

Weld County School District RE-12
Grover, Colorado

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017



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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Education
Weld County School District RE-12
Grover, Colorado

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Weld County School District RE-12 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 auditors' 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and historical pension information listed in the table of contents 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 required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other 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 other supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.

Sterling, Colorado
November 15, 2017

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Management Discussion and Analysis
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

This section of Pawnee RE-12 School District's annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ending June 30, 2017.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Weld County School District RE-12 exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,594,006 (net position).
- The district's total net position decreased by \$224,337.
- General revenues accounted for \$2,623,611 or 95% of the \$2,765,750 in total revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, sales, and grants accounted for \$142,139 or 5% of revenues.
- The general fund ending fund balance is \$1,124,355, a decrease of \$84,811 from last year.

Overview of Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School District's basic financial statements. A comparison to the prior year's activity is provided in the document. The basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and, 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Statements

The Government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector businesses.

The statement of net position includes all of the School District'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 District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government'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 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). In the governmentwide financial statements, the School District reports the following:

- **Governmental activities:** The majority of the School District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, transportation, maintenance and operations, and administration. Taxes and intergovernmental revenues principally support these activities.

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 School District's operations, focusing on the most significant or "major" funds, not the School District as a whole. The School District has two kinds of funds: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

Most of the District's basic services are included in the 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 funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine the status of financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School District's program.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Thus, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balances provide reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements in order to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The School District maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenue, expenditures and change in fund balances for the General Fund, Bond Redemption Fund and Building Fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data for the other governmental fund is presented separately.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 16-19 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to count for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the school district. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the School District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on page 20 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements may be found on pages 21-46 of this report.

Other information

In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also presents other supplementary information concerning the School District's annual appropriated budgets with comparison statements that demonstrate compliance with budgets. Budgeted amounts may be found on pages 55-68.

Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the School District's financial position.

67.5% of the School District's assets are its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and equipment). The school District uses these assets to provide instruction and related services to its students.

The following table provides a summary of the district's net position as of June 30, 2017.

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Current and other assets	\$ 3,074,135	\$ 3,098,209
Capital assets	6,395,850	6,598,694
Total assets	9,469,985	9,696,903
Deferred outflows of resources	2,509,010	484,532
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 11,978,995</u>	<u>\$ 10,181,435</u>
Long-term liabilities	\$ 9,647,822	\$ 7,766,669
Other liabilities	515,379	524,939
Total liabilities	10,163,201	8,291,608
Deferred inflows of resources	221,788	71,484
Net investment in capital assets	3,228,687	2,426,665
Restricted net position	1,486,344	1,420,773
Unrestricted net position	<u>(3,121,025)</u>	<u>(2,029,095)</u>
Total net position	<u>1,594,006</u>	<u>1,818,343</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 11,978,995</u>	<u>\$ 10,181,435</u>

The following is a summary of the School District's change in net position.

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Charges for services	\$ 13,987	\$ 13,578
Operating grants and contributions	128,152	207,321
Property and related taxes	2,543,353	2,572,774
Interest	11,659	17,534
Other	68,599	75,409
Total revenues	2,765,750	2,886,616
Instruction	1,620,399	1,159,746
Students and instructional staff	131,048	102,458
Administration and business services	410,686	310,276
Operations and maintenance	279,714	308,608
Student transportation	216,097	167,007
Other	332,143	258,484
Total expenses	2,990,087	2,306,579
Change in net position	\$ (224,337)	\$ 580,037

Governmental Activities

The primary source of operating revenue for school districts comes from the School Finance Act of 1994, as amended (SFA). Under the SFA the School District received \$15,021 per funded student. In fiscal year 2016-17 the funded pupil count was 78.2. Funding for the SFA comes from property taxes, specific ownership tax and state equalization. In the recent past, the School District received all of this funding from property and specific ownership taxes. The School District's assessed valuation generated \$2,386,037 in property taxes for fiscal year 2016-17.

Governmental Funds

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the School District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,566,907, a decrease of \$17,575 in comparison with the prior year. The general fund had a fund balance decrease of \$84,811.

General Fund Budget Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Colorado law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The District's budget for the General Fund anticipated that expenditures would exceed revenues by \$1,209,166. The actual results for the year show expenditures exceeding revenue by \$84,811.

- Actual revenues increased overall by \$71,129 above budget which was the result of a combination of an increase of \$120,352 from local sources and a decrease of \$50,964 from state and intermediate sources.
- The actual expenditures were \$1,038,226 below budget, due primarily to the District not expending money in Central Support, being conservative with Instructional funds, and not spending any Appropriated Reserves.
- The District must maintain a 3% emergency reserve as a part of the TABOR Amendment (Taxpayer Bill of Rights). At June 30, 2017, the District's TABOR reserve amounted to \$47,000.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The School Districts investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2017 amounts to \$6,395,850 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, and improvements, equipment, construction in progress, and capital leases all with an original cost greater than \$5,000.

