

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
LA JARA, COLORADO**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2023**



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



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To the Board of Education  
North Conejos School District RE-1J  
La Jara, Colorado

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Conejos School District RE-1J (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a

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substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison, pension, and other postemployment benefits information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the 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.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial schedules, the Colorado School District's Auditor's Integrity Report, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information

directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial schedules, the Colorado School District's Auditor's Integrity Report, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 11, 2023, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc*

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.  
Alamosa, Colorado

December 11, 2023

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

As management of the North Conejos School District, we offer readers of the District's Financial Statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of North Conejos School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Financial highlights for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

The final net position of the district is \$35,686,027 end of year.

State Equalization was \$9,226,378 this fiscal year.

General Revenues, primarily property taxes, and state equalization payments accounted for \$11,191,113 of all revenues.

The District had \$12,263,441 in expenses related to governmental activities.

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

The District has seven governmental funds as determined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34). The major funds are the General Fund and Building Fund.

The General Fund had \$12,747,901 in revenues and \$10,727,480 in expenditures. The General Fund balance increased from \$11,383,215 to \$13,048,136.

The Building Fund's fund balance at the end of the year is \$1,073,528.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of three parts: The Management's Discussion and Analysis, the basic financial statements, and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The governmental fund statements tell how basic services such as instruction were financed in the short-term, as well as, what remains for future spending.

Fiduciary Fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplemental information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year.

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS**

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position, the difference between the District's assets and liabilities, is one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

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

To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

Governmental activities: All of the District's basic services are included here, such as; instruction, transportation, maintenance and operations, and administration. The District's nutritional services program is included in government activities. The School Finance Act of 1994, as amended, made up of property taxes and state equalization, finance most of these activities.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds. Focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.

The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as federal grants).

The District has two kinds of funds:

Governmental Funds: Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Fiduciary Funds: The District is the agent, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others such as small scholarship funds and student activity funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the governmental-wide and fund financial statements.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also contains other supplemental information concerning the District's non-major governmental funds. The combining statements of the non-major governmental funds are presented after the notes to the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

Government-wide Analysis:

The assets of the District are classified as current assets and capital assets. Cash, investments, receivables, inventories and prepaid expenses are current assets. These assets are available to provide resources for the near-term operations of the District. The majority of the current assets are the result of the property tax collection process, the District receives approximately **60%** of the annual property tax assessment in April, May, and June.

Capital Assets are used in the operation of the District. These assets are land, improvements, buildings, equipment, and vehicles. Capital assets are discussed in detail in the section titled, Capital Assets and Debt Administration, elsewhere in this analysis.

Current and long-term liabilities are classified based on anticipated liquidation either in the near-term or in the future. Current liabilities include accounts payable, accrued salaries and benefits, unearned revenues, and current debt obligations. The liquidation of current liabilities is anticipated to be either from current available resources, current assets or new resources that become available during fiscal year 2023. Long-term liabilities such as compensated absences payable will be liquidated from resources that will become available after fiscal year 2023. A comparative analysis is provided.

The effect of the PERA pension and OPEB expense on the District's total net position for Fiscal Year 2023 and 2022 is summarized below:

	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Net position (GAAP Basis)	\$ 35,686,027	\$ 33,632,134
GASB 68 - Pension	11,426,493	11,660,001
GASB 75 - OPEB	534,993	615,747
Net position excluding Pension and OPEB	\$ 47,641,186	\$ 45,907,882

The effect of the PERA pension and OPEB expense on the District's unrestricted net position is summarized below:

	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY22</b>
Unrestricted -Net position (GAAP Basis)	\$ 1,779,107	\$ (998,293)
GASB 68 - Pension	11,426,493	11,660,001
GASB 75 - OPEB	534,993	615,747
Net position excluding Pension and OPEB	\$ 13,740,593	\$ 11,277,455

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**Table I  
Condensed Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Assets		
Current Assets	\$20,301,169	\$17,404,083
Capital Assets	\$33,448,610	\$37,193,516
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$53,749,779</b>	<b>\$54,597,599</b>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$2,432,709	\$2,962,114
Liabilities		
Current	\$2,423,668	\$1,722,250
Long-Term	\$5,361,766	\$5,168,154
Net Pension liability	\$9,197,366	\$12,471,261
Net OPEB Liability	\$444,968	\$424,573
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$17,427,768</b>	<b>\$19,786,238</b>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 5,122,586	\$2,087,448
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$33,448,610	\$31,959,980
Tabor reserve	\$720,000	\$376,000
Debt Service	\$461,817	\$497,412
Capital Projects	\$0	\$1,073,528
Unrestricted	(\$ 998,293)	\$1,779,107
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$33,632,134</b>	<b>\$35,686,027</b>

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**TABLE II  
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$50,453	\$123,311
Operating Grants & Contrib.	\$3,688,563	\$3,311,927
Capital Grants and Contrib.	\$12,279,479	\$0
General Revenues	\$10,287,160	\$10,998,752
Interest on Investments	\$39,460	\$129,935
Miscellaneous	\$79,625	\$62,426
Total Revenues	\$26,424,740	\$14,626,351
Expenses		
Instructional Program	\$4,107,272	\$7,271,253
Student Supporting Services	\$553,789	\$753,151
Instructional Staff Supporting Services	\$303,963	\$570,587
General Administration Supporting Services	\$655,794	\$689,048
School Administration Supporting Services	\$259,999	\$619,214
Business Supporting Services	\$52,189	\$69,953
Operations and Maintenance of Plant Services	\$135,863	\$944,428
Student Transportation Services	\$211,896	\$270,330
Central Supporting Services	\$205,090	\$236,214
Food Services	\$474,273	\$532,741
Facilities Acquisition & Construction Services	\$16,688	\$146,966
Debt Service	\$166,381	\$159,556
Total Expenses	\$7,143,197	\$12,263,441
Special Item	\$0	\$(309,017)
Change in Net Position	\$19,281,543	\$2,053,893
Net Position, Beginning of Year	\$14,305,591	\$33,632,134
Net Position, End of Year	\$33,632,134	\$35,686,027

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal, federal, and state requirements. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The primary source of operation revenue for school districts comes from the School Finance Act of 1994 (SFA). The funded pupil count for fiscal year 2022-2023 was 988. Funding for the SFA comes from property taxes, specific ownership, and state equalization. The District received listed state equalization while the remaining amounts came from property taxes and specific ownership tax.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services, the charges for services, and grants off-setting those

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services. Table III shows governmental activities, the total cost of services, and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted state equalization and property taxes. PERA is a large factor in the variance from the previous fiscal year and why Net Cost is not relevant.

**Table III  
Cost Activities for Fiscal Year 2023  
of Services – Governmental**

	<b>Total Cost- 2023</b>	<b>Total Cost-2022</b>	<b>Net Cost – 2023</b>	<b>Net Cost- 2022</b>
Instructional Program	\$7,271,253	\$4,107,272	\$(6,433,917)	\$(3,456,339)
Student Support Service	\$753,151	\$553,789	\$1,204,668	\$1,908,333
Instructional Staff Support Service	\$570,587	\$303,963	\$(570,587)	\$(301,629)
General Admin Support Services	\$689,048	\$655,794	\$(689,048)	\$(650,122)
School Admin Support Service	\$619,214	\$259,999	\$(619,214)	\$(250,976)
Business Support Service	\$69,953	\$52,189	\$(69,953)	\$(52,189)
Operation & Maintenance	\$944,428	\$135,863	\$(944,428)	\$(131,389)
Student Transportation	\$270,330	\$211,896	\$(202,732)	\$(138,850)
Central Support Service	\$236,214	\$205,090	\$(236,214)	\$(203,947)
Facility acquisition/construction	\$146,966	\$16,688	\$(146,966)	\$12,262,791
Food Service	\$532,741	\$474,273	\$39,744	\$55,996
Debt Service	\$159,556	\$166,381	\$(159,556)	\$(166,381)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,263,441</b>	<b>\$7,143,197</b>	<b>\$(8,828,203)</b>	<b>\$8,875,298</b>

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The NCSD’s budget is prepared according to Colorado Law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on the modified accrual basis. Therefore, the District budgets each year for actual salaries for nine and ten month employees based on salaries for the school term of September to May but is paid over a time spanning September to August. The July and August salaries are accrued in the budgeted financial statements. Total final appropriations exceeded actual expenditures in the General Fund by \$1,505,520. This variance was caused by ESSER Funds used for normal expenses in the General Fund.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

On June 30, 2023, the District had \$37,193,516 invested in sites, land improvements, buildings, equipment and vehicles: which was used in governmental activities. Table IV shows the investment in capital assets net of depreciation expense for governmental activities.

