

**BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
BENNETT, COLORADO**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

JUNE 30, 2024

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education
Bennett School District 29J
Bennett, Colorado

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bennett School District 29J (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the District, 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, discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, 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.

We did not audit the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit, Sky Ranch Academy (the Academy), which is both a major fund and represents 100% percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2024. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Academy, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis of Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's 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 these 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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 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 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, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk 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 and the required supplementary information 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 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 combining and individual fund statements and budgetary comparison schedules, and the auditor's integrity report listed in the table of contents 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 the 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

DMC Auditing and Consulting, LLC

April 18, 2025
Bailey, Colorado

Bennett School District No.29J
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

As management of the Bennett School District, we offer readers of the Bennett School District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Bennett School District for the year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the District's financial statements, which follows this section.

Financial Highlights

- Total net position increased 20 percent.
- General revenues, primarily property taxes and state equalization payments, account for \$15,652,881 or 81 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions, accounted for \$3,728,932 or 19 percent of total revenues of \$19,381,813. The District had \$18,323,935 in expenses related to governmental activities; of which \$3,776,416 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$15,652,881 were adequate to provide for these programs, excluding pension expense, leading to an overall increase in net position.
- The District reduced its outstanding long-term debt by \$453,361 due primarily to the prescribed redemption of financed purchase obligations and leases.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are district-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 district-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as instruction were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

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 supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements, and includes a comparison to the District's budget for the year.

District-wide Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Bennett School District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Bennett School District is improving or deteriorating. 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.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave.)

Both of the district-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (government activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Included in governmental activities are most of the District's basic services such as regular and special education, transportation and administration.

The district-wide financial statements can be found following management's discussion and analysis.

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 track specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. The Bennett School District, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial-related legal requirements. The District's funds are divided into one category, "Governmental 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 that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and, (2) balances remaining at year-end which are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine financial resources that may be available in the near term to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the long-term focus of the district-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Bennett School District maintains **five** individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund and the bond redemption fund because they are considered major funds. Data from other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Also included in the other information section is budget-to-actual information for the debt service fund, the capital reserve capital projects fund, and the food service and pupil activity special revenue funds as required by state law.

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. 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. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the district-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The District does not have any Fiduciary Funds as of June 30, 2024.

Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 10 through 32.

Other information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents supplementary information. Supplementary information includes combining statements mentioned earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds as well as budget-to-actual information for all funds as dictated by state law.

District-wide Financial Analysis

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2023 and 2024.

Bennett School District No. 29J Condensed Statement of Net Position			
	2023	2024	2024
<u>ASSETS</u>	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Component Unit
Current & Other Assets	\$ 7,981,093	\$ 11,708,936	\$ 565,587
Capital Assets	\$ 19,846,422	\$ 18,565,314	\$ -
<i>Total Assets:</i>	\$ 27,827,515	\$ 30,274,250	\$ 565,587
Pension Deferrals	\$ 4,135,734	\$ 5,813,370	\$ -
OPEB Deferrals	\$ 245,052	\$ 177,084	\$ -
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 4,380,786	\$ 5,990,454	\$ -
<i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:</i>	\$ 32,208,301	\$ 36,264,704	\$ 565,587
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,357,908	\$ 1,725,589	\$ 303,862
Long Term Liabilities	\$ 24,690,648	\$ 27,617,815	\$ -
<i>Total Liabilities:</i>	\$ 26,048,556	\$ 29,343,404	\$ 303,862
Pension Deferrals	\$ 447,601	\$ 178,905	\$ -
OPEB Deferrals	\$ 202,055	\$ 174,428	\$ -
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 649,656	\$ 353,333	\$ -
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 13,174,580	\$ 15,221,949	\$ -
Restricted	\$ 513,897	\$ 913,253	\$ 220,799
Unrestricted	\$ (8,178,388)	\$ (9,519,751)	\$ 40,926
<i>Total Net Position:</i>	\$ 5,510,089	\$ 6,615,451	\$ 261,725
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position:</i>	\$ 32,208,301	\$ 36,312,188	\$ 565,587

Table 2 provides a summary of the changes in net position for fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Following table 2 is a specific discussion related to overall revenues and expenditures.

Bennett School District No. 29J			
Condensed Statement of Net Position			
	2023	2024	2024
Revenues	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Component Unit Sky Ranch Academy
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 173,276	\$ 509,014	\$ 180
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$ 3,461,242	\$ 2,741,195	\$ 420,700
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$ -	\$ 478,723	
Program Revenues	\$ 3,634,518	\$ 3,728,932	\$ 420,880
Property Taxes	\$ 7,574,955	\$ 10,092,163	\$ -
Specific Ownership Taxes	\$ 462,789	\$ 444,271	\$ -
Delinquent Taxes and Interest	\$ 10,978		
Insurance Proceeds		\$ 2,164,633	\$ -
Abatements	\$ (273)		
Per Pupil Revenue			
State Equalization	\$ 4,294,776	\$ 2,705,981	\$ 4,108,892
Earnings on Investments	\$ 118,665	\$ 122,425	\$ -
Other	\$ 517,840	\$ 123,408	\$ 3,099,273
General Revenues	\$ 12,979,730	\$ 15,652,881	\$ 7,208,165
Total Revenue:	\$ 16,614,248	\$ 19,381,813	\$ 7,629,045
Expenses			
Instructional	\$ 9,781,258	\$ 11,067,074	\$ 2,538,072
Supporting Services	\$ 514,702	\$ 6,493,552	\$ 4,592,616
Student Support Services	\$ 379,394		
General Administration	\$ 2,061,353		
Business Support	\$ 650,687		
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,527,231		
Central Support	\$ 1,527,316		
Food Service	\$ 374,889	\$ 498,985	\$ 236,632
Other	\$ 850,241		
Interest on Long-term Debt	\$ 338,106	\$ 264,324	
Total Expenses:	\$ 18,005,177	\$ 18,323,935	\$ 7,367,320
Total Change in Net Position	\$ (1,390,929)	\$ 1,057,878	\$ 261,725

Property taxes and per pupil state formula revenue (state equalization) account for most of the District's revenue.

The District expenses are predominately related to instruction and support services, which includes support for students and instructional staff, administration, operations and maintenance, and transportation. Given that Bennett School District is a service organization providing education services to students, the majority of expenses are paid in the form of compensation (salaries and benefits) to the District's employees.

Governmental Activities

The primary source of operating revenue for school districts comes from the School Finance Act of 1994. Funding for the school finance act comes from property taxes, specific ownership taxes and state equalization. The district receives approximately 13 percent of this funding from state equalization while the remaining amounts come from property taxes, specific ownership tax and other revenues.

The statement of activities provides the cost of program services and related charges for services and grants offsetting those costs. Table 3 reflects each program's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the programs and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these programs.

