

# EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL



## ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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# El Paso County Colorado School District 49 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report



For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

# Introductory Section

The Best Choice to Learn, Work, and Lead



# Our Operated Schools

Falcon Zone	Sand Creek Zone	POWER Zone	iConnect Zone
 <p>Falcon Elementary</p>	 <p>Evans International Elementary</p>	 <p>Ridgeview Elementary</p>	 <p>Patriot High School</p>
 <p>Meridian Ranch Elementary</p>	 <p>Remington Elementary</p>	 <p>Odyssey Elementary</p>	 <p>Springs Studio for Academic Excellence</p>
 <p>Woodmen Hills Elementary</p>	 <p>Springs Ranch Elementary</p>	 <p>ALLIES Elementary</p>	 <p>Falcon Home School</p>
 <p>Bennett Ranch Elem</p>	 <p>Stetson Elementary</p>	 <p>Inspiration View Elem</p>	 <p>Pikes Peak Early College</p>
 <p>Falcon Middle</p>	 <p>Horizon Middle</p>	 <p>Skyview Middle</p>	
 <p>Falcon High School</p>	 <p>Sand Creek High School</p>	 <p>Vista Ridge High School</p>	

## Our Charter Schools



Banning Lewis Academy



Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning



GOAL Academy High School



Rocky Mountain Classical Academy



Grand Peak Academy



Power Technical Early College



Liberty Tree Academy



Mountain View Academy



Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy

# Our Cultural Compass



The heart of the compass rose guides our actions in how we relate to and treat each other.

**Respect** – We respect others for their abilities, qualities and achievements

**Trust** – We promote trust in our relationships through honest and open communication

**Care**– We provide a safe and caring environment for students and staff

**Responsibility** – We hold ourselves accountable for our actions

The outer face of the compass rose guides us in how we treat our work.

**Learning** – We model continuous learning to encourage life-long learners

**Purpose** – We ensure all decisions align with the 'Five Big Rocks'

**Innovation** – We encourage risk taking by supporting creative exploration of new ideas and strategies

**Teamwork** – We embrace working together to achieve effective results for our students and community

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February 26, 2025



To the Citizens and Board of Education of School District 49:

This report consists of management’s representations concerning the finances of the District. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the District has established a comprehensive internal control framework designed to protect the government’s assets from loss, theft or misuse, and to compile sufficient reliable information to prepare financial statements. However, the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits. Accordingly, the District’s designed our comprehensive framework of internal controls to provide, reasonable, rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement.

The District’s financial statements have been audited by Hoelting & Company, Inc., a firm of licensed certified public accountants based in Colorado Springs. The goal of the independent audit is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the District, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are free from material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the District’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 are fairly presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. We present the independent auditor’s report as the first component of the financial section of this report.

In addition to the annual independent audit of the financial statements, the District must undergo a “Single Audit” due to the amount of federal funds received. This audit meets the needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government’s internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis involving the administration of federal awards. The results of the District’s single audit for the period ending June 30, 2024 provided no instances of material weakness in internal controls over compliance or material violations of applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants. This report is found in the compliance section of this document.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements, in the form of a Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) report. This transmittal letter will complement the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, and should be read in conjunction with it. The District’s MD&A immediately follows the Independent Auditor’s Report.

## **PROFILE OF THE DISTRICT**

El Paso County Colorado School District 49 was organized in 1888 and spans 133 square miles of urban and rural areas in eastern El Paso County, Colorado. Approximately 22% of the District is within the boundary of Colorado Springs and the remaining 78% is located in an unincorporated area of El Paso County historically known as Falcon, Colorado. The District is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest district in El Paso County and the 10<sup>th</sup> largest in Colorado. The District has a resident population of 128,467 based on the latest population growth data collected.

The District operates twelve elementary schools, three middle schools, and three high schools, in its operated school portfolio; nine chartered schools (seven K-8’s and two high schools), two online programs, one alternative school program, one home school program, and three student support facilities. These schools service more than 23,000 students. They provide a full range of programs and services authorized by Colorado statute. This includes: pre-kindergarten, elementary and secondary curriculum at the general, college preparatory and vocational levels. The District also provides the chance for high school students to participate in dual enrollment where students take college classes and receive college credit during the high school years.

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The District charter schools' financial positions are included in these financials as component units. The charter schools are: Banning Lewis Ranch Academy, GOAL Academy, Grand Peak Academy, Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning, Rocky Mountain Classical Academy, Power Technical School, Liberty Tree Academy, Mountain View Academy, and Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy. The District 49 Board of Education authorizes each charter school, according to the laws of the State of Colorado, to provide education alternatives for students and parents. These schools have separate governing boards but derive their funding through District 49 and the State of Colorado with local property tax funds and state equalization revenue. The District provides some support services to the charter schools. Parent Teacher Organizations, as well as Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Booster Groups do not meet the criteria for component units and therefore are excluded from this report.

The governance structure of the District is vested in a five-member Board of Education (the Board), which operates as the legislative and policymaking authority of the District. Board members are elected through an at-large voting process by registered electors within the District to serve staggered four-year terms, ensuring continuity in governance. In cases where a vacancy arises mid-term, a successor may be elected to fulfill the remainder of the term, which, in certain instances, may result in a two-year appointment. Pursuant to governance reforms enacted in 2015, the District is subdivided into five distinct representative geographic areas, requiring Board members to reside within the area they represent. In accordance with Colorado state law, Board members are subject to a two-term limit. Elections for the Board are conducted biennially in November of odd-numbered years, aligning with statutory requirements for school district governance.

Following each election cycle, as well as in instances of mid-term vacancies within leadership roles, the Board convenes to elect its officers, ensuring the continuity of executive leadership. As the governing authority, the Board's primary fiduciary and oversight responsibilities include, establishing district-wide policies, providing for the general administration and human capital management of the District, and supervising the management and strategic allocation of district-owned assets, including property, infrastructure, and financial resources. Board members serve in a non-compensatory capacity, reflecting the public service nature of their role.

### **The District Budget Process**

The District uses a decentralized SBFM (Student-based financial management) process for both reporting actual results and preparing budgets. The District distributes approximately 80% of the total expense budget directly to our schools where Zone Leaders and Building Principals have direct control over how money is best spent for their individual location. Working with the Business Office, these schools develop staffing models (Personnel Spend) and programmatic models (Implementation Spend) based on anticipated revenue driven by projected student count numbers. After the actual count of students is completed each October, the budgets are amended and approved, and the process starts again to develop proposed budgets for the upcoming school year.

Budgets are prepared annually for all funds of the District. The Board of Education is required to adopt a budget for the fiscal year prior to the July 1 start of the fiscal year and is allowed to amend that budget any time prior to January 31 of the same fiscal year. Supplemental Budgets may be adopted after January 31 for any fund, if the supplemental change is related to new spends driven by the presence of new, non-tax, revenue in that fund.

The table on the next page outlines the schools, age and enrollment in full-time equivalents (FTE) as of the official count date in October 2024 and the estimated FTE for the 2024-25 school year.



Operated Schools	Year built	October 2023 Student Count	Projected 2024-25 Student Count
ALLIES	2017	124	125
Bennett Ranch Elementary	2018	374	346
Evans International Elementary	1976	503	484
Falcon Elementary	1982	284	261
Falcon Middle	1976	939	932
Falcon High School	2007	1260.5	1248
Horizon Middle	1985	727	772
Inspiration View Elementary	2019	590.5	511
Meridian Ranch Elementary	2003	656.5	638
Odyssey Elementary	2006	366.5	401
Patriot High School	1952	165	104
Pikes Peak Early College	2015	175	181
Remington Elementary	1997	607	474
Ridgeview Elementary	2002	538.5	532
Sand Creek High School	1997	1132	1432
Skyview Middle	2000	998	882
Springs Ranch Elementary	2002	583.5	507
Springs Studio for Academic Excellence	2012	438.75	427
Stetson Elementary	1987	467	450
Vista Ridge High School	2008	1630	1461
Wooden Hills Elementary	2000	604.5	579
Home School Program	N/A	358.35	434
<b>Operated Subtotal</b>		<b>13,522.60</b>	<b>13,181</b>
<b>Chartered Schools</b>			
Banning Lewis Ranch Academy	2008	1706	1723
GOAL Academy	N/A	5424	5478
Grand Peak Academy	2019	630	636
Liberty Tree Academy	2018	659	665
Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning	2008	399	403
Power Technical Early College	2016	347	351
Rocky Mountain Classical Academy	2015	1330	1343
Mountain View Academy	2020	360	364
Pioneer Tech & Arts Academy	2010	223	225
<b>Chartered School Subtotal</b>		<b>11,078</b>	<b>11,188</b>
<b>District 49 Total</b>		<b>24,600.6</b>	<b>24,369</b>



## **ECONOMIC CONDITION**

### **Local Economy**

The District is located on the northeast side of Colorado Springs and continues to the east into the unincorporated area known as Falcon, Colorado. The city of Colorado Springs is the second most populous city in the state, behind Denver. The main employment sectors in El Paso County are: Retail trade, accommodation and food services and Health Care and Social Assistance. The military is also an important part of the community with four major bases in the Colorado Springs area. About 23.5% of D49 students are connected to the military; either through military families or civilian parents employed on federal property.

Local economy continues to reflect moderate growth, while home construction had seen a rebound in 2024, with a 29.51% year on year sales growth, for the past 12 months ending in November. Outside influences such as fluctuating mortgage rates, price points, and increased inventory have created uncertainty in sales and price appreciation. The district has noted an upward trend in "quick move-in" marketing tactics. The district anticipates a year-on-year growth, for the next 15 to 20 years. With assessed valuation occurring every 2 years; the district's 5-year average growth is 12.58%; negating any tax incentives. State Legislatures have set 2025 rates of valuation for residential at 6.25% and Commercial/Industrial at 27%. The district remains disproportionately Residential to Commercial/Industrial basis. .

### **Long-term Financial Planning**

As El Paso County, CO continues the upward trajectory in population growth, District 49 anticipates a significant impact within the district boundaries; as Colorado Springs is continuing to grow to the North and East; Peyton school district is developing on the district boundaries heading West and South; while, Ellicott has planned development heading to the west. The district is currently experiencing an influx of very high-density multi-family units, coupled with an increase in school of choice. As the District moves forward with flexibility and sustainability at the forefront; K-8 sites are becoming more popular. It is estimated, over the next 15 years, that planned development will generate an additional 26,000 homes, with nearly 14,000 students.

The District maintains no general obligation debt. The District paid off all outstanding bonds in December 2017 to convert all long term obligations to Certificates of Participation, funded by Mill Levy Override Collections. This leaves the District with borrowing capacity to build schools as the need arises, and as the constituency allows. The District's future challenge will be to manage its funding instruments where in a trending higher interest rate environment a continued reliance of Certificates of Participation (COPs) may be the more expensive form of funding versus traditional General Obligation and Mill Levy Override obligations.

### **Financial Policies**

Detailed descriptions of the District's accounting policies are contained in the Notes to the Financial Statements included in this report. These policies describe the basis of accounting, funds and accounts used, valuation policies for investments and capital assets, and other significant accounting information.

The District maintains a number of budgetary controls. The objective of budgetary controls are to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the Board of Education. Budgetary control exists at the fund level. The District also maintains an encumbrance accounting system as one technique of accomplishing budgetary control. Unencumbered amounts lapse at end of the fiscal year but are normally allowed to be re-budgeted by the original unit in the subsequent fiscal year.

## Major Initiatives



With the latest official count (2024) from the Colorado Department of Education, School District 49 is now the largest district in El Paso County. With projected growth in the region, we expect to continue to serve the largest number of students in our region for at least the next several decades. Managing that growth while still improving quality will be the overarching challenge for the foreseeable future.

The District continues to pursue the process of 'Performance Excellence' using the Malcolm Baldrige criteria for Performance Excellence. In 2016, the District earned the Foothills Performance Award from the regional excellence organization (Rocky Mountain Performance Excellence, aka RMPEX). In 2017, District 49 earned the Peak Award, which is the highest regional level attainable. The District is now pursuing the related national award for organizational excellence in order to facilitate ever-improving operations and processes within the District.

Once again in 2022-2023, the District was awarded the Certificate of Excellence from the Association of School Business Officials for our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and will continue to submit for this annual award. Having earned that recognition for the last seven years, we are committed to maintaining a standard of excellence for our community and district.

With the passing of ballot item 3B in November 2016 (subsequently modified with 2018-4C), the District was able to build and open our two newest facilities: Bennett Ranch Elementary School (BRES) in August 2018, and Inspiration View Elementary (IVES) in June of 2019. The District has completed a five-year Master Facilities Plan which will help guide and drive future capital projects within D49. As part of that plan, we have documented a Facility Condition Index (FCI) for every district facility. In our first year we made enough progress on our lowest-rated facilities to get every building into the green range (>.5).

With growth, reporting, facility condition, and overall performance on positive trajectories, we are optimistic about the future of District 49!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank the Board of Education for their leadership and support to the students, staff and community. We appreciate their support in planning and conducting the financial operations of the District to their highest potential. We would also like to thank our independent auditors from Hoelting & Company Inc., for their professional and helpful approach in creating this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Their assistance was invaluable in creating this report. Finally, we would like to thank the Finance and Payroll staff who play an integral role in the financial success of District 49 on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Diaz  
Interim Chief Financial Officer

# El Paso County CO School District 49

## Elected Officials - Board of Education



Vice President – Jamilynn D’Avola

Treasurer – Mike Heil

President – Lori Thompson

Deb Schmidt

Marie La Vere Wright

## Administrative Officials

Peter Hilts

Brian Smith

Dustin Horras

Theresa Ritz

Verenice gutierrez

Lisa Fillo

Nancy Lemmond, PhD

Paul Andersen

Dr. Louis Fletcher

Heather Diaz

Jack Pietraallo

David Watson

Monica Deines-Henderson

David Nancarrow

Lanette DePaul

Superintendent

Falcon Zone Superintendent

Sand Creek Zone Superintendent

Power Zone Superintendent

iConnect Zone Superintendent

Executive Director of Learning Services

Executive Dir of Individualized Education

Executive Dir of People & Culture

Executive Dir of Facilities & Operations

Interim Chief Financial Officer

Director of Transportation

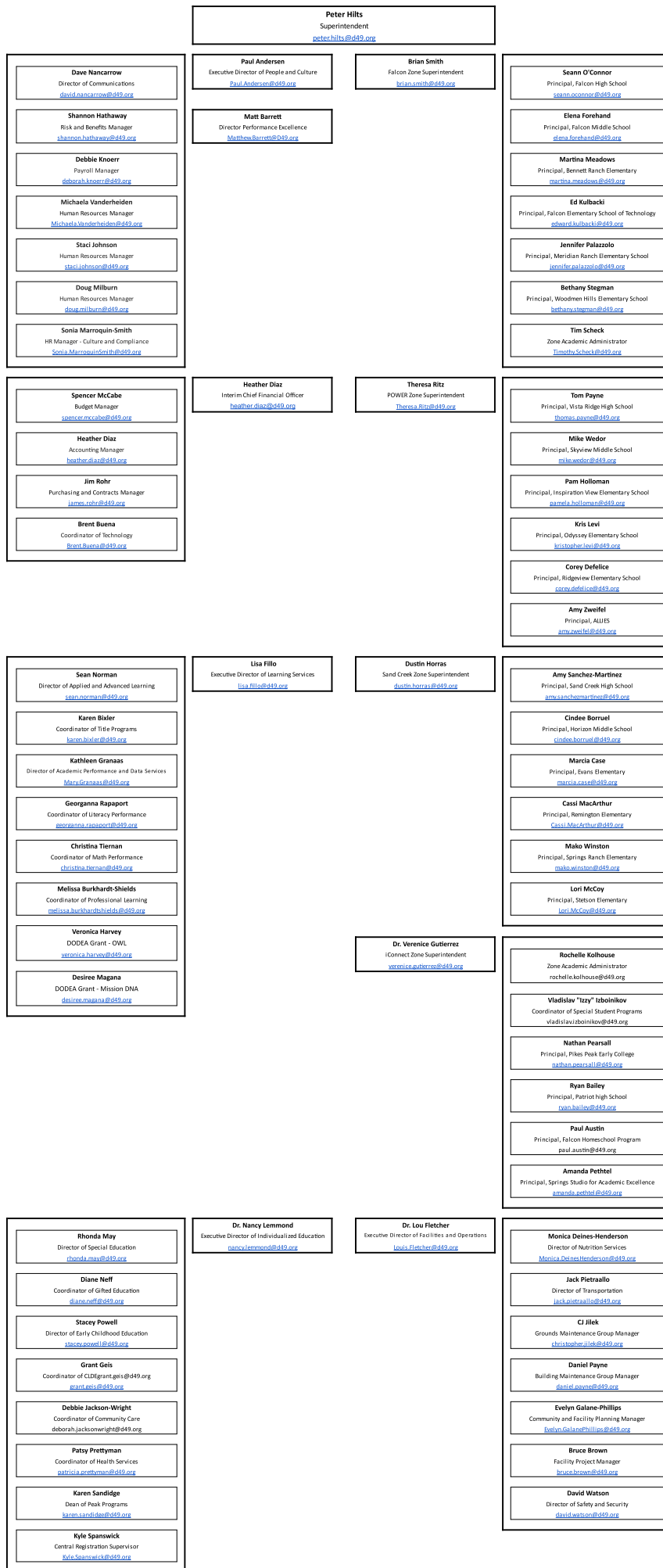
Director of Safety and Security

Director of Nutrition Services

Director of Communications

Exec Assistant to the BOE

**D49 Organization Chart**





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**The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting  
is presented to**

## **El Paso County CO School District 49**

**for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.**

The district report meets the criteria established for  
ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ryan S. Stechschulte'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Ryan S. Stechschulte**  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'James M. Rowan'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**James M. Rowan, CAE, SFO**  
CEO/Executive Director

# Financial Section





## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education  
El Paso County Colorado School District 49

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the El Paso County Colorado School District 49's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49, as of June 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning, Mountain View Academy, and Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy, which represent 7 percent, 9 percent, and 11 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning, Mountain View Academy, and Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the El Paso County Colorado School District 49'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 and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49'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 El Paso County Colorado School District 49'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 required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the El Paso County Colorado School District 49's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 26, 2025 on our consideration of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering El Paso County Colorado School District 49's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Hoelting & Company, Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 26, 2025

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

The Business Office of School District 49 offers readers of our financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

**Financial Highlights**

- The Governmental Activities of School District 49 shows a Net Position deficit of \$84,181,231 at June 30, 2024 and \$84,037,567 June 30, 2023 respectively, or \$143,664 more than prior year.
  - Effective July 1, 2014, School Districts are required to implement GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This resulted in a new liability amount on the District's financial reports totaling \$269,207,227.
  - While the intentions of GASB 68 were appropriate for private sector pension programs. Its utility for a public sector entity, like D49, is limited and, in fact, may be more confusing for readers of the financial statements than without. To see more relevant comparability, users may want to adjust the totals presented for this amount.
- General Revenues for the Governmental Activities of the District totaled \$177,301,631 or 72.66% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions received accounted for \$66,712,737 or 27.34% of total revenues of \$244,014,368.
- The ending fund balance of total General Funds was \$45,330,750 at June 30, 2024 and \$32,904,793 at June 30, 2023
- General Revenues, including the Component Unit share (Charter Schools – net of services), totaled \$309,462,056 at June 30, 2024 and \$267,799,382 at June 30, 2023.
- Total student count in the District increased by (1,460.5) students or 5.06% from the prior year driven by the affiliated portfolio; while the corresponding funded student FTE increased by 4.63% in the operated and chartered portfolio. The State Budget Negative Factor for District 49 remains with a balance of (\$4,844,404).
- The Food Service Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$4,374,410 and \$3,257,305 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively, an increase of \$1,117,105 from the prior year.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. School District 49's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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The *Statement of Net Position* presents information about all the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the District'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, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, instructional support, general and school administration, business and central services, maintenance and operations, and transportation. The business-type activity of the District includes food service.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the District itself (known as the primary government), but also legally separate charter schools. Financial information for the charter schools are presented separately because the charter schools are financially accountable to the District and provide services to the District's students.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. School District 49, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: government funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental Funds.** *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide fund financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financial requirements.

