

***County of Kit Carson School District R-4***  
**Stratton, Colorado**

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year ended June 30, 2020**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Education  
County of Kit Carson School District R-4  
Stratton, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of County of Kit Carson School District R-4 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and historical pension 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 2, 2020

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4  
Management Discussion and Analysis  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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This section of County of Kit Carson School District R-4 annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2020.

**Financial Highlights**

- The liabilities and deferred inflows of the County of Kit Carson School District R-4 exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Our net position (deficit) as of June 30, 2020 is \$(1,364,818).
- The district's total net position increased by \$869,534, due primarily to the implementation of GASB 68 and 75.
- General revenues accounted for \$3,149,460 or 86% of the \$3,642,475 in total revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, sales, and grants accounted for \$493,015 or 14% of revenues.
- The general fund ending fund balance reached \$2,380,733. This was an increase of \$316,908 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 deferred outflow of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, 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, administration food service and pupil activities. 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 proprietary 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 three 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, which is considered to be a major fund. Data for the other two 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 14-17 of this report.

### **Proprietary Funds**

Internal service funds are used to report activity related to the payment of health and dental insurance deductibles and related claims funded by employee and employer contributions.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 18-20 of this report.

### **Notes to the financial statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements may be found on pages 21-54 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 68-80.

## 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.

37% 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, 2020.

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Current assets	\$ 3,222,839	\$ 2,375,903
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>1,912,261</u>	<u>1,924,995</u>
Total assets	5,135,100	4,300,898
Deferred outflows of resources	505,939	1,458,205
Current liabilities	571,100	299,040
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,957,107</u>	<u>4,680,796</u>
Total liabilities	4,528,207	4,979,836
Deferred inflows of resources	2,477,650	3,194,980
Net investment in capital assets	1,912,261	1,924,995
Restricted net position	159,989	146,480
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(3,437,068)</u>	<u>(4,487,188)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (1,364,818)</u>	<u>\$ (2,415,713)</u>

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

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Charges for services	\$ 57,055	\$ 120,304
Operating grants and contributions	435,960	410,732
Capital grants and contributions	-	-
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Total program revenues	493,015	531,036
Property taxes	846,030	793,633
Specific ownership taxes	81,333	85,549
Delinquent taxes and interest	1,023	-
State categorical aid	2,020,668	1,926,673
Earnings on investments	23,782	-
Other	176,624	189,930
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Total general revenues	3,149,460	2,995,785
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Total revenues	3,642,475	3,526,821
Instruction	1,503,770	1,595,270
Pupil and instructional services	198,516	147,844
Administration	326,364	363,910
Operations and maintenance	354,741	301,010
Transportation	145,738	161,037
Food service operations	168,777	143,473
Other	75,035	74,304
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Total expenses	2,772,941	2,786,848
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Change in net position	\$ 869,534	\$ 739,973

### **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 \$12,498 per funded student. In fiscal year 2020 the funded pupil count was 220.0. Funding for the SFA comes from property taxes, specific ownership tax and state equalization. The School District receives approximately 69 percent of this funding from state equalization while the remaining amount comes from property taxes and specific ownership tax. The School District's assessed valuation generated \$846,030 in property taxes for fiscal year 2020.

### **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 \$2,551,597, an increase of \$357,056. The General Fund and Other Governmental Funds had fund balance increases (decreases) of \$316,908 and \$40,148 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.

- The district received \$56,382 in small-rural funding. The majority of the funding was used to upgrade technology resources.
- Full-day kindergarten legislation passed; therefore, allowing the district to count all kindergarten students as full-time.
- The Food Service program had a successful year and did not need district subsidy.
- The Board of Education approved a salary raise for all certified staff.
- The district approved the construction of a pole barn building to increase storage capacity for district transportation and equipment items.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

The School District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020 amounts to \$1,912,261 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, site improvements, buildings, equipment, and licensed vehicles all with an original cost greater than \$5,000.

The School District's total capital assets at June 30, 2020 net of accumulated depreciation were as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Land	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000
Site improvements	43,329	46,008
Buildings	1,456,610	1,462,094
Equipment	272,855	296,863
Licensed vehicles	<u>126,467</u>	<u>107,030</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,912,261</u>	<u>\$ 1,924,995</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 long-term debt for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020 amounts to \$3,957,107.

