

Weld County School District RE-11J
New Raymer, Colorado

Financial Statements

For the Year ended June 30, 2018

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Education
Weld County School District RE-11J
New Raymer, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Weld County School District RE-11J (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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, 2018, 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.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note N to the financial statements, in 2018 the District adopted new accounting guidance, GASBS No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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, historical pension and other post-employment benefit plan 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
December 6, 2018

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Management Discussion and Analysis
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

This section of Weld County School District RE-11J annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2018.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Weld County School District RE-11J exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Our net position as of June 30, 2018 is \$10,414,876.
- The district's total net position decreased by \$1,587,360.
- General revenues accounted for \$2,991,592 or 91% of the \$3,273,124 in total revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, sales, and grants accounted for \$281,532 or 9% of revenues.
- The general fund ending fund balance reached \$3,841,827. This was an increase of \$157,915 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 normally provided in the document. The basic financial statements consist of four components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statement. 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 government-wide financial statements, the School District's activities include the following:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the School District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, transportation, maintenance, 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 five 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 and Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data for the other three governmental funds are combined in a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

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 20-21 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 22-58 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 72-84.

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.

74% of the School District's assets are 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, 2018.

	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2017
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 5,341,337	\$ 5,052,196
Capital assets, net of depreciation	15,061,438	15,392,919
Total assets	20,402,775	20,445,115
Deferred outflows of resources	2,850,931	3,339,246
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 23,253,706	\$ 23,784,361
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 261,624	\$ 205,949
Long-term liabilities	11,856,402	11,320,003
Total liabilities	12,118,026	11,525,952
Deferred inflows of resources	720,804	52,522
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	12,369,344	12,560,618
Restricted	522,321	475,011
Unrestricted	(2,476,789)	(829,742)
Total net position	10,414,876	12,205,887
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 23,253,706	\$ 23,784,361

The following table is a summary of the District's changes in net position.

	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2017
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 55,920	\$ 41,571
Operating grants and contributions	225,612	69,896
Capital grants and contributions	-	45,181
Total program revenues	281,532	156,648
General revenues		
Tax revenues	1,788,667	2,851,088
State equalization	963,326	-
Earnings on investments	47,486	15,430
Miscellaneous	192,113	166,428
Total general revenues	2,991,592	3,032,946
Total revenues	3,273,124	3,189,594
Expenses		
Instruction	2,625,567	2,373,527
Supporting services	1,790,421	1,596,178
Unallocated depreciation	330,966	330,966
Interest on long-term obligations	113,530	118,959
Total expenses	4,860,484	4,419,630
Change in net position	(1,587,360)	(1,230,036)
Net position at beginning of year	12,002,236	13,435,923
Net position at end of year	\$ 10,414,876	\$ 12,205,887

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 \$12,185 per funded student. In fiscal year 2017-18 the funded pupil count was 197.6. Funding for the SFA comes from property taxes, specific ownership tax and state equalization. The School District's assessed valuation generated \$1,621,858 in property taxes for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the School District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the 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 \$5,087,754, an increase of \$232,206. The General, Capital Reserve Capital Projects and Other Governmental Funds had fund balance increases of \$157,915, \$30,740, and \$43,551, respectively.

General Fund Budget Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Colorado law and is based on accounting for transactions under generally accepted accounting principles. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

Key Budget Points:

- The District was funded primarily by local property taxes (\$1,361,769) with \$963,326 coming from the state formula.
- The budget was based on a student count number of 203.5 FTE's. The funded pupil count number ended up at 197.6, a decrease of 4.9 students from 2016-17.
- The General Fund ending balance continues to increase. Much of the balance is committed to our agreement with the BEST program for eventual repairs to the school building.

The differences that were found between the final budget and the actual amounts can be found beginning on page 48.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The School District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2018 amounts to \$15,061,438 (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, 2018 net of accumulated depreciation consisted of the following:

Land	\$	10,745
Land improvements		86,616
Buildings and improvements		14,488,637
Furniture and equipment		254,091
Licensed vehicles		221,349
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,061,438</u>

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

Long-Term Debt

The School District's total long-term debt at June 30, 2018 consisted of the following:

Bonds payable	\$ 2,692,094
Net pension liability	8,959,706
Net OPEB liability	<u>204,602</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 11,856,402</u>

Economic Factors

The budget is based upon the goals of the school and the Board of Education.

Key Factors:

- Enrollment is steady.
- Revenue is limited.
- Health insurance costs are rising faster than inflation.
- Salaries are a major expenditure. There was a modest increase to retain a quality staff.
- PERA contributions are 20.15%.
- Energy costs have moderated.
- The District supplements the food service program to provide good, nutritious meals to students at a very affordable price.

Contacting the District's 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 about this report or need additional information, contact Weld County School District RE-11J, 42315 W.C.R. 133, P.O. Box 168, New Raymer, Colorado, 80742.