Bennett School District No. 29J				
	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	Expenses	Net Cost of Svcs	Expenses	Net Cost of Svcs
Instruction	\$ 9,781,258	\$ 7,597,496	\$ 11,067,074	\$ 9,352,263
Supporting Services	\$ -		\$ 6,493,552	\$ 4,931,057
Student Support	\$ 379,394	\$ 364,328		
Instructional Staff	\$ 514,702	\$ (2,539)		
General Administration	\$ 752,415	\$ 679,465		
School Administration	\$ 1,308,938	\$ 1,214,645		
Business Support	\$ 650,687	\$ 538,660		
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,527,231	\$ 1,467,338		
Student Transportation	\$ 866,671	\$ 655,815		
Central Support	\$ 660,645	\$ 631,609		
Food Service Operations	\$ 374,889	\$ 35,495	\$ 498,985	\$ 47,359
Facilities Acquisition	\$ 266,107	\$ 266,107		
Unallocated Depreciation	\$ 584,134	\$ 584,134		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$ 338,106	\$ 338,106	\$ 264,324	\$ 264,324
Net Position Excluding Pension and OPEB	\$ 18,005,177	\$ 14,370,659	\$ 18,323,935	\$ 14,595,003

- Some of the cost was financed by the users of the District's programs \$509,014. Revenues in this category include items such as athletic fees.
- Federal and State government subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions amounting to \$2,741,195.
- Most of the District's costs \$14,595,003, however, were financed by District and State taxpayers.
- This portion of governmental activities was financed with \$10,092,163 in property taxes and \$2,705,981 in state aid (equalization) based on the statewide formula for per pupil funding.

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Information about the District's funds starts on page 6. These funds are accounted for using a modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds have total revenues \$17,187,460, and expenditures of \$19,228,116, with a net change in fund balances of \$439,995.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District approves a budget in June based on enrollment projections for the following school year. In January 2024, the District revised the annual operating budget approved by the District's Board of Education in June 2023. The primary reason for the issuance of a supplemental budget was addressing an insurance settlement and related costs.

The actual general fund expenditures were \$3,009,770 under budget, primarily because of appropriated reserves not being fully utilized.

The fund balance as of June 30, 2024 (actual basis) was \$6,367,463 compared to \$6,032,888 as of June 30, 2023.

Capital Assets

By the end of the fiscal year 2024, the District had invested \$37.2 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, site improvements, vehicles, and other equipment.

Bennett School District No. 29J					
	<u>Balance as of</u>			<u>Balance as of</u>	
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024	
Non-Depreciable Total	\$ 1,248,637	\$ 2,164,633		\$ 3,413,270	
Land Improvements	\$ 2,000,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,043	
Building & Site Improvements	\$ 27,977,103			\$ 27,977,103	
Vehicle & Equipment	\$ 2,806,572	\$ 552,126		\$ 3,358,698	
Food Service Equipment	\$ 147,001	\$ 17,060		\$ 164,061	
Right-to-Use Lease Asset	\$ -	\$ 267,449	\$ -	\$ 267,449	
Total Depreciable Assets	\$ 32,930,719	\$ 836,635	\$ -	\$ 33,767,354	
Total Assets	\$ 34,179,356	\$ 3,001,268	\$ -	\$ 37,180,624	

Long-Term Debt

Detail information about the District’s long-term liabilities is presented on pages 16 through 17 in the notes to the financial statements.

During the 2024 fiscal year, the District continued to pay down its debt. Colorado Revised Statue 22-42-104 states that a school district shall have a limit of bonded indebtedness determined by a specific formula. The District’s outstanding debt is below the statutory limit.

Bennett School District No. 29J					
	Balance as of			Balance as of	
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024	
Lease Copiers	\$ -	\$ 268,534	\$ 54,024	\$ 214,510	
Financed Purchases	\$ 6,671,842	\$ -	\$ 399,337	\$ 6,272,505	
Compensated Absences	\$ 322,354	\$ -	\$ 52,734	\$ 269,620	
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 6,994,196	\$ 268,534	\$ 506,095	\$ 6,756,635	

Factors Bearing on the District’s Future

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

- Information from the 2023-2024 student enrollment “October Count” shows that Bennett School District has an increasing student count in 2023-2024, resulting in stabilized revenue growth in the funded pupil count.
- Starting in fiscal year 2023-2024 the district has included a component unit, Sky Ranch Academy. Of the total count of 1573 that the district is funded, 365 of those students attend Sky Ranch Academy.
- Based on historical trends, and an analysis of our current population, student enrollment for fall 2023 will likely show increased enrollment from 2024.
- The United States and the State of Colorado have experienced stable economic conditions in the past couple years. We are, however, anticipating changes in the state funding calculation going forward and this will impact on how the district is funded.

Contacting the District’s Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the district’s citizens, taxpayers, customers, and 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 questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Chief Financial Officer’s office, Bennett School District 29J, 805 Washington Way, Bennett, CO., 80102.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2024

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	COMPONENT UNIT SKY RANCH ACADEMY
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 7,856,173	\$ 393,703
Accounts Receivable	167,944	-
Grants Receivable	45,172	171,884
Taxes Receivable	218,356	-
Inventories	8,021	-
Capital Assets, <i>Not Being Depreciated</i>	3,413,270	-
Capital Assets, <i>Net of Accumulated Depreciation</i>	18,565,314	-
TOTAL ASSETS	30,274,250	565,587
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pensions, <i>Net of Accumulated Amortization</i>	5,813,370	-
OPEB, <i>Net of Accumulated Amortization</i>	177,084	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,990,454	-
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	184,843	128,739
Contracted Services Fee Payable	-	173,211
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	892,836	-
Accrued Interest Payable	119,233	-
Unearned Revenue	47,484	1,912
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Due Within One Year	481,193	-
Due in More Than One Year	6,275,442	-
Net Pension Liability	20,839,191	-
Net OPEB Liability	503,182	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,343,404	303,862
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pensions, <i>Net of Accumulated Amortization</i>	178,905	-
OPEB, <i>Net of Accumulated Amortization</i>	174,428	-
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	353,333	-
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	15,221,949	-
Restricted for:		
Emergencies	625,000	220,799
Grants	122,003	-
Food Service	118,766	-
Unrestricted	(9,519,751)	40,926
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 6,567,967	\$ 261,725

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS / PROGRAMS	PROGRAM REVENUES				NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION	
	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	COMPONENT UNIT
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT						
Governmental Activities						
Instruction	\$ 11,067,074	\$ 292,438	\$ 1,422,373	\$ -	\$ (9,352,263)	\$ -
Supporting Services	6,493,552	206,929	876,843	478,723	(4,931,057)	-
Food Services	498,985	9,647	441,979	-	(47,359)	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	264,324	-	-	-	(264,324)	-
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 18,323,935	\$ 509,014	\$ 2,741,195	\$ 478,723	(14,595,003)	-
COMPONENT UNIT						
	\$ 7,367,320	\$ 180	\$ 420,700	-	-	(6,946,440)
GENERAL REVENUES						
Local Property Taxes					10,092,163	-
Specific Ownership Taxes					444,271	-
State Equalization					2,705,981	-
Insurance Proceeds					2,164,633	-
Per Pupil Revenue					-	4,010,367
Other State Sources					-	98,525
Private Sources					-	1,408
Private Sources - NHA					-	3,097,865
Investment Income					122,425	-
Other					123,408	-
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES					15,652,881	7,208,165
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					1,057,878	261,725
NET POSITION, Beginning					5,510,089	-
NET POSITION, Ending					\$ 6,567,967	\$ 261,725