The School District's total capital assets at June 30, 2017 and 2016, net of accumulated depreciation, were as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Buildings and improvements	\$ 6,231,609	\$ 6,391,969
Furniture and equipment	41,434	46,065
Licensed vehicles	122,807	160,660
Total	<u>\$ 6,395,850</u>	<u>\$ 6,598,694</u>

Additional information on the School District's capital assets can be found in note E, page 32, in the basic financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

The School District's total long-term debt at June 30, 2017 and 2016 was as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	2017	2016
Compensated absences	\$ 36,324	\$ 35,066
Bonds payable	3,030,000	3,980,000
Bond premium	137,164	192,029
Net pension liability	6,444,334	3,559,574
Total	<u>\$ 9,647,822</u>	<u>\$ 7,766,669</u>

Additional information on the School District's long-term debt can be found in note G, pages 33-34, in the basic financial statements.

Economic Factors

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of the following circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- Pawnee School District depends primarily on local funds and a little on Federal funds. This budget year was particularly difficult due to nearly \$150,000 in district made cuts made in an effort to reduce deficit spending. The District is unable to fully fund its programs locally when there is a decline in assessed valuation which requires reliance on equalization backfill from the state. Unfortunately the state reassessed the budget mid-year and put the district back in the categorical payback situation and wanted all the equalization money back in addition. The state renamed this a "budget stabilization factor". Despite these factors the district maintains a healthy fund balance according to the board and its annual auditors, has one of the lowest mills in the state (including a construction bond to be paid off in 2019) to its constituents, and has made the necessary difficult budget adjustments for 2017-2018. The passage of a local MLO for \$275,000 will be our own local budget stabilization factor.
- Student enrollment combined with local production of natural resources will be the future stability of finances in our District. With local production turning up in this year and a small increase in student enrollment, projections for next year are that the district would remain in the equalization category and be subject to the negative factor. The amount of these figures will be largely determined by the assessed valuation.

- Our District wants to provide all students with the best possible opportunity to learn. This includes: facilities, staff, curriculum, safety, and technology. We recognize the challenges of being a small district with limited resources and living in an outlying area. All of our district stakeholders work together to make our school the best.

Contacting the Districts Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, parents, 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 any questions or need additional information, please contact Pawnee Schools, Weld County School District RE-12 Administration Office at 19 Chatoga, P.O. Box 220, Grover, CO 80729.

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Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements of the District include the following:

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities.

Fund financial statements. The fund financial statements display information about major funds individually and non-major funds in the aggregate for governmental and enterprise funds.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes communicate information essential for fair presentation of the financial statements that is not displayed on the face of the financial statements. As such, the notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 2,275,168
Cash with fiscal agent	18,303
Investments	765,849
Receivables	11,607
Inventories	3,208
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>6,395,850</u>
Total assets	9,469,985
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	<u>2,509,010</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,509,010</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 11,978,995</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 9,448
Accrued salaries and benefits	131,599
Due to other entities	365,495
Accrued interest payable	8,837
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due within one year	975,000
Due in more than one year	<u>8,672,822</u>
Total liabilities	10,163,201
Deferred inflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	221,788
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	3,228,687
Restricted for:	
Emergencies	47,000
Debt service	1,178,407
Capital expenditures	245,312
Food service operations	15,625
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(3,121,025)</u>
Total net position	<u>1,594,006</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 11,978,995</u>

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

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WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 1,620,399	\$ 900	\$ 76,620	
Supporting services				
Students	72,415			
Instructional staff	58,633			
General administration	399,895			
Business services	10,791			
Operations and maintenance	279,714			
Student transportation	216,097		25,750	
Central support services	25,380			
Food service operations	83,102	13,087	25,782	
Unallocated depreciation *	160,301			
Interest and fiscal charges	63,360			
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,990,087</u>	<u>\$ 13,987</u>	<u>\$ 128,152</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

General revenues
 Taxes
 Property taxes, levied for general purposes
 Property taxes, levied for debt service
 Specific ownership taxes
 Delinquent taxes and interest
 Earnings on investments
 Other

Total general revenues

Change in net position

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

Net position at beginning of year

Net position at end of year

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

Net (Expenses)
Revenues and
Changes in
Net Position

Governmental
Activities

\$ (1,542,879)

(72,415)

(58,633)

(399,895)

(10,791)

(279,714)

(190,347)

(25,380)

(44,233)

(160,301)

(63,360)

(2,847,948)

1,264,883

1,121,154

157,160

156

11,659

68,599

2,623,611

(224,337)

1,818,343

\$ 1,594,006

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Building Fund	Other Governmental Fund
Assets				
Cash	\$ 832,849	\$ 1,183,264	\$ 245,312	\$ 13,743
Cash with fiscal agent	17,802	501		
Investments	591,560	174,289		
Due from other funds	6,429			
Property taxes receivable	1,227	1,088		
Grants receivable	3,568			1,882
Other receivables	3,842			
Inventories				3,208
Total assets	\$ 1,457,277	\$ 1,359,142	\$ 245,312	\$ 18,833
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 9,448			
Due to other funds		\$ 6,429		
Due to other entities	191,511	173,984		
Accrued salaries and benefits	131,599			
Total liabilities	332,558	180,413	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred property tax revenues	364	322		
Total deferred inflows of resources	364	322	-	-
Fund balance				
Nonspendable inventories				3,208
Restricted for:				
Emergencies	47,000			
Debt service		1,178,407		
Capital expenditures			245,312	
Food service operations				15,625
Unassigned	1,077,355			
Total fund balance	1,124,355	1,178,407	245,312	18,833
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 1,457,277	\$ 1,359,142	\$ 245,312	\$ 18,833

