

Arickaree School District R-2
Anton, Colorado

Financial Statements

For the Year ended June 30, 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Education
Arickaree School District R-2
Anton, Colorado

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Arickaree School District R-2 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and historical pension and other post-employment benefit information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the

United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information and the auditors' integrity report listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and the auditors' integrity report are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.

Sterling, Colorado
November 11, 2024

Management Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of Arickaree School District R-2's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should review the information presented here in conjunction with the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's performance.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceed its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of June 30, 2024 by \$712,640 (net position) as reported in the government-wide financial statements.
- The District's government-wide total net position decreased by \$248,539 over the prior fiscal year.
- Program revenues of \$499,708 offset expenses from governmental activities of \$3,165,849. General revenues amounted to \$2,417,602.
- At the close of June 30, 2024, the District reported \$2,200,245 combined fund balances for the Governmental Funds, a decrease of \$47,564.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

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.

The statement of net position presents information about all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, changes 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 expense are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and retiree's early retirement bonuses). In the government-wide financial statements, the School District's activities include the following:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the School District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, transportation, maintenance and operations, administration, food service, and pupil activities. Taxes and intergovernmental revenues principally support these activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-13 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School District's operations, focusing on the most significant or "major" funds, not the School District as a whole. The School District has two kinds of funds: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term financial resources and fund balances. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements. The annual budget is provided on the basis of the governmental fund financial statements.

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 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 statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Arickaree School District R-2 maintains four 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 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund which are considered to be major funds. Data for the other two governmental funds are combined in a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Arickaree School District R-2 adopts an annual appropriated budget for all funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Student Activity Fund, Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund and Scholarship Trust Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support Arickaree School District R-2's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 18-19 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements may be found on pages 20-54 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also presents other supplementary information concerning the School District's annual appropriated budgets with comparison statements that demonstrate compliance with budgets. Budgeted amounts may be found on pages 70-84.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The assets of the District are classified as current assets and capital assets. Cash, investments, receivables, inventories and other assets are current assets. These assets are available to provide resources for the near-term operations of the District. A good portion of the current assets result from the property tax collection process; the District receives about 96% of the annual property tax assessment between January and June.

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

Current and long-term liabilities are classified based on anticipated liquidation either in the near-term or in the future. Current liabilities include accounts payable, accrued salaries and benefits and unearned revenues. The liquidation of current liabilities is anticipated to be either from currently available resources, current assets or new resources that become available during the ensuing fiscal year.

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$712,640 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The following table provides a summary of the district's net position as of June 30, 2024.

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2024	2023	2023-2024
Current and Other assets	\$ 2,376,132	\$ 2,424,762	-2.00%
Capital assets	1,278,445	1,243,596	2.80%
Total assets	3,654,577	3,668,358	-0.37%
Deferred outflows of resources	833,226	589,771	41.27%
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4,487,803	\$ 4,258,129	5.39%
Long term liabilities	\$ 3,490,376	\$ 2,944,244	18.54%
Other liabilities	168,058	166,544	0.90%
Total liabilities	3,658,434	3,110,788	17.60%
Deferred inflows of resources	116,729	186,162	-37.29%
Net investment in capital assets	1,278,445	1,243,596	2.80%
Restricted	115,357	163,005	-29.23%
Unrestricted	(681,162)	(445,422)	52.92%
Total net position	712,640	961,179	-25.85%
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 4,487,803	\$ 4,258,129	5.39%

The District's reported assets consist of current assets of \$2,376,132 and capital assets of \$1,278,445. The ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities of 14.13 to 1 indicates the District's ability to meet current obligations.

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

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2024	2023	2023-2024
Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 32,668	\$ 54,238	-39.76%
Operating grants & contributions	467,040	587,503	-20.50%
Capital grants & contributions	-	-	0.00%
Property taxes	921,419	878,704	4.86%
State equalization	1,205,060	1,228,758	-1.92%
Other	291,123	268,223	8.53%
Total Revenue	2,917,310	3,017,426	3.31%
Expenses			
Instruction	1,604,089	1,614,334	-0.63%
Supporting Services	1,507,020	1,613,767	-6.61%
Other	54,740	51,459	6.37%
Total Expenses	3,165,849	3,279,560	-3.46%
Change in net position	(248,539)	(262,134)	-5.18%
Net position at beginning of year	961,179	1,223,313	-21.42%
Net position at end of year	\$ 712,640	\$ 961,179	-25.85%

Governmental activities decreased the District's net position in FY 2024 and FY 2023 by \$248,539 and \$262,134, respectively.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District 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, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,200,245, a decrease of \$47,564.