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J**BALANCE SHEET****GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2024

	GENERAL	NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 7,216,123	\$ 640,050	\$ 7,856,173
Accounts Receivable	128,212	39,732	167,944
Grants Receivable	11,933	33,239	45,172
Taxes Receivable	218,356	-	218,356
Interfund Receivable	49,029	68,013	117,042
Inventory	-	8,021	8,021
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,623,653	\$ 789,055	\$ 8,412,708
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 184,843	\$ -	\$ 184,843
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	859,680	33,156	892,836
Unearned Revenue	-	47,484	47,484
Interfund Payable	68,013	49,029	117,042
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,112,536	129,669	1,242,205
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Property Taxes	143,654	-	143,654
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable Inventory	-	8,021	8,021
Restricted for:			
Emergencies	625,000	-	625,000
Grants	122,003	-	122,003
Food Services	-	118,766	118,766
Assigned to:			
Pupil Activities	-	218,768	218,768
Capital Projects	-	313,831	313,831
Unassigned	5,620,460	-	5,620,460
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	6,367,463	659,386	7,026,849
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,623,653	\$ 789,055	\$ 8,412,708

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE:

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$ 7,026,849
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds.	21,978,584
Long-term assets are not available to pay current year expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in governmental funds. This amount represents property taxes earned but not available as current financial resources.	143,654
Long-term liabilities and related items are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds:	
Accrued Interest Payable	(119,233)
Debt Payable	(6,487,015)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(269,620)
Net Pension Liability	(20,839,191)
Pension-Related Deferred Outflows of Resources	5,813,370
Pension-Related Deferred Inflows of Resources	(178,905)
Net OPEB Liability	(503,182)
OPEB-Related Deferred Outflows of Resources	177,084
OPEB-Related Deferred Inflows of Resources	(174,428)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>6,567,967</u></u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	GENERAL	NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Local Sources	\$ 11,390,324	\$ 280,496	\$ 11,670,820
County Sources	6,248	-	6,248
State Sources	4,498,674	471,567	4,970,241
Federal Sources	14,025	526,126	540,151
	<u>15,909,271</u>	<u>1,278,189</u>	<u>17,187,460</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	9,144,052	753,382	9,897,434
Supporting Services	5,713,791	44,840	5,758,631
Food Services	-	481,807	481,807
Capital Outlay	2,164,633	202,072	2,366,705
Debt Service			
Principal	54,024	399,337	453,361
Interest	9,932	260,246	270,178
	<u>17,086,432</u>	<u>2,141,684</u>	<u>19,228,116</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,177,161)</u>	<u>(863,495)</u>	<u>(2,040,656)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Insurance Proceeds	2,164,633	-	2,164,633
Lease Proceeds	268,534	-	268,534
Transfers In	-	921,431	921,431
Transfers Out	(921,431)	-	(921,431)
	<u>1,511,736</u>	<u>921,431</u>	<u>2,433,167</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	334,575	57,936	392,511
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	<u>6,032,888</u>	<u>601,450</u>	<u>6,634,338</u>
FUND BALANCES, Ending	<u>\$ 6,367,463</u>	<u>\$ 659,386</u>	<u>\$ 7,026,849</u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2024

AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE:

Net Change in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$ 392,511
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as:	
Depreciation and amortization expense	(869,106)
Capital outlay	3,001,268
Revenues that do not provide current financial resources are deferred in the governmental fund financial statements but are recognized in the government-wide financial statements. This amount represents the change in deferred property taxes.	
	29,720
The repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and does not affect the statement of activities.	
	453,361
Debt / lease proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and does not affect the statement of activities. This is the effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:	
	(268,534)
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 governmental funds. This includes the changes in the following:	
Accrued Interest Payable	5,854
Accrued Compensated Absences	52,734
Net Pension Liability	(3,725,487)
Pension-Related Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,677,636
Pension-Related Deferred Inflows of Resources	268,696
Net OPEB Liability	79,566
OPEB-Related Deferred Outflows of Resources	(67,968)
OPEB-Related Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>27,627</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,057,878</u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Bennett School District 29J (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Following is a summary of the District's more significant policies.

Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of the District, organizations for which the District is financially accountable, and organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of the District. All funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are not legally separate are part of the District. Legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable are considered part of the reporting entity. Financial accountability exists if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization has the potential to provide benefits to, or impose financial burdens on, the District.

Sky Ranch Academy (the Academy) is a legally separate entity from the District that was formed to provide education. Sky Ranch Academy is within the District's reporting entity, because the District is financially accountable for the Academy. The Academy is authorized by the District and legally obligated to provide a significant amount of the Academy's revenues. Therefore, the Academy is reported as a discretely presented component unit on the District's financial statements. The Academy issues separate financial statements, which can be obtained by contacting the Academy via phone at (720)-574-9548 or via mail at 849 North Carrie Street, Watkins, Colorado 80137.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges for interfund services that are reasonably equivalent to the services provided. *Governmental activities*, which are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to students or other customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) 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 among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds and other significant funds identified by management are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

In the fund financial statements, the District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. 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 and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been 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 to be *available* when they are collected within the current year or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the District considers property tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current year. The District considers all other revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current year, except federal and state revenues.

Taxes, intergovernmental revenues, grants, and interest associated with the current year are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current year. All other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due.

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

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances / Net Position

Cash and Investments – The District utilizes the pooled cash concept whereby cash balances of each of the District's funds are pooled and invested by the District. Investments are reported at fair value.

Receivables - All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Property taxes levied for the current year but not received at year end are reported as taxes receivable and are presented net of an allowance for uncollectible taxes.

Inventories - Food Service Fund inventories are recorded as an asset when individual items are purchased and as an expenditure when consumed. Inventories are stated at cost on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis, and consist of purchased and donated commodities. Purchased inventories are recorded at cost. Donated inventories, received at no cost under a program supported by the federal government, are valued at the cost furnished by the federal government.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances / Net Position (Continued)

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Land Improvements	20 years
Buildings and Improvements	7 - 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	7 - 20 years
Vehicles	7 - 12 years

Deferred Outflows of Resources - This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

Accrued Salaries and Benefits - Salaries and retirement benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July but are earned during a school year of approximately nine to ten months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, are reported as a liability in the financial statements.

Unearned Revenues - Unearned revenues include grants that have been collected but the corresponding expenditures have not been incurred and the eligibility criteria have not been met.

Deferred Inflows of Resources - This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until then. Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements include property taxes earned but not available as current financial resources.

Long-Term Debt - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt, financed purchase agreements, and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Debt premiums, discounts and accounting losses resulting from debt refundings are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the effective interest method. In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Debt issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the debt proceeds, are reported as current expenses or expenditures.