The School District's total long-term debt at June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 33,411	\$ 30,686
Net pension liability	3,739,806	4,445,539
Net OPEB liability	<u>183,890</u>	<u>222,028</u>
Long-term debt	<u>\$ 3,957,107</u>	<u>\$ 4,698,253</u>

### Economic Factors

The budget included the following considerations:

- Salary – Staff received an increase to the base salary. The District continues to make every effort to raise salaries whenever possible.
- Fringe benefits – The District will remain with the CEBT health insurance program. The health insurance premiums increased by 6%.
- Operations and maintenance – The District approved the construction of a pole barn building to increase storage capacity.
- Transportation – The District approved the purchase of a suburban for student and staff transportation needs.
- Food services – Lunch prices remained the same. The lunch program is self-sustaining.
- Student enrollment decreases slightly.

The District maintains the budget, financial audits, and current salary schedules on its website: [www.strattonschools.org](http://www.strattonschools.org).

### Contacting the Districts Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, parents, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the district's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact County of Kit Carson School District R-4, 219 Illinois Avenue, Stratton, CO 80836.

## **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.

*Fund financial statements.* The fund financial statements display information about major funds individually and nonmajor funds in the aggregate for governmental and proprietary 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.

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 2,008,525
Cash with fiscal agent	55,589
Certificates of deposit	1,070,901
Receivables	80,738
Inventory	7,086
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>1,912,261</u>
Total assets	5,135,100
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	
Pension and other post-employment benefit deferrals	<u>505,939</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 5,641,039</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 20,978
Accrued salaries and benefits	276,814
Unearned revenue	4,964
Unearned grant revenue	268,344
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due in more than one year	<u>3,957,107</u>
Total liabilities	4,528,207
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	
Pension and other post-employment benefit deferrals	2,477,650
<b>Net position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	1,912,261
Restricted for emergencies	100,000
Restricted for colorado preschool program	11,685
Restricted for food service operations	48,304
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(3,437,068)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>(1,364,818)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u><u>\$ 5,641,039</u></u>

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

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**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 1,503,770		\$ 202,597	\$ 9,416
Supporting services				
Students	59,607			
Instructional staff	138,909		56,382	
General administration	198,825			
School administration	127,539			
Operations and maintenance	354,741			
Student transportation	145,738		22,023	
Central support services	11,112			
Food service operations	168,777	\$ 57,055	145,542	
Unallocated depreciation *	63,923			
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,772,941</u>	<u>\$ 57,055</u>	<u>\$ 426,544</u>	<u>\$ 9,416</u>

General revenues  
 Taxes  
   Property taxes, levied for general purposes  
   Specific ownership taxes  
   Delinquent taxes and interest  
 State categorical aid  
 Earnings on investments  
 Other

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position (deficit) at beginning of year,  
 as restated

Net position (deficit) at end of year

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

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

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Net  
Governmental  
Activities

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\$ (1,291,757)

(59,607)

(82,527)

(198,825)

(127,539)

(354,741)

(123,715)

(11,112)

33,820

(63,923)

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(2,279,926)

846,030

81,333

1,023

2,020,668

23,782

176,624

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3,149,460

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869,534

(2,234,352)

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\$ (1,364,818)

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2020**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 1,764,480	\$ 162,842	\$ 1,927,322
Cash with fiscal agent	55,589		55,589
Certificates of deposit	1,070,901		1,070,901
Accrued interest receivable	3,021		3,021
Property taxes receivable	35,780		35,780
Grants receivable	3,523	24,674	28,197
Other receivables	13,387	353	13,740
Inventories		7,086	7,086
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,946,681</b>	<b>\$ 194,955</b>	<b>\$ 3,141,636</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 17,758	\$ 3,220	\$ 20,978
Accrued salaries and benefits	260,907	15,907	276,814
Unearned revenues		4,964	4,964
Unearned grant revenues	268,344		268,344
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>547,009</b>	<b>24,091</b>	<b>571,100</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Deferred property tax revenues	18,939		18,939
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>18,939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,939</b>
<b>Fund balance</b>			
Nonspendable inventories		7,086	7,086
Restricted for emergencies	100,000		100,000
Restricted for colorado preschool program	11,685		11,685
Restricted for food service operations		48,304	48,304
Committed to pupil activities		115,474	115,474
Unassigned	2,269,048		2,269,048
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>2,380,733</b>	<b>170,864</b>	<b>2,551,597</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,946,681</b>	<b>\$ 194,955</b>	<b>\$ 3,141,636</b>

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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2020**

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

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 2,551,597
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	1,912,261
Property taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	18,939
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the Internal Service Funds are included in the governmental activities in the statement of net position.	81,203
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>(5,928,818)</u>
Net position of the governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (1,364,818)</u></u>