- Revenues and transfers exceeded expenditures in the General Fund by \$47,701, increasing fund balance to \$1,914,150.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District is required to adopt a budget by June 30 for the following fiscal year. The Board of Education will submit a copy of the budget to CDE by January 31.

Capital Asset and Debit Administration

Capital assets. The District's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2024 amounts to \$1,278,445 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets included land, buildings, service vehicles, buses and playground, office and instructional equipment.

Comparative Schedule of Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Land and improvements	\$ 43,647	\$ 37,645
Building and improvements	2,157,221	2,140,573
Transportation equipment	847,701	716,409
Other equipment	338,314	338,314
Subtotal	3,386,883	3,232,941
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,108,438)	(1,989,345)
Total capital assets	\$ 1,278,445	\$ 1,243,596

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

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the School District's long-term debt of \$29,245 represented its accrued compensated absences. Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note G to the basic financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

- Facility: School safety infrastructure, building roof, plumbing and water filtration system, parking lot.
- School vehicle / bus replacements are necessary.
- Additional staff to meet the educational needs of students: un-combining elementary classes, Offer academic readiness and career courses for high school students.
- Continue to increase salary schedules to insure we are competitive in comparison to other Colorado School Districts.
- Insurance: health and school coverage has increased substantially (12%).

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Arickaree School District R-2's finances for all those with an interest in the District's Finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director of Finance, 12155 County Road NN, Anton, Colorado 80801-9601.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements of the District include the following:

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities.

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

Notes to the financial statements. The notes communicate information essential for fair presentation of the financial statements that is not displayed on the face of the financial statements. As such, the notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash	\$ 976,388
Cash with fiscal agent	19,714
Investments	1,184,916
Receivables	192,878
Inventory	2,236
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,278,445
Total assets	3,654,577
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	807,531
Other post-employment benefit deferrals	25,695
Total deferred outflows of resources	833,226
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4,487,803
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 46,412
Accrued salaries and benefits	59,686
Unearned revenues	5,463
Unearned grant revenue	56,497
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due in more than one year	29,245
Net pension liability	3,379,529
Net OPEB liability	81,602
Total liabilities	3,658,434
Deferred inflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	84,071
Other post-employment benefit deferrals	32,658
Total deferred inflows of resources	116,729
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,278,445
Restricted for:	
Emergencies	74,000
Universal preschool program	28,529
Food service operations	12,828
Unrestricted (deficit)	(681,162)
Total net position	712,640
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 4,487,803

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

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ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program Revenues		
		Charges for	Operating	Capital
	Expenses	Services	Grants and	Grants and
			Contributions	Contributions
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 1,604,089	\$ 15,850	\$ 271,578	
Supporting services				
Students	16,536			
Instructional staff	30,555		4,500	
General administration	375,992			
School administration	45,379			
Business services	100,556			
Operations and maintenance	404,068			
Student transportation	227,669		116,362	
Central support services	154,986			
Food service operations	151,279	16,818	74,600	
Unallocated depreciation *	54,740			
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,165,849</u>	<u>\$ 32,668</u>	<u>\$ 467,040</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
General revenues				
Taxes				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				
Specific ownership taxes				
Delinquent taxes and interest				
State equalization				
Earnings on investments				
Other				
Total general revenues				
Change in net position				
Net position at beginning of year				
Net position at end of year				

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

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

Net (Expenses)
Revenues and
Changes in
Net Position

Total
Governmental
Activities

\$ (1,316,661)

(16,536)

(26,055)

(375,992)

(45,379)

(100,556)

(404,068)

(111,307)

(154,986)

(59,861)

(54,740)

(2,666,141)

823,418

96,074

1,927

1,205,060

74,891

216,232

2,417,602

(248,539)