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

School District 49 maintains nine 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 all are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

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School District 49 adopts an annual appropriated budget for each of the governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

**Proprietary Funds.** School District 49 maintains one proprietary fund. Internal service funds are used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the district’s various functions. The district uses internal service funds to account for employee benefit programs for health insurance. Because these services predominately benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included with governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements

**Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support School District 49’s own programs. The two fiduciary funds utilized by the District are the D49 Scholarship Fund and the Pupil Activity Fund. The accounting for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

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

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented after the notes to the required supplementary information.

**Discretely Presented Component Units.** These are operations for which the District has financial accountability, but they have certain independent qualities as well. All are considered major component units. The District’s nine component units are:

- Banning Lewis Ranch Academy (BLRA)
- GOAL Academy (GOAL)
- Grand Peak Academy (GPA)
- Liberty Tree Academy (LTA)
- Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning (PPSEL)
- Power Technical Early College (PTEC)
- Rocky Mountain Classical Academy (RMCA)
- Mountain View Academy (MVA)
- Pioneer Technical & Arts Academy (PTAA)

Current guidance from CDE leads toward an overly–simplistic reporting of program revenue that can lead to an incorrect conclusion that local charter schools (non-multi-district schools) do not receive local property tax revenue as a component of total program revenue. Accordingly, the following table is provided to bring clarity to the sources and distribution of total program revenue (PPR):

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	FTE	Real Property Taxes	% of Total	Specific Ownership Taxes	% of Total	Equalization State Share	% of Total	Total Program Revenue
<b>Total District</b>	<b>30,388.40</b>	<b>\$ 44,962,018</b>	<b>14.52%</b>	<b>\$ 971,979</b>	<b>0.31%</b>	<b>\$ 263,809,992</b>	<b>85.17%</b>	<b>\$ 309,743,990</b>
<b>D49 Operated Portfolio</b>	<b>12,875.90</b>	<b>\$ 30,935,640</b>	<b>23.37%</b>	<b>\$ 668,754</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>\$ 100,760,897</b>	<b>76.12%</b>	<b>\$ 132,365,290</b>
<b>Component Units:</b>								
<b>D49 Chartered Portfolio</b>	<b>11,954.50</b>	<b>\$ 14,026,379</b>	<b>11.41%</b>	<b>\$ 303,226</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	<b>\$ 108,563,616</b>	<b>88.34%</b>	<b>\$ 122,893,220</b>
PPSEL	399.00	\$ 958,637	23.37%	\$ 20,724	0.51%	\$ 3,122,391	76.12%	\$ 4,101,752
BLRA	1,621.50	\$ 3,895,816	23.37%	\$ 84,221	0.51%	\$ 12,689,114	76.12%	\$ 16,669,151
RMCA	1,361.00	\$ 3,269,939	23.37%	\$ 70,690	0.51%	\$ 10,650,561	76.12%	\$ 13,991,190
GPA	631.00	\$ 1,516,041	23.37%	\$ 32,774	0.51%	\$ 4,937,916	76.12%	\$ 6,486,731
PTEC	375.50	\$ 902,176	23.37%	\$ 19,503	0.51%	\$ 2,938,491	76.12%	\$ 3,860,170
LTA	592.00	\$ 1,422,339	23.37%	\$ 30,748	0.51%	\$ 4,632,720	76.12%	\$ 6,085,808
MVA	358.00	\$ 860,131	23.37%	\$ 18,595	0.51%	\$ 2,801,544	76.12%	\$ 3,680,269
PTAA	500.00	\$ 1,201,300	23.37%	\$ 25,970	0.51%	\$ 3,912,770	76.12%	\$ 5,140,040
GOAL	6,116.50		0.00%		0.00%	\$ 62,878,109	100.00%	\$ 62,878,109

Complete financial statements of the individual component units can be obtained from their respective administrative offices as well as their individual websites. Addresses and other information about the District's component units are presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve as a useful indicator of changes in a government's financial position over time. In the case of School District 49, Primary Government Liabilities exceeds Assets by \$84,181,231 and \$84,037,567 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively. This is due to \$269,207,227 of the Net Pension and OPEB liability being assigned to the school district. With this liability excluded, School District 49's Primary Government Assets would have exceeded Liabilities by \$185,025,996.

Included in Total Net Position, \$54,796,438 is invested in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources. Capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate liabilities.

As of June 30, 2024, \$30,979,846 of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. This includes Colorado's required TABOR of \$6,600,000. The overall restricted amount decreased by \$2,012,333 from prior year.

Governmental activities increased the net position of the District by \$143,664 to \$84,181,231 as of June 30, 2024. Program revenues included \$12,246,427 in charges for services, and \$54,551,724 in operating grants and contributions and \$24,586 in Capital Grants and Contributions. \$177,301,631 was received in general revenues consisting of local property taxes, specific ownership taxes, and school finance act revenue. Total revenues received totaled \$244,124,368.

Instruction expenses totaled \$120,433,007, making up a major portion of total expenses of \$244,158,032 at June 30, 2024.

Program revenue for Food Services included \$151,917 in charges for services and \$7,926,272 in operating grants and contributions. Expenditures for food services were \$6,961,084.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
Statement Of Net Position  
Governmental Activities**

	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease) over Prior Year	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets	\$ 142,193,802	\$ 168,095,060	\$	(25,901,258)
Capital assets, net of depreciation	239,376,064	212,642,226		26,733,838
Total assets	381,569,866	380,737,286		832,580 0.22%
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Total deferred outflows of resources	75,843,516	55,838,330		20,005,186 35.83%
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities	33,569,383	30,083,839		3,485,544
Long-term liabilities	496,254,848	466,878,771		29,376,077
Total liabilities	529,824,231	496,962,610		32,861,621 6.61%
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Total deferred inflows of resources	11,770,382	23,650,573		(11,880,191) -50.23%
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	54,796,438	85,858,609		(31,062,171)
Restricted for:				
TABOR	6,600,000	5,800,000		800,000
Debt Service & MLO Projects	24,184,881	18,591,055		5,593,826
Preschool	194,965	244,035		(49,070)
MLO Projects	-	8,357,089		(8,357,089)
Unrestricted	(169,957,515)	(202,888,355)		32,930,840
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ (84,181,231)</b>	<b>\$ (84,037,567)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(143,664) -0.17%</b>

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
Statement Of Activities  
Governmental**

	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease) over Prior Year
<b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 12,246,427	\$ 25,888,921	\$ (13,642,494)
Operating Grants & contributions	54,441,724	40,857,139	13,584,585
Capital Grants & contributions	24,586	40,977	(16,391)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	75,820,432	59,479,584	16,340,848
Specific ownership taxes	6,664,635	6,053,233	611,402
State equalization	86,436,149	83,539,623	2,896,526
Grants & Contrib not restricted to specific prg	817,520	741,792	75,728
Investment earnings	6,595,572	5,505,678	1,089,894
Miscellaneous	967,323	2,667,294	(1,699,971)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 244,014,368</b>	<b>\$ 224,774,241</b>	<b>\$ 19,240,127 7.88%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Instruction	120,433,007	110,921,536	9,511,471
Supporting services	92,516,226	84,381,157	8,135,069
Community services	1,163,601	655,923	507,678
Facilities acquisition and construction	15,430,572	7,443,174	7,987,398
Food Service	6,934,053	5,312,622	1,621,431
Interest and fiscal charges	7,680,573	8,347,308	(666,735)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 244,158,032</b>	<b>\$ 217,061,720</b>	<b>\$ 27,096,312 -12.48%</b>
Change in Net Position	(143,664)	7,712,521	(7,856,185)
Beginning Net Position	(84,037,567)	(91,750,088)	7,712,521
Prior Period Adjustment	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ (84,181,231)</b>	<b>\$ (84,037,567)</b>	<b>\$ (143,664) -0.17%</b>

**Financial Analysis of the Governmental Funds**

As stated earlier, School District 49 uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

The Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2024, shows the District's governmental funds combined ending fund balance totals \$105,666,392 compared to \$135,258,246 at June 30, 2023.

The general fund is the main operating fund of the District. At June 30, 2024, committed and assigned fund balance of the general fund was \$22,619,126 compared to \$18,393,542 at June 30, 2023. Total unassigned fund balance is \$5,657,616 and \$0 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively.

The Bond Redemption Fund remains in strong financial condition, with no debt as of June 30, 2024. The balance at June 2017 consisted of \$5,084,704 for principal and interest payments on the District's voter approved debt. As of December 31, 2017 all bond debt has been paid off.

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In 2023-24, School District 49 expended \$18,363,816 of local, state and federal grant funds, excluding charter school grant expenditures. Of these expenditures, \$4,337,225 represent funds yet to be received from the individual granting authorities prior to the close of the fiscal year and are scheduled for receipt early in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The District approves the original budget in June based on enrollment projections for the following school year. In October, after a better estimate of enrollment can be made, adjustments are made to the budget. The rapid growth the District experienced for most of 2000’s has moderated in the last few years, but is starting to tick up again. The 2022-23 to 2023-24 expected growth was budgeted at .64%.

Some significant budget highlights include:

- The final (Amended) budget for the General Fund showed a increase in revenue \$3,099,996 and an increase in expenditures by \$13,875,295 from the original (Adopted) budget.
- Actual General Funds results for the 2023-24 fiscal year showed revenue in excess of expenses by \$35,485,513. This allowed the fund balance to grow \$12,425,957.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets.** School District 49’s investment in capital assets for governmental activities as of June 30, 2024 amounts to \$239,376,064 net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, machinery, equipment, and vehicles. The total decrease in the District’s investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was due to the depreciation of existing assets and/or disposal of assets.

<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT 49</b>			
<b>Investment in Capital Assets</b>			
	<b>Balance at 6/30/2024</b>	<b>Balance at 6/30/2023</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease) over Prior Year</b>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>			
Land	\$ 18,343,078	\$ 18,343,078	\$ -
Buildings & Improvements	166,237,691	152,832,423	13,405,268
Equipment	10,635,966	8,640,134	1,995,832
Software	254,582	339,443	(84,861)
Construction in Progress	43,904,747	32,487,148	11,417,599
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, net accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>\$ 239,376,064</b>	<b>\$ 212,642,226</b>	<b>11.17%</b>

Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

**Long-Term Debt.** As of June 30, 2024, School District 49’s total outstanding long-term debt was \$496,529,665. Of this amount, are \$191,300,000 in certificates of participation obligations. Compensated absences for School District 49 total \$4,727,539 at June 30, 2024.

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In November 2005, the constituents approved a mill levy override to pay for the construction of new facilities and additions to then-current facilities. School District 49 sold the aforementioned Certificates of Participation in July 2006 and July 2007 to finance this construction and will pay the certificates back with the approved mill levy override tax revenue.

In November 2016, the constituents approved a mill levy override to pay for the construction of new facilities and additions to then-current facilities. School District 49 sold the aforementioned Certificates of Participation in February 2017 to finance this construction and will pay the certificates back with the approved mill levy override tax revenue.

State Statutes limit the amount of the District's general obligation bonded debt to 20% of the assessed value of the District, or 6% of the retail value of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total general obligation bonded debt of \$0 or 0.00% of assessed value.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

**Economic Factors and 2023-2024 Budget**

- The local, state, and federal economies are performing well. This was seen with a change in the District's assessed property value, which increased over 26.7% in 2024 from \$1,314,377,980 the prior year to a total of \$1,665,259,940. Due to requirements of the Colorado State Constitution's Gallagher Amendment, passed in 1982 – previously mandated a consistent ratio between residential and non-residential property. In November of 2020 the State of Colorado passed Amendment B, which repealed the Gallagher Amendment, thereby freezing the residential property tax rate to 7.15% and non-residential to 29%,
- The District will continue to work proactively with developers, the City of Colorado Springs, and El Paso County to address enrollment growth. School District 49 has been one of the fastest growing school districts in the state, based on enrollment - on a percentage basis, for the last several years; and current expectations are for that to continue for the next 15-20 years. This would result in School District 49 eventually becoming the largest school district in the Colorado Springs / El Paso County Colorado area, potentially doubling the number of students served over that time.
- School District 49 continues to work with charter schools and had nine charter schools in operation during the current fiscal year and plans to add an additional school, Mountain View Academy joined the portfolio for the 2020-2021 school year and PTAA (Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy) has joined the portfolio in the 2021-2022 school year.

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**Requests for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of School District 49's finances for those with an interest in the District. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be submitted to the following:

El Paso County Colorado School District 49  
Attention: Business Office  
10850 E. Woodmen Road  
Peyton, CO 80831

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Primary Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Component Units</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 45,814,887	\$ 65,722,751
Restricted cash and investments	87,873,724	7,710,589
Cash with County Treasurer	1,722,113	-
Taxes receivable	499,037	-
Grants receivable	-	909,274
Intergovernmental receivables	4,628,797	827,628
Other receivables	1,357,174	766,667
Deposits	-	432,795
Prepaid items	110,127	243,952
Inventories	187,943	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	62,247,825	8,459,543
Capital assets, net of depreciation/amortization	177,128,239	91,834,877
Total assets	381,569,866	176,908,076
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred charge on refunding	3,406,403	5,432,700
Deferred pension outflows	70,940,806	35,766,996
Deferred OPEB outflows	1,496,307	1,017,502
Total deferred outflows of resources	75,843,516	42,217,198
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	11,234,676	5,497,877
Accrued salaries and benefits	19,562,428	1,941,673
Compensated absences	274,817	-
Accrued interest	353,706	1,090,514
Unearned revenues	2,143,756	96,167
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	10,016,739	3,594,150
Due in more than one year	217,030,882	120,750,124
Net pension liabilities	262,860,220	114,928,061
Net OPEB liabilities	6,347,007	2,775,048
Total liabilities	529,824,231	250,673,614
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred lease inflows	1,256,337	-
Deferred pension inflows	8,121,450	4,384,622
Deferred OPEB inflows	2,392,595	910,860
Total deferred inflows of resources	11,770,382	5,295,482
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	54,796,438	(18,417,621)
Restricted for:		
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	6,600,000	3,689,000
Debt service	24,184,881	6,907,214
Preschool	194,965	-
Other	-	242,410
Unrestricted	(169,957,515)	(29,264,825)
Total net position	\$ (84,181,231)	\$ (36,843,822)

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

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Program Revenue			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary	Component
					Governmental Activities	Units Charter Schools
<b>Functions/Programs</b>						
<b>Primary governmental</b>						
Governmental activities						
Instruction	\$ 120,433,007	\$ 10,749,825	\$ 44,089,011	\$ 24,586	\$ (65,569,585)	\$ -
Supporting services	92,516,226	1,349,375	1,736,293	-	(89,430,558)	
Community services	1,163,601	-	814,741	-	(348,860)	
Food service operations	6,934,053	147,227	7,801,679	-	1,014,853	
Facilities acquisition and construction	15,430,572	-	-	-	(15,430,572)	
Interest and fiscal charges	7,680,573	-	-	-	(7,680,573)	
Total governmental activities	\$ 244,158,032	\$ 12,246,427	\$ 54,441,724	\$ 24,586	(177,445,295)	
<b>Component units</b>						
Charter schools	\$ 150,287,168	\$ 9,364,510	\$ 7,413,833	\$ 1,749,190		(131,759,635)
General revenues:						
Property taxes					75,820,432	-
Specific ownership taxes					6,664,635	-
State equalization					86,436,149	-
Per pupil revenue					-	119,032,629
District mill levy override					-	2,981,874
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					817,520	4,410,232
Investment earnings					6,595,572	2,586,828
Miscellaneous					967,323	2,092,008
Gain on sale of assets					-	1,056,854
Total general revenues					177,301,631	132,160,425
Change in net position					(143,664)	400,790
Net position - beginning					(84,037,567)	(37,495,342)
Prior period adjustment					-	250,730
Net position - beginning, as restated (deficit)					(84,037,567)	(37,244,612)
Net position - ending (deficit)					\$ (84,181,231)	\$ (36,843,822)

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

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Certificate of Participation Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Mill Levy Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and investments	\$ 44,342,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,328,330	\$ 45,670,627
Restricted cash and investments	27,239,864	11,977,373	48,656,487	-	87,873,724
Cash with country treasurer	1,722,113	-	-	-	1,722,113
Taxes receivable	499,037	-	-	-	499,037
Intergovernmental receivables	71,484	-	-	4,557,313	4,628,797
Other receivables	(908)	-	-	1,358,082	1,357,174
Due from other funds	23,320,694	12,207,508	-	11,640,606	47,168,808
Prepaid items	110,127	-	-	-	110,127
Inventories	-	-	-	187,943	187,943
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Total assets	<u>\$ 97,304,708</u>	<u>\$ 24,184,881</u>	<u>\$ 48,656,487</u>	<u>\$ 19,072,274</u>	<u>\$ 189,218,350</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 7,765,738	\$ -	\$ 1,068,736	\$ 1,882,408	\$ 10,716,882
Accrued salaries and benefits	17,933,084	-	-	1,629,344	19,562,428
Compensated absences	274,817	-	-	-	274,817
Due to other funds	24,815,088	-	23,127,797	1,069,581	49,012,466
Unearned revenue	599,959	-	-	1,543,797	2,143,756
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Total liabilities	<u>51,388,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,196,533</u>	<u>6,125,130</u>	<u>81,710,349</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	585,272	-	-	-	585,272
Unavailable revenue-leases	-	-	-	1,256,337	1,256,337
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Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>585,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,256,337</u>	<u>1,841,609</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	110,127	-	-	187,943	298,070
Restricted for:					
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	6,600,000	-	-	-	6,600,000
Debt service	-	24,184,881	-	-	24,184,881
MLO projects	10,148,916	-	24,459,954	-	34,608,870
Preschool	194,965	-	-	-	194,965
Committed for:					
Pupil activities	-	-	-	2,344,204	2,344,204
Food Services	-	-	-	4,186,467	4,186,467
Contingencies	13,600,000	-	-	-	13,600,000
Assigned for:					
Risk management	(294,469)	-	-	-	(294,469)
Capital projects	9,313,595	-	-	4,972,193	14,285,788
Unassigned	5,657,616	-	-	-	5,657,616
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Total fund balances	<u>45,330,750</u>	<u>24,184,881</u>	<u>24,459,954</u>	<u>11,690,807</u>	<u>105,666,392</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 97,304,708</u>	<u>\$ 24,184,881</u>	<u>\$ 48,656,487</u>	<u>\$ 19,072,274</u>	<u>\$ 189,218,350</u>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET 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 balance - governmental funds		\$ 105,666,392
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are		
Capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 62,247,825	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	177,128,239	239,376,064
Property tax receivable is not available to pay current period expenditures and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.		
		585,272
Internal service funds are used by the District's management to charge the cost of certain activities to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included with governmental activities in the statement of net position.		
		1,470,124
Long-term liabilities and related items are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in government funds:		
Deferred charges on refunding	\$ 3,406,403	
Net pension liabilities	(262,860,220)	
Pension outflows	70,940,806	
Pension inflows	(8,121,450)	
Net OPEB liabilities	(6,347,007)	
OPEB outflows	1,496,307	
OPEB inflows	(2,392,595)	
Accrued interest	(353,706)	
Compensated absences	(4,452,722)	
Leases payable	(4,855,579)	
SBITA liability	(274,826)	
Certificates of participation payable	(191,300,000)	
Unamortized premiums	(26,164,494)	(431,279,083)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ (84,181,231)

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Certificate of Participation Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Mill Levy Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Local sources	\$ 89,948,773	\$ 596,497	\$ 4,037,964	\$ 6,227,004	\$ 100,810,238
State sources	109,779,279	-	-	7,536,980	117,316,259
Federal sources	1,019,143	-	-	21,613,901	22,633,044
Total revenues	<u>200,747,195</u>	<u>596,497</u>	<u>4,037,964</u>	<u>35,377,885</u>	<u>240,759,541</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
Instruction	95,574,446	-	430	11,646,088	107,220,964
Supporting services	67,101,794	-	6,155,301	15,873,678	89,130,773
Community services	440,436	-	-	696,170	1,136,606
Food service operations	-	-	-	6,961,084	6,961,084
Facilities acquisition and construction	385,582	-	47,189,175	-	47,574,757
Debt service	1,759,424	16,567,787	-	-	18,327,211
Total expenditures	<u>165,261,682</u>	<u>16,567,787</u>	<u>53,344,906</u>	<u>35,177,020</u>	<u>270,351,395</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	35,485,513	(15,971,290)	(49,306,942)	200,865	(29,591,854)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in (out)	<u>(23,059,556)</u>	21,565,116	-	1,494,440	-
Net change in fund balances	12,425,957	5,593,826	(49,306,942)	1,695,305	(29,591,854)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>32,904,793</u>	<u>18,591,055</u>	<u>73,766,896</u>	<u>9,995,502</u>	<u>135,258,246</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 45,330,750</u>	<u>\$ 24,184,881</u>	<u>\$ 24,459,954</u>	<u>\$ 11,690,807</u>	<u>\$ 105,666,392</u>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds: \$ (29,591,854)

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 expense.