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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 1,026,254	\$ 159,005	\$ 1,185,259
State sources	2,240,174	7,701	2,247,875
Federal sources	67,501	137,841	205,342
Total revenues	3,333,929	304,547	3,638,476
Expenditures			
Instruction	1,729,519	115,622	1,845,141
Supporting services	1,222,370	168,777	1,391,147
Capital outlay	45,132		45,132
Total expenditures	2,997,021	284,399	3,281,420
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	336,908	20,148	357,056
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in		20,000	20,000
Transfers out	(20,000)		(20,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(20,000)	20,000	-
Net change in fund balance	316,908	40,148	357,056
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,063,825	130,716	2,194,541
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 2,380,733	\$ 170,864	\$ 2,551,597

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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**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, 2020**

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

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 357,056
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.	(12,732)
Because some property taxes will not be collected for several months after the fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds and are, instead, counted as deferred tax revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the statement of activities.	18,939
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The net revenue (expense) of the Internal Service Funds are reported with governmental activities.	64
In the statement of activities, compensated absences are measured by the amounts incurred during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid).	(2,725)
Pension expense at the fund level represents cash contributions to the defined benefit plan. For the activity level presentation, the amount represents the actuarial cost of the benefits for the fiscal year.	<u>508,932</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 869,534</u></u>

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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**June 30, 2020**

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	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</u>
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash	<u>\$ 81,203</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 81,203</u>
Net position	
Restricted for health and dental claims	<u>\$ 81,203</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 81,203</u>

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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</u>
Operating revenues	
Employee and employer contributions	\$ -
Total operating revenues	-
Operating expenses	
Claims	-
Total operating expenses	-
Operating income	-
Nonoperating revenues	
Earnings on investments	64
Change in net position	64
Net position at beginning of year	81,139
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 81,203</u>

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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Earnings on investments	\$       64
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	64
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>81,139</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$   81,203</u></u>

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

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies**

This summary of the County of Kit Carson School District R-4'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 County of Kit Carson School District R-4 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 fiduciary 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). The following is the District's major governmental fund:

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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, food service operations and pupil activities.

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 special revenue fund used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund type:

Internal Service Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of monies paid by the District and its employees to fund deductible payments for health and dental insurance. There were no collection of monies during the current year as the District went away from the self-funded plan to a more traditional plan for its employees.

**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.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

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 and proprietary 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.

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.

Proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

**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. Proprietary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

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.

Expenses/expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. 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 – Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**A.7 – Short-term interfund receivables/payables**

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

**A.8 – Inventories**

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

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**A.9 – 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>
Site improvements	20-25 years
Buildings	10-50 years
Equipment	5-50 years
Licensed vehicles	7-10 years

**A.10 – 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.

The District’s policy permits professional staff to earn nine days per year, while noncertified staff earn seven days per year. A maximum of thirty days may be accumulated. When an employee leaves the District after working nine months or longer, they are paid for all unused accumulated sick leave. Professional employees are paid at the rate of \$60 per day, while noncertified employees are paid at the current minimum hourly wage rate. All employees who accumulate more than thirty days at the end of the school year are paid at the applicable rate.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

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

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

**A.11 – Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from the proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund 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.

**A.12 – Fund balance**

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

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

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

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

- *Restricted* fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- *Committed* fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the board of education (the District's highest level of decision-making authority),
- *Assigned* fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, and
- *Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the District's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

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

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

**A.13 – Net position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position 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.14 – Operating revenues and expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the District, these revenues are employee and employer health and dental plan contributions. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**A.15 – 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.16 – Extraordinary and special items**

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

**Note B – Cash and investments**

**Cash and deposits**

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

Custodial credit risk – deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, the District had total deposits of \$3,136,472, of which \$500,000 was insured and \$2,636,472 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:

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**Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)**

- 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

The District did not have any investments at year-end.

**Note C – Receivables**

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Accrued interest receivable	\$ 3,021
Property taxes receivable	35,780
Grants receivables	28,197
Other receivables	<u>13,740</u>
Total	<u>\$ 80,738</u>

Property taxes are levied on December 15<sup>th</sup> and attach as a lien on property the following January 1<sup>st</sup>. They are payable in full by April 30<sup>th</sup> or are due in two equal installments on February 28<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. Washington 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 transfers for the year as presented in the fund financial statements:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Other Governmental Funds	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

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**Note D – Interfund transactions (Continued)**

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 \$20,000 to Other Governmental Funds to allocate funds to the athletic department.