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**Table IV  
Capital Assets at June 30, 2023  
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<b>Total School</b>	<b>Total School</b>
	<b>District</b>	<b>District</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Sites (LAND)	\$348,996	\$348,996
CIP	\$29,426,885	\$25,626,523
Land Improvements	\$1,382,478	\$1,400,178
Buildings	\$9,505,172	\$10,377,090
Equipment	\$2,549,154	\$2,636,806
Vehicles	\$2,169,304	\$1,920,493
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$(8,188,473)	\$(8,861,476)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$37,193,516</b>	<b>\$33,448,610</b>

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

As of June 30, 2023 the District had \$5,409,626 recorded as long term debt. Table V details this outstanding debt and the portion due within one year for the District. Compensated absences of \$176,090 are considered paid when used or when it is bought back upon an employee retiring or resigning. Table compares that debt to fiscal year 2022.

**Table V Outstanding Debt  
Current and Total at June 30, 2023**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>Due Within One Year/Total Debt</b>		<b>Due Within One Year/Total Debt</b>	
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
Compensated Absences	\$0	\$176,090	-0-	\$128,230
Bonds Payable	\$241,472	\$5,233,536	\$234,548	\$5,468,084
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$241,472</b>	<b>\$5,409,626</b>	<b>\$234,548</b>	<b>\$5,596,314</b>

**FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT’S FUTURE**

The district was aware of the following

- Maintaining current staff levels and student enrichment programs while encountering a continued declining student
- Enrollment (see below).
- Receiving less in state equalization.
- Maintaining a fund balance in excess of 3 million dollars while adjusting for higher transportation and energy costs, water and sewer payment increase, and employee benefit costs.

Maintaining a fund balance while adjusting to higher overall maintenance costs due to outside services

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Student enrollment, dictating the state equalization funding as follows:

- 2012: 1039
- 2013: 1004
- 2014: 964
- 2015: 980
- 2016: 963
- 2017: 998.5
- 2018: 1,028
- 2019: 1,069

2020: 1,001 \*enrollment decline largely in consideration of COVID 19 ‘homeschool’ options, at the time of audit, thirty-two (32) students are engaged in home-school who were counted last year. Due to the nature of the pandemic and resulting shifts in positivity rate, enrollment may be further affected.

2021: 991 (a repeat of homeschool options further declined student enrollment).

2022: 1005 Enrollment is increasing due to homeschool students returning

2023: 988 Due to smaller family size

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**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS) FUNDS**

At the time of this audit, SRS funds have not been approved legislatively for the future. Ranging historically as a revenue of approximately \$150,000 to the district, no bill re-establishing this funding, in lieu of the area being heavily forested by federal land which provides no tax revenue to the district, has been approved.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizen, 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 financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office at 17887 US Hwy 285 La Jara, CO 81140.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2023**

	<b>Primary Government Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 15,236,897
Investments	1,631,276
Accounts Receivable	17,991
Property Tax Receivable	59,682
Due from Other Governments	456,593
Inventories	1,644
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>17,404,083</b>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>	
Capital Assets not being depreciated	29,775,881
Capital Assets net of depreciation	7,417,635
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>37,193,516</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>54,597,599</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension	2,896,401
OPEB	65,713
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>2,962,114</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	182,754
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	1,157,035
Unearned Grant Revenue	140,989
Compensated Absences	-
General Obligation Bonds	241,472
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,722,250</b>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	
Compensated Absences	176,090
General Obligation Bonds	4,992,064
Net Pension Liability	12,471,261
Net OPEB Liability	424,573
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>18,063,988</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>19,786,238</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension	1,851,633
OPEB	176,133
Unavailable Revenue- Property Tax	59,682
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>2,087,448</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	31,959,980
Restricted	
Tabor	376,000
Debt Service	497,412
Capital Projects	1,073,528
Unrestricted	1,779,107
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 35,686,027</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Revenues and Changes in Net Position
					Primary Government
<b>Primary Government</b>					
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Instructional Program	\$ 7,271,253	\$ -	\$ 837,336	\$ -	\$ (6,433,917)
Student Supporting Services	753,151	-	1,957,819	-	1,204,668
Instructional Staff Supporting Services	570,587	-	-	-	(570,587)
General Administration Supporting Services	689,048	-	-	-	(689,048)
School Administration Supporting Services	619,214	-	-	-	(619,214)
Business Supporting Services	69,953	-	-	-	(69,953)
Operations and Maintenance of Plant Services	944,428	-	-	-	(944,428)
Student Transportation Services	270,330	-	67,598	-	(202,732)
Central Supporting Services	236,214	-	-	-	(236,214)
Food Services	532,741	123,311	449,174	-	39,744
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	146,966	-	-	-	(146,966)
Interest on Debt Service	159,556	-	-	-	(159,556)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>12,263,441</b>	<b>123,311</b>	<b>3,311,927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,828,203)</b>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 12,263,441</b>	<b>\$ 123,311</b>	<b>\$ 3,311,927</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(8,828,203)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Taxes					
					1,439,101
					231,060
					102,213
					9,226,378
					129,935
					62,426
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>11,191,113</b>
<b>Special Item (See Note 17)</b>					<b>(309,017)</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>					<b>2,053,893</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>					<b>33,632,134</b>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>					<b>\$ 35,686,027</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 2023**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL NONMAJOR FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,214,722	\$ 1,258,148	\$ 764,027	\$ 15,236,897
Investments	650,464	-	980,812	1,631,276
Accounts Receivable	613	-	17,378	17,991
Due from Other Governments	317,388	-	139,205	456,593
Due from Other Funds	16,324	-	40,852	57,176
Property Tax Receivable	37,484	-	22,198	59,682
Inventory	-	-	1,644	1,644
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,236,995</b>	<b>\$ 1,258,148</b>	<b>\$ 1,966,116</b>	<b>\$ 17,461,259</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 184,620	\$ (1,866)	\$ 182,754
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	1,050,296	-	106,739	1,157,035
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Funds	40,852	-	16,324	57,176
Unearned Grant Revenue	60,227	-	80,762	140,989
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,151,375</b>	<b>184,620</b>	<b>201,959</b>	<b>1,537,954</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Tax	37,484	-	22,198	59,682
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>37,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,198</b>	<b>59,682</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	1,644	1,644
Restricted	376,000	1,073,528	497,412	1,946,940
Committed	-	-	1,242,903	1,242,903
Assigned	43,281	-	-	43,281
Unassigned	12,628,855	-	-	12,628,855
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>13,048,136</b>	<b>1,073,528</b>	<b>1,741,959</b>	<b>15,863,623</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 14,236,995</b>	<b>\$ 1,258,148</b>	<b>\$ 1,966,116</b>	<b>\$ 17,461,259</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2023**

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>		\$ 15,863,623
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		37,193,516
Deferred results and contributions to pension and OPEB plans made after the measurement date are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds but must be deferred in the statement of net position.		2,962,114
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Bond Payable	\$ (5,233,536)	
Compensated Absences	<u>(176,090)</u>	
		(5,409,626)
Net pension and OPEB liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.		(12,895,834)
Certain amounts related to the net pension and OPEB liability are deferred and amortized over time. These are not reported in the funds.		<u>(2,027,766)</u>
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>		<u><u>\$ 35,686,027</u></u>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL NONMAJOR FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 1,534,185	\$ -	\$ 965,844	\$ 2,500,029
Intermediate Sources	-	-	-	-
State Sources	9,973,249	-	40,024	10,013,273
Federal Sources	1,240,467	-	872,582	2,113,049
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>12,747,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,878,450</b>	<b>14,626,351</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Program	7,020,991	-	290,520	7,311,511
Student Supporting Services	215,755	-	516,816	732,571
Instructional Staff Supporting Services	501,077	-	75,879	576,956
General Admin. Supporting Services	682,430	-	20,220	702,650
School Admin. Supporting Services	643,316	-	-	643,316
Business Supporting Services	69,953	-	-	69,953
Operations and Maint. of Plant Services	850,972	-	77,019	927,991
Student Transportation Services	503,700	-	-	503,700
Central Supporting Services	239,286	-	-	239,286
Food Services	-	-	679,728	679,728
Facilities Acq. and Const. Services	-	3,943,107	93,441	4,036,548
Debt Service	-	-	394,104	394,104
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,727,480</b>	<b>3,943,107</b>	<b>2,147,727</b>	<b>16,818,314</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	2,020,421	(3,943,107)	(269,277)	(2,191,963)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	355,500	355,500
Transfers to Other Funds	(355,500)	-	-	(355,500)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(355,500)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>355,500</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,664,921	(3,943,107)	86,223	(2,191,963)
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>11,383,215</b>	<b>5,016,635</b>	<b>1,655,736</b>	<b>18,055,586</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 13,048,136</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,528</b>	<b>\$ 1,741,959</b>	<b>\$ 15,863,623</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**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, 2023**

**Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds** \$ (2,191,963)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the difference between capital outlay and depreciation in the current period.