Capital outlays	\$ 36,433,403	
Depreciation/amortization	(9,699,565)	26,733,838

Governmental funds do not present property tax revenues that are not available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the statement of activities when earned. 62,272

Internal service funds are used by the District to charge the cost of certain activities to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service funds are reported with governmental activities. 151,830

Interest expense is reported when incurred in the statement of activities but is not reported in the funds until paid. 16,406

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of the governmental funds. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Repayment of principal	\$ 9,529,419	
Amortization of deferred on refunding	(219,768)	
Accretion of COP premium	1,320,582	10,630,233

Governmental funds measure compensated absences by the amount of financial resources used, whereas these expenses are reported in the statement of activities based on the amounts incurred during the year. (164,747)

Certain pension and OPEB expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Changes in pension related items	\$ (9,082,181)	
Changes in OPEB related items	1,100,539	(7,981,642)

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (143,664)

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental            Activities</b> <hr/> <b>Internal            Service Fund</b> <hr/>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,260
Due from other funds	1,843,658
Total assets	<hr/> 1,987,918 <hr/>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	517,794
Total liabilities	<hr/> 517,794 <hr/>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Unrestricted	1,470,124
Total net position	<hr/> <u>\$ 1,470,124</u> <hr/>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
	<b>Internal Service Fund</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Charges for services	\$ 12,993,865
Miscellaneous local revenue	57,999
Total operating revenues	13,051,864
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Purchased services	12,950,497
Total operating expenses	12,950,497
Operating income (loss)	101,367
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	
Interest and investment revenue	50,463
Change in net position	151,830
Net position - beginning	1,318,294
Net position - ending	\$ 1,470,124

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u><b>Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund</b></u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 11,481,780
Cash payments to suppliers	<u>(13,105,400)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(1,623,620)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Interest received	<u>50,463</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,573,157)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	<u>1,717,417</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	<u><u>\$ 144,260</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</b>	
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 101,367</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in:	
Due from other funds	(1,570,084)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	<u>(154,903)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(1,724,987)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u><u>\$ (1,623,620)</u></u>

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## **COMPONENT UNITS**

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**COMPONENT UNITS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning	Banning Lewis Ranch Academy	Rocky Mountain Classical Academy	GOAL Academy	Liberty Tree Academy	Grand Peak Academy	Mountain View Academy	Pioneer Technology And Arts Academy	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash and investments	\$ 3,429,040	\$ 11,521,100	\$ 7,218,337	\$ 32,369,133	\$ 4,396,785	\$ 4,629,080	\$ 1,851,912	\$ 307,364	\$ 65,722,751
Restricted cash and investments	25,949	2,457,928	3,308,036	-	494,634	1,424,042	-	-	7,710,589
Grants receivable	-	-	190,851	507,989	22,545	115,248	-	72,641	909,274
Intergovernmental receivable	-	425,329	-	-	-	-	402,299	-	827,628
Other receivable	34,230	-	708,901	14,786	3,612	5,138	-	-	766,667
Deposits	-	-	18,710	255,085	9,000	150,000	-	-	432,795
Prepaid items	18,186	-	83,983	75,650	32,774	29,859	-	3,500	243,952
Capital assets, not being depreciated	548,380	215,286	2,326,474	2,601,758	1,017,645	1,750,000	-	-	8,459,543
Capital assets, net of depreciation	4,693,695	23,502,713	30,989,687	5,253,630	12,039,245	14,983,087	-	372,820	91,834,877
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8,749,480</b>	<b>38,122,356</b>	<b>44,844,979</b>	<b>41,078,031</b>	<b>18,016,240</b>	<b>23,086,454</b>	<b>2,254,211</b>	<b>756,325</b>	<b>176,908,076</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>									
Deferred charge on refunding	-	472,253	3,810,199	-	1,150,248	-	-	-	5,432,700
Deferred pension outflows	1,531,125	-	4,325,130	25,060,121	2,061,898	1,949,708	-	839,014	35,766,996
Deferred OPEB outflows	28,739	-	84,837	764,628	85,428	37,468	-	16,402	1,017,502
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>1,559,864</b>	<b>472,253</b>	<b>8,220,166</b>	<b>25,824,749</b>	<b>3,297,574</b>	<b>1,987,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>855,416</b>	<b>42,217,198</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	99,990	770,438	987,938	594,985	130,163	282,220	1,935,493	696,650	5,497,877
Accrued salaries and benefits	163,554	1,134,523	475,403	-	168,193	-	-	-	1,941,673
Accrued interest	11,100	37,826	493,749	-	87,664	460,175	-	-	1,090,514
Unearned revenues	7,023	66,713	5,368	-	-	3,500	13,563	-	96,167
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>									
Due within one year	171,470	853,801	548,443	1,290,957	229,946	300,000	-	199,533	3,594,150
Due in more than one year	4,854,886	27,821,911	46,918,883	2,464,256	18,090,188	20,600,000	-	-	120,750,124
Net Pension Liability	5,086,870	-	14,077,139	77,985,769	6,652,962	5,933,010	-	5,192,311	114,928,061
Net OPEB Liability	122,827	-	339,906	1,883,042	160,642	143,258	-	125,373	2,775,048
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,517,720</b>	<b>30,685,212</b>	<b>63,846,829</b>	<b>84,219,009</b>	<b>25,519,758</b>	<b>27,722,163</b>	<b>1,949,056</b>	<b>6,213,867</b>	<b>250,673,614</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>									
Deferred pension inflows	281,752	-	588,898	2,999,253	134,861	379,858	-	-	4,384,622
Deferred OPEB inflows	39,926	-	108,940	612,235	49,958	60,811	-	38,990	910,860
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>321,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>697,838</b>	<b>3,611,488</b>	<b>184,819</b>	<b>440,669</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,990</b>	<b>5,295,482</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>									
Net investment in capital assets	215,719	(4,485,460)	(10,340,966)	4,100,175	(4,112,996)	(4,166,913)	-	372,820	(18,417,621)
<b>Restricted for:</b>									
Emergency reserve - TABOR	136,000	600,000	489,000	2,010,000	212,000	242,000	-	-	3,689,000
Debt service	25,949	2,542,143	2,814,286	-	410,970	1,113,866	-	-	6,907,214
Other	-	-	-	36,236	-	-	206,174	-	242,410
Unrestricted	(907,722)	9,252,714	(4,441,842)	(27,074,128)	(900,737)	(278,155)	98,981	(5,013,936)	(29,264,825)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ (530,054)</b>	<b>\$ 7,909,397</b>	<b>\$ (11,479,522)</b>	<b>\$ (20,927,717)</b>	<b>\$ (4,390,763)</b>	<b>\$ (3,089,202)</b>	<b>\$ 305,155</b>	<b>\$ (4,641,116)</b>	<b>\$ (36,843,822)</b>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**COMPONENT UNITS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning	Banning Lewis Ranch Academy	Rocky Mountain Classical Academy	GOAL Academy	Liberty Tree Academy	Grand Peak Academy	Mountain View Academy	Pioneer Technology And Arts Academy	Total
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
Instruction	\$ 3,702,835	\$ 10,761,047	\$ 7,910,571	\$ 33,312,009	\$ 3,875,295	\$ 3,770,657	\$ 2,798,161	\$ 7,352,588	\$ 73,483,163
Supporting services	962,726	8,086,217	9,392,913	37,137,585	4,035,433	4,222,907	4,074,311	1,380,382	69,292,474
Interest and fiscal charges	135,238	2,026,913	3,047,507	271,853	1,109,670	920,350	-	-	7,511,531
Total expenses	<u>4,800,799</u>	<u>20,874,177</u>	<u>20,350,991</u>	<u>70,721,447</u>	<u>9,020,398</u>	<u>8,913,914</u>	<u>6,872,472</u>	<u>8,732,970</u>	<u>150,287,168</u>
<b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>									
Charges for services	102,900	2,223,842	3,694,418	-	1,468,332	1,875,018	-	-	9,364,510
Operating grants and contributions	378,470	494,797	1,244,584	4,451,870	225,242	321,422	255,807	41,641	7,413,833
Capital grants and contributions	-	630,164	448,108	-	272,985	236,138	-	161,795	1,749,190
Total program revenues	<u>481,370</u>	<u>3,348,803</u>	<u>5,387,110</u>	<u>4,451,870</u>	<u>1,966,559</u>	<u>2,432,578</u>	<u>255,807</u>	<u>203,436</u>	<u>18,527,533</u>
Net expense (revenue)	<u>(4,319,429)</u>	<u>(17,525,374)</u>	<u>(14,963,881)</u>	<u>(66,269,577)</u>	<u>(7,053,839)</u>	<u>(6,481,336)</u>	<u>(6,616,665)</u>	<u>(8,529,534)</u>	<u>(131,759,635)</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>									
Per pupil revenue	4,101,752	16,669,150	13,991,189	62,878,109	6,085,807	6,486,730	3,680,269	5,139,623	119,032,629
District mill levy	256,585	865,899	737,700	211,358	322,875	495,482	91,975	-	2,981,874
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	156,897	1,528,411	94,198	14,241	2,889	21,949	2,591,647	-	4,410,232
Investment earnings	39,599	404,339	336,526	1,578,449	170,198	57,717	-	-	2,586,828
Gain on sale of assets	-	-	1,056,854	-	-	-	-	-	1,056,854
Miscellaneous	-	649,962	423,176	56,394	508	16,765	246,627	698,576	2,092,008
Total general revenues	<u>4,554,833</u>	<u>20,117,761</u>	<u>16,639,643</u>	<u>64,738,551</u>	<u>6,582,277</u>	<u>7,078,643</u>	<u>6,610,518</u>	<u>5,838,199</u>	<u>132,160,425</u>
Change in net position	<u>235,404</u>	<u>2,592,387</u>	<u>1,675,762</u>	<u>(1,531,026)</u>	<u>(471,562)</u>	<u>597,307</u>	<u>(6,147)</u>	<u>(2,691,335)</u>	<u>400,790</u>
Net position - beginning	(765,458)	5,066,280	(13,155,284)	(19,396,691)	(3,919,201)	(3,686,509)	311,302	(1,949,781)	(37,495,342)
Prior period adjustment	-	250,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,730
Net position - beginning, as restated (deficit)	<u>(765,458)</u>	<u>5,317,010</u>	<u>(13,155,284)</u>	<u>(19,396,691)</u>	<u>(3,919,201)</u>	<u>(3,686,509)</u>	<u>311,302</u>	<u>(1,949,781)</u>	<u>(37,244,612)</u>
Net position - ending (deficit)	<u>\$ (530,054)</u>	<u>\$ 7,909,397</u>	<u>\$ (11,479,522)</u>	<u>\$ (20,927,717)</u>	<u>\$ (4,390,763)</u>	<u>\$ (3,089,202)</u>	<u>\$ 305,155</u>	<u>\$ (4,641,116)</u>	<u>\$ (36,843,822)</u>

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

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of El Paso County Colorado School District 49 (the District) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

*A. REPORTING ENTITY*

The District was established in 1889 and is organized under the Constitution of the State of Colorado. The legislative power of the School District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms. The Board of Education maintains oversight for the District's instructional facilities and support departments to provide services to meet the needs of approximately 25,000 students and other community members.

The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units are, in substance, part of the primary government's operations, even though they are legally separate entities. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is both legally and substantively separate from the government.

*Discretely Presented Component Units.* The District's Board of Education has authorized nine charter schools for operation. Eight of schools are considered discretely presented component units: Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning, Banning Lewis Ranch Academy, Rocky Mountain Classical Academy, Guided Online Academic Learning (GOAL) Academy, Liberty Tree Academy, Grand Peak Academy, Mountain View Academy, and Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy. The charter schools are fiscally dependent on the District since the District provides the majority of support to each school in the form of per pupil revenue. Also, the potential exists that their exclusion from the District's reporting entity would cause the District's statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Separately issued financial statements for the charter schools may be obtained by writing to the following:

Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning  
11925 Antlers Ridge Drive  
Falcon, CO 80831

GOAL Academy  
107 W 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pueblo, CO 80204

Banning Lewis Ranch Academy  
7094 Cottonwood Tree Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80927

Liberty Tree Academy  
8579 Eastonville Road  
Falcon, CO 80831

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy  
4620 Antelope Ridge Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80922

Grand Peak Academy  
7036 Cowpoke Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Mountain View Academy  
2103 Meadowbrook Parkway  
Colorado Springs, CO 80951

Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy  
6464 Peterson Rd  
Colorado Springs, CO 80923

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Power Technical Early College (PTEC) is one of the District's charter schools; however, it is not considered a component unit. Financial information for PTEC can be found in the James Irwin Charter Schools financial statements which can be obtained by writing to the following:

James Irwin Charter Schools  
5525 Astrozon Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

*B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION*

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. Any fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities* are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which direct expenses of given functions or segments 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 service users 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. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues.

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds and internal service funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and proprietary funds. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges for interfund services provided and used, the elimination of which would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions.

The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major funds. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

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 general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund* is used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of principal, interest and related expenditures on COP debt.

The *Capital Projects Mill Levy Fund* accounts for all resources provided through mill levy overrides for acquiring and improving capital sites, buildings, and equipment.

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Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

*Special Revenue Funds* account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

The *Food Service Fund* accounts for the District's food service program. This fund is required to account for USDA school breakfast and lunch money received by the District.

The *Designated Purpose Grants Fund* is used to record financial transactions for grants received for designated programs funded by federal, state or local governments.

The *Other Special Revenue Fund* is used to account for other local revenues comprised of donations and local grants.

The *Pupil Activity Fund* is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to school sponsored student intra-scholastic and interscholastic athletic and other related activities.

The *Transportation Fund* is used to account for revenues from a tax levied or a fee imposed for the purpose of paying excess transportation costs.

The *Kids Corner Fund* is used to account for revenues and expenditures related to the before and after school care program for students that attend the Sand Creek Zone.

The *Other Activities Fund* is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to school sponsored student intra-scholastic athlete and other related activities.

*Capital Project Funds* account for the proceeds, construction and acquisition of capital assets.

The *Capital Reserve Fund* accounts for the purposes and limitations specified by Section 22-45-103(1)(c), C.R.S., including the acquisition of sites, buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

*Internal Service Funds* account for operations that provide services to other departments or agencies of the government on a cost-reimbursement basis.

The *Health Insurance Fund* accounts for premium payments and claims related to the self-funded health and dental insurance programs and risk related activities.

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Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the government's internal service fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the Internal Service Fund include the cost of sales, services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental and internal service funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column.

*C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING*

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the 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.

The 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 collectible within the period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current fiscal period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. 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 and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the District the right to use leased assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

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Property taxes, interest, and charges for services associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Specific ownership taxes collected and held by the county at year-end on behalf of the District are also recognized as revenue. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 120 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

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

*Cash and cash equivalents*

The District pools cash resources of its various funds in order to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the cash account is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in the bank and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

*Investments*

Investments with a maturity of less than one year when purchased, non-negotiable certificates of deposit, and other nonparticipating investments are stated at cost or amortized cost. Investments with a maturity greater than one year when purchased are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction at year end.

Local government investment pools in Colorado must be organized under Colorado Revised Statutes, which allows certain types of governments within the state to pool their funds for investment purposes. Investments in such pools are reported at net asset value.

*Receivables*

All receivables are reported at their gross values and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

*Inventories and prepaid items*

Inventories are recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased. General warehouse inventory is valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Food Service inventory is stated at cost using the weighted average method except for commodities. USDA donated food commodities are valued at estimated acquisition value at the date of receipt.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

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*Capital assets*

Capital assets include tangible and intangible assets that are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets, except for lease assets, are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. For lease assets, only those intangible lease assets that cost more than \$100,000 are reported as capital assets.

As the District constructs or acquires capital assets each period they are capitalized and reported at historical cost (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets, the measurement of which is discussed in Note 1 D. *Leases* below). The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs, which are amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the asset's capacity or efficiency or increase its estimated useful life. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Acquisition value is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential on the date of the donation. Intangible assets follow the same capitalization policies as tangible capital assets and are reported with tangible assets in the appropriate capital asset class.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other tangible and intangible assets of the District are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Building improvements	20
Equipment – office	10
Equipment – technology	5
Equipment – vehicles	10

*Accrued Salaries and Benefits*

Salaries and benefits of teachers and other contracted personnel are paid over a twelve-month period, but are earned during a school year of approximately nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, are reported as a liability in the respective funds and have been fully funded as of the fiscal year end.

*Unearned Revenue*

Unearned revenue includes resources received by the District before the related revenue can be recognized because the earnings process is not complete.

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*Deferred outflows/inflows of resources*

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

*Leases*

Lessee: The District is a lessee for noncancellable leases of facilities and equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease assets in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$100,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

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Lessor: The District is a lessor for a noncancellable lease of cell towers. The District recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease, and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

*Long-term liabilities*

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities and proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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*Pensions*

El Paso County Colorado School District 49 participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*OPEB*

El Paso County Colorado School District 49 participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*Net position*

For government-wide reporting as well as in proprietary funds, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called net position. Net position is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

*Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

*Restricted* net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Assets are reported as restricted when constraints are placed on asset use either by external parties or by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that does not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

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*Fund balance classification*

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications available to be used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

**Nonspendable** – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolution of the Board of Education. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was used when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Education or through the Board of Education delegating this responsibility to management through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for any governmental funds except for the General Fund.