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

Total Governmental Funds	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
	Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 2,566,907
\$ 2,275,168	Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	6,395,850
18,303		
765,849	Certain receivables will be collected in the next fiscal year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as deferred revenues in the governmental funds.	686
6,429		
2,315		
5,450	Accrued interest on long-term debt is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported as a liability in the funds.	(8,837)
3,842		
3,208	Long-term liabilities and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	(7,360,600)
<u>\$ 3,080,564</u>	Net position of the governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,594,006</u>
\$ 9,448		
6,429		
365,495		
131,599		
512,971		
686		
686		
3,208		
47,000		
1,178,407		
245,312		
15,625		
1,077,355		
<u>2,566,907</u>		
<u>\$ 3,080,564</u>		

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Building Fund	Other Governmental Fund
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 1,475,046	\$ 1,126,384	\$ 18,800	\$ 13,094
Intermediate sources	3,639			
State sources	29,625			983
Federal sources	72,694			24,799
Total revenues	1,581,004	1,126,384	18,800	38,876
Expenditures				
Instruction	949,428			
Supporting services	691,387			61,919
Capital outlay			9,305	
Debt service				
Principal		950,000		
Interest and fiscal charges		120,600		
Total expenditures	1,640,815	1,070,600	9,305	61,919
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(59,811)	55,784	9,495	(23,043)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in				25,000
Transfers out	(25,000)			
Total other financing sources (uses)	(25,000)	-	-	25,000
Net change in fund balance	(84,811)	55,784	9,495	1,957
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,209,166	1,122,623	235,817	16,876
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,124,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,407</u>	<u>\$ 245,312</u>	<u>\$ 18,833</u>

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

Total Governmental Funds	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
	Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ (17,575)
\$ 2,633,324	Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.	
3,639		
30,608		
97,493		
<u>2,765,064</u>		
949,428	Because some property taxes will not be collected for several months after the fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds and are, instead, counted as deferred tax revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the statement of activities.	
753,306		
9,305		
950,000		686
<u>120,600</u>		
<u>2,782,639</u>	Repayment of principal on general obligation bonds and repayments to the Colorado Department of Education are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the long-term liability in the statement of net position.	950,000
(17,575)	In the statement of activities, certain expenses related to the pension liabilities and related deferred outflows and inflows, compensated absences, accrued interest payable and amortization expenses, are measured by the amounts incurred or earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid).	
25,000		
<u>(25,000)</u>		
-		<u>(954,604)</u>
(17,575)	Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (224,337)</u>
<u>2,584,482</u>		
<u>\$ 2,566,907</u>		

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2017

	<u>Agency Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 33,739
Total assets	<u>\$ 33,739</u>
Liabilities	
Due to student groups	\$ 33,739
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 33,739</u>

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Notes to Financial Statements

Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies

This summary of the Weld County School District RE-12's significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the financial statements and other data in this report. The policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A.1 – Reporting entity

The Weld County School District RE-12 is a school district governed by an elected five-member board of education. The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The reporting entity's financial statements should present the funds of the primary government (including its blended component units, which are, in substance, part of the primary government) and provide an overview of the discretely presented component units.

The District has examined other entities that could be included as defined in number 2 and 3 above. Based on these criteria, the District has no component units.

A.2 – Fund accounting

The District uses funds to report its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." The District does not have any proprietary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked funds (special revenue funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service fund). The following are the District's major governmental funds:

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Notes to Financial Statements

Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include local property taxes, specific ownership taxes, and State of Colorado equalization funding, as determined by the School Finance Act of 1994, as amended.

Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operation of the schools, except for certain capital outlay expenditures, food service operations, debt service and pupil activities.

Bond Redemption Fund – This fund is a debt service fund used to account for the revenues from a specific tax levy for the purpose of the repayment of debt principal, interest and other fiscal charges.

Building Fund – This fund is a capital projects fund used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). Revenues and other financing sources are primarily derived from the issuance of debt or transfers from other funds.

The following is the District's nonmajor governmental fund:

Food Service Fund – This fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the financial activities associated with the District's food service operations.

Fiduciary Funds focus on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. The District has one agency fund, the Pupil Activity Fund.

Note A.3 – Basis of presentation

Government-wide financial statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with a brief explanation to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund financial statements – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources management focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, which reports the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

Fiduciary funds focus on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. The District's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address the activities or obligations of the District, these funds are not incorporated into the governmentwide financial statements.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.4 – Basis of accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues – exchange and non-exchange transactions – Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, are recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenues from property taxes are recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. State equalization monies are recognized as revenues during the period in which they are appropriated. Revenues from grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes collected within sixty days after year-end, interest, tuition, grants and student fees.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources - In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This 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 resources (revenue) until that time.