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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 nonmajor 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-11J
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2018

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 447,831
Cash with fiscal agent	10,269
Investments	4,825,247
Receivables	56,298
Inventory	1,692
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>15,061,438</u>
Total assets	20,402,775
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	<u>2,850,931</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,850,931</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 23,253,706</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 28,664
Accrued salaries and benefits	223,721
Accrued interest payable	9,239
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due within one year	145,982
Due in more than one year	<u>11,710,420</u>
Total liabilities	12,118,026
Deferred inflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	<u>720,804</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	720,804
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	12,369,344
Restricted for:	
Emergencies	88,000
Debt service	294,979
Food service operations	43,512
BEST capital renewal reserve	95,830
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(2,476,789)</u>
Total net position	<u>10,414,876</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u><u>\$ 23,253,706</u></u>

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

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WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 2,625,567	\$ 1,080	\$ 143,349	
Supporting services				
Students	112,720			
Instructional staff	78,529		3,500	
General administration	382,566			
School administration	191,212			
Business services	223,575			
Operations and maintenance	320,354			
Student transportation	292,920		40,934	
Food service operations	188,545	54,840	37,829	
Unallocated depreciation *	330,966			
Interest on long-term obligations	113,530			
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,860,484</u>	<u>\$ 55,920</u>	<u>\$ 225,612</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

State equalization

Earnings on investments

Other

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position at beginning of year, as restated

Net position at end of year

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

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

Net (Expenses)
Revenues and
Changes in
Net Position

Total
Governmental
Activities

\$ (2,481,138)

(112,720)

(75,029)

(382,566)

(191,212)

(223,575)

(320,354)

(251,986)

(95,876)

(330,966)

(113,530)

(4,578,952)

1,361,769

260,089

166,830

(21)

963,326

47,486

192,113

2,991,592

(1,587,360)

12,002,236

\$ 10,414,876

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 212,163	\$ 20,286	\$ 215,382	\$ 447,831
Cash with fiscal agent	10,195		74	10,269
Investments	3,793,034	737,622	294,591	4,825,247
Due from other funds	17,303			17,303
Property taxes receivable	2,621		534	3,155
Grants receivable	45,944		1,990	47,934
Other receivables	2,228		2,981	5,209
Inventory			1,692	1,692
Total assets	\$ 4,083,488	\$ 757,908	\$ 517,244	\$ 5,358,640
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 28,664			\$ 28,664
Due to other funds			\$ 17,303	17,303
Accrued salaries and benefits	212,019		11,702	223,721
Total liabilities	240,683	\$ -	29,005	269,688
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred property tax revenues	978		220	1,198
Total deferred inflows of resources	978	-	220	1,198
Fund balance				
Nonspendable inventory			1,692	1,692
Restricted for:				
Emergencies	88,000			88,000
Debt service			294,979	294,979
Food service			43,512	43,512
BEST capital renewal reserve		95,830		95,830
Committed to:				
Capital projects		662,078		662,078
Pupil activities			147,836	147,836
Assigned to risk management	87,376			87,376
Unassigned	3,666,451			3,666,451
Total fund balance	3,841,827	757,908	488,019	5,087,754
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 4,083,488	\$ 757,908	\$ 517,244	\$ 5,358,640

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2018

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 5,087,754
Capital assets net of depreciation used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	15,061,438
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 unearned revenues in the funds.	1,198
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.	(9,239)
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.	<u>(9,726,275)</u>
Net position of the governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 10,414,876</u></u>

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 1,588,049	\$ 5,740	\$ 438,686	\$ 2,032,475
Intermediate sources	50,933			50,933
State sources	1,107,785		1,588	1,109,373
Federal sources	43,324		36,241	79,565
Total revenues	2,790,091	5,740	476,515	3,272,346
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,425,842		130,286	1,556,128
Supporting services	1,011,814		132,980	1,144,794
Capital outlay		85,000		85,000
Debt service				
Principal			140,207	140,207
Interest and fiscal charges			114,011	114,011
Total expenditures	2,437,656	85,000	517,484	3,040,140
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	352,435	(79,260)	(40,969)	232,206
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in		110,000	84,520	194,520
Transfers out	(194,520)			(194,520)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(194,520)	110,000	84,520	-
Net change in fund balances	157,915	30,740	43,551	232,206
Fund balance at beginning of year	3,683,912	727,168	444,468	4,855,548
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 3,841,827	\$ 757,908	\$ 488,019	\$ 5,087,754

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

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

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 232,206
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 outlays in the current period.	(331,480)
Because some revenues 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.	778
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - pension and OPEB liabilities, related deferred outflows and inflows, and interest - 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).	(1,629,071)
Repayment of principal on general obligation bonds are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the long-term debt liability in the statement of net position.	<u>140,207</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (1,587,360)</u></u>

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2018

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
Assets	
Investments	\$ 28,076
Total assets	<u>\$ 28,076</u>
Liabilities and net position	
Liabilities	\$ -
Net position	
Held in trust for scholarships	<u>28,076</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 28,076</u>

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 1J
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2018

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
Additions	
Contributions and earnings	\$ 139
Total additions	139
Deductions	
Scholarship awards	-
Total deductions	-
Change in net position	139
Net position at beginning of year	<u>27,937</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 28,076</u></u>

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Notes to Financial Statements

Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies

This summary of the Weld County School District RE-11J'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-11J 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:

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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, debt service, food service operations and pupil activities.

Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund – This fund is a capital projects fund used to account for and report financial resources that have been designated for capital outlays acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets.

The following are the District’s nonmajor governmental funds:

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.

Pupil Activity Fund – This fund is a special revenue fund used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

Bond Redemption – 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.

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 the following fiduciary fund:

Scholarship Trust Fund – This fund is a private-purpose trust fund used to account for resources held by the District in a fiduciary capacity for scholarships to be distributed to area students for post-secondary education.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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.

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.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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 government-wide financial statements.

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 180 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.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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.

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.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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.

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 improvements	20 years
Buildings and improvements	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	5- 15 years
Licensed vehicles	8 years

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.9 – Compensated absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Compensated absences 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 vacation leave benefits are paid to employees upon termination of employment.

The District's policy permits employees on 12-month contracts to receive two weeks paid vacation, which days shall not accumulate from year to year. If an employee is discharged, laid off, retires or for some other reason leaves employment prior to taking vacation, the employee shall be compensated for unused vacation time.

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.

No liability is shown in the financial statements as the amount would be negligible.

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 governmental funds is reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they 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.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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),
- *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

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

improvement of those assets. Net position is 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 is available.

A.13 – Interfund transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues or expenditures. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures 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.

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Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)

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 deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, the District had total deposits of \$454,164, of which \$449,387 was insured and \$4,777 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution’s trust department or agent in the District’s name.

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 U.S. 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

During the year, the District invested in Colotrust (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commission administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. COLOTRUST PLUS+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and repurchase agreements collateralized by certain obligations of U.S. government agencies. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust’s portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust’s investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. As of June 30, 2018, the District had invested \$4,836,671 in COLOTRUST PRIME, an SEC Rule 2a7-like investment pool. Investments are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of \$1.00. The investment pools are routinely monitored by the Colorado Division of Securities with regard to operations and investments.

At year-end, the District had the following investments. The investment in Colotrust (a local government investment pool) is maintained in the General, Bond Redemption and Capital Reserve Capital Projects Funds.

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Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>Investment maturities (in years)</u>		
		<u>Less than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>
Investment in Colotrust	<u>\$ 4,836,671</u>	<u>\$ 4,836,671</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Credit risk – State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds to the highest rating from at least one nationally recognized rating agency at the time of purchase. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and investments on the statement of net position:

Cash in bank	\$ 447,831
Cash with fiscal agent	10,269
Investments in certificates of deposit	16,652
Investments in Colotrust	<u>4,836,671</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,311,423</u>
<u>Statement of net position</u>	
Cash	\$ 447,831
Cash with fiscal agent	10,269
Investments	<u>4,825,247</u>
Subtotal	5,283,347
<u>Statement of fiduciary net position</u>	
Investments	<u>28,076</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,311,423</u>

Note C – Receivables

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

Property taxes receivable	\$ 3,155
Grants receivables	47,934
Other receivables	<u>5,209</u>
Total	<u>\$ 56,298</u>

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Note C – Receivables (Continued)

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 counties. The tax receipts collected by the counties 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>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,303	\$ -
Other Governmental Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>17,303</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 17,303</u>	<u>\$ 17,303</u>

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.

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 194,520
Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	110,000	-
Other Governmental Funds	<u>84,520</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 194,520</u>	<u>\$ 194,520</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. The District transferred funds in the amount of \$110,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund to set moneys aside for future capital outlays acquisition. The District also transferred \$84,520 from the General Fund to the Other Governmental Funds to subsidize the costs of maintaining the District's food service operations (\$60,000), pupil activities (\$23,833) and bond redemption (\$687).

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Note E – Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,745
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land improvements	205,105	-	-	205,105
Buildings and improvements	16,119,284	-	-	16,119,284
Furniture and equipment	506,046	-	-	506,046
Licensed vehicles	<u>660,860</u>	<u>85,000</u>	-	<u>745,860</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>17,491,295</u>	<u>85,000</u>	-	<u>17,576,295</u>
Total capital assets	17,502,040	85,000	-	17,587,040
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(112,387)	(6,102)	-	(118,489)
Buildings and improvements	(1,304,783)	(325,864)	-	(1,630,647)
Furniture and equipment	(214,837)	(37,118)	-	(251,955)
Licensed vehicles	<u>(477,115)</u>	<u>(47,396)</u>	-	<u>(524,511)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,109,122)</u>	<u>(416,480)</u>	-	<u>(2,525,602)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 15,392,918</u>	<u>\$ (331,480)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,061,438</u>

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

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 12,314
Operations and maintenance	22,306
Student transportation	40,849
Food service operations	10,045
Unallocated	<u>330,966</u>
Total	<u>\$ 416,480</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 \$223,721. 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</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
Bonds payable	\$ 2,832,301	\$ -	\$ (140,207)	\$ 2,692,094	\$ 145,982
Net pension liability	8,487,702	472,004	-	8,959,706	-
Net OPEB liability	<u>210,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,486)</u>	<u>204,602</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 11,530,091</u>	<u>\$ 472,004</u>	<u>\$ (145,693)</u>	<u>\$ 11,856,402</u>	<u>\$ 145,982</u>

Payments on the bonds payable are made in the Bond Redemption Fund. The net pension and OPEB liabilities attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated primarily by the General Fund.