**Unassigned** – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The District would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

*E. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES*

*Property Taxes*

Property taxes for the current year are certified in arrears to the County by December 15, and attach as an enforceable lien on property the following January 1. Property taxes are payable in full by April 30, or are payable in two equal installments due February 28 and June 15. The County Treasurer bills and collects the District’s property tax. District property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent they result in current receivables.

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The District is permitted to levy taxes on the assessed valuation for general governmental services and for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 is 45.577 mills for general operating expenses. The District's assessed valuation for the collection year 2024 is \$1,665,259,940.

*Specific Ownership Taxes*

Specific ownership taxes are collected by the county for motor vehicle and other personal property registered in the District's assessment area. The tax receipts collected by the county are remitted to the District in the subsequent month and are considered unrestricted intergovernmental revenues. Specific ownership taxes are recorded as revenue when collected by the county.

*Compensated Absences*

Sick Leave Payable: Employees accrue 10-12 days of sick leave each year dependent upon their contract basis. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 120 days. An employee will be reimbursed one-half of the current substitute rate or one-half of his/her base daily pay per classification of any unused sick leave days beyond the 120 days annually.

Upon retirement (15 years of more in the District or eligible for PERA retirement with at least 5 years of services in the District) an employee will be reimbursed at the current substitute rate of pay for their classification, up to a maximum of 120 days.

Vacation Payable: Under the District's policies certain employees earn vacation pay of 10-20 days, based on longevity of service. All unused/accrued vacation is vested at June 30 each year.

Personal Leave: A teacher or an employee who works 30 hours or more per week may be absent for two days per year for the purpose of personal leave. Personal days which are not used during the school year may be added to the employee's sick leave days or be reimbursed at the current substitute rate of pay.

The compensated absences balance is reported in the government-wide financial statements. For the governmental fund financial statements, the recognition of this liability is limited to the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources.

*Proprietary funds operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses*

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for internal service funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

*F. ESTIMATES*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

*Budgetary Information*

Budgets are required by State law for all funds, except fiduciary funds. The Superintendent submits a proposed budget to the Board of Education for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. It also includes a statement describing the major objectives of the educational program to be undertaken by the District and the manner in which the budget proposes to fulfill such objectives. Public hearings are conducted by the Board of Education to obtain public comments.

On or before June 30, the budget is adopted by formal resolution. After the adoption of the budget, the board may review and change the budget at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted. After January 31, the board may not review or change the budget except where money for a specific purpose from other than ad valorem taxes becomes available which could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the adoption of the budget. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Authorization to transfer budgeted amounts between line items within any fund rests with the Superintendent. Revisions that alter the total expenditures in any fund must be approved by the Board of Education. Appropriations are based on total funds expected to be available in each budget year, including beginning fund balances as established by the Board of Education.

Budgets for all fund types are adopted on a basis consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). GAAP-basis accounting requires that expenditures of salaries and related benefits be recorded in the fiscal year earned. Thus, the District budgets for all accrued salaries and related benefits earned but unpaid at June 30. Budgeted amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted and as amended by the Superintendent and/or Board of Education throughout the year. All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

*Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations*

For the year ended June 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Transportation Fund by \$185,562. These over-expenditures were funded by a transfer from the General Fund.

*Deficit Fund Equity*

At June 30, 2024, the Risk Management Fund, a sub-fund of the General Fund, had a deficit net position balance of \$294,469. This deficit will be eliminated through a budgeted transfer from the General Fund during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

A summary of deposits and investments as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Deposits	\$ 2,262,873
Investments	<u>131,425,738</u>
Total	<u>\$133,688,611</u>

Deposits and investments are reported in the financial statements as follows:

Cash and investments	\$ 45,814,887
Restricted cash and investments	<u>87,873,724</u>
Total	<u>\$ 133,688,611</u>

*Cash deposits with financial institutions*

Custodial Credit Risk—deposits: Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits might not be recovered. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government 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. 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 the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

The carrying amount of the District’s deposits at June 30, 2024 was \$2,262,873 and the bank balances were \$5,660,799. Of the bank balances, \$750,000 were covered by federal deposit insurance, and the remaining balance was uninsured but collateralized in accordance with the provisions of the PDPA.

*Investments*

The District is authorized by Colorado statutes to invest in the following:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agencies’ securities;
- Certain international agencies’ securities;
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities;
- Bankers’ acceptances of certain banks;
- Certain commercial paper;
- Local government investment pools;
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities;
- Certain money market fund;
- Guaranteed investment contracts.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

At June 30, 2024 the District’s investment balances were as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Year-end Balance</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Standard &amp; Poor’s Rating</u>
ColoTrust	\$ 125,033,342	Net asset value	Less than 90 days	AAAm
Money Market	6,107,109	Amortized cost	Less than 90 days	AAA
Certificates of Deposit	<u>285,287</u>	Amortized cost	Up to one year	AAA
	<u>\$ 131,425,738</u>			

*Local Government Investment Pools.* The Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust) is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating the pools, which operate in conformity with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 2a-7 as promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which includes the maintenance of each share equal in value to \$1.00. Investments are 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 custodians’ internal records identify the investments owned by the participating governments. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As a means of managing its exposure to interest rate risk, the District has a board approved investment policy that limits investment maturities to five years or less. Colorado revised statute 24-75-601 also limits investment maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the holder of the investment. Credit risk is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. State law and District policy limit investments to those described above.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the District’s investment in a single issuer. The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. More than 20 percent of the District’s investments are in ColoTrust. These investments are 95.14% of the District’s total investments.

*Fair value of investments.* The District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1 inputs reflect prices quoted in active markets.
- Level 2 inputs reflect prices that are based on a similar observable asset either directly or indirectly, which may include inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 inputs reflect prices based upon unobservable sources.

District investments measured at net asset value or amortized cost fall under the existing exemptions to fair value measurement.

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**NOTE 4 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS**

*Receivables and Payables*

Interfund receivables and payables are created in conjunction with the District’s pooled cash and investment portfolios. Balances are routinely cleared as a matter of practice.

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Due From Other Funds</u>	<u>Due To Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ 23,320,694	\$ 24,815,088
Certificate of Participation Debt Service Fund	12,207,508	-
Capital Projects Mill Levy Fund	-	23,127,797
Nonmajor Funds	11,640,606	1,069,581
Risk Management – Health Insurance Fund	<u>1,843,658</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 49,012,466</u>	<u>\$ 49,012,466</u>

*Interfund transfers*

The composition of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Transfers From Other Funds</u>	<u>Transfers To Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 23,059,556
Certificate of Participation Debt Service Fund	21,565,116	-
Nonmajor Funds	<u>1,494,440</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 23,059,556</u>	<u>\$ 23,059,556</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations and (3) move capital assets from one fund to another fund when the fund using the capital assets changes.

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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance <u>As Restated</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending Balance
<i>Governmental activities</i>				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 18,343,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,343,078
Construction in progress	<u>32,487,148</u>	<u>37,647,119</u>	<u>(26,229,520)</u>	<u>43,904,747</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>50,830,226</u>	<u>37,647,119</u>	<u>(26,229,520)</u>	<u>62,247,825</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	262,608,515	21,767,663	-	284,376,178
Equipment	<u>23,569,619</u>	<u>3,027,107</u>	<u>(761,974)</u>	<u>25,834,752</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>286,178,134</u>	<u>24,794,770</u>	<u>(761,974)</u>	<u>310,210,930</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(117,321,354)	(8,157,180)	-	(125,478,534)
Equipment	<u>(15,517,689)</u>	<u>(847,264)</u>	<u>761,974</u>	<u>(15,602,979)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(132,839,043)</u>	<u>(9,004,444)</u>	<u>761,974</u>	<u>(141,081,513)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>153,339,091</u>	<u>15,790,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,129,417</u>
Lease assets being amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	9,569,833	-	-	9,569,833
Equipment	<u>1,721,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,721,000</u>
Total lease assets being amortized	<u>11,290,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,290,833</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,933,749)	(296,037)	-	(2,229,786)
Equipment	<u>(1,002,584)</u>	<u>(314,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,316,807)</u>
Total accumulated amortization	<u>(2,936,333)</u>	<u>(610,260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,546,593)</u>
Total lease assets being amortized, net	<u>8,354,500</u>	<u>(610,260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,744,240</u>
SBITAs assets being amortized:				
Software	<u>424,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424,304</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Software	<u>(84,861)</u>	<u>(84,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(169,722)</u>
Total SBITAs assets being amortized, net	<u>339,443</u>	<u>(84,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,582</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>162,033,034</u>	<u>15,095,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,128,239</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets	<u>\$ 212,863,260</u>	<u>\$ 52,742,324</u>	<u>\$ (26,229,520)</u>	<u>\$ 239,376,064</u>

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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

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

*Governmental Activities*

Instruction		\$ 7,984,025	
Supporting services		<u>1,715,540</u>	
Total depreciation/amortization expense		<u>\$ 9,699,565</u>	

**NOTE 6 – LEASES**

*District as lessee*

The District, as a lessee, has entered into lease agreements involving educational facilities and equipment, and vehicles with lease terms ranging from 3 to 15 years. The total costs of these right-to-use lease assets are recorded as \$11,290,833, less accumulated amortization of \$3,546,593. The District has determined that as of June 30, 2024, there is no loss associated with an impairment of the right-to-use lease asset.

The future lease payments under lease agreements as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 1,662,275	\$ 230,801	\$ 1,893,076
2026	1,511,305	141,152	1,652,457
2027	860,614	63,470	924,084
2028	266,675	39,167	305,842
2029	282,032	23,811	305,843
2030	<u>272,678</u>	<u>7,677</u>	<u>280,355</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,855,579</u>	<u>\$ 506,078</u>	<u>\$ 5,361,657</u>

*District as lessor*

The District, as a lessor, has entered into lease agreements with third parties involving cell phone towers. The leases range from 25 to 50 years and the District will receive monthly payments of \$5,750. The total amount of inflows of resources, including lease revenue, interest revenue, and other lease-related inflows, recognized during the fiscal year was \$78,753. As of June 30, 2024, the District receivable for lease payments was \$1,256,337. Also, the District has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of June 30, 2024, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources was \$1,256,337.

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**NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

*Certificate of Participation*

Certificates of participation (COPs) are lease-financing agreements used by the District to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. Under such agreements, the District makes regular payments over an annually renewable contract for the acquisition and use of the property. COPs have been issued for governmental activities. COPs are not considered general obligations of the District. COPs are secured by lease revenues through a lease-financing agreement.

Certificates of participation outstanding at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Original Borrowing</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Outstanding at Year-end</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Certificates of Participation 2015	\$ 70,575,000	2.00% - 5.00%	2039	\$ 52,825,000
Certificates of Participation 2017	79,615,000	3.00% - 5.00%	2042	59,375,000
Certificates of Participation 2021	85,000,000	4.00% - 5.00%	2046	<u>79,100,000</u>
Total				<u>\$ 191,300,000</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for certificates of participation are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 8,270,000	\$ 8,282,163
2026	8,680,000	7,858,412
2027	9,120,000	7,413,413
2028	7,065,000	7,008,787
2029	7,415,000	6,646,787
2030 – 2034	42,575,000	27,720,275
2035 – 2039	52,435,000	17,744,919
2040 – 2044	40,815,000	6,851,250
2045 – 2047	<u>14,925,000</u>	<u>911,100</u>
Total	<u>\$ 191,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 90,437,106</u>

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**NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

*Changes in Long-Term Liabilities*

Changes in the District’s long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amount Due Within One year</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
Certificates of participation	\$ 199,175,000	\$ -	\$ (7,875,000)	\$ 191,300,000	\$ 8,270,000
Premiums	<u>27,485,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,320,582)</u>	<u>26,164,494</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	226,660,076	-	(9,195,582)	217,464,494	8,270,000
Leases	6,432,143	-	(1,576,564)	4,855,579	1,662,275
SBITAs liability	352,681	-	(77,855)	274,826	84,464
Compensated absences	4,497,124	4,698,148	(4,467,733)	4,727,539	274,817
Net pension liability	221,594,033	56,116,597	(14,850,410)	262,860,220	-
Net OPEB liability	<u>7,551,862</u>	<u>743,193</u>	<u>(1,948,048)</u>	<u>6,347,007</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$ 467,087,919</u>	<u>\$ 61,557,938</u>	<u>\$ (32,116,192)</u>	<u>\$ 496,529,665</u>	<u>\$ 10,291,556</u>

Certificates of participation are liquidated in the Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund. Leases are liquidated in the General Fund. Approximately 90% of compensated absences, net pension liabilities, and net OPEB liabilities are normally liquidated in the General Fund, with remaining amounts liquidated in other governmental funds.

**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 are provided with pensions through the SCHDTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided as of December 31, 2023.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

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

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

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

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

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

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2024:* Eligible employees of, El Paso County Colorado School District 49 and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 11.00% of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024
Employer contribution rate	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	20.38%

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from El Paso County Colorado School District 49 were \$21,167,842 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund. The direct distribution from the State was suspended in 2020. To compensate PERA for the suspension, C.R.S. §§ 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 C.R.S. § 24-51-414(9) providing 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 for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability (TPL) 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 TPL to December 31, 2023. The El Paso County Colorado School District 49 proportion of the net pension liability was based on El Paso County Colorado School District 49 contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2023 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

At June 30, 2024, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 reported a liability of \$262,860,220 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected an increase for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with El Paso County Colorado School District 49 were as follows:

El Paso County Colorado School District 49 proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 262,860,220
The State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the El Paso County Colorado School District 49	5,763,745
Total	\$ 268,623,965

At December 31, 2023, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 proportion was 1.4864782414%, which was an increase of 0.2695614721% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 recognized pension expense of \$9,082,181 and revenue of \$539,520 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2024, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 12,464,551	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	18,842,985	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	28,805,495	8,121,450
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	10,827,775	N/A
Total	<u>\$ 70,940,806</u>	<u>\$ 8,121,450</u>

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

\$10,827,775 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2025	\$ 11,483,376
2026	24,083,330
2027	21,678,802
2028	(5,253,927)
2029	-
Thereafter	-

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TPL in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40% – 11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

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

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022, valuation were based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019. Revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by the PERA Board on November 20, 2020.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regularly scheduled experience studies prepared 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 weighting 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	100.00%	

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%.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.
- Beginning with the December 31, 2023, measurement date and thereafter, the FNP 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 SCHDTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*Sensitivity of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 351,487,844	\$ 262,860,220	\$ 188,955,510

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

**Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information**  
*2023 Changes in Plan Provision Since 2022*

- 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.

**Significant Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information**  
*2023 Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Since 2022*

- There were no changes made to the actuarial methods or assumptions.

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN**

*General Information about the OPEB Plan*

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended, and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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*Benefits provided.* The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

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

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

*PERA Benefit Structure*

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

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

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

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from El Paso County Colorado School District 49 were \$1,059,471 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 reported a liability of \$6,347,007 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) 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 TOL to December 31, 2023. The El Paso County Colorado School District 49 proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on El Paso County Colorado School District 49 contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2023 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2023, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 proportion was 0.8892778299%, which was a decrease of 0.0356524642% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 recognized OPEB expense of \$(1,100,539). At June 30, 2024, the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,300,880
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	74,637	672,997
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	196,299	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	683,431	418,718
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	541,940	N/A
Total	\$ 1,496,307	\$ 2,392,595

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\$541,940 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2025	\$ (691,704)
2026	(343,591)
2027	(33,520)
2028	(210,961)
2029	(110,257)
Thereafter	(48,195)

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TOL in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40% - 11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans <sup>1</sup>	7.00% in 2023, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2033
Medicare Part A premiums	3.50% in 2023, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2035
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

<sup>1</sup> UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plans are 0% for 2023.

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Each year the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option; currently based on 2023 premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors are then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend. This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions

Participant Age	Annual Increase (Male)	Annual Increase (Female)
65-68	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%

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$1,692	\$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		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,469	\$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 2023 Medicare Part A premium is \$506 per month.

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

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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.

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

Year	PERACare Medicare Plans	Medicare Part A Premiums
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 for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the TOL for the HCTF, but developed using a headcount-weighted basis. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2022, valuation date for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits have been updated to reflect costs for the 2023 plan year.
- The 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 (active versus retired) from actuary's claims data warehouse
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then current expectation of future increases in those premiums.

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022, valuations were based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019. Revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regularly scheduled 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.

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Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

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	100.00%	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Sensitivity of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 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:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate <sup>1</sup>	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	\$ 6,164,839	\$ 6,347,007	\$ 6,545,165

<sup>1</sup>For the January 1, 2024, plan year.

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*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TOL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 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 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- 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 FNP as of the current measurement date is used as a starting point for the GASB 74 projection test.
- As of the December 31, 2023, measurement date, the FNP and related disclosure components for the HCTF reflect payments related to the disaffiliation of Tri-County Health Department 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.

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

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*Sensitivity of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 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 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 7,496,612	\$ 6,347,007	\$ 5,363,519

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

**Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information**  
*2023 Changes in Plan Provision Since 2022*

- 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.

**Significant Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information**  
*2023 Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Since 2022*

- There were no changes made to the actuarial methods or assumptions.

**NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District accounts for and finances its risk activities in the General and Health Insurance Internal Service Funds.

The District purchases commercial insurance for property, liability and worker’s compensation risks of loss. Under the District’s employee health plan, the District provides coverage for up to a maximum of \$200,000 per employee for each calendar year. Settlements have not exceeded premiums for each of the past three fiscal years.

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**NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

Claims liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements and the internal service fund if information available prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

Changes in the claims liability for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Net claims payable as of 6/30/2023	\$ 672,697
Claims presented	12,282,801
Claims paid	<u>(12,437,704)</u>
Net claims payable as of 6/30/2024	<u>\$ 517,794</u>

**NOTE 11 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION**

The District in conjunction with other surrounding districts created the Colorado Digital Board of Cooperative Educational Services dba Education ReEnvisioned (BOCES). The BOCES is an organization that utilizes research based learning and technology applications to provide an innovative model of public school education adapted to the needs of elementary, middle and high school students throughout the State of Colorado. The District does not have an ongoing financial interest in or responsibility for the BOCES. Financial statements for the BOCES can be obtained from their office at 4035 Tutt Blvd, Colorado Springs, 80922.

**NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Grants*

The District has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. However, in the opinion of the District, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the District.

*Legal*

The District is involved in pending or threatened lawsuits and claims. The District estimates that potential claims not covered by insurance or accrued for, resulting from such litigation, would not materially affect the financial statements of the District.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)**

*Construction commitments*

The District has active construction projects as of June 30, 2024. The projects are for mill levy override projects. At year end the District’s commitments with contractors are as follows:

Project	Spent-to-Date	Remaining commitment
Bennett Ranch project	\$ 34,627	\$ 155,252
Vista Ridge Project	\$ 8,093,233	\$ 11,290,045
Horizon Middle School Project	\$ 7,897,070	\$ 5,099,121
Transportation Project	\$ 2,055,414	\$ 24,000,142
Other Projects	\$ 296,719	\$ 3,987,586

**NOTE 13 - TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS**

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations including revenue raising, spending abilities and other specific requirements of state and local governments, including school districts.