Fixed asset additions	\$	4,437,303	
Fixed asset deletions, net of accumulated depreciation		(309,017)	
Depreciation expense		<u>(383,380)</u>	
			3,744,906

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

General Obligation Bond Payment			234,548
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Compensated Absences			(47,860)
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Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. This item consists of the change in pension and OPEB expense.

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**Change in net position of governmental activities** \$ 2,053,893

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2023**

	<u>CUSTODIAL FUND</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash in Bank	<u>\$          27,239</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>                  27,239</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted for Scholarships	<u>                  27,239</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u><u>                  \$          27,239</u></u>

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**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>CUSTODIAL FUND</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Receipts	\$ 22,590
Total Additions	22,590
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Disbursements	22,500
Total Deductions	22,500
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	90
Net Position- Beginning of the Year	27,149
Net Position- End of the Year	\$ 27,239

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**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**June 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting and reporting policies of the District reflected in the accompanying financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to state and local governments. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for local governments are those promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in *Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*. The District's significant accounting policies are described below.

**REPORTING ENTITY**

***Primary Government***

North Conejos School District RE-1J is a public school as established by Colorado State Statute. The District is declared to be a corporate body with perpetual existence and in its name may hold property, sue and be sued, and be a party to contracts for any purpose authorized by law. Members of the school board are voted on at large by the registered, qualified electors of the District. Taxes are levied upon all taxable property within the District's boundaries by the County Commissioners. The County Treasurer collects the taxes and remits them to the school district. The District also receives State and Federal funds. The school board has the authority to issue bonds up to 20% of the latest assessed valuation of the taxable property in the District. The board also has authority to select the depository of school funds and acquire short-term loans.

***Component Units***

The District's combined financial statements include the accounts of all District operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, include whether:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- The District holds the corporate powers of the organization
- The District appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- The District is able to impose its will on the organization
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- There is fiscal dependency by the organization on the District
- The organization is financially accountable to the District
- The organization receives or holds funds that are for the benefit of the District; and the District has access to a majority of the funds held; and the funds that are accessible are also significant to the District

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the North Conejos School District RE-1J has no component units.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. Government-wide statements report information on all of the activities of the District, except for District fiduciary activity. The effect of interfund transfers has been removed from the government-wide statements but continues to be reflected on the fund statements. Mainly taxes and intergovernmental revenues support governmental activities.

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The statement of activities reflects the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable within a specific function. Program revenues include:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and
- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds each reported as a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

**MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants are recognized as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements, imposed by the provider, are met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The **General Fund** is the general operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The **Building Fund** is used to account for all resources available for acquiring capital sites, buildings, and equipment. Specifically, bond and grant proceeds for the BEST High School construction project.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The fiduciary fund financial statements consist of private-purpose trust funds that are fiduciary in nature and present changes in fiduciary net position. Fiduciary funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement and accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that the District holds for others in a fiduciary capacity.

The District reports the following private-purpose trust funds:

- The **Custodial Fund** accounts for transactions relating to the Bear Creek Scholarship Trust for the purpose of providing scholarships to District students.

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Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, payables, and receivables. All internal balances in the statement of net position have been eliminated except those representing balances between governmental activities and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total primary government column.

**ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE**

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash in bank, certificates of deposit, and liquid investments with maturity of three months or less.

***Property Taxes***

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 each year. The taxes are payable in two installments on February 28 and June 15 or in full on April 30. The District's property taxes are collected by the County Treasurer who remits monthly receipts to the District. Property tax revenue is recognized when received by the County Treasurer.

Uncollected property taxes that became an enforceable lien January 1, 2023, have been recorded in the financial statements as an asset and a corresponding deferred inflow of resources.

***Receivables/Payables From Other District Funds***

Balances that originate from current lending/borrowing arrangements between funds are referred to as "Due To/From Other Funds".

***Inventories***

Purchased inventories are stated at cost and consist of supplies and food to be used within one year. Donated inventory is priced at the U.S. Department of Agriculture established values.

***USDA Commodities***

The Food Service Fund receives donated commodities to use in meal preparation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The value of these commodities received during the year is shown as income, and the value of commodities used is shown as an expenditure.

***Prepaid Items***

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

***Capital Assets***

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, equipment, vehicles, and construction in progress, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. When assets used in the operation of the governmental fund types are sold, the proceeds of the sale are recorded as revenues in the appropriate fund.

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Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Land Improvements	5-20
Buildings	5-75
Equipment	3-20
Vehicles	4-15

***Long-Term Obligations***

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the fund financial statements for governmental fund types, debt proceeds are reported as an other financing source and debt payments are reported as debt service expenditures. The District records long-term debt of governmental funds at the face value.

***Voluntary Early Retirement Bonus Plan***

All employees shall be eligible to participate upon completion of 20 years of service, the last 10 of which are to be uninterrupted service to the District. Any employee with fewer than 20 years but at least 15 years of uninterrupted service to the District can elect early retirement with a loss of five percent for each year short of the minimum 20 years.

***Compensated Absences***

Certified staff of the District receive 10 days each contract year for personal leave and classified staff receive eight days. Personal leave may be accumulated without limit. Upon termination of employment for reasons other than retirement, an employee shall be paid for a maximum of 12 days of accrued personal leave not taken based on the current rate of pay for a substitute. In the event of death, such payment shall be made to the employee's estate. An employee who is eligible for retirement in accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Association shall be paid for one-fourth of all accrued personal leave not taken on the rate of pay for a substitute not to exceed payment for more than 30 days of accrued personal leave. A liability is accrued in the government-wide financial statements.

***Unearned Grant Revenue***

Revenues on grants, which are restricted by the grant document for specific purposes, are recognized as revenue only after eligible grant costs have been incurred. Grant funds received in excess of grant expenditures are recorded as unearned revenues.

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources***

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This represents a consumption of net position that applied to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (as either an expense or expenditure) until that period.

In addition to liabilities, the balance sheet reports a separate section of deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Certain amounts related to pensions and OPEB must be deferred.

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***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 (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP 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.

***Other Postemployment Benefits (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 (FNP) 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.

***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position should be displayed in the following three components:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets, net accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt should be included in this component of net position.
- *Restricted* – consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Restricted assets consist of assets that have limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- *Unrestricted* – consists of the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balances are reported by classification based on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints for the specific purposes on which amounts in the fund can be spent. Fund balances are classified in one of the following five categories:

- *Nonspendable Fund Balance* – amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, such as inventory and prepaid expenditures.
- *Restricted Fund Balance* – amounts restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed Fund Balance* – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed through adopted resolution by the Board of Education, the highest level of decision making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes

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those constraints by taking the same type of action. Committed fund balances differ from restricted balances because the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

- *Assigned Fund Balance* – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the Board of Education or by an official or body to which governing body delegates the authority.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance* – amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

As of June 30, 2023, fund balances are composed of the following:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
Nonspendable				
Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,644	\$ 1,644
Restricted				
TABOR 3% Reserve	376,000	-	-	376,000
Debt Service	-	-	497,412	497,412
Capital Projects	-	1,073,528	-	1,073,528
	<u>376,000</u>	<u>1,073,528</u>	<u>497,412</u>	<u>1,946,940</u>
Committed				
GDPG	-	-	25,795	25,795
Food Service	-	-	135,368	135,368
Pupil Activities	-	-	254,286	254,286
Capital Projects	-	-	827,454	827,454
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,242,903</u>	<u>1,242,903</u>
Assigned	<u>43,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,281</u>
Unassigned	<u>12,628,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,628,855</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 13,048,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,528</u>	<u>\$ 1,741,959</u>	<u>\$ 15,863,623</u>

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board of Education has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

***Encumbrances***

The District records purchase orders in the accounting system. Unfulfilled purchase commitments outstanding at the end of the budget year are rebudgeted in the succeeding year. End of the year fund balance intended to be used in the succeeding year is reported as assigned fund balance.

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***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Reclassifications***

Certain amounts from 2022 have been reclassified to conform to the 2023 financial statement presentation.

***New Accounting Pronouncements***

During fiscal year 2023, the District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA)*, that establishes that a SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. This standard requires governmental entities to record a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset for those contracts for the subscription term. This standard does not have a material effect on the financial statements of the District.

**NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

***Budgets and Budgetary Accounting***

North Conejos School District RE-1J follows the procedures set forth in the Colorado School District Budget Law when preparing annual budgets for each fund. Budget procedures include:

- 1) Preparation of budget documents by administrative staff shall be submitted to the Board no later than June 1 of each year.
- 2) Publication of a notice stating that the budget is available for public inspection.
- 3) Discussion of the budget in a meeting open to the public.
- 4) Adoption of the budget in a public meeting by appropriate resolution.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device for all funds of the District. All fund budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The total expenditures for each fund cannot exceed the budgeted amount unless a supplemental appropriation is adopted. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the final amended budget, if applicable.

***Stewardship***

Expenditures in the Food Service Fund exceeded appropriations by \$10,667 during fiscal year 2023. This may be a violation of Colorado Revised Statutes 22-44-115(1).

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

A summary of Cash and Deposits for the District are as follows:

Cash on Hand	\$ 252
Cash in Bank	14,005,736
Cash with Fiscal Agent	1,258,148
Less: amounts related to Custodial Funds	<u>(27,239)</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	15,236,897
Investments	
ColoTrust	1,169,795
Money Market - UMB Bank	<u>461,481</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	<u><u>\$ 16,868,173</u></u>

***Cash and Deposits***

Colorado State Statutes govern the District’s deposits of cash. The statutes specify eligible depositories for public cash deposits, which must be Colorado institutions and must maintain federal insurance (FDIC) on deposits held.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA), requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories, determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized in accordance with the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits.

***Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits***

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$13,461,582 of the District’s bank balance of \$14,512,466 was exposed to custodial credit risk. Deposits exposed to credit risk are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution through PDPA.

***Investments***

Colorado Statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include the following:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Banker’s acceptance of certain banks
- Commercial paper holding the highest credit rating category and with a maturity within 180 days
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Corporate or bank debt issued by eligible corporations or banks

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*Fair Value* – Fair value investments classified at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using the active market rates for the underlying securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using non-observable inputs.

COLOTRUST is a money market investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing COLOTRUST. The pool operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. Investments consist of U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. Substantially all securities owned are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian’s internal records identify the investments owned by the entities. COLOTRUST is rated AAAM by Standard and Poors, and maintains a constant net asset value of \$1 per share. Financial statements for COLOTRUST are available at [www.colotrust.com](http://www.colotrust.com). The total COLOTRUST investment was valued at \$1,169,795 at June 30, 2023 with a credit rating of AAAM by Standard & Poors.

*Interest Rate Risk* – The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

*Credit Risk* – The risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. State statutes limit investments in U.S. Agency securities to the highest rating issued by National Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs).

*Concentration of Credit Risk* – The risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer. The District has not established a policy limiting the investment in any type of security and deems it unnecessary at this time.

**NOTE 4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

General Fund	\$ 613
Food Service Fund	17,378
	\$ 17,991

**NOTE 5 DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Intergovernmental receivables include amounts due from grantors for specific program grants. Program grants are recorded as receivables and revenues at the time reimbursable project costs are incurred. As of June 30, 2023, the District had \$456,593 due from Federal, State, and Local governments, reflected as due from other governments in the accompanying basic financial statements.

**NOTE 6 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS**

***Interfund Receivables/Payables***

The District reports interfund balances between many of its funds. The balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are

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recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. Interfund balances are generally expected to be repaid within one year of the financial statement date.

Interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Governmental Designated Purpose Grants Fund	General Fund	\$ 3,118
Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	37,734
General Fund	Food Service Fund	16,324
		<u>\$ 57,176</u>

***Interfund Transfers***

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Transfer In	Transfer Out	Amount
Food Service Fund	General Fund	\$ 170,500
Pupil Activity Fund	General Fund	35,000
Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	150,000
		<u>\$ 355,500</u>

The General Fund transfers were made to subsidize the Food Service Fund, Pupil Activity Fund, and Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund.

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**NOTE 7 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance <u>06/30/2022</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance <u>06/30/2023</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 348,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 348,996
Construction in Progress	25,626,523	3,800,362	-	29,426,885
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>25,975,519</u>	<u>3,800,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,775,881</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Land Improvements	1,400,178	-	17,700	1,382,478
Buildings	10,377,090	89,219	961,137	9,505,172
Equipment	2,636,806	265,784	353,436	2,549,154
Vehicles	1,920,493	281,938	33,127	2,169,304
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>16,334,567</u>	<u>636,941</u>	<u>1,365,400</u>	<u>15,606,108</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation For				
Land Improvements	746,246	63,423	17,700	791,969
Buildings	4,923,743	155,867	683,920	4,395,690
Equipment	1,713,204	103,136	321,636	1,494,704
Vehicles	1,478,283	60,954	33,127	1,506,110
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>8,861,476</u>	<u>383,380</u>	<u>1,056,383</u>	<u>8,188,473</u>
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>7,473,091</u>	<u>253,561</u>	<u>309,017</u>	<u>7,417,635</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 33,448,610</u>	<u>\$ 4,053,923</u>	<u>\$ 309,017</u>	<u>\$ 37,193,516</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

<i>Governmental Activities</i>	
Instructional Program	\$ 239,118
Student Supporting Services	29,994
General Administration Supporting Services	769
Operations and Maintenance of Plant Services	44,515
Student Transportation Services	60,954
Food Services	8,030
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 383,380</u>

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**NOTE 8 ACCRUED SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

The teachers, administrators, and the administrative staff are employed under nine, ten, and eleven month contracts. All District employees are paid on a twelve-month basis, therefore, a difference exists between the actual amount of salaries earned under the contract and the amount paid. The difference between salaries earned and paid, including the District's share of benefits, has been accrued in the financial statements in the amount of \$1,157,035.

**NOTE 9 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

***Changes in Long-Term Liabilities***

Long-term liability balances for the year ended June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Balance 06/30/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06/30/2023	Due Within One Year
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
G.O.Bonds Payable	\$5,468,084	\$ -	\$ 234,548	\$5,233,536	\$ 241,472
Compensated Absences	128,230	47,860	-	176,090	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$5,596,314</u>	<u>\$ 47,860</u>	<u>\$ 234,548</u>	<u>\$5,409,626</u>	<u>\$ 241,472</u>

***General Obligation Bonds***

On December 5, 2019, the District issued general obligation bonds series 2019O in the amount of \$5,919,082 with an interest rate of 2.952% to be paid in full December 1, 2039. The bonds were issued for the District's match for the Building Excellent Schools Today Act (BEST) grant for the construction of a new school.

The annual debt service for the General Obligation Bond is as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Totals
FY 2024	\$ 241,472	\$ 150,930	\$ 392,402
FY 2025	248,600	143,696	392,296
FY 2026	255,938	136,249	392,187
FY 2027	263,494	128,583	392,077
FY 2028	271,272	120,690	391,962
FY 2029-2033	1,481,314	476,650	1,957,964
FY 2034-2038	1,713,251	241,289	1,954,540
FY 2039-2040	758,195	22,545	780,740
	<u>\$ 5,233,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,632</u>	<u>\$ 6,654,168</u>

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**NOTE 10 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

***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 annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) 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, 2022.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% 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.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% 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% or 100% 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.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under C.R.S. § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of the 1.00% AI cap or the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

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 lifetime 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.

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*Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2023.* 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. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 11.00% of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023
Employer Contribution Rate	11.40%
Amount of Employer Contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	-1.02%
Amount Apportioned to the SCHDTF	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	20.38%

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the District were \$1,131,279, for the year ended June 30, 2023.

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution 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. House Bill (HB) 22-1029, instructed the State treasurer to issue an additional direct distribution to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars), upon enactment. The July 1, 2023, payment is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, payment will not be reduced due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022. Senate Bill (SB) 23-056, enacted June 2, 2023, requires an additional direct distribution of approximately \$14.5 million (actual dollars), for a total of approximately \$49.5 million (actual dollars) to be contributed July 1, 2023.

**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, 2022, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the TPL to December 31, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$12,471,261 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected an increase 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

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a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

North Conejos School District's proportionate share of the net position liability	\$	12,471,261
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the North Conejos School District		3,634,251
Total	\$	<u>16,105,512</u>

At December 31, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.068%, which was a decrease of 0.01% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of (\$233,508) and revenue of \$309,908 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2023, 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	\$ 118,027	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	220,907	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,675,350	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	298,730	1,851,633
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	583,388	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,896,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,851,633</u>

\$583,388 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 year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2024	\$ (586,206)
2025	(379,404)
2026	452,514
2027	974,477
2028	-
Thereafter	-

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TPL in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%

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Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40 – 11.00%
Long-term investment Rate of Return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA Benefit Structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA Benefit Structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, 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 percentages and then adding expected inflation.