Bonds Payable

\$3,457,066 general obligation bonds, dated December 8, 2011, due in annual installments beginning in fiscal year 2013 ranging from \$117,245 to \$246,695; fixed annual interest rate of 4.12% payable semi-annually on June 1st and December 1st.

Total general obligation bonds \$ 2,692,094

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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>
2019	\$ 145,982	\$ 107,868	\$ 253,850
2020	151,994	101,731	253,725
2021	158,254	95,343	253,597
2022	164,772	88,691	253,463
2023	171,558	81,765	253,323
2024-2028	969,774	294,532	1,264,306
2029-2032	<u>929,760</u>	<u>78,515</u>	<u>1,008,275</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 2,692,094</u>	<u>\$ 848,445</u>	<u>\$ 3,540,539</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.

During the 2018 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly passed significant pension reform through Senate Bill (SB) 18-200: *Concerning Modifications To the Public Employees’ Retirement Association Hybrid Defined Benefit Plan Necessary to Eliminate with a High Probability the Unfunded Liability of the Plan Within the Next Thirty Years.* Governmental accounting standards require the net pension liability and related amounts of the SCHDTF for financial reporting purposes be measured using the plan provisions in effect as of the SCHDTF’s measurement date of December 31, 2017. As such, the following disclosures do not include the changes to plan provisions required by SB 18-200 with the exception of the section titled Changes between the measurement date of the net pension liability and June 30, 2018.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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 as of December 31, 2017. 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.

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.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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.

As of December 31, 2017, 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.

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 provisions as of June 30, 2018. 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:

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017	For the Year Ended December 31, 2018
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>5.00%</u>	<u>5.50%</u>
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF ¹	<u><u>18.63%</u></u>	<u><u>19.13%</u></u>

¹Rates 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 \$243,858 for the year ended.

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 \$8,959,706 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2017. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2017 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SCHDTF.

At December 31, 2017, the District's proportion was 0.0277 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0008 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2016.

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For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,871,597. 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	\$ 166,064	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	2,333,712	14,688
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	179,515	529,478
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	40,645	168,226
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>123,445</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,843,381</u>	<u>\$ 712,392</u>

\$123,445 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:

<u>Year Ended June 30, ____</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ 1,404,341
2020	756,760
2021	(21,188)
2022	<u>(132,369)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 2,007,544</u>

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

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

A discount rate of 4.78 percent was used in the roll-forward calculation of the total pension liability to the measurement date of December 31, 2017.

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

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

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

For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2016 valuations were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the periods January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as, the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by the PERA Board during the November 18, 2016 Board meeting.

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.

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 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 most recent adoption of the long-term expected rate of return by the PERA Board, the target asset 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	<u>1.00%</u>	0.20%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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 4.78 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:

- 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

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on the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) determination process when the timing of AIR cash flows is not a factor (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is not projected to be depleted). When AIR cash flow timing is a factor in the SEIR determination process (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted), AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.

- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the end of the month.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2041 and, as a result, the municipal bond index rate was used in the determination of the discount rate. The long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to periods through 2041 and the municipal bond index rate, the December average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by the Bond Buyer, was applied to periods on and after 2041 to develop the discount rate. For the measurement date, the municipal bond index rate was 3.43 percent, resulting in a discount rate of 4.78 percent.

As of the prior measurement date, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.25 percent and the municipal bond index rate of 3.86 percent were used in the discount rate determination resulting in a discount rate of 5.26 percent, 0.48 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 4.78 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 (3.78 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.78 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.78%)	Current Discount Rate (4.78%)	1% Increase (5.78%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 11,317,633	\$ 8,959,706	\$ 7,038,265

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.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

Payables to the pension plan

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

Changes between the measurement date of the net pension liability and June 30, 2018

During the 2018 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly passed significant pension reform through SB 18-200: *Concerning Modifications To the Public Employees' Retirement Association Hybrid Defined Benefit Plan Necessary to Eliminate with a High Probability the Unfunded Liability of the Plan Within the Next Thirty Years*. The bill was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 4, 2018. SB 18-200 makes changes to the plans administered by PERA with the goal of eliminating the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the Division Trust Funds and thereby reach a 100 percent funded ratio for each division within the next 30 years.

A brief description of some of the major changes to plan provisions required by SB 18-200 are listed below. A full copy of the bill can be found online at www.leg.colorado.gov.