Unearned revenue – Unearned revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenues also arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to meeting eligibility requirements. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and the revenue is recognized.

Expenditures – The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

A.5 – Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is utilized by the District to record purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies to assure effective budgetary control and accountability. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled and reappropriated in the ensuing year’s budget.

A.6 – Short-term interfund receivables/payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as internal balances on the government-wide statement of net position, and are classified as due from other funds or due to other funds on the balance sheet.

A.7 – Inventories

Food Service Fund – purchased inventories are stated at cost as determined by the first-in, first-out method. Commodity inventories are stated at the United States Department of Agriculture’s assigned values, which approximate fair value, at the date of receipt. Expenditures for food items are recorded when consumed. The federal government donates surplus commodities to the national school lunch program. Commodity distributions used by the District are recorded as revenues at the date of their consumption.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.8 – Capital assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets with a unit cost greater than \$5,000 are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost, if actual cost is not available) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value on the date received. Infrastructure assets, consisting of certain improvements other than buildings (such as parking facilities, sidewalks, landscaping and lighting systems) are capitalized along with other capital assets. Improvements to assets are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated with the exception of land costs. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Land and improvements	0-25 years
Buildings and improvements	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	5-25 years
Licensed vehicles	8 years

A.9 – Compensated absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Compensated absence benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Accumulated sick leave benefits are paid to employees upon termination of employment.

Sick leave - all full-time employees will be allowed eight days leave each year, accumulative to forty. Part-time certified employees will be allowed leave days at a prorated number of the full-time employees. Upon an employee's retirement or termination from the District, they will be paid one-half of the substitute teacher daily pay rate up to a maximum of forty days of accumulated leave.

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Note A - Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Vacation leave - Twelve month employees will be granted the equivalent of one work week (four days) of vacation after completing one full year of service with the District. A second week of vacation will be granted after two years of service. Upon an employee's retirement or termination from the District, they will be paid a per diem rate for each unused vacation day.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the account "accrued compensated absences" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

The amount recorded as liabilities for all applicable compensated absences include salary-related payments associated with the payment of compensated absences, using the rates in effect at the balance sheet date.

A.10 - Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, the noncurrent portion of compensated absences that will be paid from the governmental funds is reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that it will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. Bonds payable and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

A.11 - Fund balance

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

Nonspendable, such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenditures, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned),

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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

Committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the board of education (the District's highest level of decision-making authority),

Assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, and

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the District's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

Committed fund balance is established by a formal passage of a resolution. This is typically done through the adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the board of education through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service or for other purposes).

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available in governmental funds, the District applies expenditures against restricted fund balance first, and followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance.

A.12 – Net position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position are reported as restricted when there are liabilities imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.13 – Interfund transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. In general, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

A.14 – Extraordinary and special items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the board of education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during the year.

Note B – Cash and investments

Cash and deposits

Colorado State statutes govern the District's deposit of cash. The Public Deposit Protection Acts (PDPA) for banks and savings and loans require state regulators to certify eligible depositories for public deposits. The PDPA require eligible depositories with public deposits in excess of federal insurance levels to create a single institution collateral pool of defined eligible assets. Eligible collateral includes obligations of the United States, obligations of the State of Colorado or Colorado local governments and obligations secured by first lien mortgages on real property located in the state. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group and not held in any individual government's name. The fair value of the assets in the pool must be at least equal to 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits.

Custodial credit risk – deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, the District had total deposits of \$3,077,055, of which \$250,000 was insured and \$2,827,055 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

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Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)

Investments

Authorized investments – Investment policies are governed by Colorado State Statutes and the District’s own investment policies and procedures. Investments of the District may include:

- Obligations of the United States Government such as treasury bills, notes and bonds
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of United States local government 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

At year-end, the District’s investments consisted entirely of certificates of deposit at a local financial institution.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and investments:

Cash in bank	\$ 2,308,907
Certificates of deposit	<u>765,849</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,074,756</u>
 <u>Statement of net position</u>	
Cash	\$ 2,275,168
Investments	<u>765,849</u>
Subtotal	3,041,017
 <u>Statement of fiduciary net position</u>	
Cash	<u>33,739</u>
Subtotal	<u>33,739</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,074,756</u>

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Note C – Receivables

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

	<u>Governmental Receivables</u>
Property taxes receivable	\$ 2,315
Grants receivable	5,450
Other receivables	<u>3,842</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,607</u>

Property taxes are levied on December 15th and attach as a lien on property the following January 1st. They are payable in full by April 30th or are due in two equal installments on February 28th and June 15th. Weld County bills and collects property taxes for all taxing entities within the County. The tax receipts collected by the county are remitted to the District in the subsequent month.

Note D – Interfund transactions

The following is a summary of interfund borrowings and transfers for the year as presented in the fund financial statements:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General fund	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other governmental fund	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them. During the year, the District transferred funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Other Governmental Fund to subsidize the costs of maintaining the District's food service operations.