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The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Note: 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 nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25%. 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 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in Senate Bill 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. 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 required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions 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, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing 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.
- HB 22-1029, effective upon enactment in 2022, required the State treasurer to issue, in addition to the regularly scheduled \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution, a warrant to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2023, direct distribution is reduced by \$190 million (actual

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dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, direct distribution will not be reduced from \$225 million (actual dollars) due to PERA’s negative investment return in 2022.

- 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.
- 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.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SCHDTF’s FNP 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% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. 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%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 16,320,592	\$ 12,471,261	\$ 9,256,677

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

**NOTE 11 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***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, 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 by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and 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

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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. § 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 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 health benefits program 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 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% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For 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. § 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 on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

*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 \$56,619 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$424,573 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2022. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

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At December 31, 2022, the District proportion was 0.052%, which was an increase of 0.0004% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023 the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$80,754). At June 30, 2023, District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 55	\$ 102,676
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	25,932	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	6,824	46,860
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	3,703	26,597
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	29,198	-
Total	\$ 65,712	\$ 176,133

\$29,198 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 year ended June 30, 2024. 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 June 30,	
2024	\$ (59,742)
2025	(44,128)
2026	(20,661)
2027	(2,433)
2028	(10,323)
Thereafter	(2,333)

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TOL in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40%-11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00 %
PERACare Medicare plans	6.50% in 2022 gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2030
Medicare Part A premiums	3.75% in 2022, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2029

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The TOL for the HCTF, as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date, was adjusted to reflect the disaffiliation, allowable under C.R.S. § 24-51-313, of Tri-County Health Department (TriCounty Health), effective December 31, 2022. As of the close of the 2022 fiscal year, no disaffiliation payment associated with Tri-County Health was received, and therefore no disaffiliation dollars were reflected in the FNP as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option; based on 2022 premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors are then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend. This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions

Participant Age	Annual Increase (Male)	Annual Increase (Female)
65-69	3.00%	1.50%
70	2.90%	1.60%
71	1.60%	1.40%
72	1.40%	1.50%
73	1.50%	1.60%
74	1.50%	1.50%
75	1.50%	1.40%
76	1.50%	1.50%
77	1.50%	1.50%
78	1.50%	1.60%
79	1.50%	1.50%
80	1.40%	1.50%
81 and older	0.00%	0.00%

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$1,704	\$1,450	\$583	\$496	\$1,923	\$1,634
70	\$1,976	\$1,561	\$676	\$534	\$2,229	\$1,761
75	\$2,128	\$1,681	\$728	\$575	\$2,401	\$1,896

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,514	\$5,542	\$4,227	\$3,596	\$6,752	\$5,739
70	\$7,553	\$5,966	\$4,901	\$3,872	\$7,826	\$6,185
75	\$8,134	\$6,425	\$5,278	\$4,169	\$8,433	\$6,657

The 2022 Medicare Part A premium is \$499 (actual dollars) per month.

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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, 2021, 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 TOL are summarized in the table below:

Year	PERACare Medicare Plans	Medicare Part A Premiums
2022	6.50%	3.75%
2023	6.25%	4.00%
2024	6.00%	4.00%
2025	5.75%	4.00%
2026	5.50%	4.25%
2027	5.25%	4.25%
2028	5.00%	4.25%
2029	4.75%	4.50%
2030+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the TOL for the HCTF, but developed using a headcount-weighted basis. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

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- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for members were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll forward calculation for the HCTF:

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2021, valuation date for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits have been updated to reflect costs for the 2022 plan year.
- The December 31, 2021, valuation utilizes premium information as of January 1, 2022, as the initial per capita health care cost. As of that date, PERACare health benefits administration is performed by UnitedHealthcare. In that transition, the costs for the Medicare Advantage Option #2 decreased to a level that is lower than the maximum possible service-related subsidy as described in the plan provisions.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then current expectation of future increases in those premiums. Medicare Part A premiums continued with the prior valuation trend pattern.

Actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed and updated annually by PERA Board's actuary, as discussed above.

Effective for the December 31, 2022, measurement date, the timing of the retirement decrement was adjusted to middle-of-year within the valuation programming used to determine the TOL, reflecting a recommendation from the 2022 actuarial audit report, dated October 14, 2022, summarizing the results of the actuarial audit performed on the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020 meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, 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 percentages and then adding expected inflation.

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Note: 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 nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

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

	<u>1% Decrease in Trend Rates</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase in Trend Rates</u>
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate	5.25%	6.25%	7.25%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$412,556	\$424,573	\$437,649

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TOL was 7.25%. 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, 2022, 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 year, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- 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.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.

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- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF’s FNP 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% on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TOL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*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%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 492,206	\$424,573	\$ 366,725

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

**NOTE 12 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 annual comprehensive financial report 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. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions, employer contributions, and investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2023, program members contributed \$17,723 for the Voluntary Investment Program. The District does not make matching contributions to this plan.

**NOTE 13 JOINT VENTURES**

The District participates in the following entities. These joint ventures do not meet the criteria for inclusion within the reporting entity because the following entities:

- are financially independent and responsible for its own financing deficits and entitled to its own surpluses,
- have a separate governing board from that of the District,

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- have a separate management which is responsible for day-to-day operations and is accountable to the separate governing board,
- have governing boards and management with the ability to significantly influence operations by approving budgetary requests and adjustments, signing contracts, hiring personnel, exercising control over facilities, and determining the outcome for disposition of matters affecting the recipients of services provided, and
- have absolute authority over all funds and fiscal responsibility including budgetary responsibility and reporting to state agencies and controls fiscal management.

**San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)**

The BOCES is an organization that provides member districts educational services at a shared lower cost per district. The Board of the BOCES is selected from the elected members of the District Boards. The District has one member on the Board. This Board has final authority for all budgeting and financing of the joint venture. The District's share of the joint venture is approximately 7% at June 30, 2023. Complete separate financial statements may be obtained from BOCES.

**Colorado School Districts' Self-Insurance Pool**

The District belongs to the Colorado School Districts' Self-Insurance Pool. The Pool was established by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) to provide insurance coverage to participants in the areas of General Liability, Errors and Omissions, Automobile Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Auto Personal Injury Protection, Real and Personal Property, Crime, and other coverage. The Board of Directors is composed of eight persons, several of who are appointed by the Board of Directors of CASB and the Executive Director of CASB.

The pool is managed by an independent manager chosen by the Board of Directors. Each member's initial contribution and subsequent contributions are determined by the Pool based on factors including, but not limited to, the aggregate Pool claims, the cost of administrative and other operating expenses, the number of participants, the adequacy of both Operating and Reserve Funds and other factors touching on the status of the Pool or an individual participant, and as approved by the Colorado Insurance Commissioner.

As the District did not exercise oversight responsibility nor have sufficient control over Pool activities, the Pool is not a component unit of the District and only the District's share of contributions to the Pool is recorded as expenditures in the General Fund. The District's share in the Pool is not determinable from current information, but is estimated to be less than 1%. The District's share, if calculated, would not be material to the Pool's financial information at June 30, 2023. Complete separate financial statements may be obtained from the Colorado School Districts' Self-Insurance Pool.

**NOTE 14 TABOR EMERGENCY RESERVE**

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment.

Fiscal year spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's spending adjusted for inflation and local growth. Revenue in excess of the limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

On November 6, 2001 voters approved a ballot measure authorizing the District to collect, retain and expend all revenues including grants and other funds collected during 2000-01 budget year and each subsequent year from any

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source, notwithstanding the limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution, provided, however, that no property tax mill levy be increased at any time nor shall any new tax be imposed without the prior approval of the voters.

The amendment also requires that Emergency Reserves be established. These reserves must be at least three percent of fiscal year spending. This Emergency Reserve has been presented as restricted fund balance in the General Fund balance sheet and a restricted net position in the government-wide statement of net position. The entity is not allowed to use the Emergency Reserve to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

**NOTE 15 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. These risks are covered by Colorado School District's Self Insurance Pool. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

***Level funding Health Plan***

Effective July 1, 2014, the District established a self-funded health benefit program for its employees. The benefit program administrator, CIGNA, is responsible for the approval, processing, and payment of claims. The District remits monthly payments to the Administrator for claims, administrative fees, and stop-loss costs. The benefit program reports on a fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The program is accounted for in the General Fund of the District. The District has purchased stop-loss coverage for amounts in excess of \$40,000 per individual and aggregate coverage subject to a 120% corridor and cumulative attachment limits calculated each month. Effective July 1, 2022, the District's benefit program administrator is Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The costs associated with the health plan are reported as health insurance expenses for the employee paid premiums and a payroll deduction for the employees. The District does not report a liability based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, as the plan is a level-funding health plan in which monthly payments to the Third Party Administrator are fixed.