961,179

\$ 712,640

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 680,534	\$ 115,413	\$ 180,441	\$ 976,388
Cash with fiscal agent	19,714			19,714
Investments	1,184,916			1,184,916
Property taxes receivable	42,829			42,829
Due from other funds	595			595
Grant receivables	135,204			135,204
Other receivables	14,356		489	14,845
Inventories			2,236	2,236
Total assets	\$ 2,078,148	\$ 115,413	\$ 183,166	\$ 2,376,727
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 43,630		\$ 2,782	\$ 46,412
Due to other funds			595	595
Accrued salaries and benefits	56,042		3,644	59,686
Unearned revenues		\$ 4,051	1,412	5,463
Unearned grant revenues	56,497			56,497
Total liabilities	156,169	4,051	8,433	168,653
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred property tax revenues	7,829			7,829
Total deferred inflows of resources	7,829	-	-	7,829
Fund balance				
Nonspendable:				
Inventories			2,236	2,236
Restricted for:				
Emergencies	74,000			74,000
Universal preschool program	28,259			28,259
Food service operations			10,592	10,592
Committed to:				
Capital projects		111,362		111,362
Pupil activities			161,905	161,905
Assigned to risk-related activities	807			807
Unassigned	1,811,084			1,811,084
Total fund balance	1,914,150	111,362	174,733	2,200,245
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 2,078,148	\$ 115,413	\$ 183,166	\$ 2,376,727

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024**

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

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 2,200,245
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	1,278,445
Certain receivables will be collected in the next fiscal year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as unearned revenues in the governmental funds.	7,829
Long-term liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources, including compensated absences and net pension and OPEB liabilities, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(2,773,879)</u>
Net position of the governmental activities	<u>\$ 712,640</u>

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 1,089,076		\$ 155,460	\$ 1,244,536
Intermediate sources	115			115
State sources	1,422,079		23,980	1,446,059
Federal sources	168,485		50,621	219,106
Total revenues	2,679,755	\$ -	230,061	2,909,816
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,315,156		133,418	1,448,574
Supporting services	1,281,898		144,957	1,426,855
Capital outlay		81,951		81,951
Total expenditures	2,597,054	81,951	278,375	2,957,380
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	82,701	(81,951)	(48,314)	(47,564)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in			35,000	35,000
Transfers out	(35,000)			(35,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(35,000)	-	35,000	-
Net change in fund balance	47,701	(81,951)	(13,314)	(47,564)
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,866,449	193,313	188,047	2,247,809
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,914,150	\$ 111,362	\$ 174,733	\$ 2,200,245

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ (47,564)
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	34,849
Because some property taxes and other revenues will not be collected for several months after the fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds and are, instead, reported as deferred tax and unearned revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the statement of activities.	558
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses related to compensated absences are measured by the amounts incurred or earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid).	4,407
Pension and OPEB expense at the fund level represents cash contributions to the defined benefit plan. For the activity level presentation, the amount represents the actuarial cost of the benefits for the fiscal year.	<u>(240,789)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (248,539)</u></u>

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Fund
Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,509
Certificate of deposit	<u>5,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,509</u>
Liabilities	\$ -
Net position	
Restricted for scholarship recipients	<u>6,509</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 6,509</u>

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Fund
Additions	
Contributions and earnings	\$ 1,505
Total additions	1,505
Deductions	
Scholarship awards	-
Total deductions	-
Change in net position	1,505
Net position at beginning of year	5,004
Net position at end of year	\$ 6,509

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2

Notes to Financial Statements

Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies

This summary of the Arickaree School District R-2's significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the financial statements and other data in this report. The policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A.1 – Reporting entity

The Arickaree School District R-2 is a school district governed by an elected five-member board of education. The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The reporting entity's financial statements should present the funds of the primary government (including its blended component units, which are, in substance, part of the primary government) and provide an overview of the discretely presented component units.

The District has examined other entities that could be included as defined in number 2 and 3 above. Based on these criteria, the District has no component units.

A.2 – Fund accounting

The District uses funds to report its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." The District does not have any proprietary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked funds (special revenue funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service fund). The following are the District's major governmental funds:

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include local property taxes, specific ownership taxes, and State of Colorado equalization funding, as determined by the School Finance Act of 1994, as amended.

Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operation of the schools, except for certain capital outlay expenditures, debt service, food service operations and pupil activities.

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

The following are the District's nonmajor governmental funds:

Food Service Fund – This fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the financial activities associated with the District's food service operations.

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

Fiduciary Funds focus on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District has the following fiduciary fund:

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

Note A.3 – Basis of presentation

Government-wide financial statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared.

Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with a brief explanation to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund financial statements – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources management focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, which reports the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

Fiduciary funds focus on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. The District's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address the activities or obligations of the District, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.4 – Basis of accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

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

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

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

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

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

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Unearned revenue – Unearned revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenues also arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to meeting eligibility requirements. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and the revenue is recognized.

Expenditures – The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

A.5 – Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is utilized by the District to record purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies to assure effective budgetary control and accountability. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled and reappropriated in the ensuing year’s budget.