- Increases employer contribution rates by 0.25 percent on July 1, 2019.
- Increases employee contribution rates by a total of 2 percent (to be phased in over a period of 3 years starting on July 1, 2019).
- Directs the state to allocate \$225 million each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution will be allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of the annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the other divisions eligible for the direct distribution.
- Modifies the retirement benefits, including temporarily suspending and reducing the annual increase for all current and future retirees, modifying the highest average salary for employees with less than five years of service credit on December 31, 2019 and raises the retirement age for new employees.
- Member contributions, employer contributions, the direct distribution from the state, and the annual increases will be adjusted based on certain statutory parameters beginning July 1, 2020, and then each year thereafter, to help keep PERA on path to full funding in 30 years.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

At year end, the District reported a liability of \$8,959,706 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability which was measured using the plan provisions in effect as of the pension plan’s year-end based on a discount rate of 4.78%. For comparative purposes, the following schedule presents an estimate of what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability and associated discount rate would have been had the provisions of SB 18-200, applicable to the SCHDTF, become law on December 31, 2017. This pro forma information was prepared using the fiduciary net position of the SCHDTF as of December 31, 2017. Future net pension liabilities reported could be materially different based on changes in investment markets, actuarial assumptions, plan experience and other factors.

Estimated Discount Rate Calculated Using Plan Provisions Required by SB 18-200 <u>(pro forma)</u>	Proportionate Share of the Estimated Net Pension Liability Calculated Using Plan Provisions Required by SB 18-200 <u>(pro forma)</u>
7.25%	\$4,047,918

Recognizing that the changes in contribution and benefit provisions also affect the determination of the discount rate used to calculate proportionate share of the net pension liability, approximately \$4,182,447 of the estimated reduction is attributable to the use of a 7.25 percent discount rate.

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, 2018, program members contributed \$2,236 for the Voluntary Investment Program.

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan

Summary of significant accounting policies

OPEB. The District participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

General information about the OPEB plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the District are provided with OPEB through the HCTF – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, 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 the premium subsidies. 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. The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

C.R.S. Section 24-51-1202 et seq. specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

PERA Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5 percent reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For the benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. Section 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charges to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of the benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

DPS Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5 percent reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

Contributions. Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from the District were \$13,175 for the year ended.

OPEB liabilities, OPEB expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB

At year-end, the District reported a liability of \$204,602 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net pension OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2017. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2017 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2017, the District's proportion was 0.0157 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0005 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$14,988. At year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 968	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	3,423
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	-	4,989
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>6,582</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,550</u>	<u>\$ 8,412</u>

\$6,582 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30, _____</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ (1,646)
2020	(1,646)
2021	(1,646)
2022	(1,646)
2023	(789)
2024	<u>(71)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ (7,444)</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

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 percent in aggregate
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	7.25 percent
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00 percent
PERACare Medicare plans	5.00 percent
Medicare Part A premiums	3.00 percent for 2017, gradually rising to 4.25 percent in 2023
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00 percent
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

Calculations are based on the benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan in effect at the time of each actuarial valuation and on the pattern of sharing costs between employers of each fund to that point.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and heuristics developed by health plan actuaries and administrators, and projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Effective December 31, 2016, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates that were used to measure the total OPEB liability are summarized in the table below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>PERACare Medicare Plans</u>	<u>Medicare Part A Premiums</u>
2017	5.00%	3.00%
2018	5.00%	3.25%
2019	5.00%	3.50%
2020	5.00%	3.75%
2021	5.00%	4.00%
2022	5.00%	4.00%
2023	5.00%	4.25%
2024+	5.00%	4.25%

Mortality assumptions for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as show below are applied, as applicable, in the determination of the total OPEB liability for the HCTF. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members were based on 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 for the State and Local Government Divisions were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 73 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 108 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- Females: Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 78 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 109 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

Healthy, post-retirement mortality assumptions for the School and Judicial Divisions were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

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

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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

- 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 based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The following economic and demographic assumptions were specifically developed for, and used in, the measurement of the obligations for the HCTF.

- The assumed rates of PERACare participation were revised to reflect more closely actual experience.
- Initial per capita health care costs for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to attain age 65 and older ages and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits were updated to reflect the change in costs for the 2017 plan year.
- The percentages of PERACare enrollees who will attain age 65 and older ages and are assumed to not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A coverage were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The percentage of disabled PERACare enrollees who are assumed to not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A coverage were revised to reflect more closely actual experience.
- Assumed election rates for the PERACare coverage options that would be available to future PERACare enrollees who will qualify for the “No Part A Subsidy” when they retire were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Assumed election rates for the PERACare coverage options that will be available to those current PERACare enrollees, who qualify for the “No Part A Subsidy” but have not reached age 65, were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the then-current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.
- The rates of PERACare coverage election for spouses of eligible inactive members and future retirees were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The assumed age differences between future retirees and their participating spouses were revised to reflect more closely actual experience.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2016 valuations were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the periods January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as, the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by the PERA Board during the November 18, 2016 Board meeting. In addition, certain actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trends are analyzed and reviewed by PERA’s actuary, as needed.

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.