**NOTE 16 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

***Grants***

The District participates in federal grant programs subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The amount, if any, of expenses 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.

***Construction Projects***

During fiscal year 2024, the District will complete the work on the BEST construction project. Estimated total cost of the new building is \$30,643,158. Construction costs incurred through June 30, 2023, were \$29,426,885. The District is using bond proceeds and BEST grant funds for the project.

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**NOTE 17 SPECIAL ITEM**

During fiscal year 2023 the old school, associated buildings, land improvements and equipment were demolished. The school was built in 1972 with additions/construction added through 2013. The recorded cost of the building, land improvements and equipment was \$1,332,273. The net book value of the assets at June 30, 2023 was \$309,017. This resulted in a loss that was recognized on the government-wide statement of activities.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

A budgetary comparison schedule is required for the General Fund. In addition, pension and OPEB plan contributions and the District's proportionate share of the net pension and OPEB liability is required to supplement the basic financial statements.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE WITH</b>
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>FINAL</b>		<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>
				<b>POSITIVE</b>
				<b>(NEGATIVE)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 1,149,329	\$ 1,149,329	\$ 1,534,185	\$ 384,856
Intermediate Sources	-	-	-	-
State Sources	9,355,766	9,605,560	9,973,249	367,689
Federal Sources	1,833,611	1,833,611	1,240,467	(593,144)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>12,338,706</b>	<b>12,588,500</b>	<b>12,747,901</b>	<b>159,401</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Program	7,718,765	7,968,559	7,020,991	947,568
Student Supporting Services	252,634	252,634	215,755	36,879
Instructional Staff Supporting Services	311,417	311,417	501,077	(189,660)
General Administration Supporting Services	902,782	902,782	682,430	220,352
School Administration Supporting Services	709,338	709,338	643,316	66,022
Business Supporting Services	68,000	68,000	69,953	(1,953)
Operations and Maintenance of Plant Services	850,415	850,415	850,972	(557)
Student Transportation Services	788,585	788,585	503,700	284,885
Central Supporting Services	381,270	381,270	239,286	141,984
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>11,983,206</b>	<b>12,233,000</b>	<b>10,727,480</b>	<b>1,505,520</b>
Excess (deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	355,500	355,500	2,020,421	1,664,921
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers to Other Funds	(355,500)	(355,500)	(355,500)	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(355,500)</b>	<b>(355,500)</b>	<b>(355,500)</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	1,664,921	1,664,921
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,383,215</b>	<b>11,383,215</b>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,048,136</b>	<b>\$ 13,048,136</b>

**Notes to Required Supplementary Information**

The basis of budgeting is the same as GAAP.  
This schedule is presented on the GAAP basis.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE**  
**OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**PERA PENSION PLAN**

**For the Years Ended June 30,**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.06848780%	0.07903305%	0.08934344%	0.08093614%	0.08258239%	0.10496637%	0.10980237%	0.11390170%	0.12046654%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 12,471,261	\$ 9,197,366	\$ 13,506,926	\$ 12,091,684	\$ 14,622,908	\$ 33,942,394	\$ 32,692,413	\$ 17,420,461	\$ 16,327,262
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District	3,634,251	1,054,360	-	1,533,676	1,999,480	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,105,512</b>	<b>\$ 10,251,726</b>	<b>\$ 13,506,926</b>	<b>\$ 13,625,360</b>	<b>\$ 16,622,388</b>	<b>\$ 33,942,394</b>	<b>\$ 32,692,413</b>	<b>\$ 17,420,461</b>	<b>\$ 16,327,262</b>
District's covered payroll	\$ 5,299,551	\$ 4,939,410	\$ 4,779,269	\$ 4,754,625	\$ 4,559,924	\$ 4,841,973	\$ 4,928,124	\$ 4,969,663	\$ 5,046,683
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	235%	186%	283%	254%	321%	701%	663%	351%	324%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.8%	74.9%	67.0%	64.5%	57.0%	44.0%	43.1%	59.2%	62.8%

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

\*\*This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled the District presents information for those years for which information is available.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**PERA PENSION PLAN**  
**For the Years Ended June 30,**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,131,279	\$ 1,015,566	\$ 952,309	\$ 957,148	\$ 835,170	\$ 908,251	\$ 901,605	\$ 877,676	\$ 847,190
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,131,279)	(1,015,566)	(952,309)	(957,148)	(835,170)	(908,251)	(901,605)	(877,676)	(847,190)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 5,550,916	\$ 5,108,472	\$ 4,790,286	\$ 4,938,834	\$ 4,365,759	\$ 4,809,692	\$ 4,904,788	\$ 4,949,235	\$ 5,018,478
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.38%	19.88%	19.88%	19.38%	19.13%	18.88%	18.38%	17.73%	16.88%

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**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE**  
**OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**PERA HEALTHCARE TRUST FUND**

For the Years Ended June 30,

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0520004748%	0.0516021583%	0.0516819572%	0.0528786174%	0.0536726933%	0.0596414661%	0.0624129499%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 424,573	\$ 444,968	\$ 491,095	\$ 594,355	\$ 730,240	\$ 775,100	\$ 809,205
District's covered payroll	\$ 5,299,551	\$ 4,939,410	\$ 4,779,269	\$ 4,754,625	\$ 4,559,924	\$ 4,841,973	\$ 4,928,124
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	8%	9%	10%	13%	16%	16%	16%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	38.57%	39.40%	32.78%	24.49%	17.03%	17.53%	20.07%

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

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**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**PERA HEALTHCARE TRUST FUND**  
**For the Years Ended June 30,**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually required contribution	\$ 56,619	\$ 52,106	\$ 48,861	\$ 50,376	\$ 44,531	\$ 49,059	\$ 50,029
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(56,619)	(52,106)	(48,861)	(50,376)	(44,531)	(49,059)	(50,029)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 5,550,916	\$ 5,108,472	\$ 4,790,286	\$ 4,938,834	\$ 4,365,759	\$ 4,809,692	\$ 4,904,788
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

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**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**CHANGES IN BENEFIT TERMS AND ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 NET PENSION LIABILITY**

Changes in assumptions or other inputs effective for the December 31<sup>st</sup> measurement period for the following years ended:

*2022*

- Required contribution increased from 10.50% to 11.00% for eligible employees.

*2021*

- Required contribution increased from 10.00% to 10.50% for eligible employees.
- AI cap decreased from 1.25% to 1.00%

*2020*

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.
- Salary scale assumptions were revised to align with revised economic assumptions and to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumptions were changed to the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were changed to the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:
  - Males: 112 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 94 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
  - Females: 83 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 106 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were changed to the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:
  - Males: 97 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
  - Females: 105 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Disabled mortality assumptions were changed to the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99 percent of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a benefit-weighted basis.

*2019* The post-retirement benefit increases to the PERA benefit structure for those hired prior to 1/1/07 was changed from 0% through 2019 and 1.5% compounded annually thereafter, to 1.25%.

*2018* The assumed investment rate of return of 7.25% was used as the discount rate, rather than using the blended rate of 4.78%

*2017* The discount rate was lowered from 5.26% to 4.78%.

*2016*

- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.80% to 2.40%.
- The long-term expected rate of return assumption was lowered from 7.50% to 7.25% per year.
- The wage inflation assumption was lowered from 3.90% to 3.50%.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**CHANGES IN BENEFIT TERMS AND ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

- The mortality tables were changed from RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males and Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection scale of Scale AA to 2020 to RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality for actively working people, RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale for retirees, or RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table for disabled retirees.
- The discount rate was lowered from 7.50% to 5.26%.

2015 There were no changes in assumptions or other inputs this measurement period compared to the prior year.

**NOTE 2 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY**

Changes in assumptions or other inputs effective for the December 31<sup>st</sup> measurement period for the following years ended:

2022

- The Medicare Part A premium increased from \$471 to \$499 per month.
- The per capita health care costs are developed by plan option; based on 2022 premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors are then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend. This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.
- Effective for the December 31, 2022, measurement date, the timing of the retirement decrement was adjusted to middle-of-year within the valuation programming used to determine the total OPEB liability.

2021

- The Medicare Part A premium increased from \$458 to \$471 per month.
- The health care cost trend rates from 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.

2020

- 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 2020 plan year.
- 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.
- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real wage growth assumption decreased from 1.10 percent per year to 0.70 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.
- Salary scale assumptions were revised to align with revised economic assumptions and to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were changed to the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were changed to the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**CHANGES IN BENEFIT TERMS AND ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

- Males: 112 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 94 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Females: 83 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 106 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were changed to the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:
  - Males: 97 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
  - Females: 105 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Disabled mortality assumptions were changed to the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99 percent of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a benefit-weighted basis.

*2019*

- 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.
- 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.