Compensated Absences - Twelve-month and nine-month personnel accrue up to 12 and 9 days of annual leave, respectively. Unused annual leave and related benefits are paid upon termination at the certified substitute rate or 60% of the daily pay rate not to exceed \$25 per hour. These compensated absences are recognized as expenditures in the governmental funds when due. A long-term liability is reported in the government-wide financial statements for the accrued compensated absences when earned.

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances / Net Position (Continued)

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

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - The District participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position, and additions to and deductions from the HCTF's fiduciary net position have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, the same basis of accounting used by the HCTF. For this purpose, the HCTF recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Employer contributions are recognized when the compensation is payable to the employees. Investments are reported at fair value.

Net Position/Fund Balances - In the government-wide and fund financial statements, net position and fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are externally imposed. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report committed fund balances when the Board of Education formally commits resources for a specific purpose through passage of a resolution. The Board of Education has delegated to the Superintendent and his designee the authority to assign fund balances to be used for specific purposes.

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, District policy requires restricted fund balance to be used first, followed by committed, assigned, and unassigned balances.

Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1, are levied the following December, and are collected in the subsequent calendar year. Taxes are payable in full on April 30, or in two installments on February 28 and June 15. The County Treasurer's Office collects property taxes and remits to the District on a monthly basis. When taxes become delinquent, the property is sold on the tax sale date.

NOTE 2: Cash and Investments

At June 30, 2024, the District had the following cash and investments:

Deposits	\$ 3,671,166
Investments	<u>4,185,007</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,856,173</u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires local government entities to deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by State regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. The PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits. At June 30, 2024, the District had bank deposits of \$3,947,407 collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's agent but not in the District's name.

Investments

The District is required to comply with State statutes which specify investment instruments meeting defined rating, maturity, and concentration risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include the following. State statutes do not address custodial risk.

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

Fair Value Measurements - At June 30, 2024, the District's investments in the local government investment pool reported at the net asset value per share.

The fair value measurements are categorized by the fair value hierarchy. Valuation inputs are used to measure the fair value of the asset to determine the appropriate category. The categories range from Level 1, which is the highest priority, to Level 3, which is the lower priority and are based on the following criteria:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in the active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 – Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which significant inputs are observable.

Interest Rate Risk - State statutes generally limit investments to an original maturity of five years from the date of purchase unless the governing board authorizes the investment for a period in excess of five years.

Credit Risk - State statutes limit investments in money market funds to those that maintain a constant share price, with a maximum remaining maturity in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 2a-7, and either have assets of one billion dollars or the highest rating issued by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk - State statutes do not limit the amount the District may invest in a single issuer of investment securities, except for corporate securities.

Local Government Investment Pool - At June 30, 2024, the District had \$4,185,007 invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust Plus (ColoTrust). ColoTrust is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The Colorado Division of Securities administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating ColoTrust. ColoTrust operates in conformity with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 2a-7. ColoTrust is measured at the net asset value per share, with each share valued at \$1. ColoTrust is rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Investments of ColoTrust is limited to those allowed by State statutes. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by the participating governments.

NOTE 3: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is summarized below.

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,248,637	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,248,637
Construction in Progress	-	2,164,633	-	2,164,633
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>1,248,637</u>	<u>2,164,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,413,270</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated / Amortized:				
Land Improvements	2,000,043	-	-	2,000,043
Buildings and Improvements	27,977,103	-	-	27,977,103
Vehicles and Equipment	2,806,572	552,126	-	3,358,698
Food Service Equipment	147,001	17,060	-	164,061
Right-to-Use Lease Asset	-	267,449	-	267,449
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated / Amortized	<u>32,930,719</u>	<u>836,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,767,354</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation / Amortization:				
Land Improvements	(1,086,633)	(65,736)	-	(1,152,369)
Buildings and Improvements	(11,105,801)	(571,877)	-	(11,677,678)
Vehicles and Equipment	(2,036,947)	(169,269)	-	(2,206,216)
Food Service Equipment	(103,553)	(4,526)	-	(108,079)
Right-to-Use Lease Asset	-	(57,698)	-	(57,698)
Total Accumulated Depreciation / Amortization	<u>(14,332,934)</u>	<u>(869,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,202,040)</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated / Amortized, Net	<u>18,597,785</u>	<u>(32,471)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,565,314</u>
Capital Assets, Governmental Activities, Net	<u>\$ 19,846,422</u>	<u>\$ 2,132,162</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,978,584</u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 3: Capital Assets (Continued)

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

Instruction	\$ 75,350
Supporting Services	<u>793,756</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 869,106</u></u>

NOTE 4: Interfund Balances and Transfers

At June 30, 2024, the General Fund owed \$68,013 to the Food Service Fund for revenue collected revenue on-behalf. In addition, the General Fund temporarily subsidized the Grants Fund in the amount of \$49,029 until the District was reimbursed after year-end.

At June 30, 2024, the General Fund transferred \$91,431 and \$830,000 to the Food Service Fund to subsidize the food service operations and the Capital Reserve Fund to finance capital projects, respectively.

NOTE 5: Long-Term Debt

Following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024.

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Lease Copiers	\$ -	\$ 268,534	\$ 54,024	\$ 214,510	\$ 63,295
Financed Purchases	6,671,842	-	399,337	6,272,505	417,898
Compensated Absences	<u>322,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,734</u>	<u>269,620</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Long-Term Debt	<u><u>\$ 6,994,196</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 268,534</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 506,095</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,756,635</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 481,193</u></u>

Compensated absences are expected to be liquidated primarily with revenues of the General Fund.

In September 2012, the District entered into a financed purchase agreement with Capital One Public Funding, LLC in the amount of \$1,431,428 to provide funding for energy savings improvements at various schools throughout the District. The District exercised the option of purchasing the equipment. Payments ranging from \$23,069 to \$36,426 are due quarterly on the 1st of each quarter, through August 2027. Interest accrues at a rate of 3.179% per annum. At June 30, 2024, the net book value of the energy improvements were \$728,699 with a depreciation expense of \$40,483.

In June 2018, the District entered into a financed purchase agreement with Capital One Public Funding, LLC in the amount of \$7,152,082 to provide funding for acquiring, constructing, equipping, and installing school classrooms, cafeteria, offices, and conference rooms. Annual payments of \$525,657 are due on the 1st of the year, through January 2039. Interest accrues at a rate of 3.987% per annum. At June 30, 2024, the net book value of the building improvements were \$6,436,800 with a depreciation expense of \$143,040.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 5: Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Financed purchase payments to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 417,897	\$ 245,193	\$ 663,090
2026	437,248	229,455	666,703
2027	457,420	213,003	670,423
2028	351,704	197,022	548,726
2029	341,927	183,730	525,657
2030-2034	1,925,324	702,962	2,628,286
2035-2039	2,340,985	287,298	2,628,283
Total	<u>\$ 6,272,505</u>	<u>\$ 2,058,663</u>	<u>\$ 8,331,168</u>

The District has entered into multiple lease agreements for the right-to-use copier equipment. The timing of payments and interest rates varies depending on the lease agreement. Lease initial dates vary from July 1, 2021, (GASB 87 implementation period) to December 2023 for a term of five years. The monthly payment varies from \$321 to \$2,246. In fiscal year 2024, the District paid \$63,955, including \$54,025 and \$9,930 in principal and interest, respectively. At June 30, 2024, the total right-to-use lease assets cost was \$267,449 with an accumulated amortization of \$57,698. Right-to-use lease payments to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 63,296	\$ 9,841	\$ 73,137
2026	45,815	7,233	53,048
2027	46,860	4,712	51,572
2028	47,472	2,049	49,521
2029	11,067	164	11,231
Total	<u>\$ 214,510</u>	<u>\$ 23,999</u>	<u>\$ 238,509</u>

Interest-Free Loan Program

The District participates in the State Treasurer's Interest-Free Loan Program for Colorado School Districts. This short-term loan program is utilized for cash flow purposes and is to be repaid before the end of the fiscal year. For fiscal year 2024, the District was authorized to draw up to \$6,000,000. The District utilized \$5,257,837 of the available funds, which was fully repaid as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 6: Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participates in the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool for all risks of loss except workers' compensation, for which it utilizes a commercial insurance carrier.