**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>
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	13,000	-	-	13,000
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Site improvements	192,214	-	-	192,214
Buildings	4,295,862	55,761	-	4,351,623
Equipment	735,407	9,756	-	745,163
Licensed vehicles	<u>485,024</u>	<u>43,560</u>	<u>(21,000)</u>	<u>507,584</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>5,708,507</u>	<u>109,077</u>	<u>(21,000)</u>	<u>5,796,584</u>
Total capital assets	5,721,507	109,077	(21,000)	5,809,584
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Site improvements	(146,206)	(2,679)	-	(148,885)
Buildings	(2,833,768)	(61,245)	-	(2,895,013)
Equipment	(438,545)	(33,763)	-	(472,308)
Licensed vehicles	<u>(377,995)</u>	<u>(24,122)</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>(381,117)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,796,514)</u>	<u>(121,809)</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>(3,897,323)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,924,993</u>	<u>\$ (12,732)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,912,261</u>

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**Note E – Capital assets (Continued)**

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

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 13,645
Operations and maintenance	20,119
Student transportation	24,122
Unallocated	<u>63,923</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 121,809</u>

**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 \$276,814. 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>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Compensated absences	\$ 30,686	\$ 2,725	\$ -	\$ 33,411	\$ -
Net pension Liability	4,445,539	-	(705,733)	3,739,806	-
Net OPEB liability	<u>222,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,138)</u>	<u>183,890</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,698,253</u>	<u>\$ 2,725</u>	<u>\$ (743,871)</u>	<u>\$ 3,957,107</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The net pension and OPEB liabilities and payments on the compensated absences attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated primarily by the General Fund. The District believes that the current portion of compensated absences is negligible and is therefore not reported.

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**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 plan 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.

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.* The bill was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 4, 2018. SB 18-200 makes changes to certain benefit provisions. Some, but not all, of these changes were in effect as of June 30, 2020.

General information about the pension plan

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the District are provided with pensions through the 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 (CAFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided as of December 31, 2019.* 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.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

As of December 31, 2019, 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., once certain criteria are met. Pursuant to SB 18-200, the annual increase for 2019 is 0.00 percent for all benefit recipients. Thereafter, benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007, and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive an annual increase of 1.25 percent unless adjusted by the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-51-413. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of 1.25 percent or the average Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned annual increase by up to 0.25 percent based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-413.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the retirement benefit formula(s) 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, 2020.* Eligible employees of the District and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. Section 24-51-401, *et seq.* and Section 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 8.75 percent of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2019 Through <u>June 30, 2020</u>
Employer contribution rate	10.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-208(1)(f)	<u>(1.02)%</u>
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	9.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-411	<u>5.50%</u>
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	<u><u>19.38%</u></u>

Contribution rates for the SCHDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. Section 24-51-101(42).

As specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund. A portion of the direct distribution allocated to the SCHDTF is considered a nonemployer contribution for financial reporting purposes.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

Subsequent to the SCHDTF’s December 31, 2019, measurement date, HB 20-1379 *Suspend Direct Distribution to PERA Public Employees Retirement Association for 2020-21 Fiscal Year*, was passed into law during the 2020 legislative session and signed by Governor Polis on June 29, 2020. This bill suspends the July 1, 2020, \$225 million direct distribution allocated to the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Divisions, as required under Senate Bill 18-200.

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 \$286,921 for the year.

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2019. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District’s contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2019 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At year-end, the District reported a liability of \$3,739,806 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,739,806
The State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the District	<u>474,347</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,214,153</u>

At December 31, 2019, the District’s proportion was 0.0250 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0001 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2018.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension income of \$200,071 and revenue of \$20,923 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. 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	\$ 205,644	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	117,315	1,701,321
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	465,326
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	19,574	277,104
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>143,999</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 486,532</u>	<u>\$ 2,443,751</u>

\$143,999 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>
2021	\$ (1,138,735)
2022	(817,820)
2023	6,039
2024	<u>(150,702)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ (2,101,218)</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension 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 – 9.70 percent
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	7.25 percent
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS benefit structure (automatic) <sub>1</sub>	1.25 percent compounded annually
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 (ad hoc, substantively automatic) <sub>1</sub>	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

<sub>1</sub> For 2019, the annual increase was 0.00 percent.

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.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions 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 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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2018 valuation 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.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

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>	

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 percent.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension 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:

- 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 percent.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and the additional 0.50 percent resulting from the 2018 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2019, and effective July 1, 2020. 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 for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and the additional 0.50 percent, resulting from the 2018 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2019, and effective July 1, 2020. Employer contributions also include the current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103 percent, at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50 percent every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect 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.
- As specified in law, the State will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million, which commenced July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial fiduciary net position, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- The projected benefit payments reflect the lowered annual increase cap, from 1.50 percent to 1.25 percent resulting from the 2018 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2019, and effective July 1, 2020.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount determination does not use the municipal bond rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior 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 7.25 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 (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,959,783	\$ 3,739,806	\$ 2,715,528

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

Payables to the pension plan

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

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**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 CAFR which includes additional information on the Voluntary Investment Program. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://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, program members contributed \$7,328 for the Voluntary Investment Program.