*2018* There were no changes in assumptions or other inputs effective this measurement period compared to the prior year.

*2017* The Medicare Part A premiums were raised from 3.00% to 3.25%, as well as the gradual percentage rose from 4.25% in 2023 to 5.00% in 2025.

## **NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

The combining and individual fund financial schedules represent the second level of financial reporting for the District. These schedules present more detailed information for the individual funds in a format that segregates information by fund type.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of special revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

**Governmental Designated Purpose Grants Fund** – Used to account for financial transactions for grants received for designated programs funded by federal, state, or local governments.

**Food Service Fund** - This fund is used to account for the operations of the school breakfast and lunch programs.

**Pupil Activity Fund** – Used to record financial transactions related to school-sponsored pupil intrascholastic and interscholastic athletic and other related activities. These activities are supported in whole or in part by revenues from pupils, gate receipts, and other fundraising activities.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

Capital projects funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

**Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund** – Used to account for the acquisition of sites, buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

**DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

Debt service funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

**Debt Service Fund** – Used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of principal, interest, and related expenses on the long-term general obligation debt or long-term voter-approved financed-purchase debt.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**June 30, 2023**

	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>				<b>CAPITAL RESERVE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL NONMAJOR FUNDS</b>
	<b>GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNATED PURPOSE GRANTS FUND</b>	<b>FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 77,080	\$ 163,882	\$ 254,286	\$ -	\$ 268,779	\$ 764,027
Investments	-	-	-	461,481	519,331	980,812
Accounts Receivable	-	17,378	-	-	-	17,378
Property Tax Receivable	-	-	-	22,198	-	22,198
Due From Other Governments	71,615	30,049	-	35,931	1,610	139,205
Due From Other Funds	3,118	-	-	-	37,734	40,852
Inventory	-	1,644	-	-	-	1,644
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 151,813</u>	<u>\$ 212,953</u>	<u>\$ 254,286</u>	<u>\$ 519,610</u>	<u>\$ 827,454</u>	<u>\$ 1,966,116</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>						
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ (774)	\$ (1,092)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,866)
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	46,658	60,081	-	-	-	106,739
Due to Other Funds	-	16,324	-	-	-	16,324
Unearned Grant Revenue	80,134	628	-	-	-	80,762
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>126,018</u>	<u>75,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,959</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Unavailable Revenue - Property Tax	-	-	-	22,198	-	22,198
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,198</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>						
Nonspendable	-	1,644	-	-	-	1,644
Restricted	-	-	-	497,412	-	497,412
Committed	25,795	135,368	254,286	-	827,454	1,242,903
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>25,795</u>	<u>137,012</u>	<u>254,286</u>	<u>497,412</u>	<u>827,454</u>	<u>1,741,959</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 151,813</u>	<u>\$ 212,953</u>	<u>\$ 254,286</u>	<u>\$ 519,610</u>	<u>\$ 827,454</u>	<u>\$ 1,966,116</u>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>				<b>CAPITAL RESERVE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL NONMAJOR FUNDS</b>
	<b>GOVERNMENTAL</b>					
	<b>DESIGNATED PURPOSE GRANTS FUND</b>	<b>FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>		
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Local Sources	\$ -	\$ 140,818	\$ 374,867	\$ 429,699	\$ 20,460	\$ 965,844
State Sources	32,619	7,405	-	-	-	40,024
Federal Sources	448,191	424,391	-	-	-	872,582
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>480,810</b>	<b>572,614</b>	<b>374,867</b>	<b>429,699</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>1,878,450</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Instructional Program	279,062	11,458	-	-	-	290,520
Student Supporting Services	101,896	-	414,920	-	-	516,816
Instructional Staff Supporting Services	75,879	-	-	-	-	75,879
General Administration Supporting Services	20,220	-	-	-	-	20,220
Operations and Maint. of Plant Services	-	-	-	-	77,019	77,019
Food Service Operations	-	679,728	-	-	-	679,728
Facilities Acq. and Const. Services	-	-	-	-	93,441	93,441
Debt Service	-	-	-	394,104	-	394,104
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>477,057</b>	<b>691,186</b>	<b>414,920</b>	<b>394,104</b>	<b>170,460</b>	<b>2,147,727</b>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	3,753	(118,572)	(40,053)	35,595	(150,000)	(269,277)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Transfers from Other Funds	-	170,500	35,000	-	150,000	355,500
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,500</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>355,500</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	3,753	51,928	(5,053)	35,595	-	86,223
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>22,042</b>	<b>85,084</b>	<b>259,339</b>	<b>461,817</b>	<b>827,454</b>	<b>1,655,736</b>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 25,795</b>	<b>\$ 137,012</b>	<b>\$ 254,286</b>	<b>\$ 497,412</b>	<b>\$ 827,454</b>	<b>\$ 1,741,959</b>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNATED PURPOSE GRANTS FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE WITH</b>
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>FINAL</b>		<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>
				<b>POSITIVE</b>
				<b>(NEGATIVE)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 49,246	\$ 49,246	\$ -	\$ (49,246)
State Sources	44,526	44,526	32,619	(11,907)
Federal Sources	463,436	482,426	448,191	(34,235)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>557,208</b>	<b>576,198</b>	<b>480,810</b>	<b>(95,388)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Program	285,462	304,452	279,062	25,390
Student Supporting Services	152,259	152,259	101,896	50,363
Instructional Staff Supporting Services	98,601	98,601	75,879	22,722
General Administration Supporting Services	20,886	20,886	20,220	666
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>557,208</b>	<b>576,198</b>	<b>477,057</b>	<b>99,141</b>
Excess (deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	-	-	3,753	3,753
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from Loans	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	3,753	3,753
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,042</b>	<b>22,042</b>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,795</b>	<b>\$ 25,795</b>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**NET POSITION - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE WITH</b>
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>FINAL</b>		<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>
				<b>POSITIVE</b>
				<b>(NEGATIVE)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 102,043	\$ 102,043	\$ 140,818	\$ 38,775
State Sources	6,700	6,700	7,405	705
Federal Sources	359,534	401,276	424,391	23,115
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>468,277</b>	<b>510,019</b>	<b>572,614</b>	<b>62,595</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instructional Program	-	-	11,458	(11,458)
Supporting Services				
Food Services				
Salaries	237,515	237,515	242,330	(4,815)
Fringe Benefits	137,155	137,155	123,424	13,731
Purchased Professional Services	-	-	-	-
Other Purchased Services	-	-	-	-
Supplies	264,107	305,849	313,974	(8,125)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>638,777</b>	<b>680,519</b>	<b>691,186</b>	<b>(10,667)</b>
Excess (deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	(170,500)	(170,500)	(118,572)	51,928
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds	170,500	170,500	170,500	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>170,500</b>	<b>170,500</b>	<b>170,500</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	51,928	51,928
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,084</b>	<b>85,084</b>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 137,012</b>	<b>\$ 137,012</b>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE WITH</b>
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>FINAL</b>		<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>
				<b>POSITIVE</b>
				<b>(NEGATIVE)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources				
Class and Club Activities	\$ 305,000	\$ 405,000	\$ 374,867	\$ (30,133)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>305,000</b>	<b>405,000</b>	<b>374,867</b>	<b>(30,133)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Student Support Services	340,000	440,000	414,920	25,080
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>340,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>414,920</b>	<b>25,080</b>
Excess (deficiency) of				
Revenues over Expenditures	(35,000)	(35,000)	(40,053)	(5,053)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds	35,000	35,000	35,000	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	(5,053)	(5,053)
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>259,339</b>	<b>259,339</b>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 254,286</b>	<b>\$ 254,286</b>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**DEBT SERVICE FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
				<u>POSITIVE</u>
				<u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 395,966	\$ 395,966	\$ 429,699	\$ 33,733
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>395,966</u>	<u>395,966</u>	<u>429,699</u>	<u>33,733</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Debt Service	<u>395,966</u>	<u>395,966</u>	<u>394,104</u>	<u>1,862</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>395,966</u>	<u>395,966</u>	<u>394,104</u>	<u>1,862</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	35,595	35,595
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>461,817</u>	<u>461,817</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 497,412</u>	<u>\$ 497,412</u>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**CAPITAL RESERVE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<b>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE WITH</b>
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>FINAL</b>		<b>FINAL BUDGET</b>
				<b>POSITIVE</b>
				<b>(NEGATIVE)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 3,960	\$ 22,000	\$ 20,460	\$ (1,540)
State Sources	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>3,960</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>20,460</u>	<u>(1,540)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current Expenditures				
Operation and Maint. of Plant and Equip	-	-	77,019	(77,019)
Facilities Acquisition and Const. Services	153,960	172,000	93,441	78,559
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>153,960</u>	<u>172,000</u>	<u>170,460</u>	<u>1,540</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of				
Revenues Over Expenditures	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>827,454</u>	<u>827,454</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 827,454</u>	<u>\$ 827,454</u>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**BUILDING FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
				<u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
State Sources	\$ 6,413,803	\$ 6,413,803	\$ -	\$ (6,413,803)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>6,413,803</u>	<u>6,413,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,413,803)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Facilities Acquisition and Const. Services	6,413,803	6,413,803	3,943,107	2,470,696
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>6,413,803</u>	<u>6,413,803</u>	<u>3,943,107</u>	<u>2,470,696</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	(3,943,107)	(3,943,107)
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,016,635</u>	<u>5,016,635</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,528</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,528</u>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN**  
**NET POSITION - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**CUSTODIAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>		<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
				<u>POSITIVE</u>
				<u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>				
Receipts	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,590	\$ (2,410)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>22,590</u>	<u>(2,410)</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>				
Disbursements	25,000	25,000	22,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Net Change in Fiduciary Net Position	-	-	90	90
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,149</u>	<u>27,149</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,239</u>	<u>\$ 27,239</u>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**