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General fund	\$ 6,429	\$ -
Bond redemption fund	<u>-</u>	<u>6,429</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,429</u>	<u>\$ 6,429</u>

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Note D – Interfund transactions (Continued)

All balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Note E – Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions/ Adjustments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land improvements	\$ 31,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,568
Buildings and improvements	8,418,965	-	-	8,418,965
Furniture and equipment	118,250	-	-	118,250
Licensed vehicles	<u>548,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>548,685</u>
 Total capital assets, being depreciated	 <u>9,117,468</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>9,117,468</u>
 Total capital assets	 9,117,468	 -	 -	 9,117,468
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(31,568)	-	-	(31,568)
Buildings and improvements	(2,026,996)	(160,360)	-	(2,187,356)
Furniture and equipment	(72,185)	(4,631)	-	(76,816)
Licensed vehicles	<u>(388,025)</u>	<u>(37,853)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(425,878)</u>
 Total accumulated depreciation	 <u>(2,518,774)</u>	 <u>(202,844)</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>(2,721,618)</u>
 Governmental activities capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 6,598,694</u>	 <u>\$ (202,844)</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 6,395,850</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 2,408
Operations and maintenance	2,282
Student transportation	37,853
Unallocated	<u>160,301</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 202,844</u>

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Note F – Accrued salaries and benefits

Salaries and benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from September to August, but are earned during a school year of approximately nine to ten months. The salaries and benefits earned but not paid at year-end are estimated to be \$131,599. Accordingly, this accrued compensation is reflected as a liability in the accompanying financial statements.

Note G – Long-term debt

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt for the year:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Additions/ Adjustments</u>	<u>Reductions/ Adjustments</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
Governmental Activities					
Compensated absences	\$ 35,066	\$ 1,258	\$ -	\$ 36,324	\$ -
Bonds payable	3,980,000	-	(950,000)	3,030,000	975,000
Bond premium	192,029	-	(54,865)	137,164	-
Net pension liability	<u>3,559,574</u>	<u>2,884,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,444,334</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,766,669</u>	<u>\$ 2,886,018</u>	<u>\$ (1,004,865)</u>	<u>\$ 9,647,822</u>	<u>\$ 975,000</u>

Payments on the bonds payable are made in the Bond Redemption Fund, while the compensated absences and net pension liability attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated primarily by the General Fund. The District believes that the current portion of compensated absences is negligible and is therefore not reported.

Bonds Payable

\$4,900,000 general obligation bonds, dated January 15, 2015, due in annual installments beginning in fiscal year 2015 ranging from \$920,000 to \$1,045,000; varying interest rates ranging from 3.000 % to 3.500% payable semi-annually on June 1st and December 1st.

Total general obligation bonds \$ 3,030,000

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Note G – Long-term debt (Continued)

The following schedule represents the District’s debt service requirements to maturity for all outstanding bonded indebtedness:

<u>Year ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 975,000	\$ 88,988	\$ 1,063,988
2019	1,010,000	54,250	1,064,250
2020	<u>1,045,000</u>	<u>18,287</u>	<u>1,063,287</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 3,030,000</u>	<u>\$ 161,525</u>	<u>\$ 3,191,525</u>

Note H – Defined benefit pension plan

Summary of significant accounting policies

Pensions. The District 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.

General information about the pension plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the District 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.

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. Section 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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.

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, 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% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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.

Contributions. Eligible employees and the District are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. Section 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:

	For the Year Ended December 31, <u>2016</u>	For the Year Ended December 31, <u>2017</u>
Employer contribution rate ¹	10.15%	10.15%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-208(1)(f) ¹	<u>(1.02)%</u>	<u>(1.02)%</u>
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF ¹	9.13%	9.13%
Amortization equalization disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-411 ¹	4.50%	4.50%
Supplemental amortization equalization disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-411 ¹	<u>4.50%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF ¹	<u>18.13%</u>	<u>18.63%</u>

¹ Rates are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. Section 24-51-101(42).

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 District were \$179,788 for the year ended.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

Pension liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions

At year-end, the District reported a liability of \$6,444,334 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 District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's 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 District's proportion was 0.0216 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0017 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,190,374. At year-end, the District 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	\$ 82,609	\$ 62
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	2,091,051	31,249
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	231,403	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	12,163	190,477
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>91,784</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,509,010</u>	<u>\$ 221,788</u>

\$91,784 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30, _____</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 881,781
2019	872,997
2020	438,511
2021	<u>2,149</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 2,195,438</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, 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
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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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
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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, adopted by PERA’s Board on November 13, 2012, and an economic assumption study, adopted by PERA’s Board on November 15, 2013 and January 17, 2014.

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 and roll-forward procedures.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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 adjustment 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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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</u>
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	<u>100.00%</u>	

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.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

- 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.
- 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 estimate 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 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.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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.

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 <u>(4.26%)</u>	Current Discount <u>(5.26%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(6.26%)</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>8,103,542</u>	\$ <u>6,444,334</u>	\$ <u>5,092,968</u>

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.