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NOTE 6: Risk Management (Continued)

The Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP) operates as a self-insurance pool comprised of various school districts and other related public educational entities within the State of Colorado. The CSDSIP is administered by a governing board. The District pays an annual premium to the CSDSIP for various types of property and liability insurance coverage. The CSDSIP's agreement provides that the CSDSIP will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through a duly authorized insurer. The reinsurance covers claims against the CSDSIP in excess of specific claim amounts and in the aggregate in an amount and at limits determined by the CSDSIP to be adequate to protect the solvency of the CSDSIP.

NOTE 7: Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information

Plan Description - The District contributes to the School Division Trust Fund (SDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). All employees of the District participate in the SDTF. Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), administrative rules set at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code assign the authority to establish and amend plan provisions to the State Legislature. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report, that includes information on the SDTF, which may be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits Provided as of December 31, 2023 - The SDTF provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to plan participants or their beneficiaries. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure in place, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. The retirement benefit is the greater of the a) highest average salary over five years multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit, or b) the value of the participant's contribution account plus an equal match on the retirement date, annualized into a monthly amount based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors. In no case can the benefit amount exceed the highest average salary, or the amount allowed by applicable federal regulations.

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 CRS Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under CRS § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1% 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% 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). The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in CRS § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and meet the definition of a disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the retirement benefit formula described previously, considering a minimum of 20 years of service credit. Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure in place, and the qualified survivor receiving the benefits.

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Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2024 - The District, State, and eligible employees are required to contribute to the SDTF at rates established by Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the CRS. These contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the State Legislature. The contribution rate for employees was 11% for the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The District's contribution rate for the fiscal year was 21.40% of covered salaries. However, a portion of the District's contribution (1.02% of covered salaries) is allocated to the Health Care Trust Fund (Note 8). The District's contributions to the SDTF for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$1,611,965, equal to the required contributions.

For the purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in CRS § 24-51-414, the State of Colorado is required to contribute a \$225 million direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SDTF to the total annual payroll of the SDTF. Direct distribution from the State was suspended in 2020. To compensate PERA for the suspension, CRS § 24-51-414(6-8) required restorative payment by providing an accelerated payment in 2022. In 2022, the State Treasurer issued payment for the direct distribution of \$225 million plus an additional amount of \$380 million. Due to the advanced payment made in 2022, the State reduced the distribution in 2023 to \$35 million. Additionally, the newly added CRS § 24-51-414(9) provides compensatory payment of \$14.561 million for 2023 only.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability was measured at December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2023.

The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the SDTF for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023, relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At December 31, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.1178459195%, which was an increase of 0.0238634550% from its proportion measured at December 31, 2022.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 20,839,191
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the District	<u>456,942</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 21,296,133</u></u>

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NOTE 7: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$3,725,487 and a revenue of (\$1,946,333) for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 988,172	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	1,493,847	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	2,549,400	178,905
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	781,951	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,813,370</u>	<u>\$ 178,905</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$781,951 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
2025	\$ 1,400,854
2026	2,111,883
2027	1,756,303
2028	<u>(416,526)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,852,514</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - The actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, determined the total pension liability using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs.

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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 plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
Hired prior to 1/1/07	
thereafter, compounded annually	1.00%
Hired after 12/31/06	Financed by the AIR

Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the annual increase reserve, accounted for separately in SDTF, and subject to resources being available. Therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

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: 1) 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 and 2) 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: 1) males: 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019 and 2) 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, 2022, 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 and asset/liability studies performed every three to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. 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

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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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
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>	

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 total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied to 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 (SB) 18-200, required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan participants were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- District 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, required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. District contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio

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- reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated District contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the annual increase reserve and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, District 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, commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the PERA Division Trust Funds, including SDTF, based upon the covered payroll. The annual direct distribution ceases when all PERA Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- District contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan participants were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The annual increase reserve balance was excluded from the initial fund net position, as, per statute, annual increase reserve amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. Annual increase reserve transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent annual increase reserve benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.
- Beginning with the December 31, 2023, measurement date and thereafter, the fiduciary net position as of the current measurement date is used as a starting point for the GASB 67 projection test.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current participants. 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 total pension liability. 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 District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate, as follows:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 27,865,465</u>	<u>\$ 20,839,191</u>	<u>\$ 14,980,129</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the SDTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's separately issued annual comprehensive financial report, which may be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

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NOTE 8: Postemployment Healthcare Benefits

General Information

Plan Description - All employees of the District are eligible to receive postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) through the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), as amended, and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carryout the purposes of the PERACare program, including administration of the premium subsidies. CRS provisions may be amended by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available financial report, that includes information on the HCTF, which may be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits Provided - The HCTF provides a healthcare premium subsidy to eligible participating 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). Eligibility to enroll is voluntary and includes benefit recipients, their eligible dependents, and surviving spouses, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll in the HCTF upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period. The health care premium subsidy is based on the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit.

CRS § 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. The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contributions account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

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, and \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are over 65 years of age or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum subsidy is based on 20 or more years of service. The subsidy is reduced by 5% for each year of service less than 20 years. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium not covered by the subsidy.

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, CRS § 24-51-12-6(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the State 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 recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

Contributions - As established by Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the CRS, as amended, 1.02% of the District's contributions to the School Division Trust Fund (SDTF) (Note 7) are apportioned to the HCTF. No employee contributions are required. These contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the State Legislature. The District's apportionment to the HCTF for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$80,666, equal to the required amount.

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NOTE 8: Postemployment Healthcare Benefits (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net OPEB liability of \$503,182, representing its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the HCTF. The net OPEB liability was measured at December 31, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2023.

The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023, relative to the contributions of all participating employers.