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption for the HCTF, 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 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 most recent adoption of the long-term expected rate of return by the PERA Board, the target asset 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	<u>1.00%</u>	0.20%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

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%.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates. The following presents the net OPEB liability using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u> <u>in Trend Rates</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u> <u>in Trend Rates</u>
PERACare Medicare trend rate	4.00%	5.00%	6.00%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	2.00%	3.00%	4.00%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	<u>3.25%</u>	<u>4.25%</u>	<u>5.25%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 198,972	\$ 204,602	\$ 211,382

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.25 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 health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2017 measurement date.
- 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%.
- 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. For future plan members, employer contributions were reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- 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.
- Transfers of a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits were estimated and included in the projections.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the end of the month.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the HCTF's fiduciary net position was projected to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(6.25%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.25%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.25%)</u>
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ <u>230,037</u>	\$ <u>204,602</u>	\$ <u>182,892</u>

OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the HCTF'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 OPEB plan

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

Note K – Risk management

Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool

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

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Notes to Financial Statements

Note K – Risk management (Continued)

companies. The District pays an annual contribution to the Pool for its insurance coverages. The District's contribution for the year was \$51,586. 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 4, 1997, 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 \$88,000 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 Greeley, Colorado.

For the year, the District's financial contribution was \$77,672.

Note N – Prior period restatement

The District adopted GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement requires the District to recognize a liability for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of PERA's Health Care Trust Fund (see Note J), as well as OPEB expense, and to report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB for its proportionate shares of collective OPEB expense and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB. The District has reduced the beginning net position of its governmental activities by \$203,651 due to the adoption of this statement.

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 – PERA’s School Division Trust Fund
- Schedule of District Contributions – PERA’s School Division Trust Fund
- Schedule of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – PERA’s Health Care Trust Fund
- Schedule of District Contributions – PERA’s Health Care Trust Fund

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 2,358,420	\$ 1,558,962	\$ 1,588,049	\$ 29,087
Intermediate sources	40,000	40,000	50,933	10,933
State sources	306,800	1,098,669	1,107,785	9,116
Federal sources	62,500	62,500	43,324	(19,176)
Total revenues	2,767,720	2,760,131	2,790,091	29,960
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,416,261	1,447,621	1,425,842	21,779
Supporting services	1,161,976	1,129,507	1,011,814	117,693
Appropriated reserves	2,080,553	2,081,662		2,081,662
Total expenditures	4,658,790	4,658,790	2,437,656	2,221,134
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,891,070)	(1,898,659)	352,435	2,251,094
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	(202,000)	(192,000)	(194,520)	(2,520)
Net change in fund balance	\$ (2,093,070)	\$ (2,090,659)	157,915	\$ 2,248,574
Fund balance at beginning of year			3,683,912	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 3,841,827	

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WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability ¹
PERA's School Division Trust Fund
June 30, 2018

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0277%	0.0285%	0.0280%	0.0276%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,959,706	\$ 8,487,702	\$ 4,287,392	\$ 3,741,754
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,278,126	\$ 1,279,454	\$ 1,221,655	\$ 1,156,570
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	701.00%	663.38%	350.95%	323.52%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	43.96%	43.10%	59.20%	62.84%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.

¹ Information is not available prior to June 30, 2014. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

June 30, 2014

0.0282%

\$ 3,599,625

\$ 1,137,692

316.40%

64.06%

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Schedule of District Contributions ¹
PERA's School Division Trust Fund
June 30, 2018

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 243,858	\$ 232,352	\$ 221,958	\$ 190,699
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(243,858)</u>	<u>(232,352)</u>	<u>(221,958)</u>	<u>(190,699)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,291,632	\$ 1,264,183	\$ 1,250,935	\$ 1,156,570
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	18.88%	18.38%	17.74%	16.49%

¹ Information is not available prior to June 30, 2014. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

June 30, 2014

\$ 183,270

(183,270)

\$ -

\$ 1,146,780

15.98%

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability ¹
PERA's Health Care Trust Fund
June 30, 2018

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0157%	0.0162%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 204,602	\$ 210,088
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,278,126	\$ 1,279,454
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	16.01%	16.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	17.53%	16.72%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.

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Schedule of District Contributions ¹
PERA's Health Care Trust Fund
June 30, 2018

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 13,175	\$ 12,895
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(13,175)</u>	<u>(12,895)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,291,632	\$ 1,264,183
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%

¹ Information is not available prior to June 30, 2017. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
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 and OPEB schedules

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

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-11J
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Property taxes	\$ 2,160,000	\$ 1,361,742	\$ 1,361,155	\$ (587)
Specific ownership taxes	163,800	157,600	166,830	9,230
Delinquent taxes and interest	200	5,200	(21)	(5,221)
Earnings on investments	3,620	3,620	39,233	35,613
Pupil activities			1,080	1,080
Other local sources	30,800	30,800	19,772	(11,028)
Total local sources	2,358,420	1,558,962	1,588,049	29,087
Intermediate sources	40,000	40,000	50,933	10,933
State sources				
State equalization	243,300	1,035,169	963,326	(71,843)
Transportation	44,000	44,000	40,934	(3,066)
READ act			814	814
State grants to libraries			3,500	3,500
Small rural schools funding			73,042	73,042
Additional at-risk funding			499	499
Vocational education	17,000	17,000	23,632	6,632
Services within the BOCES	2,500	2,500	2,038	(462)
Total state sources	306,800	1,098,669	1,107,785	9,116
Federal sources				
Early childhood readiness			159	159
REAP	23,000	23,000	24,419	1,419
Carl perkins	7,500	7,500		(7,500)
Other federal revenue	32,000	32,000		(32,000)
Services within the BOCES			18,746	18,746
Total federal sources	62,500	62,500	43,324	(19,176)
Total revenues	\$ 2,767,720	\$ 2,760,131	\$ 2,790,091	\$ 29,960