Payables to the pension plan

The District did not report any payables to the pension plan at year-end.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note I – Defined contribution pension plan

Voluntary Investment Program

Plan description. Employees of the District 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 of the Plan. That report can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Funding policy. The 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. The District does not offer matching contributions to its employees. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2017, program members contributed \$18,627 for the Voluntary Investment Program.

Note J – Other postemployment benefits

Health Care Trust Fund

Plan description. The District 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 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.

Funding policy. The District is required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary for all PERA members as set by statute. No member contributions are required. The contribution requirements for the District are established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the C.R.S., as amended. The apportionment of the contributions to the HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the District's contributions to the HCTF were \$9,452, \$10,286 and \$10,328, respectively, equal to their required contributions for each year.

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Note K – Risk management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participates in the Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool's objectives are to provide member school districts defined property and liability coverages through self-insurance and excess insurance purchased from commercial companies. The District pays an annual contribution to the Pool for its insurance coverages. The District's contribution for the year was \$29,477. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage or the deductible in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year in any of the major categories of risk.

Note L – Commitments and contingencies

Federal and state funding

The District receives revenues from various federal and state grant programs which are subject to final review and approval by the grantor agencies. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

TABOR Amendment

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), to the State Constitution (Article X, Section 20) which limits the revenue raising and spending abilities of state and local governments. The limits on property taxes, revenue, and "fiscal year spending" include allowable annual increases tied to inflation and local growth in student enrollment. Fiscal year spending as defined by the amendment excludes spending from certain revenue and financing sources such as federal funds, gifts, property sales, fund transfers, damage awards, and fund reserves (balances). The amendment requires voter approval for any increase in mill levy or tax rates, new taxes, or creation of multi-year debt. Revenue earned in excess of the "spending limit" must be refunded or approved to be retained by the District under specified voting requirements by the entire electorate. On November 7, 1995, the voters of the District approved a ballot initiative permitting the District to retain, appropriate, and utilize, by retention for reserve, carryover fund balance, or expenditure, the full proceeds and revenues received from every source whatsoever, without limitation, in this fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years notwithstanding any limitation of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of TABOR. However, the District has made certain interpretations of TABOR's language in order to determine its compliance. The District has reserved funds in the General Fund in the amount of \$47,000 for the emergency reserve.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note M – Joint venture

The District participates in the Centennial Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). This joint venture does not meet the criteria for inclusion within the reporting entity because the BOCES:

- is financially independent and responsible for its own financing deficits and entitled to its own surpluses,
- has a separate governing board from that of the District,
- has a separate management which is responsible for the day to day operations and is accountable to the separate board,
- governing board and management have the ability to significantly influence operations by approving budgetary requests and adjustments, signing contracts, hiring personnel, exercising control over facilities and determining the outcome or disposition of matters affecting the recipients of services provided, and
- has absolute authority over all funds and fiscal responsibility including budgetary responsibility and reporting to state agencies and controls fiscal management.

The District has one member on the board. This board has final authority for all budgeting and financing of the joint venture.

Separate financial statements of the Centennial Board of Educational Services are available by contacting their administrative office in Longmont, Colorado.

For the year, the District's financial contribution was \$53,333.

Required Supplementary Information

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
- Schedule of District Contributions

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 1,274,030	\$ 1,354,694	\$ 1,475,046	\$ 120,352
Intermediate sources	37,486	40,794	3,639	(37,155)
State sources	225,080	43,434	29,625	(13,809)
Federal sources	48,815	70,953	72,694	1,741
Total revenues	1,585,411	1,509,875	1,581,004	71,129
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,008,896	1,000,138	949,428	50,710
Supporting services	996,924	932,067	691,387	240,680
Appropriated reserves	746,836	746,836		746,836
Total expenditures	2,752,656	2,679,041	1,640,815	1,038,226
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,167,245)	(1,169,166)	(59,811)	1,109,355
Other financing uses				
Transfers out	(35,000)	(40,000)	(25,000)	15,000
Net change in fund balance	\$ (1,202,245)	\$ (1,209,166)	(84,811)	\$ 1,124,355
Fund balance at beginning of year			1,209,166	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 1,124,355	

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability ¹
June 30, 2017

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0216442613%	0.0232738677%	0.0234928957%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 6,444,334	\$ 3,559,574	\$ 3,184,076
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 926,646	\$ 1,008,396	\$ 1,012,542
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	695.45%	352.99%	314.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	43.10%	59.20%	62.84%

¹ Information is not available prior to June 30, 2015. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Schedule of District Contributions ¹
June 30, 2017

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 179,788	\$ 189,170	\$ 180,843
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(179,788)</u>	<u>(189,170)</u>	<u>(180,843)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 926,646	\$ 1,008,396	\$ 1,012,542
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	19.40%	18.76%	17.86%

¹ Information is not available prior to June 30, 2015. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Note A – Budgetary data

The District adheres to the following procedures in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes, establishing the budgetary data in the financial statements:

1. Budgets are required by state law for all funds. Prior to May 31, the superintendent of schools submits to the board of education a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted by the board of education to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
4. Prior to January 31, the board of education submits its adopted annual budget to the department of education.
5. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Authorization to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund and reallocation of budget line items within any department in the General Fund rests with the superintendent of schools. Revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the board of education.
6. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
7. Budgeted amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted and as amended by the board of education throughout the year. After budget approval, the District board of education may approve supplemental appropriations if an occurrence, condition, or need exists which was not known at the time the budget was adopted.
8. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Note B – Factors affecting trends in amounts reported in the pension schedules

Information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amounts reported in the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of District Contributions is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

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Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedules – General Fund

The General Fund accounts for all transactions of the District not required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund represents an accounting of the District's ordinary operations financed primarily from property and specific ownership taxes and state aid. It is the most significant fund in relation to the District's overall operations. The schedules of revenues and expenditures are included to provide a greater level of detail to the reader of the financial statements.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Property taxes	\$ 1,165,759	\$ 1,245,623	\$ 1,264,519	\$ 18,896
Specific ownership taxes	75,271	75,271	157,160	81,889
Delinquent taxes and interest	500	500	83	(417)
Tuition		800	900	100
Earnings on investments	5,000	5,000	4,544	(456)
Other local sources	27,500	27,500	47,840	20,340
Total local sources	1,274,030	1,354,694	1,475,046	120,352
Intermediate sources	37,486	40,794	3,639	(37,155)
State sources				
Equalization	149,592	15,014	(50)	(15,064)
Vocational education	22,899	(21,221)	(490)	20,731
ELPA			(2,944)	(2,944)
Gifted and talented			(527)	(527)
Transportation	45,000	41,755	25,750	(16,005)
READ Act	2,717	2,541	2,541	-
State grants to libraries	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
Additional at risk funding		473	473	-
Services within the BOCES	1,372	1,372	1,372	-
Total state sources	225,080	43,434	29,625	(13,809)
Federal sources				
Early childhood readiness	54	54		(54)
REAP	19,691	27,529	8,817	(18,712)
National forest land payments			40,405	40,405
Services within the BOCES	29,070	43,370	23,472	(19,898)
Total federal sources	48,815	70,953	72,694	1,741
Total revenues	\$ 1,585,411	\$ 1,509,875	\$ 1,581,004	\$ 71,129

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WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Salaries	\$ 652,601	\$ 653,579	\$ 627,546	\$ 26,033
Employee benefits	240,653	249,299	236,055	13,244
Purchased services	38,466	24,731	15,786	8,945
Supplies and materials	54,492	51,492	52,031	(539)
Property	9,000	7,353	3,512	3,841
Other	13,684	13,684	14,498	(814)
Total instruction	1,008,896	1,000,138	949,428	50,710
Supporting services				
Students				
Salaries	11,500	11,500	7,826	3,674
Employee benefits	4,000	3,000	2,311	689
Purchased services	53,739	53,639	53,618	21
Supplies and materials	2,000	1,500	338	1,162
Other	200	200		200
Total students	71,439	69,839	64,093	5,746
Instructional staff				
Salaries	25,740	25,740	25,739	1
Employee benefits	5,400	5,400	5,361	39
Purchased services	200	150	163	(13)
Supplies and materials	1,000	1,000		1,000
Other	100	100		100
Total instructional staff	32,440	32,390	31,263	1,127
General administration				
Salaries	148,296	152,804	151,335	1,469
Employee benefits	61,000	63,500	62,449	1,051
Purchased services	27,800	26,800	20,662	6,138
Supplies and materials	5,000	4,000	2,318	1,682
Other	5,000	5,000	2,208	2,792
Total general administration	247,096	252,104	238,972	13,132

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Business services				
Purchased services	11,000	11,000	10,791	209
Total business services	11,000	11,000	10,791	209
Operations and maintenance				
Salaries	85,000	75,000	54,877	20,123
Employee benefits	20,400	15,400	13,674	1,726
Purchased services	84,253	77,253	56,045	21,208
Supplies and materials	96,000	96,000	82,358	13,642
Property	171,372	129,907	2,819	127,088
Other	250	150		150
Total operations and maintenance	457,275	393,710	209,773	183,937
Student transportation services				
Salaries	68,000	68,000	63,129	4,871
Employee benefits	19,100	19,000	18,438	562
Purchased services	24,827	25,777	13,319	12,458
Supplies and materials	38,500	33,500	16,129	17,371
Property	2,000	2,000		2,000
Other	1,500	500	100	400
Total student transportation services	153,927	148,777	111,115	37,662
Central supporting services				
Purchased services	23,747	24,247	25,380	(1,133)
Total supporting services	996,924	932,067	691,387	240,680
Appropriated reserves	746,836	746,836		746,836
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 2,752,656</u>	<u>\$ 2,679,041</u>	<u>\$ 1,640,815</u>	<u>\$ 1,038,226</u>

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Nonmajor Governmental Fund

The District reports the following nonmajor governmental fund:

Special Revenue Funds – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

- Food Service Fund – This fund is used to record financial transactions related to the District's food service operations.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Food Service Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 16,005	\$ 14,007	\$ 13,094	\$ (913)
State sources	780	1,093	983	(110)
Federal sources	18,000	17,500	24,799	7,299
Total revenues	34,785	32,600	38,876	6,276
Expenditures				
Salaries	19,700	17,700	19,921	(2,221)
Employee benefits	8,700	8,500	8,621	(121)
Purchased services	1,800	1,800		1,800
Supplies and materials	46,650	41,650	33,296	8,354
Property	1,000	1,000		1,000
Other			81	(81)
Appropriated reserves	3,935	3,826		3,826
Total expenditures	81,785	74,476	61,919	12,557
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(47,000)	(41,876)	(23,043)	(6,281)
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	35,000	25,000	25,000	-
Net change in fund balance	\$ (12,000)	\$ (16,876)	1,957	\$ 18,833
Fund balance at beginning of year			16,876	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 18,833	

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Debt Service Fund

The District reports the following major debt service fund:

Debt Service Fund – These funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

- Bond Redemption Fund – The revenues from a tax levy for the purpose of satisfying bonded indebtedness obligations, both principal and interest and related expenditures, shall be recorded in this fund.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Bond Redemption Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Property taxes	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 1,120,832	\$ 832
Specific ownership taxes	6,430			-
Delinquent taxes and interest			73	73
Earnings on investments	4,000	5,000	5,479	479
Total revenues	1,130,430	1,125,000	1,126,384	1,384
Expenditures				
Debt service				
Principal	950,000	950,000	950,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	120,600	120,900	120,600	300
Appropriated reserves	1,312,787	1,176,723		1,176,723
Total expenditures	2,383,387	2,247,623	1,070,600	1,177,023
Net change in fund balance	\$ (1,252,957)	\$ (1,122,623)	55,784	\$ (1,175,639)
Fund balance at beginning of year			1,122,623	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 1,178,407	

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Capital Projects Fund

The District reports the following major capital projects fund:

Capital Projects Fund – These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

- Building Fund – This fund is a capital projects fund used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). Revenues and other financing sources are primarily derived from the issuance of debt or transfers from other funds.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Building Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Earnings on investments	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,629	\$ (371)
Other local sources		17,171	17,171	-
Total revenues	2,000	19,171	18,800	(371)
Expenditures				
Capital outlay				
Property	234,693	254,988	9,305	245,683
Total expenditures	234,693	254,988	9,305	245,683
Net change in fund balance	\$ (232,693)	\$ (235,817)	9,495	\$ (246,054)
Fund balance at beginning of year			235,817	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 245,312	

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Fiduciary Fund

These funds focus on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds.

Agency funds – These funds are used to report resources held by the District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). These funds typically involve only the receipt, temporary investment, and remittance of fiduciary resources to individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

- Pupil Activity Agency Fund – This fund is an agency fund used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-12
Pupil Activity Agency Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Additions				
Fundraising and other events	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 44,656	\$ (55,344)
Deductions				
Pupil activity expenditures	100,000	137,216	48,133	89,083
Excess of additions over (under) deductions	\$ -	\$ (37,216)	(3,477)	\$ 33,739
Due to student groups at beginning of year			37,216	
Due to student groups at end of year			\$ 33,739	

**Colorado Department of Education
Supplementary Schedule**

Auditors' integrity report – This fiscal-year report is required by the Colorado Department of Education to maintain statewide consistency in financial reporting. This report is also used to gather financial data that could affect future state funding.

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Independent Auditors' Report on Auditors' Integrity Report

Board of Education
Weld County School District RE-12
Grover, Colorado

We have audited financial statements of the Weld County School District RE-12 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and our report thereon dated November 15, 2017, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, appears on pages 1-2. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Auditors' Integrity Report is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.

Sterling, Colorado
November 15, 2017



Colorado Department of Education
Auditors Integrity Report
 District: 3148 - PAWNEE RE-12
 Fiscal Year 2016-17
 Colorado School District/BOCES

Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Fund

Fund Type & Number	Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
Governmental	+		-	=
10 General Fund	1,209,166	1,556,004	1,640,815	1,124,355
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	0	0	0	0
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total	1,209,166	1,556,004	1,640,815	1,124,355
11 Charter School Fund	0	0	0	0
20,26-29 Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
05 Supplemental Cap Const. Tech. Main. Fund	0	0	0	0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	16,876	63,876	61,919	18,833
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0	0	0	0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
24 Full Day Kindergarten Mill Levy Override	0	0	0	0
25 Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	1,122,623	1,126,383	1,070,600	1,178,407
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0
41 Building Fund	235,817	18,800	9,305	245,312
42 Special Building Fund	0	0	0	0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
46 Supplemental Cap Const. Tech. Main Fund	0	0	0	0
Totals	2,584,483	2,765,063	2,782,639	2,566,907
Proprietary				
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0	0	0	0
60,65-59 Other Internal Service Funds	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0
Fiduciary				
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0	0	0	0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
73 Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	37,216	44,656	48,133	33,739
79 GASB 34 Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0
85 Foundations	0	0	0	0
Totals	37,216	44,656	48,133	33,739

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