The amendment requires emergency reserves be established. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending. The District is not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls or salary and benefit increases. At June 30, 2024 there is a \$6,600,000 reservation of fund balance in the General Fund for the amendment.

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

The amendment requires, with certain exceptions, voter approval prior to imposing new taxes, increasing tax rate, increasing a mill levy above that for the prior year, extending an expiring tax, or implementing a tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

On November 7, 2001, the registered voters approved a ballot resolution authorizing the District to collect, retain and expend all revenues from any source provided that no property tax mill levy be increased or any new tax be imposed.

On November 8, 2016, the registered voters approved a ballot resolution authorizing the District to collect up to \$3,300,000 in property tax revenue in 2017 and such additional amounts generated annually thereafter by continuing to collect 10.159 mills that is currently being levied to be used for general fund purposes including rental payments on lease-purchase financings and for other capital improvements and for operations priorities.

The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the District has made certain interpretations of the amendment’s language in order to determine its compliance.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
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**NOTE 14 – COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT/BOCES, ELECTRONIC DATA INTEGRITY CHECK FIGURES**

The School Finance Act requires inclusion of the Colorado School District/BOCES, Electronic Financial Data Integrity Check Figures as a supplement schedule to the audited financial statements. The Report is based on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the financial policies and procedures of the Colorado Department of Education.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	1.4864782414%	1.2169167693%	1.3149987784%	1.4399016433%	1.3067887449%	1.3039476734%	1.4359441087%	1.3818103030%	1.3190171248%	1.3054972089%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 262,860,220	\$ 221,594,033	\$ 153,031,221	\$ 217,684,086	\$ 195,231,403	\$ 230,890,719	\$ 464,333,291	\$ 411,418,362	\$ 201,734,357	\$ 176,938,723
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District	5,763,745	64,574,728	17,543,075	-	24,762,620	31,571,099	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 268,623,965	\$ 286,168,761	\$ 170,574,296	\$ 217,684,086	\$ 219,994,023	\$ 262,461,818	\$ 464,333,291	\$ 411,418,362	\$ 201,734,357	\$ 176,938,723
District's covered payroll	\$ 98,269,633	\$ 93,871,078	\$ 82,182,942	\$ 77,036,611	\$ 76,787,055	\$ 71,685,007	\$ 66,238,405	\$ 62,018,121	\$ 57,482,464	\$ 54,690,968
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	267.49%	236.06%	186.21%	282.57%	254.25%	322.09%	701.00%	663.38%	350.95%	323.52%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.7%	61.8%	74.9%	67.0%	64.5%	57.0%	44.0%	43.1%	59.2%	62.8%

\* The amounts presented for each year were determined as of 12/31.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
 SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION  
 JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 21,167,842	\$ 19,347,495	\$ 17,437,302	\$ 15,163,379	\$ 15,234,289	\$ 14,294,842	\$ 12,830,800	\$ 11,827,435	\$ 10,594,225	\$ 9,120,293
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(21,167,842)	(19,347,495)	(17,437,302)	(15,163,379)	(15,234,289)	(14,294,842)	(12,830,800)	(11,827,435)	(10,594,225)	(9,120,293)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 103,865,758	\$ 94,933,735	\$ 87,712,785	\$ 76,274,540	\$ 78,608,303	\$ 74,724,738	\$ 67,959,745	\$ 64,349,481	\$ 59,753,100	\$ 54,030,172
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.38%	20.38%	19.88%	19.88%	19.38%	19.13%	18.88%	18.38%	17.73%	16.88%

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE**  
**OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.8892778299%	0.9249302941%	0.8585911119%	0.8330569351%	0.8539882255%	0.8475729817%	0.8159079345%	0.7854398460%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 6,347,007	\$ 7,551,862	\$ 7,403,674	\$ 7,915,915	\$ 9,598,811	\$ 11,531,586	\$ 10,603,540	\$ 10,183,495
District's covered payroll	\$ 98,269,633	\$ 93,871,078	\$ 82,182,942	\$ 77,036,611	\$ 76,787,055	\$ 71,685,007	\$ 66,238,405	\$ 62,018,121
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	6.46%	8.04%	9.01%	10.28%	12.50%	16.09%	16.01%	16.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	46.2%	38.6%	39.4%	32.8%	24.5%	17.0%	17.5%	16.7%

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\* Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,059,471	\$ 968,306	\$ 894,737	\$ 778,046	\$ 801,836	\$ 762,204	\$ 693,010	\$ 656,165
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,059,471)	(968,306)	(894,737)	(778,046)	(801,836)	(762,204)	(693,010)	(656,165)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 103,865,758	\$ 94,933,735	\$ 87,712,785	\$ 76,274,540	\$ 78,608,303	\$ 74,724,738	\$ 67,959,745	\$ 64,349,481
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 43,194,779	\$ 44,962,018	\$ 75,693,543	\$ 30,731,525
Specific ownership taxes	12,059,680	971,979	6,664,635	5,692,656
State sources	100,484,997	89,594,033	109,779,279	20,185,246
Federal sources	677,868	1,000,000	1,019,143	19,143
Other local revenue	2,892,359	25,881,649	7,590,595	(18,291,054)
Total revenues	<u>159,309,683</u>	<u>162,409,679</u>	<u>200,747,195</u>	<u>38,337,516</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instruction	81,137,158	88,811,686	95,574,446	(6,762,760)
Supporting services				
Student support	9,968,554	8,620,197	9,495,532	(875,335)
Instructional staff	5,974,709	5,904,212	6,503,753	(599,541)
General administration	2,018,137	1,802,202	1,985,206	(183,004)
School administration	13,987,459	13,822,087	15,225,646	(1,403,559)
Business services	1,982,175	2,146,070	2,363,992	(217,922)
Operations and maintenance	14,678,796	14,449,116	15,916,346	(1,467,230)
Student transportation	3,726,384	2,539,125	2,796,960	(257,835)
Central support service	11,609,344	15,451,994	13,376,957	2,075,037
Other support services	2,600	(510,736)	(562,598)	51,862
Community services	-	399,835	440,436	(40,601)
Facilities acquisition & construction	9,713,180	12,228,276	385,582	11,842,694
Debt service	9,394,627	18,348,076	1,759,424	16,588,652
Contingency reserves	5,943,723	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>170,136,846</u>	<u>184,012,141</u>	<u>165,261,682</u>	<u>18,750,459</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(10,827,163)	(21,602,462)	35,485,513	57,087,975
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in (out)	4,807,434	7,360,487	(23,059,556)	(30,420,043)
Net change in fund balance	(6,019,729)	(14,241,975)	12,425,957	26,667,932
Fund balance - beginning	9,296,281	32,798,485	32,904,793	106,308
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 3,276,552</u>	<u>\$ 18,556,510</u>	<u>\$ 45,330,750</u>	<u>\$ 26,774,240</u>

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**COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES**

## **CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION DEBT SERVICE FUND**

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of principal, interest, and related expenditures on COP debt.

The certificate of participation debt service fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION DEBT SERVICE FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ -	\$ 596,497	\$ 596,497
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Debt Service			
Principal	7,875,000	7,875,000	-
Interest	8,685,788	8,685,787	1
Other debt service	10,000	7,000	3,000
Total expenditures	16,570,788	16,567,787	3,001
Excess (deficiency) in revenues over expenditures	(16,570,788)	(15,971,290)	599,498
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in (out)	23,413,555	21,565,116	\$ (1,848,439)
Net change in fund balance	6,842,767	5,593,826	(1,248,941)
Fund balance - beginning	18,591,055	18,591,055	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 25,433,822</u>	<u>\$ 24,184,881</u>	<u>\$ (1,248,941)</u>

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## **CAPITAL PROJECTS MILL LEVY FUND**

This fund accounts for all resources provided through mill levy overrides for acquiring and improving capital sites, buildings, and equipment.

The capital projects mill levy fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS MILL LEVY FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 4,037,964	\$ 437,964
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	624	430	194
Supporting services	8,927,123	6,155,301	2,771,822
Facilities acquisition & construction	68,439,149	47,189,175	21,249,974
Total expenditures	77,366,896	53,344,906	24,021,990
Net change in fund balance	(73,766,896)	(49,306,942)	24,459,954
Fund balance - beginning	73,766,896	73,766,896	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ 24,459,954	\$ 24,459,954

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## NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

### Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The District has the following Special Revenue Funds:

#### Food Service Fund

This fund accounts for all financial activities associated with the District's school breakfast and lunch program.

#### Governmental Designated Purpose Grants Fund

This fund is used to record financial transactions for grants received for designated programs funded by federal, state or local government.

#### Other Special Revenue Fund

This fund is used to account for other local revenues comprised of donations and local grants.

#### Pupil Activity Fund

This fund is used to record financial transactions related to school-sponsored pupil intra-scholastic and interscholastic athletic and related events. These activities are supported by revenues from pupils, gate receipts and other fund-raising activities.

#### Transportation Fund

This fund is used to account for revenues from a tax levied or a fee imposed for the purpose of paying excess transportation costs pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22-40-102(1.7)(a) or 22-32-113(5)(a), C.R.S., respectively.

#### Kids Corner Fund

This fund is a pupil activity fund. It is used to record financial transactions related to the Kids Corner program.

#### Other Activities Fund

This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to school sponsored student intra-scholastic athlete and other related activities.

### Capital Projects Fund

#### Capital Reserve Fund

This fund is used to account for the purposes and limitations specified by Section 22-45-103(1)(c), C.R.S., including the acquisition of sites, buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	Food Service Fund	Governmental Designated Purpose Grants Fund	Other Special Revenue Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Transportation Fund	Kids Corner Fund	Other Activities Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash and investments	\$ 29,846	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,849	\$ 649,366	\$ 627,269	\$ -	\$ 1,328,330
Restricted cash and investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental receivable	7,825	4,337,225	182,938	-	-	-	29,325	-	4,557,313
Other receivable	2,815	-	-	-	98,930	-	-	1,256,337	1,358,082
Due from other funds	4,655,432	3,980	356,940	745,161	30,216	-	876,684	4,972,193	11,640,606
Inventories	187,943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	187,943
Total assets	\$ 4,883,861	\$ 4,341,205	\$ 539,878	\$ 745,161	\$ 150,995	\$ 649,366	\$ 1,533,278	\$ 6,228,530	\$ 19,072,274
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 334,768	\$ 1,338,843	\$ 182,938	\$ 21,359	\$ -	\$ 1,875	\$ 2,625	\$ -	\$ 1,882,408
Accrued salaries and benefits	174,683	1,163,332	18,489	-	150,995	121,845	-	-	1,629,344
Due to other funds	-	634,237	-	-	-	435,344	-	-	1,069,581
Unearned revenue	-	1,204,793	338,451	-	-	-	553	-	1,543,797
Total liabilities	509,451	4,341,205	539,878	21,359	150,995	559,064	3,178	-	6,125,130
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>									
Unavailable revenue - Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,256,337	1,256,337
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>									
Nonspendable	187,943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	187,943
Committed for:									
Pupil activities	-	-	-	723,802	-	90,302	1,530,100	-	2,344,204
Food Services	4,186,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,186,467
Assigned:									
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,972,193	4,972,193
Total fund balances	4,374,410	-	-	723,802	-	90,302	1,530,100	4,972,193	11,690,807
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 4,883,861	\$ 4,341,205	\$ 539,878	\$ 745,161	\$ 150,995	\$ 649,366	\$ 1,533,278	\$ 6,228,530	\$ 19,072,274

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<b>Food Service Fund</b>	<b>Governmental Designated Purpose Grants Fund</b>	<b>Other Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Pupil Activity Fund</b>	<b>Transportation Fund</b>	<b>Kids Corner Fund</b>	<b>Other Activities Fund</b>	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>									
Local sources	\$ 151,917	\$ -	\$ 184,734	\$ 1,669,438	\$ 300,833	\$ 1,385,737	\$ 2,253,399	\$ 280,946	\$ 6,227,004
State sources	3,893,125	783,062	2,221,917	-	638,876	-	-	-	7,536,980
Federal sources	4,033,147	17,580,754	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,613,901
Total revenues	8,078,189	18,363,816	2,406,651	1,669,438	939,709	1,385,737	2,253,399	280,946	35,377,885
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
Instruction	-	6,840,868	119,602	1,685,579	-	1,241,330	1,758,709	-	11,646,088
Supporting services	-	11,023,405	2,287,049	1,331	2,434,149	53,164	89,536	(14,956)	15,873,678
Community services	-	499,543	-	-	-	194,957	1,670	-	696,170
Food service operations	6,961,084	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,961,084
Total expenditures	6,961,084	18,363,816	2,406,651	1,686,910	2,434,149	1,489,451	1,849,915	(14,956)	35,177,020
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,117,105	-	-	(17,472)	(1,494,440)	(103,714)	403,484	295,902	200,865
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>									
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	1,494,440	-	-	-	1,494,440
Net change in fund balances	1,117,105	-	-	(17,472)	-	(103,714)	403,484	295,902	1,695,305
Fund balances - beginning	3,257,305	-	-	741,274	-	194,016	1,126,616	4,676,291	9,995,502
Fund balances - ending	\$ 4,374,410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 723,802	\$ -	\$ 90,302	\$ 1,530,100	\$ 4,972,193	\$ 11,690,807

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 503,007	\$ 151,917	\$ (351,090)
State sources	6,551,168	3,893,125	(2,658,043)
Federal sources	300,000	4,033,147	3,733,147
	<u>7,354,175</u>	<u>8,078,189</u>	<u>724,014</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries	2,047,757	2,234,625	(186,868)
Employee benefits	636,145	714,581	(78,436)
Purchased services	355,000	461,461	(106,461)
Supplies	2,600,000	3,431,009	(831,009)
Equipment	50,000	112,241	(62,241)
Other	200,000	7,167	192,833
Contingency reserve	2,917,161	-	2,917,161
	<u>8,806,063</u>	<u>6,961,084</u>	<u>1,844,979</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,451,888)	1,117,105	2,568,993
Fund balances - beginning	<u>3,257,305</u>	<u>3,257,305</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,805,417</u>	<u>\$ 4,374,410</u>	<u>\$ 2,568,993</u>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNATED PURPOSE GRANTS FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State sources	\$ 651,500	\$ 783,062	\$ 131,562
Federal sources	20,873,036	17,580,754	(3,292,282)
Total revenues	<u>21,524,536</u>	<u>18,363,816</u>	<u>(3,160,720)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries	7,461,232	6,590,881	870,351
Employee benefits	2,458,436	2,172,419	286,017
Purchased services	8,565,858	7,393,168	1,172,690
Supplies	895,500	1,175,588	(280,088)
Equipment	296,040	993,172	(697,132)
Other	1,847,470	38,588	1,808,882
Total expenditures	<u>21,524,536</u>	<u>18,363,816</u>	<u>3,160,720</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 300,000	\$ 184,734	\$ (115,266)
State sources	2,975,464	2,221,917	(753,547)
Total revenues	<u>3,275,464</u>	<u>2,406,651</u>	<u>(868,813)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries	12,706	11,330	1,376
Benefits	2,707	2,347	360
Purchased Services	2,584,699	2,230,655	354,044
Supplies	104,500	137,157	(32,657)
Property and Equipment	3,960	13,324	(9,364)
Other	566,892	11,838	555,054
Total expenditures	<u>3,275,464</u>	<u>2,406,651</u>	<u>868,813</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See the accompanying independent auditor's report

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 2,766,199	\$ 1,669,438	\$ (1,096,761)
Total revenues	2,766,199	1,669,438	(1,096,761)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	3,718,797	1,685,579	2,033,218
Supporting services	10,354	1,331	9,023
Total expenditures	3,729,151	1,686,910	2,042,241
Net change in fund balance	(962,952)	(17,472)	945,480
Fund balance - beginning	741,274	741,274	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ (221,678)	\$ 723,802	\$ 945,480

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**TRANSPORTATION FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 362,887	\$ 300,833	\$ (62,054)
State sources	1,885,700	638,876	(1,246,824)
Total revenues	<u>2,248,587</u>	<u>939,709</u>	<u>(1,308,878)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries	1,270,326	1,341,348	(71,022)
Employee benefits	509,301	558,221	(48,920)
Purchased services	37,442	40,692	(3,250)
Fuel charges	431,518	493,888	(62,370)
Total expenditures	<u>2,248,587</u>	<u>2,434,149</u>	<u>(185,562)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(1,494,440)	(1,494,440)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in (out)	-	1,494,440	1,494,440
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**KIDS CORNER FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 1,315,347	\$ 1,385,737	\$ 70,390
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	1,245,971	1,241,330	4,641
Supporting services	53,363	53,164	199
Community service	195,686	194,957	729
Total expenditures	1,495,020	1,489,451	5,569
Net change in fund balance	(179,673)	(103,714)	75,959
Fund balance - beginning	194,016	194,016	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ 14,343	\$ 90,302	\$ 75,959

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
OTHER ACTIVITIES FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 3,733,801	\$ 2,253,399	\$ (1,480,402)
Total revenues	<u>3,733,801</u>	<u>2,253,399</u>	<u>(1,480,402)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	3,911,001	1,758,709	2,152,292
Supporting services	202,823	89,536	113,287
Community services	-	1,670	(1,670)
Total expenditures	<u>4,113,824</u>	<u>1,849,915</u>	<u>2,263,909</u>
Net change in fund balance	(380,023)	403,484	783,507
Fund balance - beginning	<u>1,126,616</u>	<u>1,126,616</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 746,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,530,100</u>	<u>\$ 783,507</u>

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**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 550,000	\$ 280,946	\$ (269,054)
Total revenues	550,000	280,946	(269,054)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Supporting services	4,000,000	(14,956)	4,014,956
Total expenditures	4,000,000	(14,956)	4,014,956
Net change in fund balance	(3,450,000)	295,902	3,745,902
Fund balance - beginning	4,676,291	4,676,291	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ 1,226,291	\$ 4,972,193	\$ 3,745,902

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## **INTERNAL SERVICE FUND**

Internal service funds account for operations that provide services to other departments or agencies of the government on a cost-reimbursement basis.