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WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Salaries	\$ 916,216	\$ 905,276	\$ 874,256	\$ 31,020
Employee benefits	369,695	369,855	421,188	(51,333)
Purchased services	31,700	51,840	27,909	23,931
Supplies and materials	93,350	115,350	98,132	17,218
Property	1,000	1,000	3,651	(2,651)
Other	4,300	4,300	706	3,594
Total instruction	1,416,261	1,447,621	1,425,842	21,779
Supporting services				
Students				
Salaries	21,490	21,490	10,090	11,400
Employee benefits	8,010	8,010	6,075	1,935
Purchased services	65,000	78,000	77,672	328
Supplies and materials	7,000	7,000	6,683	317
Other	100	100		100
Total students	101,600	114,600	100,520	14,080
Instructional staff				
Salaries	20,227	20,227	25,985	(5,758)
Employee benefits	11,724	11,724	15,748	(4,024)
Purchased services	1,500	1,500	3,784	(2,284)
Supplies and materials	3,500	3,500	1,592	1,908
Total instructional staff	36,951	36,951	47,109	(10,158)
General administration				
Salaries	95,481	95,481	136,069	(40,588)
Employee benefits	36,130	36,130	46,423	(10,293)
Purchased services	50,100	50,100	28,458	21,642
Supplies and materials	1,500	1,500	294	1,206
Other	12,000	12,000	6,791	5,209
Total general administration	195,211	195,211	218,035	(22,824)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
School administration				
Salaries	71,420	71,420	75,009	(3,589)
Employee benefits	23,468	23,468	22,567	901
Other	6,000	6,000	2,938	3,062
Total school administration	100,888	100,888	100,514	374
Business services				
Salaries	71,712	40,090	49,618	(9,528)
Employee benefits	26,019	19,172	24,409	(5,237)
Purchased services	110,300	110,300	87,682	22,618
Supplies and materials	10,000	13,000	3,312	9,688
Property	23,000	23,000		23,000
Other			(1,443)	1,443
Total business services	241,031	205,562	163,578	41,984
Operations and maintenance				
Salaries	73,846	73,846	61,510	12,336
Employee benefits	35,457	35,457	19,954	15,503
Purchased services	125,250	125,250	112,161	13,089
Supplies and materials	37,000	37,000	30,047	6,953
Property	4,000	4,000		4,000
Other	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total operations and maintenance	280,553	280,553	223,672	56,881
Student transportation				
Salaries	82,083	82,083	77,479	4,604
Employee benefits	61,459	51,459	40,760	10,699
Purchased services	17,200	17,200	3,013	14,187
Supplies and materials	45,000	45,000	37,134	7,866
Total student transportation	205,742	195,742	158,386	37,356
Total supporting services	1,161,976	1,129,507	1,011,814	117,693
Appropriated reserves	2,080,553	2,081,662		2,081,662
Total expenditures	\$ 4,658,790	\$ 4,658,790	\$ 2,437,656	\$ 2,221,134

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**Combining Statements and Budgetary Comparison Schedules -
Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

The District reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

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.
- Pupil Activity Fund – This fund is a special revenue fund used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

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-11J
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Totals
Assets				
Cash	\$ 64,046	\$ 151,336		\$ 215,382
Cash with fiscal agent			\$ 74	74
Investments			294,591	294,591
Property taxes receivable			534	534
Grants receivable	1,990			1,990
Other receivable	2,981			2,981
Inventory	1,692			1,692
Total assets	\$ 70,709	\$ 151,336	\$ 295,199	\$ 517,244
Liabilities				
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ 11,702			\$ 11,702
Due to other funds	13,803	\$ 3,500		17,303
Total liabilities	25,505	3,500	\$ -	29,005
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred property tax revenues			220	220
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	220	220
Fund balance				
Nonspendable inventory	1,692			1,692
Restricted for:				
Food service operations	43,512			43,512
Debt service			294,979	294,979
Committed to:				
Pupil activities		147,836		147,836
Total fund balance	45,204	147,836	294,979	488,019
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 70,709	\$ 151,336	\$ 295,199	\$ 517,244

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Totals
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 54,840	\$ 121,421	\$ 262,425	\$ 438,686
State sources	1,588			1,588
Federal sources	36,241			36,241
Total revenues	92,669	121,421	262,425	476,515
Expenditures				
Instruction		130,286		130,286
Supporting services	132,980			132,980
Debt service				
Principal			140,207	140,207
Interest and fiscal charges			114,011	114,011
Total expenditures	132,980	130,286	254,218	517,484
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(40,311)	(8,865)	8,207	(40,969)
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	60,000	23,833	687	84,520
Net change in fund balance	19,689	14,968	8,894	43,551
Fund balance at beginning of year	25,515	132,868	286,085	444,468
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 45,204</u>	<u>\$ 147,836</u>	<u>\$ 294,979</u>	<u>\$ 488,019</u>