**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 (CAFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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

*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 the 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.

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.

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

For 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 charged 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 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.

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 \$15,104 for the year ended.

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

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 \$183,890 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net pension OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2019. The District’s proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District’s contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2019 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2019, the District’s proportion was 0.0164 percent, which was an increase of 0.0001 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$14,084. At year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 583	\$ 30,900
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,523	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	2,999
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	9,719	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>7,582</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,407</u>	<u>\$ 33,899</u>

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\$7,582 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:

Year Ended <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ (3,872)
2022	(3,872)
2023	(3,022)
2024	(5,116)
2025	(5,838)
2026	<u>(354)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (22,074)</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2018 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 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	5.60 percent in 2019, gradually decreasing to 4.50 percent in 2029
Medicare Part A premiums	3.50 percent in 2019, gradually increasing to 4.50 percent in 2029
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00 percent
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

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

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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2018, valuation 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 discussed below.

In determining the additional liability for PERACare enrollees who are age sixty-five or older and who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A, the following monthly costs/premiums are assumed for 2019 for the PERA Benefit Structure:

<u>Medicare Plan</u>	Cost for Members Without Medicare Part A	Premiums for Members Without Medicare Part A
Medicare Advantage/Self-Insured Prescription	\$601	\$240
Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage HMO	605	237

The 2019 Medicare Part A premium is \$437 per month.

In determining the additional liability for PERACare enrollees in the PERA Benefit Structure who are age sixty-five or older and who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A, the following chart details the initial expected value of Medicare Part A benefits, age adjusted to age 65 for the year following the valuation date:

<u>Medicare Plan</u>	Cost for Members Without Medicare Part A
Medicare Advantage/Self-Insured Prescription	\$562
Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage HMO	571

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

All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, as discussed below.

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 industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2018, 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.

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>
2019	5.60%	3.50%
2020	8.60%	3.50%
2021	7.30%	3.50%
2022	6.00%	3.75%
2023	5.70%	3.75%
2024	5.50%	3.75%
2025	5.30%	4.00%
2026	5.10%	4.00%
2027	4.90%	4.25%
2028	4.70%	4.25%
2029+	4.50%	4.50%

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.

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

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.

Post-retirement non-disabled 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.

Post-retirement non-disabled 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.
- **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 health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the measurement of the obligations for the HCTF.

- 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 2019 plan year.

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

- The morbidity assumptions were updated to reflect the assumed standard aging factors.
- 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 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><u>100.00%</u></u>	

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**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 percent.

*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>
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate	4.60%	5.60%	6.60%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	<u>3.50%</u>	<u>4.50%</u>	<u>5.50%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 179,522	\$ 183,890	\$ 188,938

*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, 2019 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 percent.
- 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.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

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

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>207,925</u>	\$ <u>183,890</u>	\$ <u>163,335</u>

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the HCTF’s fiduciary net position is available in PERA’s CAFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://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**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participates in the Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool’s objectives are to provide member school districts defined property and liability coverages through self-insurance and excess insurance purchased from commercial companies. The District pays an annual contribution to the Pool for its insurance coverages. The District’s contribution for the year was \$63,726. 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.

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**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 5, 1996, 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 \$100,000 for the emergency reserve.

**Note M – Joint venture**

The District participates in the Northeast Colorado 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,

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**Note M – Joint venture (Continued)**

- 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 or 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. The board has final authority for all budgeting and financing of the joint venture.

Separate financial statements of the Northeast Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services are available by contacting their administrative office in Haxtun, Colorado.

For the year, the District's contribution was \$73,246.

**Note N – Prior period restatement**

The District previously reported the activity of the Pupil Activity Fund in a fiduciary fund. Beginning in fiscal year 2020, such activity has been more appropriately reported in a special revenue fund. The District had not included the Internal Service Fund assets and liabilities in the governmental activities in the prior year as it should have. Accordingly, the governmental activities reports a restated beginning net position (deficit) of \$(2,234,352).