### *Risk Management Fund*

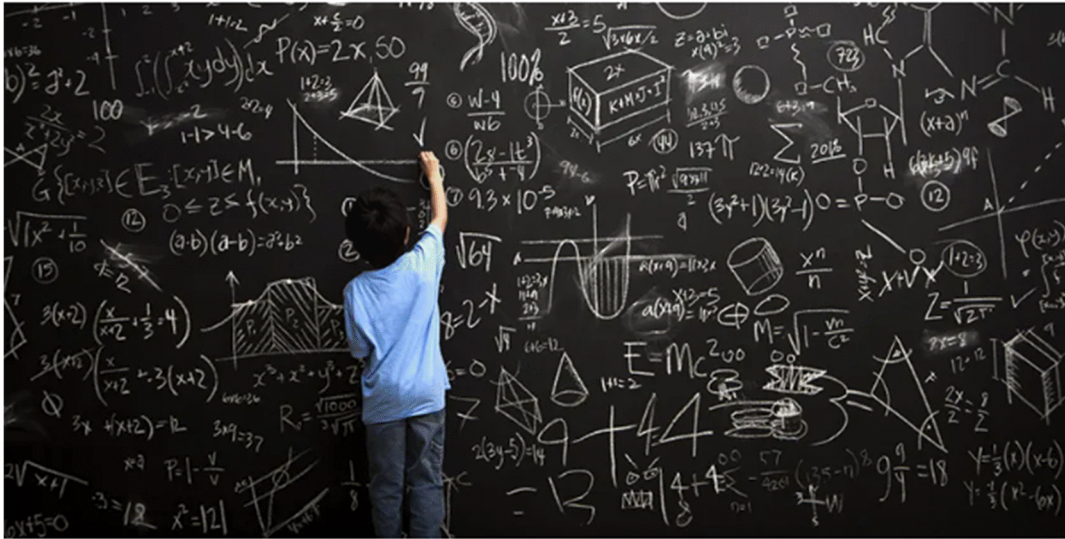
This fund accounts for the Health Insurance Fund risk management activities of the District.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**RISK MANAGEMENT - HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Premiums & employer contributions	\$ 13,253,441	12,993,865	\$ (259,576)
Refunds & other revenue	50,000	57,999	7,999
Total operating revenues	<u>13,303,441</u>	<u>13,051,864</u>	<u>(251,577)</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Purchased medical services & supplies	13,000,000	12,447,494	552,506
Purchased management services	350,000	503,003	(153,003)
Contingency reserve	75,000	-	75,000
Total operating expenses	<u>13,425,000</u>	<u>12,950,497</u>	<u>474,503</u>
Operating income (loss)	(121,559)	101,367	222,926
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Interest and investment revenue	50,000	50,463	463
Change in net position	(71,559)	151,830	223,389
Net position - beginning	<u>1,318,294</u>	<u>1,318,294</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 1,246,735</u>	<u>\$ 1,470,124</u>	<u>\$ 223,389</u>

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# Statistical Section



**Financial Trends** - The schedules on pages 80 - 83 contain financial trend information to help the reader understand how the District's financial condition has changed over time.

**Revenue Capacity** - Pages 84 - 87 contain information to help the reader assess the District's most significant local revenue source, property taxes.

**Debt Capacity** - Pages 88 - 92 present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the District's current levels of outstanding debt and the District's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

**Demographic and Economic Information** - Pages 93 - 94 offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the District's financial activities take place.

**Operating Information** - Pages 95 - 100 contain service data to help the reader understand how the information in the Districts' financial report relates to the services the District provides and the activities it performs.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**NET POSITION BY COMPONENT**  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Governmental activities</b>										
Net investment in capital assets	54,796,438	85,858,609	65,791,335	56,916,278	58,456,261	50,405,025	71,248,027	51,925,850	62,586,945	51,041,127
Restricted	30,979,846	32,992,179	29,167,585	25,616,165	17,696,881	24,421,222	22,889,437	21,459,232	19,023,043	26,707,696
Unrestricted	(169,957,515)	(202,888,356)	(186,703,094)	(241,471,884)	(289,705,689)	(323,292,565)	(352,056,096)	(229,847,034)	(163,732,245)	(155,030,642)
Total governmental activities net position	(84,181,231)	(84,037,568)	(91,744,174)	(158,939,441)	(213,552,547)	(248,466,318)	(257,918,632)	(156,461,952)	(82,122,257)	(77,281,819)
<b>Business-type activities</b>										
Net investment in capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities in net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Primary government</b>										
Net investment in capital assets	54,796,438	85,858,609	65,791,335	56,916,278	58,456,261	50,405,025	71,248,027	51,925,850	62,586,945	51,041,127
Restricted	30,979,846	32,992,179	29,167,585	25,616,165	17,696,881	24,421,222	22,889,437	21,459,232	19,023,043	26,707,696
Unrestricted	(169,957,515)	(202,888,356)	(186,703,094)	(241,471,884)	(289,705,689)	(323,292,565)	(352,056,096)	(229,847,034)	(163,732,245)	(155,030,642)
Total primary government net position	(84,181,231)	(84,037,568)	(91,744,174)	(158,939,441)	(213,552,547)	(248,466,318)	(257,918,632)	(156,461,952)	(82,122,257)	(77,281,819)

Source: District Financial Records

EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49

Changes in Net Position  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental activities										
Instruction	\$ 120,433,007	\$ 110,921,537	\$ 67,349,723	\$ 50,068,030	\$ 68,403,466	\$ 74,947,710	\$ 128,146,891	\$ 116,929,506	\$ 73,810,829	\$ 69,436,074
Supporting services	92,516,226	84,381,157	59,749,338	61,226,094	62,492,924	63,403,658	100,174,835	81,426,966	55,862,491	51,860,340
Community services	1,163,601	655,923	418,580	360,869	353,450	130,871	154,679	76,220	3,110	2,309
Facilities acquisition & construction	15,430,572	7,443,174	603,007	1,659,897	2,954,703	4,120,435	3,960,940	4,238,269	2,313,108	1,555,578
Food services	6,934,053	5,312,622	5,337,166	3,197,021	3,729,021	4,120,435	3,869,435	3,869,435	3,450,685	3,563,638
Interest on long-term debt	7,680,573	8,347,308	9,048,542	5,922,266	6,290,810	6,340,784	6,705,889	6,326,064	4,957,824	5,940,860
Total governmental activities expenses	244,158,032	217,061,721	142,506,356	122,434,177	144,224,374	148,943,458	239,143,234	212,866,460	140,398,047	132,358,799
Business-type activities:										
Food services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type expenses	\$ 244,158,032	\$ 217,061,721	\$ 142,506,356	\$ 122,434,177	\$ 144,224,374	\$ 148,943,458	\$ 239,143,234	\$ 212,866,460	\$ 140,398,047	\$ 132,358,799
<b>Program revenues</b>										
Governmental activities										
Charges for services: Instruction	10,749,825	10,632,791	9,630,752	5,971,937	6,729,072	5,265,629	3,658,885	1,811,590	2,996,028	2,687,910
Charges for services: Other	1,349,375	13,154,535	12,147,426	13,372,099	12,624,536	11,749,320	12,367,512	11,722,420	11,029,543	10,787,460
Operating grants and contributions	54,441,724	40,828,110	43,574,219	31,819,644	23,075,615	19,820,526	18,024,232	17,241,849	15,591,007	14,378,042
Capital grants and contributions	24,586	40,977	17,384	934,393	940,543	1,097,682	1,048,808	1,775,996	704,005	2,835,468
Total governmental activities program revenues	66,565,510	64,656,413	65,369,781	52,098,073	43,369,766	37,933,157	35,099,437	32,551,855	30,320,583	30,688,880
Business-type activities										
Food services	147,227	2,130,624	119,957	48,656	1,500,197	1,619,045	-	-	-	-
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities program revenues	147,227	2,130,624	119,957	48,656	1,500,197	1,619,045	-	-	-	-
Total primary government program revenues	66,712,737	66,787,037	65,489,738	52,146,729	44,869,963	39,552,202	35,099,437	32,551,855	30,320,583	30,688,880
Net (expense) revenue	(177,445,295)	(150,274,684)	(77,016,618)	(70,287,412)	(99,354,411)	(109,391,256)	(204,043,797)	(180,314,605)	(110,077,464)	(101,669,919)
Governmental activities										
Business-type activities										
Total primary government net (expense) revenue	\$ (177,445,295)	\$ (150,274,684)	\$ (77,016,618)	\$ (70,287,412)	\$ (99,354,411)	\$ (109,391,256)	\$ (204,043,797)	\$ (180,314,605)	\$ (110,077,464)	\$ (101,669,919)
<b>General revenues</b>										
Governmental activities										
Property taxes	75,820,432	59,479,584	56,988,074	28,191,208	44,889,325	36,953,482	35,475,485	34,687,531	33,364,551	25,822,318
Specific ownership taxes	6,664,635	6,053,233	5,636,092	3,279,486	4,710,478	4,656,501	4,649,510	4,241,772	3,676,411	2,762,983
State equalization	86,436,149	83,539,623	77,291,379	93,287,994	82,180,476	75,532,264	69,913,832	67,533,346	65,914,912	71,655,103
Investment earnings	6,595,572	5,505,678	513,568	185,231	702,199	1,233,685	1,441,278	518,461	84,202	36,042
Grant and Contrib not related to specific pgrams	817,520	741,792	1,020,620	995,252	1,359,314	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	967,323	2,667,294	2,762,151	11,565,466	997,364	2,454,903	936,417	859,811	474,011	414,377
Total governmental activities	177,301,631	157,987,204	144,211,884	137,504,637	134,839,156	120,850,835	112,416,522	107,840,921	103,514,087	100,690,823
Business-type activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total primary government	177,301,631	157,987,204	144,211,884	137,504,637	134,839,156	120,850,835	112,416,522	107,840,921	103,514,087	100,690,823
<b>Transfers</b>										
Governmental activities										
Business-type activities										
Changes in net position	(143,664)	7,712,520	67,195,266	67,217,225	35,484,745	11,459,579	(91,627,275)	(72,473,684)	(3,563,377)	(979,096)
Governmental activities	-	-	(158,945,354)	(215,747,665)	(249,037,292)	(255,911,367)	(166,291,357)	(83,970,268)	-	-
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business-type activities	(84,181,232)	(84,037,568)	(91,750,088)	(148,530,440)	(213,552,547)	(244,451,788)	(257,918,632)	(156,443,952)	(3,563,377)	(979,096)
Total primary government	\$ (84,181,232)	\$ (84,037,568)	\$ (91,750,088)	\$ (148,530,440)	\$ (213,552,547)	\$ (244,451,788)	\$ (257,918,632)	\$ (156,443,952)	\$ (3,563,377)	\$ (979,096)

Source: District Financial Records

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Fund Balances, Governmental Funds**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>General Fund</b>										
Nonspendable	\$ 110,127	\$ 110,127	\$ 121,316	\$ 110,127	\$ 217,625	\$ 113,697	\$ 297,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	16,943,881	14,401,124	12,927,220	10,997,590	10,703,023	8,964,656	15,320,653	16,392,528	11,118,279	10,929,805
Committed	13,600,000	11,211,051	11,200,000	9,700,000	7,143,056	-	6,779,158	8,399,319	7,639,917	7,311,636
Assigned	9,019,126	7,182,491	7,380,599	4,911,031	5,629,596	2,750,171	-	123,846	2,006,325	2,658,563
Unassigned	5,657,616	-	878,975	2,639,733	-	5,635,397	-	-	-	-
<b>Total general fund</b>	<b>45,330,750</b>	<b>32,904,793</b>	<b>32,508,110</b>	<b>28,358,481</b>	<b>23,693,300</b>	<b>17,463,921</b>	<b>22,397,775</b>	<b>24,915,693</b>	<b>20,764,521</b>	<b>20,900,004</b>
<b>All other governmental funds</b>										
Nonspendable	187,943	100,468	91,868	72,021	104,046	164,303	110,857	158,317	183,162	196,826
Restricted	48,644,835	18,591,055	16,240,635	14,618,575	12,911,221	9,666,340	7,568,784	5,087,704	7,904,764	15,777,891
Committed	6,530,671	5,218,743	4,562,608	2,097,801	2,247,190	1,394,016	34,328,722	78,803,416	1,604,279	1,996,455
Assigned	4,972,193	78,443,187	96,639,094	3,715,250	2,717,877	4,724,354	1,563,668	1,526,795	419,545	160,020
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total all other governmental funds</b>	<b>60,335,642</b>	<b>102,353,453</b>	<b>117,534,205</b>	<b>20,503,647</b>	<b>17,980,334</b>	<b>15,949,013</b>	<b>43,572,031</b>	<b>85,576,232</b>	<b>10,111,750</b>	<b>18,131,192</b>
<b>Total governmental funds</b>	<b>105,666,392</b>	<b>135,258,246</b>	<b>150,042,315</b>	<b>48,862,128</b>	<b>41,673,634</b>	<b>33,412,934</b>	<b>65,969,806</b>	<b>110,491,925</b>	<b>30,876,271</b>	<b>39,031,196</b>

Source: District Financial Records

EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 45  
Governmental Fund Balances  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Revenues</b>										
Local sources	100,810,238	89,183,047	78,662,303	64,386,283	62,660,691	55,648,931	\$ 52,710,499	\$48,276,157	\$ 45,351,070	\$ 35,283,456
State sources	117,316,259	104,305,146	93,252,560	82,292,701	93,229,232	86,204,246	78,467,059	75,829,997	73,529,158	78,220,600
Federal sources	22,633,044	24,520,877	27,883,063	22,891,671	14,433,756	10,898,756	8,665,810	8,510,701	7,341,539	6,920,031
Tuition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	240,759,541	218,009,070	199,797,926	169,570,655	170,323,679	152,751,933	139,843,368	132,616,855	126,221,767	120,424,087
<b>Expenditures</b>										
Instruction	107,220,964	104,106,038	96,615,019	75,269,774	80,653,235	78,687,473	68,851,602	66,288,594	62,578,937	57,030,514
Supporting services	89,130,773	80,567,952	70,219,611	66,945,640	63,140,301	57,628,291	51,676,722	48,541,524	43,620,742	39,810,635
Community services	1,136,606	655,923	418,581	360,869	462,473	406,541	155,963	76,220	3,110	2,309
Facilities acquisition and construction	47,574,757	23,918,063	9,875,249	1,970,175	4,979,959	30,991,227	48,098,885	7,604,275	2,292,721	5,182,557
Food service	6,961,084	5,744,520	5,348,605	3,208,124	3,784,969	4,120,434	3,960,940	3,869,434	3,450,686	3,563,638
Charter schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	18,327,211	18,589,658	18,401,114	14,515,153	16,629,630	12,982,105	13,739,748	15,190,455	10,927,333	13,830,071
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	329,419	7,725,000
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,155,000	4,016,466
Total expenditures	270,351,395	233,582,154	200,878,179	162,269,735	169,650,567	184,816,071	186,483,860	141,570,502	122,873,529	119,419,724
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(29,591,854)	(15,573,084)	(1,080,253)	7,300,920	673,112	(32,064,138)	(46,640,492)	(8,953,647)	3,348,238	1,004,363
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>										
Transfers in	23,059,556	20,844,311	17,977,694	14,484,356	-	-	(15,862,081)	-	(420,884)	-
Transfers out	(23,059,556)	(20,844,311)	(17,977,694)	(14,484,356)	-	-	15,862,081	-	420,844	-
Capital lease proceeds	-	795,199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital lease issuance	-	-	(821,842)	-	6,683,133	666,973	2,121,373	-	-	-
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19,472,793)	-
Payments to escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(85,197,394)
Refunding bond proceeds	-	-	85,000,000	-	-	-	-	79,615,000	8,780,000	74,313,571
Premium on bond issued	-	-	18,082,011	-	-	-	-	8,951,301	-	6,353,565
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	795,199	102,260,169	-	6,683,133	666,973	2,121,373	88,566,301	(10,692,833)	(4,530,258)
Net change in fund balances	\$ (29,591,854)	\$ (14,777,885)	\$ 101,179,916	\$ 7,300,920	\$ 7,356,245	\$ (31,397,165)	\$ (44,519,119)	\$ 79,612,654	\$ (7,344,595)	\$ (3,525,895)
Debt services as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	8.2%	8.9%	9.6%	9.1%	10.1%	8.4%	9.9%	11.3%	9.1%	12.1%

Source: District Financial Records

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Assessed and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Assessment Year	Collection Year	State Assessed, Vacant Land, and Other					Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value	Assessment Rates		
		Residential Property	Commercial Property	Agricultural, And Natural Resources	Industrial, Agricultural, And Natural Resources	Other				Taxable Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value	Residential	All others
2023	2024	1,236,427,890	304,646,470	10,971,600	113,213,890	1,665,259,850	45.577	19,991,395,205	8.33%	6.70%	29.00%	
2022	2023	961,491,454	246,587,792	11,304,180	94,994,554	1,314,377,980	45.159	15,072,743,985	8.72%	6.95%	29.00%	
2021	2022	945,353,710	234,687,190	11,260,730	97,150,270	1,288,451,900	44.111	14,404,331,585	8.94%	7.15%	29.00%	
2020	2021	784,854,560	205,041,770	10,905,290	79,587,670	1,080,389,290	43.021	11,994,723,269	9.01%	7.15%	29.00%	
2019	2020	755,037,290	207,452,670	12,052,080	74,603,170	1,049,145,210	43.189	11,572,795,889	9.07%	7.15%	29.00%	
2018	2019	607,683,060	193,864,610	11,842,400	69,562,920	882,952,990	43.045	9,389,791,154	9.40%	7.20%	29.00%	
2017	2018	573,363,440	185,587,750	12,520,430	69,103,130	840,574,750	43.648	8,727,717,738	9.63%	7.20%	29.00%	
2016	2017	543,363,800	160,323,070	12,986,880	65,498,680	782,172,430	44.417	7,652,257,611	10.22%	7.96%	29.00%	
2015	2016	518,510,430	157,253,610	11,800,340	64,408,090	751,972,470	44.635	7,318,389,792	10.28%	7.96%	29.00%	
2014	2015	462,675,840	152,800,100	11,201,630	63,046,990	689,724,560	45.796	6,594,766,136	10.46%	7.96%	29.00%	

