the years presented above.

**Note 3. Changes of size or composition of population covered by benefit terms.**

No changes during the years presented above.