Beginning governmental activities net position as originally reported	\$ (2,415,713)
Pupil activity fund reclassification	81,139
Internal service fund correction	<u>100,222</u>
Beginning net position, as restated	<u>\$ (2,234,352)</u>

### **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

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 913,050	\$ 913,050	\$ 1,026,254	\$ 113,204
State sources	2,137,929	2,137,929	2,240,174	102,245
Federal sources	63,726	63,726	67,501	3,775
Total revenues	3,114,705	3,114,705	3,333,929	219,224
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,817,919	1,817,919	1,729,519	88,400
Supporting services	1,341,840	1,341,840	1,222,370	119,470
Capital outlay	649,411	930,771	45,132	885,639
Appropriated reserves	948,000	948,000		948,000
Total expenditures	4,757,170	5,038,530	2,997,021	2,041,509
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,642,465)	(1,923,825)	336,908	2,260,733
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	(28,000)	(28,000)	(20,000)	8,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	(28,000)	(28,000)	(20,000)	8,000
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (1,670,465)</u>	<u>\$ (1,951,825)</u>	316,908	<u>\$ 2,268,733</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year			2,063,825	
Fund balance at end of year			<u>\$ 2,380,733</u>	

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**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability<sup>1</sup>**  
**PERA's School Division Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2020**

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0250%	0.0251%	0.0275%	0.0266%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,739,806	\$ 4,445,538	\$ 8,894,470	\$ 7,932,869
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>474,347</u>	<u>534,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,214,153</u>	<u>\$ 4,980,284</u>	<u>\$ 8,894,470</u>	<u>\$ 7,932,869</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,471,054	\$ 1,380,214	\$ 1,268,770	\$ 1,195,817
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	254.23%	322.09%	701.03%	663.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.52%	57.01%	43.96%	43.10%

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
0.0264%	0.0274%	0.0267%
\$ 4,037,043	\$ 3,707,332	\$ 3,409,105
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<u>\$ 4,037,043</u>	<u>\$ 3,707,332</u>	<u>\$ 3,409,105</u>
\$ 1,150,320	\$ 1,028,030	\$ 967,484
350.95%	360.62%	352.37%
59.20%	62.84%	64.06%

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Schedule of District Contributions<sup>1</sup>**  
**PERA's School Division Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2020**

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	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 286,921	\$ 274,658	\$ 250,580	\$ 225,547
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(286,921)</u>	<u>(274,658)</u>	<u>(250,580)</u>	<u>(225,547)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,480,752	\$ 1,435,746	\$ 1,326,783	\$ 1,226,955
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	19.38%	19.13%	18.89%	18.38%

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
\$ 206,813	\$ 194,984	\$ 179,311
<u>(206,813)</u>	<u>(194,984)</u>	<u>(179,311)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 1,166,196	\$ 1,155,369	\$ 1,118,381
17.73%	16.88%	16.03%

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability<sup>1</sup>**  
**PERA's Health Care Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2020**

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0164%	0.0163%	0.0156%	0.0151%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 183,890	\$ 222,028	\$ 203,112	\$ 196,355
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,471,054	\$ 1,380,214	\$ 1,268,770	\$ 1,195,817
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	12.50%	16.09%	16.01%	16.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	24.49%	17.03%	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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Schedule of District Contributions<sup>1</sup>**  
**PERA's Health Care Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2020**

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	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 15,104	\$ 14,645	\$ 13,533	\$ 12,515
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(15,104)</u>	<u>(14,645)</u>	<u>(13,533)</u>	<u>(12,515)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,480,752	\$ 1,435,746	\$ 1,326,783	\$ 1,226,995
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information**

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**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](http://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.

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Local sources</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 774,000	\$ 774,000	\$ 827,091	\$ 53,091
Specific ownership taxes	62,000	62,000	81,333	19,333
Delinquent taxes and interest	2,050	2,050	1,023	(1,027)
Earnings on investments	10,000	10,000	23,699	13,699
Other local revenue	65,000	65,000	93,108	28,108
<b>Total local sources</b>	<b>913,050</b>	<b>913,050</b>	<b>1,026,254</b>	<b>113,204</b>
<b>State sources</b>				
Equalization	1,967,047	1,967,047	2,020,668	53,621
Vocational education	28,000	28,000	32,754	4,754
ELPA professional development	6,000	6,000	7,249	1,249
English language proficiency	5,500	5,500	6,173	673
CPP tax check off funds			661	661
Transportation	23,000	23,000	22,023	(977)
State grants for libraries	3,500	3,500	4,500	1,000
Small rural schools funding	56,382	56,382	56,382	-
Additional at-risk funding	1,000	1,000	1,140	140
Kindergarten capital construction			9,416	9,416
READ act	12,000	12,000	6,392	(5,608)
On-behalf payment			35,927	35,927
Services within the BOCES	35,500	35,500	36,889	1,389
<b>Total state sources</b>	<b>2,137,929</b>	<b>2,137,929</b>	<b>2,240,174</b>	<b>102,245</b>
<b>Federal sources</b>				
REAP	15,000	15,000	21,098	6,098
Services within the BOCES	48,726	48,726	46,403	(2,323)
<b>Total federal sources</b>	<b>63,726</b>	<b>63,726</b>	<b>67,501</b>	<b>3,775</b>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,114,705</b>	<b>\$ 3,114,705</b>	<b>\$ 3,333,929</b>	<b>\$ 219,224</b>