Source: El Paso County Treasurer's office

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Taxing Authority</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>El Paso County School District 49</b>										
General Fund	27	26.459	25.459	24.459	24.459	24.459	24.459	24.459	24.459	24.459
Mill Levy Override	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.500	18.500	19.081	13.756	9.800	9.800
Abatement <sup>(1)</sup>	0.077	0.1999	0.152	0.062	0.230	0.086	0.108	0.222	0.217	0.325
Bond Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.98	10.159	11.212
<b>Total for El Paso County School District 49</b>	<b>45.577</b>	<b>45.159</b>	<b>44.111</b>	<b>43.021</b>	<b>43.189</b>	<b>43.045</b>	<b>43.648</b>	<b>44.417</b>	<b>44.635</b>	<b>45.796</b>
<b>City Of Colorado Springs</b>	<b>3.579</b>	<b>3.929</b>	<b>3.929</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>4.279</b>
<b>El Paso County</b>	<b>7.192</b>	<b>4.809</b>	<b>6.696</b>	<b>7.692</b>	<b>7.035</b>	<b>8.068</b>	<b>7.965</b>	<b>7.919</b>	<b>7.791</b>	<b>7.714</b>
<b>Fire Districts</b>										
Black Forest	14.951	14.951	14.500	15.139	12.549	10.052	10.114	10.178	10.237	10.356
Cimarron Hills	16.621	16.621	16.200	16.200	16.200	16.200	16.200	15.286	15.286	15.290
Falcon	14.886	14.886	14.886	14.886	14.886	14.886	8.612	8.612	8.612	8.612
Elbert	7.422	9.067	7.484	7.715	7.528	8.500	8.500	8.500	8.500	4.575
Ellicott	14.747	15.030	8.113	8.496	8.589	9.451	9.515	9.850	9.760	10.220
<b>Water Districts</b>										
Up Blk Sqrll GW	0.948	1.062	1.005	1.056	1.029	1.065	1.065	1.063	1.057	1.082
<b>Sanitation water districts</b>										
Westmoor SWD	0	0	34.943	37.165	34.998	38.277	36.953	36.836	34.943	41.288
<b>Special Districts</b>										
Barnes & Pow N BID	52.339	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	47.000
Barnes & Pow S BID	19.785	19.000	15.000	15.000	15.000	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000
EPC PID #2	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
First & Main BID	53.616	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000
First & Main BID #2	53.531	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000
First & Main North BID	53.156	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	51.000	40.000	40.000	40.000
Stetson Hills SIMD	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858	3.858
<b>Metropolitan Districts</b>										
4-Way Ranch #1	52.363	50.315	50.485	48.638	48.792	48.694	48.694	60.000	45.000	45.000
Banning Lewis Ranch #2	55.012	51.537	50.097	50.097	50.097	49.749	49.749	45.000	50.000	50.000
Banning Lewis Ranch #3	41.599	41.757	40.594	40.594	55.664	55.277	55.277	50.000	50.000	50.000
Banning Lewis Ranch #4	66.458	56.702	55.664	55.664	55.664	55.277	55.277	-	-	-
Banning Lewis Ranch #5	61.753	54.982	55.664	55.664	55.664	-	-	-	-	-
Banning Lewis Ranch #8	57.865	51.380	55.664	55.664	-	-	-	-	-	-
Banning Lewis Ranch Reg 1	12.484	11.348	11.132	11.131	11.131	11.055	11.055	10.000	10.000	10.000
Banning Lewis Ranch Reg 2	11.541	10.265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bent Grass	36.641	38.641	38.641	38.641	36.162	36.149	36.149	35.000	35.000	30.000
Bobcat Meadows	12.724	12.724	12.724	12.724	12.724	12.636	12.636	11.430	11.430	11.430
Central Marksheffel	5.000	27.637	27.637	27.637	33.164	33.164	33.164	30.000	30.000	30.000
Constitution Heights MD	24.000	27.830	27.830	27.830	27.830	27.637	27.637	25.000	25.000	25.000
Dublin North #2	32.344	37.077	44.436	44.436	40.000	44.120	44.138	40.000	40.000	40.000
Falcon Highlands	38.755	40.713	47.658	43.280	43.082	39.799	39.720	35.000	35.000	35.000
Latigo Creek	5.539	5.539	5.539	5.539	5.539	5.500	5.500	5.000	5.000	5.000
Meridian Ranch	30.834	31.498	27.498	27.498	27.498	27.498	27.498	25.000	25.000	25.000
Paintbrush Hills	16.410	21.437	19.710	19.960	18.537	19.902	19.813	18.063	22.107	22.107
Paintbrush Hills Sub A	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sterling Ranch #1	63.204	66.841	66.796	55.663	55.663	55.275	55.275	50.000	50.000	-
Sterling Ranch #2	57.745	55.663	66.796	66.795	55.663	55.275	55.275	50.000	50.000	60.000
Sterling Ranch #3	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	50.000	60.000
Stetson Ridge #2	32.650	32.650	33.631	27.140	27.140	26.987	27.008	24.472	24.472	24.472
Stetson Ridge #3	38.949	38.949	38.313	38.553	38.553	39.188	37.894	35.000	35.000	35.000
Woodmen Heights #2	34.000	38.518	38.518	38.518	44.529	44.220	44.220	40.000	42.000	42.000
Woodmen Heights #3	29.600	29.600	34.600	34.600	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	42.000	42.000
Woodmen Road	0.000	0.000	4.000	11.657	11.680	11.599	11.599	10.800	10.800	10.800

Source: El Paso County Abstract of Assessments

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Colorado Revised Statutes Require that districts shall levy, in the next fiscal year, the mill levy that is necessary to recoup property tax abatements granted after the mill levy is certified for the fiscal year

Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within El Paso County School District 49

Not all overlapping rates apply to all District property owners. The rates for special districts apply only to the proportion of the government's property owners whose property is located

<http://asr.elpasoco.com/Pages/AbstractofAssessment.aspx>

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Principal Property Taxpayers**  
**Current Year**

	2023		
	Assessed Valuation	Rank	% of Total Valuation
Amazon.Com Services LLC	115,624,270	1	1.54%
Cellco Partnership (f/k/a Verizon Wireless)	91,883,100	2	1.22%
Broadmoor Hotel Inc.	44,116,110	3	0.59%
Comcast of Colorado	43,736,480	4	0.58%
Ent Credit Union	23,776,510	5	0.32%
Wal-Mart Real Estate	22,186,090	6	0.30%
TRP Colorado Springs LLC	20,435,970	7	0.27%
Federal Express Corp (FedEx)	19,504,700	8	0.26%
Palmer Center Owner LLC	19,114,290	9	0.25%
Watermark at Tutt Blvd CO LLC	14,164,780	10	0.19%
Totals	<u>\$414,542,300</u>		<u>5.52%</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	\$12,733,059,920		

Source: El Paso County Assessor's Office

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Property Tax Levies and Collections**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Assessment Year	Collection Year	Current Tax Levy	Collected within the Calendar Year of			Collections in			Total Collection to Date	
			Amount	Percentage of Levy	Subsequent Years	Amount	Percentage of Levy	Subsequent Years	Amount	Percentage of Levy
2023	2024	75,897,552	99.7%	(12,755)	75,693,543	99.7%	(12,755)	75,680,788	99.7%	
2022	2023	59,355,874	98.0%	(115,637)	58,181,940	98.0%	(115,637)	58,066,303	97.8%	
2021	2022	57,030,746	98.4%	(228,538)	56,133,367	98.4%	(228,538)	55,904,829	98.0%	
2020	2021	46,412,444	98.1%	(222,985)	45,511,352	98.1%	(222,985)	45,288,367	97.6%	
2019	2020	45,311,532	97.0%	20,197	43,930,087	97.0%	20,197	43,950,284	97.0%	
2018	2019	38,006,711	98.4%	(9,051)	37,384,760	98.4%	(9,051)	37,375,709	98.3%	
2017	2018	36,689,407	98.0%	(20,744)	35,971,347	98.0%	(20,744)	35,950,604	98.0%	
2016	2017	34,783,165	99.1%	24,214	34,480,628	99.1%	24,214	34,504,843	99.2%	
2015	2016	33,564,299	99.8%	(121,885)	33,496,436	99.8%	(121,885)	33,374,551	99.4%	
2014	2015	31,586,636	99.6%	(1,404)	31,467,474	99.6%	(1,404)	31,466,070	99.6%	

Source: El Paso Country Treasurer's Office  
Collections are from January 1 to August 31. Additional taxes will be collected from September 1 to December 31  
Collections in Subsequent years includes delinquent tax collections, interest, penalties and abatements

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Assessed valuation	1,711,789,520	1,314,377,980	1,288,451,900	1,080,389,290	1,049,145,210	882,952,990	840,574,750	782,172,430	751,972,470	689,724,560
Debt Limit	342,357,904	262,875,596	257,690,380	216,077,858	209,829,042	176,590,598	168,114,950	156,434,486	150,394,494	137,944,912
Total net debt applicable to limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,960,000	12,305,000	26,020,000
Legal debt margin	342,357,904	262,875,596	257,690,380	216,077,858	209,829,042	176,590,598	168,114,950	151,474,486	138,089,494	111,924,912
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.17%	8.18%	18.86%

Source: El Paso County Assessor's Office, District Financial Records

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Ratio of General Bonded Debt to Estimated Actual Taxable Value and Bonded Debt Per Capita**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Assessment	Collection	Estimated Actual	General Bonded Debt	Ratio of General Bonded	Population	Net Bonded
2023	2024	19,991,395,205	-	0.00%	107,545	-
2022	2023	15,072,743,985	-	0.00%	106,918	-
2021	2022	14,404,331,585	-	0.00%	105,077	-
2020	2021	11,994,723,269	-	0.00%	92,176	-
2019	2020	11,572,795,889	-	0.00%	86,447	-
2018	2019	9,389,791,154	-	0.00%	84,752	-
2017	2018	8,727,717,738	-	0.00%	83,090	-
2016	2017	7,652,257,611	4,960,000	0.06%	81,566	61
2015	2016	7,318,389,792	12,305,000	0.17%	80,360	153
2014	2015	6,594,766,136	26,020,000	0.39%	79,173	329

Sources: El Paso County Assessor's Office and Department of Local Affairs, Demography Section, Housing and Households

Note: The population number for 2011 and 2019 are estimated based on prior years growth.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures for General Bonded Debt to General Fund Expenditures**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Annual Debt Service	Total General Fund	Ratio of Annual Debt Service
2024	-	244,158,032	0.0%
2023	-	217,366,260	0.0%
2022	-	142,506,356	0.0%
2021	-	122,434,177	0.0%
2020	-	118,120,151	0.0%
2019	-	114,079,828	0.0%
2018	4,960,000	113,802,929	4.4%
2017	5,412,698	115,478,060	4.7%
2016	4,787,504	107,098,324	4.5%
2015	6,593,584	102,261,369	6.4%

Source: District Financial Records

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Ratio of Outstanding Debt By Type**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Obligation Bonds	Certificates of Participation		Capital Leases	Total Primary Government		Population	Per Capita	Aggregate Income	Aggregate Income	Aggregate Income	Funded Pupil Count	Total Debt per Pupil
		Participation	Capital Leases		Government	Per Capita							
2024	-	191,300,000	5,361,657	196,661,657	107,545	1,829	3,946,749,668	4.98%	25,267	7,783			
2023	-	199,175,000	7,254,731	206,429,731	106,918	1,931	3,758,809,208	5.49%	24,691	8,361			
2022	-	206,735,000	8,746,854	215,481,854	105,077	2,051	2,833,925,437	7.60%	23,928	9,006			
2021	-	129,380,000	8,864,020	138,244,020	92,176	1,500	2,716,569,629	5.09%	23,242	5,948			
2020	-	134,625,000	10,124,814	144,749,814	86,447	1,674	2,604,073,647	5.56%	23,366	6,195			
2019	-	139,650,000	4,986,258	144,636,258	84,752	1,707	2,563,064,614	5.64%	22,664	6,382			
2018	-	144,515,000	5,711,235	150,226,235	83,090	1,808	2,522,701,391	5.95%	22,501	6,676			
2017	4,960,000	146,255,000	3,826,291	155,041,291	81,566	1,901	2,482,973,810	6.24%	21,744	7,130			
2016	12,305,000	68,345,000	4,049,924	84,699,924	80,360	1,054	2,443,871,861	3.47%	21,839	3,878			
2015	26,020,000	70,575,000	4,521,429	101,116,429	79,173	1,277	2,405,385,690	4.20%	20,223	5,000			

Source: Department of Local Affairs, 2010 Census

Note: The population and aggregate income numbers for 2011 and beyond estimated based on prior years growth

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Estimation of Direct and Overlapping Debt**  
**As of June 30, 2024**

<b>Direct Debt:</b>	<b>2024 Assessed</b>	<b>Entity's Debt</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Estimated Share of</b>
El Paso County School District 49	1,665,259,940	-	100.00%	-
<b>Overlapping Debt:</b>				
Colorado			0.13%	
City Of Colorado Springs	9,026,170,580	3,153,799	13.17%	415,436
El Paso County	12,733,059,920	67,895,000	6.18%	4,193,632
<b>Fire Districts</b>				
Black Forest	327,441,400	-	8.08%	-
Cimarron Hills	243,669,250	-	49.56%	-
Falcon	718,537,640	571,394	81.27%	464,384
Elbert	9,513,940	-	19.74%	-
Ellicott	56,247,310	73,598	0.24%	180
<b>Water Districts</b>				
Up Blk Sqrll GW	593,865,080	-	20.08%	-
<b>Special Districts</b>				
Barnes & Pow N BID	8,245,450	2,952,364	100.00%	2,952,364
Barnes & Pow S BID	4,523,120	210,000	100.00%	210,000
EPC PID #2	206,652,810	-	43.05%	-
First & Main BID	4,396,170	1,245,000	100.00%	1,245,000
First & Main BID #2	14,479,000	27,719,415	100.00%	27,719,415
First & Main North BID	3,027,930	1,462,773	100.00%	1,462,773
Stetson Hills SIMD	122,650,500	-	100.00%	-
<b>Metropolitan Districts</b>				
4-Way Ranch #1	2,340,700	520,000	100.00%	520,000
Ban Lewis Ranch #2	29,792,530	10,285,000	100.00%	10,285,000
Ban Lewis Ranch #3	30,635,390	7,915,000	100.00%	7,915,000
Ban Lewis Ranch #4	37,439,380	12,415,000	100.00%	12,415,000
Ban Lewis Ranch #5	13,297,300	6,565,000	100.00%	6,565,000
Ban Lewis Ranch #8	8,111,890	-		
Ban Lewis Ranch Reg	111,579,960	10,685,000	100.00%	10,685,000
Bent Grass	11,946,960	6,750,000	100.00%	6,750,000
Bobcat Meadows	4,531,550	-	100.00%	-
Central Marksheffel	62,388,040	8,195,000	81.77%	6,701,052
Constitution Heights MD	30,758,890	12,280,000	100.00%	12,280,000
Dublin North #2	8,920,360	3,204,000	100.00%	3,204,000
Dublin North #3	3,732,310	-	100.00%	-
Falcon Highlands	29,207,410	4,935,000	100.00%	4,935,000
Latigo Creek	2,224,620	-	100.00%	-
Meridian Ranch	139,002,330	24,232,803	100.00%	24,232,803
Mountain Vista	14,347,420	-	100.00%	-
Paintbrush Hills	49,859,310	-	100.00%	-
Paintbrush Hills Sub A	19,642,950	-	100.00%	-
Sterling Ranch #1	4,900	-	65.41%	-
Sterling Ranch #2	13,823,900	37,475,000	7.79%	2,919,303
Sterling Ranch #3	125,570	-	49.49%	-
Stetson Ridge #2	56,243,110	455,000	100.00%	455,000
Stetson Ridge #3	19,608,250	7,220,000	100.00%	7,220,000
Woodmen Heights #2	100,578,980	-	77.32%	-
Woodmen Heights #3	14,121,490	-	81.61%	-

Sources: Assessed value data used to estimate applicable percentages is provided by the El Paso County Assessor's office. Debt outstanding data provided by each governmental unit

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Demographic and Economic Statistics**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Population	Total Personal		Per Capital		School Enrollment	Unemployment rate Colorado Springs
		Income	Income	Personal Income	Colorado Springs		
2024	107,545	3,946,749,668	36,699	25,267	3.3%		
2023	106,918	3,758,809,208	35,156	24,691	3.0%		
2022	105,077	2,833,925,437	26,970	23,928	4.3%		
2021	92,176	2,716,569,629	29,472	23,242	8.6%		
2020	86,447	2,604,073,647	30,123	23,366	2.8%		
2019	84,752	2,563,064,614	30,242	22,664	4.5%		
2018	83,090	2,522,701,391	30,361	22,501	3.2%		
2017	81,566	2,482,973,810	30,441	21,744	3.0%		
2016	80,360	2,443,871,861	30,411	21,839	3.9%		
2015	79,173	2,405,385,690	29,591	20,223	4.1%		

Source: Department of Local Affairs, District records

Note: The population and aggregate income numbers for 2015-2020 are estimated based on prior years growth.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Principal Employers for El Paso County**  
**Current Year and Nine Years Ago**

Employer	2024		2014	
	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Fort Carson Army Post	1	13.2%	1	10.4%
Peterson SFB, Schriever SFB, Cheyenne Mountain SFS	2	6.5%	2/3	6.4%
United States Air Force Academy	3	3.0%	4	2.5%
UCHealth Souther Colorado Region	4	2.8%	7	1.0%
School District 11 Colorado Springs	5	1.5%	5	1.3%
City of Colorado Springs2	6	1.2%	9	0.8%
School District 20 Air Academy	7	1.2%	6	1.1%
CommonSpirit Health (f/k/a Penrose Centura)	8	1.2%	8	0.9%
Amazon	9	1.2%		
El Paso County	10	1.1%	10	0.7%

Source: <https://coloradosprings.gov/accounting/page/comprehensive-annual-financial-report-cafr> pg 291

1Space Force Bases (SFB) were previously tracked individually but are now consolidated.

2City of Colorado Springs includes the total of all full-time equivalent employees (FTE's) in all funds and enterprises except Colorado Springs Utilities and Memorial Health System.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Full-Time Equivalent Employees by Functional Program**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Classroom Instruction	822	898	893	830	852	816	791	757	933	920
Teaching Assistants	403	324	278	262	278	252	192	225	300	251
General Office Support	122	90	90	80	82	89	78	79	102	100
Instructional Support	109	98	92	87	88	85	70	79	75	72
Facility Workers	120	53	57	58	60	78	76	49	66	69
Other Assistants	41	56	56	104	93	105	65	69	61	79
Man.Dir.Sup. Coord.	30	20	19	13	13	13	10	10	60	39
Principals/Asst/Assoc	79	46	47	47	49	49	44	43	53	50
Bus Drivers	92	59	61	62	70	70	59	64	47	49
Other Paraprofessionals	190	59	51	70	71	53	41	36	41	43
Special Service Providers	74	71	71	70	69	56	41	43	41	42
Food Services	78	39	36	41	63	62	18	58	35	39
Professionals Support	39	55	51	51	49	46	45	41	33	17
Foreman/Lead Workers	55	55	48	50	47	47	27	40	29	31
Coor./Supr.	33	16	16	14	18	16	14	12	18	13
Office Manager/Supervisor	3	15	6	15	11	14	14	10	18	36
Security	52	25	28	24	27	23	17	20	11	12
Supt/Asst Supt/BOCES Director	12	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	9	9
Computer Technology	8	7	8	7	7	7	6	6	6	4
Vehicle Drivers/Workers	9	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,879</b>

Source: District Financial Records  
\*2017 - 2022 Data does not contain Charter School information

EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
School Building Capacity and Population  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Elementary Schools</b>										
<b>Falcon (1982)</b>										
Building Square feet	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561	38,561
Modular Square feet	5,680	5,680	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640
Core Capacity (building)	362	362	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	425
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	506	506	575	575	575	575	575	575	575	575
Enrollment	318	290	264	271	299	283	328	321	319	317
<b>Meridian Ranch (2003)</b>										
Building Square feet	58,318	58,318	58,318	58,318	58,318	58,318	58,318	55,731	55,731	55,731
Modular Square feet	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440
Core Capacity (building)	707	707	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	757	757	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700
Enrollment	670	670	644	641	665	677	788	740	727	748
<b>Woodmen Hills (2000)</b>										
Building Square feet	56,100	56,100	56,100	56,100	56,100	56,100	56,100	51,603	51,603	51,603
Modular Square feet	11,093	11,093	11,093	11,093	11,093	11,093	11,039	11,039	11,039	11,039
Core Capacity (building)	589	589	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	689	689	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Enrollment	613	632	571	564	597	615	799	803	738	744
<b>Evans (1976)</b>										
Building Square feet	53,148	53,148	53,148	53,148	53,148	53,148	53,148	53,101	53,101	53,101
Modular Square feet	9,856	9,856	11,296	11,296	11,296	11,296	11,296	11,296	11,296	11,296
Core Capacity (building)	425	425	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	625	625	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850
Enrollment	487	507	499	602	653	621	670	721	-	678
<b>Remington (1997)</b>										
Building Square feet	51,311	51,311	51,311	51,311	51,311	51,311	51,311	49,784	49,784	49,784
Modular Square feet	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880
Core Capacity (building)	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	660	660	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700
Enrollment	534	554	598	603	638	654	611	561	580	565
<b>Springs Ranch (2002)</b>										
Building Square feet	55,295	55,295	55,295	55,295	55,295	55,295	55,295	56,914	56,914	56,914
Modular Square feet	1,440	1,440	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880
Core Capacity (building)	660	660	700	700	700	700	650	650	650	650
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	660	660	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750
Enrollment	548	576	569	545	565	579	553	591	573	592
<b>Ridgeview (2002)</b>										
Building Square feet	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362	57,362
Modular Square feet	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760
Core Capacity (building)	644	644	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	644	644	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800
Enrollment	626	600	529	605	654	684	949	802	760	916
<b>Stetson Elementary (1987)</b>										
Building Square feet	48,963	48,963	48,963	48,963	48,963	48,965	48,965	50,223	50,223	50,223
Modular Square feet	10,680	10,680	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120	12,120
Core Capacity (building)	440	440	575	575	575	575	575	525	525	525
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	590	590	925	925	925	925	925	875	875	875
Enrollment	531	498	414	451	505	521	557	527	568	619
<b>Odyssey Elementary/ALLIES (2006)</b>										
Building Square feet	60,174	60,174	60,174	60,174	60,174	60,174	48,965	44,505	44,505	44,505
Modular Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,120	5,760	5,760	5,760
Core Capacity (building)	625	625	625	625	625	625	575	450	450	450
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	625	625	625	625	625	625	925	650	650	650
Enrollment	502	537	502	521	571	576	561	538	550	579
<b>Bennett Ranch Elementary (2019)</b>										
Building Square feet	122,418	122,418	63,780	63,780	63,780	63,780	-	-	-	-
Modular Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Core Capacity (building)	1,022	1,022	660	660	660	660	-	-	-	-
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,022	1,022	660	660	660	660	-	-	-	-
Enrollment	376	380	350	326	339	357	-	-	-	-
<b>Inspiration View Elementary (2020)</b>										
Building Square feet	70,554	70,554	70,554	70,554	70,554	-	-	-	-	-
Modular Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Core Capacity (building)	580	580	720	720	720	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	580	580	720	720	720	-	-	-	-	-
Enrollment	527	518	519	409	368	-	-	-	-	-