At December 31, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.0705006886%, which was a decrease of 0.0008725888% from its proportion measured at December 31, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$79,566). At June 30, 2024, the 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
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 103,135
Changes of assumptions and other inputs	5,918	53,354
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	15,565	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	116,466	17,939
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	39,135	-
Total	<u>\$ 177,084</u>	<u>\$ 174,428</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$39,135 will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
2025	\$ (39,858)
2026	(918)
2027	14,579
2028	(6,243)
2029	(2,548)
2030	(1,491)
Total	<u>\$ (36,479)</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - The actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, determined the total OPEB liability using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions, and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

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:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.0%
PERACare Medicare plans	
7% in 2023, gradually decreasing to 4.5% in 2033	
Medicare Part A premiums:	
3.5% in 2023, gradually increasing to 4.5% in 2035	

The total OPEB liability for the HCTF, as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date, was adjusted to reflect the disaffiliation, allowable under CRS § 24-51-313, of Tri-County Health Department (Tri-County 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 fiduciary net position as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.

Annually, the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option. At December 31, 2023, the plan options include 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 to all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

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OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions		
Participant Age	Annual Increase (Male)	Annual Increase (Female)
65-68	2.2%	2.3%
69	2.8%	2.2%
70	2.7%	1.6%
71	3.1%	0.5%
72	2.3%	0.7%
73	1.2%	0.8%
74	0.9%	1.5%
75-85	0.9%	1.3%
86 and Older	0.0%	0.0%

In determining the additional liability for PERACare enrollees who are age 65 or older and who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A in the December 31, 2023, valuation, the following monthly costs/premium are assumed for 2023 for the PERA Benefit Structure:

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A for Retiree / Spouse		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A for Retiree / Spouse		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A for Retiree / Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$ 1,692	\$ 1,406	\$ 579	\$ 481	\$ 1,913	\$ 1,589
70	\$ 1,901	\$ 1,573	\$ 650	\$ 538	\$ 2,149	\$ 1,778
75	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,653	\$ 718	\$ 566	\$ 2,374	\$ 1,869

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A for Retiree / Spouse		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A for Retiree / Spouse		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A for Retiree / Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$ 6,469	\$ 5,373	\$ 4,198	\$ 3,487	\$ 6,719	\$ 5,581
70	\$ 7,266	\$ 6,011	\$ 4,715	\$ 3,900	\$ 7,546	\$ 6,243
75	\$ 8,026	\$ 6,319	\$ 5,208	\$ 4,101	\$ 8,336	\$ 6,563

The 2022 Medicare Part A premium is \$506 per month. All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates.

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, 2022, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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

Measurement Year	PERACare Medicare Plans	Medicare Part A Premiums
2023	7.00%	3.50%
2024	6.75%	3.50%
2025	6.50%	3.75%
2026	6.25%	3.75%
2027	6.00%	4.00%
2028	5.75%	4.00%
2029	5.50%	4.00%
2030	5.25%	4.25%
2031	5.00%	4.25%
2032	4.75%	4.25%
2033	4.50%	4.25%
2034	4.50%	4.25%
2035+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2022, valuation for the determination of the total pension liability, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the total OPEB liability for the HCTF, but developed using a headcount-weighted basis. SDTF participates in the HCTF (Note 7).

The pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the SDTF were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the SDTF were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows: 1) 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 and 2) 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: 1) males: 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019 and 2) females: 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Disabled mortality assumptions for SDTF 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 health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll-forward calculation for the HCTF. Per capita health care costs as of the December 31, 2022, valuation date 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 costs for the 2023 plan year. The

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morbidity rates used to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age and by gender were updated effective for the December 31, 2022, actuarial valuation. The revised morbidity rate factors are based on a review of historical claims experience by age, gender, and status from actuary's claims data warehouse. The healthcare cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then-current expectation of future increases in those premiums.

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022, valuations were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, 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 performed at least every five years, and asset/liability studies, performed every three to 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
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>	

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 8: Postemployment Healthcare Benefits (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

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 total OPEB liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions. 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, 2023, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3%.
- 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.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.
- Beginning with the December 31, 2023, measurement date and thereafter, the fiduciary net position as of the current measurement date is used as a starting point for the GASB 74 projection test.
- As of December 31, 2023, measurement date, the fiduciary net position and related disclosure components for the HCTF reflect payments related to disaffiliation of Tri-County Health Department as a PERA-affiliated employer, effective December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2023, PERA recognized two additions for accounting and financial reporting purposes: a \$24 million payment received on December 4, 2023, and a \$2 million receivable. The employer disaffiliation payment and receivable allocations to the HCTF and Local Government Division Trust Fund were \$1.033 million and \$24.967 million, respectively.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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June 30, 2024

NOTE 8: Postemployment Healthcare Benefits (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

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 (7.25%)</u>	<u>1% Increase in Trend Rates</u>
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 488,740</u>	<u>\$ 503,182</u>	<u>\$ 518,891</u>

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:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.25%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.25%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.25%)</u>
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 594,321</u>	<u>\$ 503,182</u>	<u>\$ 425,212</u>

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the HCTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's separately issued annual comprehensive financial report, which may be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

NOTE 9: Commitments and Contingencies

Claims and Judgments

The District participates in a number of federal, state, and local programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental entities. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. At June 30, 2024, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited but management believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the District.

Tabor Amendment

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed Article X, Section 20 (the Amendment) to the State Constitution which limits state and local government taxing powers and imposes spending limits. The District is subject to the Amendment.

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2024

NOTE 9: Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Tabor Amendment (Continued)

In November 1997, voters within the District authorized the District to collect and to expend the full revenues received by the District from any source in the current fiscal year and in each fiscal year thereafter, notwithstanding the limits of the Amendment effective January 1, 1998. The Amendment is subject to many interpretations, but the District believes it is in substantial compliance with the Amendment. The Amendment requires the District to establish a reserve for emergencies, representing 3% of qualifying expenditures. At June 30, 2024, the District's emergency reserve was reported as restricted fund balance in the General Fund, in the amount of \$625,000.

Litigation

The District from time to time is involved in various legal matters. In the opinion of the District's counsel, there are no pending legal issues that would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

NOTE 10: Joint Venture

The District, in conjunction with other surrounding districts, participates in the Centennial 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 BOCES board is comprised of one member from each participating district. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District contributed \$270,101 to the BOCES. Separate financial statements for the BOCES are available at 821 W. Platte Avenue, Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701, or online at www.cboces.org.