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**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Instruction</b>				
Salaries	\$ 986,054	\$ 986,054	\$ 1,002,609	\$ (16,555)
Employee benefits	445,249	445,249	446,834	(1,585)
Purchased services	163,330	163,330	145,003	18,327
Supplies and materials	112,032	112,032	92,073	19,959
Property	110,204	110,204	41,606	68,598
Other	1,050	1,050	1,394	(344)
<b>Total instruction</b>	<b>1,817,919</b>	<b>1,817,919</b>	<b>1,729,519</b>	<b>88,400</b>
<b>Supporting services</b>				
<b>Students</b>				
Salaries	91,232	91,232	50,331	40,901
Employee benefits	28,602	28,602	20,953	7,649
Purchased services	11,750	11,750	5,796	5,954
Supplies and materials	3,100	3,100	1,450	1,650
<b>Total students</b>	<b>134,684</b>	<b>134,684</b>	<b>78,530</b>	<b>56,154</b>
<b>Instructional staff</b>				
Salaries	14,275	14,275	18,731	(4,456)
Employee benefits	9,620	9,620	11,618	(1,998)
Purchased services	44,600	44,600	47,814	(3,214)
Supplies and materials	19,000	19,000	17,723	1,277
Property	83,482	83,482	59,821	23,661
<b>Total instructional staff</b>	<b>170,977</b>	<b>170,977</b>	<b>155,707</b>	<b>15,270</b>
<b>General administration</b>				
Salaries	185,504	185,504	135,684	49,820
Employee benefits	54,240	54,240	58,439	(4,199)
Purchased services	30,400	30,400	26,786	3,614
Supplies and materials	10,500	10,500	15,068	(4,568)
Property	1,000	1,000		1,000
Other	6,200	6,200	13,860	(7,660)
<b>Total general administration</b>	<b>287,844</b>	<b>287,844</b>	<b>249,837</b>	<b>38,007</b>

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
School administration				
Salaries	105,378	105,378	113,849	(8,471)
Employee benefits	49,028	49,028	48,073	955
Purchased services	1,700	1,700	1,388	312
Supplies and materials	3,600	3,600	3,703	(103)
Property	1,250	1,250		1,250
Other	1,450	1,450	520	930
Total school administration	162,406	162,406	167,533	(5,127)
Operations and maintenance				
Salaries	80,392	80,392	92,907	(12,515)
Employee benefits	47,902	47,902	46,098	1,804
Purchased services	145,128	145,128	138,578	6,550
Supplies and materials	106,000	106,000	101,700	4,300
Property	13,300	13,300	898	12,402
Total operations and maintenance	392,722	392,722	380,181	12,541
Student transportation				
Salaries	39,500	39,500	38,021	1,479
Employee benefits	26,285	26,285	26,455	(170)
Purchased services	40,686	40,686	45,773	(5,087)
Supplies and materials	31,800	31,800	24,911	6,889
Property	44,000	44,000	44,310	(310)
Total student transportation	182,271	182,271	179,470	2,801
Central support services				
Purchased services	10,936	10,936	11,112	(176)
Total central support services	10,936	10,936	11,112	(176)
Total supporting services	1,341,840	1,341,840	1,222,370	119,470

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**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

(continued)	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Facilities acquisition services				
Property	649,411	930,771	45,132	885,639
Total facilities acquisition services	649,411	930,771	45,132	885,639
Appropriated reserves	948,000	948,000		948,000
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 4,757,170</u>	<u>\$ 5,038,530</u>	<u>\$ 2,997,021</u>	<u>\$ 2,041,509</u>

**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 used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2020**

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Totals
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 47,368	\$ 115,474	\$ 162,842
Grants receivable	24,674		24,674
Other receivables	353		353
Inventories	7,086		7,086
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 79,481</b>	<b>\$ 115,474</b>	<b>\$ 194,955</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 3,220		\$ 3,220
Accrued salaries and benefits	15,907		15,907
Unearned revenue	4,964		4,964
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>24,091</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>24,091</b>
<b>Fund balance</b>			
Nonspendable inventories	7,086		7,086
Restricted for food service operations	48,304		48,304
Committed to pupil activities		115,474	115,474
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>55,390</b>	<b>115,474</b>	<b>170,864</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 79,481</b>	<b>\$ 115,474</b>	<b>\$ 194,955</b>