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School Building Capacity and Population  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Middle Schools</b>										
<b>Falcon Middle (1976)</b>										
Building Square feet	128,760	128,760	128,760	128,760	128,760	128,760	128,760	92,421	92,421	92,421
Modular Square feet	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640	5,640
Core Capacity (building)	831	831	900	900	900	900	900	800	800	800
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	831	831	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000
Enrollment	866	602	922	919	1,021	1,021	983	978	907	934
<b>Horizon Middle (1985)</b>										
Building Square feet	67,230	67,230	67,230	67,230	67,230	67,230	67,230	66,380	66,380	66,380
Modular Square feet	30,816	30,816	42,048	42,048	42,048	42,048	41,905	43,488	43,488	7,200
Core Capacity (building)	548	548	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	801	801	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,175	1,175	1,175	800
Enrollment	773	820	706	748	769	769	746	709	650	626
<b>Skyview Middle (2000)</b>										
Building Square feet	128,953	128,953	128,953	128,953	128,953	128,953	128,953	122,317	122,317	122,317
Modular Square feet	13,320	13,320	14,760	14,760	14,760	14,760	14,760	14,760	14,760	14,760
Core Capacity (building)	1,034	1,034	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,172	1,172	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350
Enrollment	862	881	1,003	989	1,057	1,058	1,109	1,057	1,127	1,144
<b>High Schools</b>										
<b>Falcon High (2007)</b>										
Building Square feet	192,298	192,298	192,298	192,298	192,298	192,298	192,298	176,352	176,352	176,352
Modular Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Core Capacity (building)	1,356	1,356	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,356	1,356	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Enrollment	1,172	1,247	1,246	1,180	1,234	1,240	1,207	1,187	1,238	1,275
<b>Sand Creek High (1997)</b>										
Building Square feet	208,776	208,776	208,776	208,776	208,776	208,776	208,776	189,866	189,866	189,866
Modular Square feet	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	8,640	8,640	8,640
Core Capacity (building)	1,280	1,280	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,280	1,280	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Enrollment	1,426	1,358	1,119	1,127	1,128	1,133	1,205	1,247	1,274	1,245
<b>Vista Ridge High (2008)</b>										
Building Square feet	212,717	212,717	179,876	179,876	179,876	179,876	166,617	166,617	166,617	166,617
Modular Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Core Capacity (building)	1,504	1,504	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,504	1,504	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Enrollment	1,473	1,471	1,624	1,624	1,606	1,615	1,583	1,482	1,437	1,338
<b>Other Buildings</b>										
<b>Springs Studio for Academic Excellence (2012)</b>										
Building Square feet	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Capacity	548	548	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Enrollment	442	439	425	472	402	402	485	489	-	515
<b>Patriot High School (1952)</b>										
Building Square feet (plus butler & art)	36,750	36,750	41,929	41,929	41,929	36,750	36,750	41,929	41,929	41,929
Modular Square feet	17,707	17,707	4,812	4,812	4,812	6,330	6,330	4,812	10,572	10,572
Core Capacity (building)	425	425	425	425	425	425	425	125	125	125
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	525	525	525	525	525	525	525	325	325	325
Enrollment	115	91	89	74	94	86	104	120	201	258
<b>Administration Buildings</b>										
<b>Central Office (1981)</b>										
Building Square feet	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134	6,134
Modular Square feet	5,904	5,904	5,904	5,904	5,904	6,396	7,212	7,212	7,212	7,212
<b>Transportation/Nutrition Services (2002)</b>										
Building Square feet	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800	25,800
Modular Square feet	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440
<b>Mohawk Building (2001)</b>										
Building Square feet (plus butler & art)	7,060	7,060	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Core Capacity (building)	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225
Total Capacity	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225
<b>Creekside Success Center® (2015)</b>										
Building Square feet	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806	35,806

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Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Chartered Schools</b>										
<b>Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning (2008)</b>										
Building Square feet	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967	28,967
Core Capacity (building)	475	475	475	475	475	475	475	475	475	475
Total Capacity	475	475	475	475	475	475	475	475	475	475
Enrollment	400	393	391	431	407	415	413	415	439	408
<b>Banning Lewis Ranch Academy (2008)</b>										
Building Square feet	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000	57,000	57,000	57,000	57,000
Modular Square feet	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440
Core Capacity (building)	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	675	675	675	675
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	725	725	725	725
Enrollment	1,697	1,623	1,673	1,469	1,435	1,376	1,248	809	-	749
<b>Grand Peak Academy (2010)</b>										
Building Square feet	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
Modular Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440
Core Capacity (building)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	800	800	800
Total Capacity (w/modulars)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	850	850	850	850
Enrollment	608	672	618	727	760	705	747	796	-	743
<b>Rocky Mountain Classical Academy (2015)</b>										
Building Square feet	104,686	104,686	104,686	104,686	104,686	93,000	93,000	93,000	93,000	35,000
Core Capacity (building)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	475
Total Capacity	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,075
Enrollment	1,162	1,124	1,304	1,584	1,617	1,632	1,613	1,612	1,467	1,300
<b>GOAL Academy**</b>										
Building Square feet	185,278	185,278	185,278	185,278	185,278	185,278	185,278	185,278	185,278	-
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-
Enrollment	6,693	6,108	5,318	5,305	4,965	4,140	3,811	3,755	4,070	3,259
<b>Power Technical Early College (2016)</b>										
Building Square feet	34,250	34,250	34,250	34,250	34,250	34,250	n/a	n/a	-	-
Total Capacity	400	400	400	400	400	400	n/a	n/a	-	-
Enrollment	406	377	340	325	317	267	240	160	-	-
<b>Liberty Tree Academy (2020)</b>										
Building Square feet	39,376	39,376	39,376	39,376	39,376	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capacity	525	525	525	525	525	-	-	-	-	-
Enrollment	602	589	646	577	501	317	-	-	-	-
<b>Mountain View Academy</b>										
Building Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capacity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enrollment	387	358	353	140	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Pioneer Technology &amp; Arts Academy</b>										
Building Square feet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capacity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enrollment	538	490	219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Student Population</b>	<b>25,354</b>	<b>24,405</b>	<b>23,451</b>	<b>23,229</b>	<b>23,167</b>	<b>21,743</b>	<b>21,310</b>	<b>20,420</b>	<b>17,625</b>	<b>19,552</b>

\*The Creekside building was built in 2015

\*\* GOAL Academy joined the district in 2013/2014 school year. Their enrollment prior to joining the district is not included.

GOAL Academy is primarily an online school. With various small satellite sites for students to visit for additional learning. These sites change periodically based on need. Prior years were not available.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**Capital Assets by Function/Program**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Governmental Activities										
Instruction	298,578,568	274,258,396	274,258,396	266,882,358	261,764,551	238,067,914	194,276,634	213,368,856	211,624,573	210,439,589
General Administration	8,734,538	8,440,501	8,357,466	8,357,466	8,357,466	8,357,466	8,357,466	14,679,803	12,593,392	12,313,675
Operation and Maintenance	8,851,137	8,420,434	6,432,175	5,879,468	893,143	684,818	684,818	557,283	464,480	326,569
Student Transportation	13,293,445	11,950,369	11,950,369	10,819,289	10,515,844	8,918,028	8,168,967	9,433,502	8,773,770	8,249,302
Technology	830,642	830,642	815,742	765,577	98,416	98,416	98,416	1,916,705	1,916,705	1,916,705
Business	38,942	38,942	38,942	38,942	38,942	38,942	38,942	45,229	45,229	45,229
Business-type Activities										
Food Service	583,906	525,143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	330,911,178	304,464,427	301,853,090	292,743,100	281,668,363	256,165,584	211,625,243	240,001,378	235,418,150	233,291,069

Source: District Financial Records

EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49

Operating Statistics  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Primary Government Expenses	\$ 270,351,395	\$ 233,582,154	\$ 237,209,629	\$ 204,245,555	\$ 218,593,899	\$ 184,816,071	\$ 239,143,234	\$ 212,866,460	\$ 140,398,047	\$ 132,358,799
Enrollment, Oct 1 count	25,618	25,800	23,451	23,229	23,167	21,743	21,310	20,420	17,625	19,552
Funded Pupil Count (FPC)	25,267.0	24,691.0	23,298.1	23,315.7	23,366.0	22,664.1	22,501.0	21,744.0	21,839.3	20,222.5
Cost per FPC	10,517.60	9,460.21	10,181.50	8,760.00	9,355.21	8,154.57	10,628.12	9,789.66	6,428.69	6,545.13
Per Pupil Funding After Negative Factor	\$ 10,192.83	\$ 9,164.66	\$ 8,601.97	\$ 7,776.75	\$ 8,115.98	\$ 7,746.06	\$ 7,051.42	\$ 7,075.60	\$ 6,977.57	\$ 6,688.52
Students Qualified for Federal Assistance:										
Free Lunch Program	8,179	6,926	5,450	6,145	3,800	3,592	3,327	3,445	5,560	4,961
Reduced Lunch Program	1,278	1,708	1,266	1,488	998	963	950	951	1,556	1,345
SAT/ACT Average Composite score*										
Springs Studio for Academic Excellence**	980	940	978	1002	984	984	n/a	1466	19.6	19.1
Falcon HS	950	957	951	1017	970	970	959	993	20.2	20.1
Sand Creek HS	896	931	939	999	950	950	972	977	19.8	19.4
Vista Ridge HS	959	944	951	989	985	985	996	982	20.3	19.6
Patriot High School***	817	788	823	n/a	793	793	n/a	707	15.4	14.7
Goal Academy	805	816	824	899	824	824	831	828	15.4	16.1
Colorado Average	978	990	986	1011	1001	1001	976	1014	20.4	20.1
Graduation Rates										
Springs Studio for Academic Excellence**	95.2%	98.4%	96.6%	88.7%	90.4%	90.4%	78.4%	88.1%	94.0%	93.8%
Falcon High School	90.6%	89.1%	92.1%	91.8%	90.7%	90.0%	85.8%	89.3%	98.3%	95.3%
Goal Academy	41.6%	36.6%	38.0%	32.4%	20.8%	19.2%	34.8%	40.5%	47.1%	46.7%
Power Tech Early College	86.0%	87.5%	91.7%	100.0%	90.9%	81.8%	81.8%	81.8%	55.4%	62.1%
Patriot High School***	41.4%	46.2%	52.9%	51.2%	64.3%	59.5%	57.1%	62.1%	44.4%	-
Pikes Peak Early College	48.9%	28.9%	100.0%	35.0%	30.0%	30.0%	34.5%	25.0%	-	-
Rocky Mountain Classical Academy	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	25.0%	-	-	-
Sand Creek High School	86.0%	90.0%	89.1%	88.3%	84.6%	83.3%	87.2%	81.8%	91.0%	93.7%
Vista Ridge High School	90.8%	88.7%	95.5%	90.9%	89.5%	88.6%	89.5%	88.5%	92.9%	94.3%
<b>CO state</b>	<b>84.2%</b>	<b>82.3%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>81.9%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>79.8%</b>	<b>77.3%</b>
Dropout Rate	8.1%	9.0%	8.8%	9.6%	7.5%	7.5%	6.9%	9.4%	8.1%	5.9%

Sources: Colorado Department of Education

Notes: The addition of GOAL Academy affects many district statistics. When possible statistics are broken out by school.

GOAL Academy is an Alternative Education Campus (AEC). Over 95% of the students serviced at AEC schools are considered at high risk of dropping out.

\*\*2016 and Prior - ACT was used

\*\*\*2016 and Prior Springs Studio for Academic Excellence was Falcon Virtual Academy

\*\*\*2016 and Prior Patriot High School was Patriot Learning Center

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

# **SINGLE AUDIT**

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Assistance Listing Number</b>	<b>Additional Award Identification</b>	<b>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>					
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>					
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
School Breakfast Program	10.553		5553	\$ -	\$ 489,732
National School Lunch Program	10.555		4555, 6555		3,054,281
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559		4559		16,411
Passed Through Colorado Department of Human Services					
National School Lunch Program	10.555		4555		472,723
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>					
					<u>4,033,147</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture					<u>4,033,147</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Defense</b>					
Direct Programs					
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)	12.Unknown				235,685
Promoting K-12 Student Achievement at Military-Connected Schools	12.556				905,220
Total Department of Defense					<u>1,140,905</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>					
Direct Programs					
Impact Aid	84.041				783,458
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
<i>Special Education Cluster</i>					
Special Education: Grants to States IDEA Part B	84.027		4027		4,140,514
Special Education: Grants to States IDEA Part B	84.027X		6027		242,695
Special Education: Preschool Grants	84.173		4173		75,540
<i>Total SPED Cluster</i>					
					<u>4,458,749</u>
Every Child Succeeds Act, Title I, Part A	84.010		4010, 5010		3,502,639
Charter Schools	84.282		5282		278,436
English Language Learners, Title III, Part A	84.365		4365		112,988
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367		4367		391,072
					4421,4422,4423,4424,
Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IV, Part A	84.424A		4426		204,417
Education Stabilization Fund					
ESSER III	84.425U	COVID-19	4414, 9414, 4438, 4457		4,592,370
Passed through Colorado Community College System					
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048		4048		109,677
Total U.S. Department of Education					<u>-</u>
					<u>14,433,806</u>
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>				<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,607,858</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of El Paso County Colorado School District 49 under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of El Paso County Colorado School District 49, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of El Paso County Colorado School District 49.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified-accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available. ROTC does not have a ALN number, so the Federal ALN number on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards identifies the Department followed by "Unknown".

**NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE**

El Paso County Colorado School District 49 has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 4 – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE**

During the year end June 30, 2024, El Paso County Colorado School District 49 received \$472,723 in non-cash assistance in the form of food commodities. Valuation of commodities is based on fair market value at the time of receipt.



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

To the Board of Education  
El Paso County Colorado School District 49

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of El Paso County Colorado School District 49, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2025. The financial statements of the discretely presented component units were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with those component units.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether El Paso County Colorado School District 49's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of This Report**

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

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 26, 2025



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Education  
El Paso County Colorado School District 49

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

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

We have audited El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, El Paso County Colorado School District 49 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

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

We are required to be independent of El Paso County Colorado School District 49 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to El Paso County Colorado School District 49’s federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on El Paso County Colorado School District 49's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about El Paso County Colorado School District 49's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding El Paso County Colorado School District 49's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of El Paso County Colorado School District 49's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso County Colorado School District 49's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 26, 2025

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Section I—Summary of Auditors’ Results

*Financial Statements*

Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_ yes x no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? \_\_\_ yes x none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_ yes x no

*Federal Awards*

Internal control over major programs?

- Material weakness(es) identified? \_\_\_ yes x no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? \_\_\_ yes x none reported

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

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

Identification of major programs:

<u>ALN Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
ALN 10.553, 10.555 & 10.559 ALN 12.556	Child Nutrition Cluster Promoting K-12 Student Achievement at Military-Connected Schools
ALN 84.367 ALN 84.425U	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants Education Stabilization Fund

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? x yes \_\_\_ no

**EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 49  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Section II—Financial Statement Findings

No findings reported.

Section III—Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

No findings reported.



## **SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**

The Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (the Summary) summarizes the status of the audit findings reported in the El Paso County Colorado School District 49 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2023. If the prior audit finding was fully addressed, the Summary indicates that the corrective action described in the prior audit report was taken or that corrective action is no longer needed. Otherwise, the Summary references the page number of the June 30, 2024 single audit report where a repeat recommendation, description of the planned corrective action, or reason for not implementing the recommendation is presented.

There were no prior year audit findings.

## **STATE COMPLIANCE**



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COLORADO SCHOOL  
DISTRICT/BOCES AUDITOR'S INTEGRITY REPORT**

To the Board of Education  
El Paso County Colorado School District 49

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the El Paso County Colorado School District 49, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the El Paso County Colorado School District 49's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. Our report thereon, dated February 26, 2025, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the El Paso County Colorado School District 49's basic financial statements. The accompanying *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Hoelting & Company, Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 26, 2025



**Colorado Department of Education**  
**Auditors Integrity Report**  
 District: 1110 - District 49  
 Fiscal Year 2023-24  
 Colorado School District/BOCES

Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Fund

Fund Type & Number	Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	+	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	=	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
<b>Governmental</b>						
10 General Fund	31,808,917		172,755,147	159,133,810		45,430,254
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	851,841		2,150,000	3,296,310		-294,469
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	244,035		2,782,492	2,831,562		194,965
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>32,904,793</b>		<b>177,687,639</b>	<b>165,261,682</b>		<b>45,330,750</b>
11 Charter School Fund	56,472,539		148,011,813	141,443,899		63,040,453
20.26-29 Special Revenue Fund	4,170,428		21,033,244	15,712,383		9,491,289
06 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main, Fund	0		0	0		0
07 Total Program Reserve Fund	0		0	0		0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	3,257,305		8,078,189	6,961,084		4,374,410
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0		18,443,954	18,443,954		0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	741,274		1,669,438	1,686,910		723,802
25 Transportation Fund	0		2,434,150	2,434,150		0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	0		0	0		0
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	18,591,055		22,161,613	16,567,788		24,184,881
41 Building Fund	73,766,896		4,037,964	53,344,905		24,459,954
42 Special Building Fund	0		0	0		0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	4,676,291		280,946	-14,956		4,972,193
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>194,580,560</b>		<b>403,836,950</b>	<b>421,841,798</b>		<b>176,577,733</b>
<b>Proprietary</b>						
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0		0	0		0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	1,318,294		3,306,152	3,154,322		1,470,124
60.65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,318,294</b>		<b>3,306,152</b>	<b>3,154,322</b>		<b>1,470,124</b>
<b>Fiduciary</b>						
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0		0	0		0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	0		0	0		0
73 Agency Fund	0		0	0		0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0		0	0		0
79 GASB 34/Permanent Fund	0		0	0		0
85 Foundations	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>

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