**SINGLE AUDIT SECTION**

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

<i>Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>Assistance Listing Number</i>	<i>Pass-through Grantor and Number</i>	<i>Federal Expenditures(\$)</i>
<b><i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i></b>			
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	Colorado Department of Education, 4553/5553	\$ 67,965
National School Lunch Program	10.555	Colorado Department of Education, 4555/5555/6555	324,818
National School Lunch Program	10.555	Colorado Department of Human Services, 4555	18,799
<b><i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i></b>			<b>411,582</b>
<b><i>Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster</i></b>			
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	Colorado Department of Treasury and Conejos County Treasurer, 7665	132,064
<b><i>Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster</i></b>			<b>132,064</b>
<b><i>Total All Clusters</i></b>			<b>543,646</b>
<b><i>Other Programs</i></b>			
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Farm to School Grant Program	10.575	Colorado Department of Treasury and Conejos County Treasurer, 4575	11,700
<b><i>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</i></b>			<b>11,700</b>
U.S. Department of Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	Colorado Department of Education, 4010/5010	338,751
Rural Education	84.358	Colorado Department of Education, 6358	22,008
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (formerly Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	84.367	Colorado Department of Education, 4367	65,354
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	Colorado Department of Education, 4424	21,848
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	Colorado Department of Education, 4420	24,043
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	Colorado Department of Education, 4414/9414	1,069,805
<b><i>Total U.S. Department of Education</i></b>			<b>1,541,809</b>
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Public Health Emergency Resposne: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Resposne: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	Colorado Department of Education, 7354	14,555
<b><i>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</i></b>			<b>14,555</b>
<b><i>Total Other Programs</i></b>			<b>1,568,064</b>
<b><i>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</i></b>			<b>\$ 2,111,710</b>

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through identifying numbers are presented where available. The District did not elect to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under Uniform Guidance for the year ended June 30, 2023. In addition, the District did not pass-through federal funds to subrecipients.

**NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of North Conejos School District RE-1J under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of North Conejos School District RE-1J, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of North Conejos School District RE-1J.

**NOTE 3: FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of commodities received and disbursed.

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



Wall,  
Smith,  
Bateman Inc.

To the Board of Education  
North Conejos School District RE-1J  
La Jara, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Conejos School District RE-1J (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

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### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **District's Response to Finding**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc*

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.  
Alamosa, Colorado

December 11, 2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY  
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**



Wall,  
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To the Board of Education  
North Conejos School District RE-1J  
La Jara, Colorado

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited North Conejos School District RE-1J's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

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

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

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

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### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc*

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.  
Alamosa, Colorado

December 11, 2023

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results**

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_X\_\_\_yes    \_\_\_no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are **not** considered to be material weakness(es)? \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_X none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are **not** considered to be material weakness(es)? \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_X none reported

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a)? \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_X no

Identification of major programs:

<u>Federal Assistance Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.425D	COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund
84.425U	COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_X no

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

**Finding 2023-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
(Repeat of Finding 2022-001, 2021-001, 2020-001)**

*Type of Finding:* Internal Control (material weakness) and noncompliance

*Condition/Cause:* The District has not implemented a complete system of internal control to prevent and detect financial misstatements, update fixed asset activity, reconcile grant activity to the general ledger, and to ensure compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

*Criteria:* A system of internal controls includes the design, documentation, and monitoring of control activities over budgeting, the application of accounting principles, anti-fraud programs, non-routine transactions, financial statement preparation, safeguarding of assets, and compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

*Effect:* As a result of this condition, the following areas were affected:

1. Audit adjustments were proposed to properly state the financial statements as of June 30, 2023, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. Expenditures in the Food Service Fund exceeded appropriations by \$10,667 during fiscal year 2023. This may be a violation of Colorado Revised Statutes 22-44-115(1).
3. The fixed asset listing was not properly updated for current year additions and deletions. In addition, several individual assets were not input into the fixed asset module correctly, creating errors.
4. Grant reimbursement requests are not reconciled to the general ledger to ensure accuracy and proper recording in the correct period.

*Recommendation:* The District should improve internal controls with adopted policies and procedures to include a review process of year-end reconciliations and adjusting journal entries to ensure the financial statements are properly stated, grants are reconciled to the general ledger, and fixed assets are updated correctly. Management should ensure the District is in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes by monitoring budget to actual reports and approve supplemental budgets for expenditures that exceed appropriations as necessary.

*Management's Response:* See Corrective Action Plan

**Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

**Finding 2022-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
(Repeat of Finding 2021-001, 2020-001)**

*Type of finding: Internal Control (material weakness) and noncompliance (material noncompliance)*

*Condition/Cause:* The District has not implemented a complete system of internal control to prevent and detect all financial misstatements and to ensure compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes.

*Status:* Not implemented. See Finding 2023-001



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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Oversight Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

North Conejos School District RE-1J respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Independent Accountants: Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants  
3001 Adcock Circle, P.O. Box 809  
Alamosa, CO 81101

Audit period: Year ended June 30, 2023

The findings from the June 30, 2023 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule. Section I of the schedule, Summary of Auditors' Results, does not include findings and is not addressed.

### Section II – Financial Statement Findings

#### **Finding 2023-001: Internal Control Over Financing Reporting (Repeat of Finding 2022-001, 2021-001, and 2020-001)**

*Type of finding: Internal Control (material weakness)*

*Recommendation:* The District should improve internal controls with adopted policies and procedures to include a review process of year-end reconciliations and adjusting journal entries to ensure the financial statements are properly stated, grants are reconciled to the general ledger, and fixed assets are updated correctly. Management should ensure the District is in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes by monitoring budget to actual reports and approve supplemental budgets for expenditures that exceed appropriations as necessary.

*Action Taken:* North Conejos School District will continue to improve and implement adopted policies and procedures that ensure a process of review and reconciliations of journal entries at the end of the budget year. The district will initiate a systematic process at budget year ending that focuses greater attention on reconciling the general ledger and reviewing and updating a change in fixed assets. North Conejos School District Superintendent and Financial Director will establish check points quarterly to monitor current budget reports and implement supplemental budgets through the approval of the board of education in a timely manner to ensure that expenditures do not exceed budget appropriations at year end.

If there are questions regarding this plan, please call the responsible party listed below.

Sincerely yours,

Darren Edgar  
Superintendent  
North Conejos School District RE-1J

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**

**CDE COMPLIANCE SECTION**



**Colorado Department of Education**  
**Auditors Integrity Report**  
 District: 0550 – North Conejos RE-1J  
 Fiscal Year 2022-23  
 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	11,383,214		12,392,401	10,727,481		13,048,134
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	0		0	0		0
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	0		0	0		0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>11,383,214</b>		<b>12,392,401</b>	<b>10,727,481</b>		<b>13,048,134</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	85,084		743,114	691,187		137,011
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	22,042		480,810	477,059		25,793
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	259,339		409,867	414,920		254,286
25 Transportation Fund	0		0	0		0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	461,817		429,699	394,104		497,413
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0		0	0		0
41 Building Fund	5,016,635		0	3,943,107		1,073,528
42 Special Building Fund	0		0	0		0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	827,454		170,460	170,460		827,454
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,055,564</b>		<b>14,626,352</b>	<b>16,818,317</b>		<b>15,863,619</b>
<b>Proprietary</b>						
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0		0	0		0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0		0	0		0
60.65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Fiduciary</b>						
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0		0	0		0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	27,149		22,590	22,500		27,239
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>27,149</b>		<b>22,590</b>	<b>22,500</b>		<b>27,239</b>
<b>FINAL</b>						