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Food Service Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 49,800	\$ 49,800	\$ 54,840	\$ 5,040
State sources	1,000	1,000	1,588	588
Federal sources	27,600	27,600	36,241	8,641
Total revenues	78,400	78,400	92,669	14,269
Expenditures				
Food service operations				
Salaries	37,531	37,531	37,645	(114)
Employee benefits	29,098	29,098	32,635	(3,537)
Purchased services	1,000	1,000	350	650
Supplies and materials	67,500	67,500	62,345	5,155
Other	2,000	2,000	5	1,995
Appropriated reserves	12,871	12,871		12,871
Total expenditures	150,000	150,000	132,980	17,020
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(71,600)	(71,600)	(40,311)	31,289
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
Net change in fund balance	\$ (11,600)	\$ (11,600)	19,689	\$ 31,289
Fund balance at beginning of year			25,515	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 45,204	

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Pupil Activity Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Earnings on investments			\$ 13	\$ 13
Pupil activities	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	121,408	(18,592)
Total revenues	140,000	140,000	121,421	(18,579)
Expenditures				
Pupil activities	155,000	155,000	130,286	24,714
Appropriated reserves	95,000	95,000		95,000
Total expenditures	250,000	250,000	130,286	119,714
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(110,000)	(110,000)	(8,865)	101,135
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	22,000	22,000	23,833	1,833
Net change in fund balance	\$ (88,000)	\$ (88,000)	14,968	\$ 102,968
Fund balance at beginning of year of year			132,868	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 147,836	

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Bond Redemption Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Property taxes	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 259,925	\$ (75)
Earnings on investments			2,500	2,500
Total revenues	260,000	260,000	262,425	2,425
Expenditures				
Debt service				
Principal	140,207	140,207	140,207	-
Interest and fiscal charges	120,043	120,043	114,011	6,032
Appropriated reserves	278,750	278,750		278,750
Total expenditures	539,000	539,000	254,218	284,782
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(279,000)	(279,000)	8,207	287,207
Other financing sources				
Transfers in			687	687
Net change in fund balance	\$ (279,000)	\$ (279,000)	8,894	\$ 287,894
Fund balance at beginning of year			286,085	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 294,979	

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.

- Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund – This fund is a capital projects fund used to account for and report financial resources that have been designated for capital outlays acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Earnings on investments	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 5,740	\$ 4,540
Total revenues	1,200	1,200	5,740	4,540
Expenditures				
Purchased services	20,000	20,000		20,000
Property	135,000	135,000	85,000	50,000
Appropriated reserves	595,000	595,000		595,000
Total expenditures	750,000	750,000	85,000	665,000
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(748,800)	(748,800)	(79,260)	669,540
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	120,000	120,000	110,000	(10,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$ (628,800)	\$ (628,800)	30,740	\$ 659,540
Fund balance at beginning of year			727,168	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 757,908	

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.

Private-purpose trust funds – These funds are used to report trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

- Scholarship Trust Fund – This fund is used to record the financial transactions related to the administration of a scholarship trust that is used to award scholarships to area students.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Scholarship Trust Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Contributions and earnings	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 139	\$ (61)
Expenditures				
Scholarship awards	200	200		(200)
Appropriated reserves	19,800	19,800		19,800
Total expenditures	20,000	20,000	-	19,600
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (19,800)	\$ (19,800)	139	\$ 19,939
Net position at beginning of year			27,937	
Net position at end of year			\$ 28,076	

**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-11J
New Raymer, Colorado

We have audited the financial statements of the Weld County School District RE-11J (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and our report thereon dated December 6, 2018, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, appears on pages 1-3. 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
December 6, 2018



Colorado Department of Education

Auditors Integrity Report

District: 3147 - PRAIRIE RE-11

Fiscal Year 2017-18

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	3,596,771	2,442,462	2,284,783	3,754,450
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	84,165	80,052	76,841	87,376
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	2,975	73,056	76,031	0
Sub-Total	3,683,912	2,595,571	2,437,656	3,841,827
11 Charter School Fund	0	0	0	0
20,26-29 Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
06 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main, Fund	0	0	0	0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	25,515	152,669	132,980	45,204
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0	0	0	0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	132,868	145,254	130,286	147,836
24 Full Day Kindergarten Mill Levy Override	0	0	0	0
25 Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	286,085	263,112	254,218	294,979
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0
41 Building Fund	0	0	0	0
42 Special Building Fund	0	0	0	0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	727,168	115,739	85,000	757,908
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0	0	0	0
Totals	4,855,548	3,272,345	3,040,140	5,087,753
Proprietary				
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0	0	0	0
60,65-69 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	27,937	139	0	28,076
73 Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
79 GASB 34:Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0
85 Foundations	0	0	0	0
Totals	27,937	139	0	28,076

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