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Totals
<b>Revenues</b>			
Local sources	\$ 57,074	\$ 101,931	\$ 159,005
State sources	7,701		7,701
Federal sources	137,841		137,841
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>202,616</b>	<b>101,931</b>	<b>304,547</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Instruction		115,622	115,622
Supporting services	168,777		168,777
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>168,777</b>	<b>115,622</b>	<b>284,399</b>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	33,839	(13,691)	20,148
<b>Other financing sources</b>			
Transfers in		20,000	20,000
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
Net change in fund balance	33,839	6,309	40,148
Fund balance at beginning of year	21,551	109,165	130,716
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 55,390</u>	<u>\$ 115,474</u>	<u>\$ 170,864</u>

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Food Service Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 72,150	\$ 72,150	\$ 57,074	\$ (15,076)
State sources	15,500	15,500	7,701	(7,799)
Federal sources	96,350	96,350	137,841	41,491
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>184,000</b>	<b>202,616</b>	<b>18,616</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Food service operations				
Salaries	61,361	61,361	61,437	(76)
Employee benefits	30,791	30,791	25,396	5,395
Purchased services	760	760		760
Supplies and materials	97,088	97,088	79,908	17,180
Property	5,000	5,000	702	4,298
Other	4,000	4,000	1,334	2,666
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>199,000</b>	<b>199,000</b>	<b>168,777</b>	<b>30,223</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>33,839</b>	<b>48,839</b>
<b>Other financing sources</b>				
Transfers in	15,000	15,000		(15,000)
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>33,839</b>	<b>\$ 33,839</b>
Fund balance at beginning of year			21,551	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 55,390	

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Pupil Activity Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 146,100	\$ 146,100	\$ 101,931	\$ (44,169)
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Purchased services	24,600	24,600	34,112	(9,512)
Supplies and materials	21,950	21,950	61,627	(39,677)
Property	20,000	20,000		20,000
Other	169,396	169,396	19,883	149,513
Total expenditures	<u>235,946</u>	<u>235,946</u>	<u>115,622</u>	<u>120,324</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(89,846)	(89,846)	(13,691)	76,155
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (69,846)</u>	<u>\$ (69,846)</u>	<u>6,309</u>	<u>\$ 76,155</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year			<u>109,165</u>	
Fund balance at end of year			<u>\$ 115,474</u>	

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## **Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Internal Service Fund**

Internal Service Funds – These funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the District on a cost reimbursement basis.

The District reports the following internal service fund:

- Self-Insurance Fund – This fund is used to account for the receipt of employee and employer contributions related to the payment of health and dental insurance deductible payments and for the payment of claims to insurance providers.

**COUNTY OF KIT CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R-4**  
**Self Insurance Internal Service Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Operating revenues				
Employee contributions	\$ 17,238	\$ 17,238		\$ (17,238)
Employer contributions	15,796	15,796		(15,796)
Total operating revenues	33,034	33,034	\$ -	(33,034)
Operating expenses				
Instruction				
Claims paid	33,399	33,399		33,399
Total operating expenses	33,399	33,399	-	33,399
Operating loss	(365)	(365)	-	365
Nonoperating revenues				
Earnings on investments	365	365	64	(301)
Change in net position	\$ -	\$ -	64	\$ 64
Net position at beginning of year			81,139	
Net position at end of year			\$ 81,203	

**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  
County of Kit Carson School District R-4  
Stratton, Colorado

We have audited the financial statements of the County of Kit Carson School District R-4 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and our report thereon dated December 2, 2020, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, appears on pages 1-2. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Auditors' Integrity Report is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.*

Sterling, Colorado  
December 2, 2020



Colorado Department of Education

Auditors Integrity Report

District: 1480 - Stratton R-4

Fiscal Year 2019-20

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
<b>Governmental</b>				
10 General Fund	2,014,185	3,225,782	2,870,920	2,369,048
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	0	0	0	0
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	49,640	88,147	126,101	11,685
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2,063,825</b>	<b>3,313,929</b>	<b>2,997,021</b>	<b>2,380,733</b>
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
07 Total Program Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	21,551	202,616	168,777	55,390
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0	0	0	0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	109,165	121,931	115,623	115,474
24 Full Day Kindergarten Mill Levy Override	0	0	0	0
25 Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,194,541</b>	<b>3,638,476</b>	<b>3,281,421</b>	<b>2,551,597</b>
<b>Proprietary</b>				
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	81,139	64	0	81,203
60,65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81,139</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81,203</b>
<b>Fiduciary</b>				
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0	0	0	0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
73 Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
79 GASB 34:Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0
85 Foundations	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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