NOTE 11: Reclassification of Funds

At June 30, 2024, the District reclassified the Grants Fund from major to nonmajor and closed the bond redemption fund. The Grants Fund beginning fund balance was zero.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	BUDGET			VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Property Taxes	\$ 10,641,583	\$ 9,740,583	\$ 10,062,443	\$ 321,860
Specific Ownership Taxes	459,417	459,417	444,271	(15,146)
Tuition	23,000	23,000	23,735	735
Investment Income	38,000	38,000	120,279	82,279
Other Grants	-	-	57,296	57,296
Donations and Contributions	-	25,000	351,963	326,963
Miscellaneous	45,000	20,000	330,338	310,338
County Sources	-	-	6,248	6,248
State Grants	10,091,160	7,815,000	4,498,674	(3,316,326)
Federal Grants	180,000	732,000	14,025	(717,975)
TOTAL REVENUES	21,478,160	18,853,000	15,909,271	(2,943,729)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	7,496,890	6,980,630	9,144,052	(2,163,422)
Supporting Services				
Student Support	1,604,009	1,789,009	546,716	1,242,293
General Administration	2,690,621	2,690,621	2,639,242	51,379
Operations and Maintenance	1,645,004	1,495,004	1,321,418	173,586
Student Transportation	578,432	578,432	551,384	27,048
Central Support	691,304	541,304	655,031	(113,727)
Total Supporting Services	7,209,370	7,094,370	5,713,791	1,380,579
Capital Outlay	-	-	2,164,633	(2,164,633)
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	54,024	(54,024)
Interest	-	-	9,932	(9,932)
Total Debt Service	-	-	63,956	(63,956)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,706,260	14,075,000	17,086,432	(846,799)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	6,771,900	4,778,000	(1,177,161)	(5,955,161)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	2,164,633	2,164,633
Lease Proceeds	-	-	268,534	268,534
Transfers Out	(6,771,900)	(4,778,000)	(921,431)	3,856,569
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(6,771,900)	(4,778,000)	1,511,736	6,289,736
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	334,575	334,575
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	5,800,000	5,800,000	6,032,888	232,888
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 5,800,000	\$ 5,800,000	\$ 6,367,463	\$ 567,463

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND
June 30, 2024

MEASUREMENT YEAR	<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY				
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.1178459195%	0.0939824645%	0.0960414084%	0.0992097618%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 20,839,191	\$ 17,113,704	\$ 11,176,690	\$ 14,998,515
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>456,942</u>	<u>4,987,105</u>	<u>1,281,265</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 21,296,133</u>	<u>\$ 22,100,809</u>	<u>\$ 12,457,955</u>	<u>\$ 14,998,515</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,790,662	\$ 7,242,711	\$ 6,002,271	\$ 5,501,873
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	267%	236%	186%	273%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	65%	62%	75%	67%
FISCAL YEAR	<u>6/30/24</u>	<u>6/30/23</u>	<u>6/30/22</u>	<u>6/30/21</u>
DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS				
Statutorily Required Contribution	\$ 1,611,965	\$ 1,580,720	\$ 1,292,471	\$ 1,093,775
Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution	<u>(1,611,965)</u>	<u>(1,580,720)</u>	<u>(1,292,471)</u>	<u>(1,093,775)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,908,469	\$ 7,566,410	\$ 6,501,351	\$ 5,501,873
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	20.38%	20.89%	19.88%	19.88%

<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>12/31/14</u>
0.0829511822%	0.0910852567%	0.0975226159%	0.0956894999%	0.0929571156%	0.0914970088%
\$ 12,392,727	\$ 16,128,516	\$ 31,535,348	\$ 28,490,464	\$ 14,217,135	\$ 12,400,918
<u>1,571,860</u>	<u>2,205,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 13,964,587</u>	<u>\$ 18,333,867</u>	<u>\$ 31,535,348</u>	<u>\$ 28,490,464</u>	<u>\$ 14,217,135</u>	<u>\$ 12,400,918</u>
\$ 5,254,541	\$ 4,918,719	\$ 4,534,425	\$ 4,372,756	\$ 4,426,311	\$ 3,901,954
236%	328%	695%	652%	321%	318%
65%	57%	44%	43%	59%	63%
<u>06/30/20</u>	<u>06/30/19</u>	<u>06/30/18</u>	<u>06/30/17</u>	<u>06/30/16</u>	<u>06/30/15</u>
\$ 1,018,332	\$ 940,952	\$ 868,493	\$ 803,912	\$ 784,597	\$ 658,806
<u>(1,018,332)</u>	<u>(940,952)</u>	<u>(868,493)</u>	<u>(803,912)</u>	<u>(784,597)</u>	<u>(658,806)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 5,254,541	\$ 4,918,719	\$ 4,534,425	\$ 4,372,756	\$ 4,426,311	\$ 3,901,954
19.38%	19.13%	19.15%	18.38%	17.73%	16.88%

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND
June 30, 2024

MEASUREMENT YEAR	<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY			
District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.0705006886%	0.0713732774%	0.0627076136%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 503,182	\$ 582,748	\$ 540,731
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,790,662	\$ 7,242,711	\$ 6,002,271
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6%	8%	9%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	46%	39%	39%
FISCAL YEAR	<u>6/30/24</u>	<u>6/30/23</u>	<u>6/30/22</u>
DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS			
Statutorily Required Contribution	\$ 80,666	\$ 77,177	\$ 66,314
Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution	<u>(80,666)</u>	<u>(77,177)</u>	<u>(66,314)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,908,469	\$ 7,566,410	\$ 6,501,351
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

This schedule is presented to show information for 10 years.
Information is available for 10 years, and will be presented for the years it is available.

<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>
0.0573702279%	0.0541865182%	0.0592059181%	0.0554119656%	0.0542000000%
\$ 545,146	\$ 609,055	\$ 805,521	\$ 720,134	\$ 702,341
\$ 5,501,873	\$ 5,254,541	\$ 4,918,719	\$ 4,534,425	\$ 4,372,756
10%	12%	16%	16%	16%
33%	24%	17%	18%	17%
<u>6/30/21</u>	<u>6/30/20</u>	<u>6/30/19</u>	<u>6/30/18</u>	<u>6/30/17</u>
\$ 56,119	\$ 53,596	\$ 50,171	\$ 46,251	\$ 44,602
<u>(56,119)</u>	<u>(53,596)</u>	<u>(50,171)</u>	<u>(46,251)</u>	<u>(44,602)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 5,501,873	\$ 5,254,541	\$ 4,918,719	\$ 4,534,425	\$ 4,372,756
1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Information

Budgets are adopted for all funds on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The District adheres to the following procedures to establish the budgetary information reflected in the financial statements.

- Management submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Public hearings are conducted by the District's Board of Education to obtain taxpayer comments.
- Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
- Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Authorization to transfer budget amounts between programs and/or departments within any fund and the reallocation of budget line items within any program and/or department rests with the Superintendent. Revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Education.
- All budget appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Budget Compliance

At June 30, 2024, the District's Grants Fund exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$244,214. This may be a violation of state statutes.

NOTE 2: Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information

STDF Plan - Senate Bill (SB) 23-056, enacted and effective June 2, 2023, intended to recompense PERA for the remaining portion of the \$225 million direct distribution originally scheduled for receipt July 1, 2020, suspended due to the enactment of House Bill (HB) 20-1379, but not fully repaid through the provisions within HB 22-1029. Pursuant to SB 23-056, the State Treasurer issued a warrant consisting of the balance of the PERA Payment Cash Fund, created in §24-51-416, plus \$10 million from the General Fund, totaling \$14.561 million.

As of the December 31, 2023, measurement date, the total pension liability (TPL) recognizes the change in the default method applied for granting service accruals for certain members, from a "12-pay" method to a "non-12-pay" method. The default service accrual method for positions with an employment pattern of at least eight months but fewer than 12 months (including, but not limited to positions in the School and DPS Divisions) receive a higher ratio of service credit for each month worked, up to a maximum of 12 months of service credit per year.

HCTF Plan - As of the December 31, 2023, measurement date, the fiduciary net position (FNP) and related disclosure components for the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF) reflect payments related to the disaffiliation of Tri-County Health Department (Tri-County Health) as a PERA-affiliated employer, effective December 31, 2022. As of the December 31, 2023, year-end, PERA recognized two additions for accounting and financial reporting purposes: a \$24 million payment received on December 4, 2023, and a \$2 million receivable. The employer disaffiliation payment and receivable allocations to the HCTF and Local Government Division Trust Fund were \$1.033 million and \$24.967 million, respectively.

NOTE 3: Changes in Assumptions and Other Inputs

No changes made to the actuarial methods or assumptions.

**COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2024

	GRANTS	FOOD SERVICE	PUPIL ACTIVITY
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 78,467	\$ 30,458	\$ 217,294
Accounts Receivable	-	38,258	1,474
Grants Receivable	33,239	-	-
Interfund Receivables	-	68,013	-
Inventory	-	8,021	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>111,706</u>	\$ <u>144,750</u>	\$ <u>218,768</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	\$ 15,193	\$ 17,963	\$ -
Unearned Revenue	47,484	-	-
Interfund Payable	49,029	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>111,706</u>	<u>17,963</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable Inventory	-	8,021	-
Restricted for:			
Grants	-	-	-
Food Services	-	118,766	-
Assigned to:			
Pupil Activities	-	-	218,768
Capital Projects	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>126,787</u>	<u>218,768</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>111,706</u>	\$ <u>144,750</u>	\$ <u>218,768</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE		TOTAL	
\$	313,831	\$	640,050
	-		39,732
	-		33,239
	-		68,013
	-		8,021
\$	<u>313,831</u>	\$	<u>789,055</u>
\$	-	\$	33,156
	-		47,484
	-		49,029
	<u>-</u>		<u>129,669</u>
	-		8,021
	-		-
	-		118,766
	-		218,768
	<u>313,831</u>		<u>313,831</u>
	<u>313,831</u>		<u>659,386</u>
\$	<u>313,831</u>	\$	<u>789,055</u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	GRANTS	FOOD SERVICE	PUPIL ACTIVITY
REVENUES			
Local Sources	\$ -	\$ 9,647	\$ 268,703
State Sources	274,524	197,043	-
Federal Sources	281,190	244,936	-
	<u>555,714</u>	<u>451,626</u>	<u>268,703</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>555,714</u>	<u>451,626</u>	<u>268,703</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	510,874	-	242,508
Supporting Services	44,840	-	-
Food Services	-	481,807	-
Capital Outlay	-	8,360	-
Debt Service			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
	<u>555,714</u>	<u>490,167</u>	<u>242,508</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>555,714</u>	<u>490,167</u>	<u>242,508</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,541)</u>	<u>26,195</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	<u>-</u>	<u>91,431</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	52,890	26,195
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>73,897</u>	<u>192,573</u>
FUND BALANCES, Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 126,787</u>	<u>\$ 218,768</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE		TOTAL	
\$	2,146	\$	280,496
	-		471,567
	-		526,126
	<u>2,146</u>		<u>1,278,189</u>
	-		753,382
	-		44,840
	-		481,807
	193,712		202,072
			-
	399,337		399,337
	<u>260,246</u>		<u>260,246</u>
	<u>853,295</u>		<u>2,141,684</u>
	<u>(851,149)</u>		<u>(863,495)</u>
	<u>830,000</u>		<u>921,431</u>
	(21,149)		57,936
	<u>334,980</u>		<u>601,450</u>
\$	<u><u>313,831</u></u>	\$	<u><u>659,386</u></u>

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GRANTS FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	BUDGET			VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Grants	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)
State Grants	175,000	175,000	274,524	99,524
Federal Grants	131,500	131,500	281,190	149,690
TOTAL REVENUES	311,500	311,500	555,714	244,214
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	311,500	311,500	510,874	(199,374)
Supporting Services	-	-	44,840	(44,840)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	311,500	311,500	555,714	(244,214)
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOOD SERVICE FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,647	\$ 9,647
State Grants	537,900	537,900	197,043	(340,857)
Federal Grants	-	-	244,936	244,936
TOTAL REVENUES	537,900	537,900	451,626	(86,274)
EXPENDITURES				
Food Service				
Salaries	216,090	216,090	157,035	59,055
Benefits	-	-	47,450	(47,450)
Purchased Services	50,491	50,491	1,665	48,826
Supplies and Materials	256,319	256,319	275,478	(19,159)
Other	2,000	2,000	179	1,821
Capital Outlay	3,000	3,000	8,360	(5,360)
Contingency	45,000	45,000	-	45,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	572,900	572,900	490,167	82,733
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(35,000)	(35,000)	(38,541)	(3,541)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In	-	-	91,431	91,431
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(35,000)	(35,000)	52,890	87,890
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	35,000	35,000	73,897	38,897
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,787	\$ 126,787

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	BUDGET			VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Contributions	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 268,703	\$ (131,297)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	425,210	425,210	242,508	182,702
Contingency	134,656	134,656	-	134,656
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	559,866	559,866	242,508	317,358
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(159,866)	(159,866)	26,195	186,061
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	159,866	159,866	192,573	32,707
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,768	\$ 218,768

BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	BUDGET			VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Local Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,146	\$ 2,146
EXPENDITURES				
Capital Outlay	1,082,510	1,047,510	193,712	853,798
Debt Service				
Principal	-	-	399,337	(399,337)
Interest	-	-	260,246	(260,246)
Contingency	242,590	242,590	-	242,590
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,325,100	1,290,100	853,295	436,805
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,325,100)	(1,290,100)	(851,149)	438,951
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In	853,500	818,500	830,000	11,500
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(471,600)	(471,600)	(21,149)	450,451
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	471,600	471,600	334,980	(136,620)
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 313,831	\$ 313,831

COMPLIANCE SECTION

STATE COMPLIANCE



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Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Fund

Fund Type & Number	Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	+	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	=	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
Governmental						
10 General Fund	6,032,888		17,421,007	17,086,432		6,367,463
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	0	0	0	0		0
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	0	0	0	0		0
Sub-Total	6,032,888		17,421,007	17,086,432		6,367,463
11 Charter School Fund	1		7,506,418	7,244,693		261,726
20.26-29 Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0		0
06 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main, Fund	0	0	0	0		0
07 Total Program Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0		0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	73,897		543,055	490,165		126,787
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0		555,714	555,714		0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	192,573		268,703	242,508		218,768
25 Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0		0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	0	0	0	0		0
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0		0
41 Building Fund	0	0	0	0		0
42 Special Building Fund	0	0	0	0		0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	334,981		832,146	853,295		313,831
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	6,634,339		27,127,043	26,472,807		7,288,575
Proprietary						
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0		0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0	0	0	0		0
60.65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	0	0	0	0		0
Fiduciary						
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0	0	0	0		0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	0	0	0	0		0
73 Agency Fund	0	0	0	0		0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0	0	0	0		0
79 GASB 34/Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0		0
85 Foundations	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	0	0	0	0		0
FINAL						