A.6 – Short-term interfund receivables/payables

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

A.7 – Inventories

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

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.8 – Capital assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets with a unit cost greater than \$3,000 are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost, if actual cost is not available) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value on the date received. Infrastructure assets, consisting of certain improvements other than buildings (such as parking facilities, sidewalks, landscaping and lighting systems) are capitalized along with other capital assets. Improvements to assets are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated with the exception of land costs. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Buildings and improvements	10-40 years
Other equipment	10 years
Licensed vehicles	7-10 years

A.9 – Compensated absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Compensated absences benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Accumulated sick leave benefits are paid to employees upon termination of employment.

Certain personnel and full-time employees receive up to ten days of sick leave each year, which can be accumulated by the employee. Upon leaving employment with the District, employees shall be paid for 30 days of accumulated leave at a rate equal to the daily rate of a substitute.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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

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

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

A.10 – Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, the noncurrent portion of compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds is reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. Bonds payable and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

A.11 – Fund balance

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

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

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

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the board of education (the District's highest level of decision-making authority),

Assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, and

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the District's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

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

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

A.12 – Net position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are liabilities imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

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Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

A.13 – Interfund transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. In general, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

A.14 – Extraordinary and special items

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

Note B – Cash and investments

Cash and deposits

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

Custodial credit risk – deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, the District had total deposits of \$1,072,337, of which \$255,000 was insured and \$817,337 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

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Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)

Investments

Authorized Investments – Investment policies are governed by Colorado State Statutes and the District’s own investment policies and procedures. Investments of the District may include:

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

During the year, the District invested in Colotrust (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commission administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. COLOTRUST PLUS+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and repurchase agreements collateralized by certain obligations of U.S. government agencies. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust’s portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust’s investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. Investments are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of \$1.00. As of June 30, 2024, the District had invested \$5 in COLOTRUST PRIME and \$1,184,911 invested in COLOTRUST PLUS+. The District also invested in certificate of deposits.

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>Investment maturities (in years)</u>			
		<u>Less than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	
Investment in Colotrust	\$ 1,184,916	\$ 1,184,916	\$ -	\$ -	

The investment in Colotrust is maintained in the General Fund.

Credit risk – State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds to the highest rating from at least one nationally recognized rating agency at the time of purchase. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. At year-end, the District’s investment in Colotrust was rated AAAm by Standard and Poor’s.

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Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)

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

Cash in bank	\$ 977,897
Certificates of deposit	5,000
Investments in Colotrust	<u>1,184,916</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,167,813</u>
<u>Statement of net position</u>	
Cash	\$ 976,388
Investments	<u>1,184,916</u>
Subtotal	2,161,304
<u>Statement of fiduciary net position</u>	
Cash	1,509
Certificates of deposit	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>6,509</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,167,813</u>

Note C – Receivables

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Property taxes receivable	\$ 42,829
Grants receivable	135,204
Other receivables	<u>14,845</u>
Total	<u>\$ 192,878</u>

Property taxes are levied on December 15th and attach as a lien on property the following January 1st. They are payable in full by April 30th or are due in two equal installments on February 28th and June 15th. Washington County bills and collects property taxes for all taxing entities within the counties. The tax receipts collected by the counties are remitted to the District in the subsequent month.

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Note D – Interfund transactions

The following is a summary of interfund transactions for the year as presented in the fund financial statements:

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General fund	\$ 595	\$ -
Other governmental funds	<u>-</u>	<u>595</u>
Total	<u>\$ 595</u>	<u>\$ 595</u>

All balances resulted from the lag time between the dates that (1) interfund reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. Interfund receivables and payables are eliminated through the transfer of funds from one fund to another.

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General fund	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Other governmental funds	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 35,000</u>	<u>\$ 35,000</u>

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them. The District transferred funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Other Governmental Funds to subsidize the costs of maintaining the District's food service operations.

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Note E – Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions/ Transfers</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 29,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,645
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	29,645	-	-	29,645
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land improvements	8,000	6,002	-	14,002
Buildings and improvements	2,140,573	16,648	-	2,157,221
Other equipment	338,314	-	-	338,314
Licensed vehicles	<u>716,409</u>	<u>131,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>847,701</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>3,203,296</u>	<u>153,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,357,238</u>
Total capital assets	3,232,941	153,942	-	3,386,883
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(4,222)	(600)	-	(4,822)
Buildings and improvements	(1,285,766)	(42,001)	-	(1,327,767)
Other equipment	(182,604)	(26,641)	-	(209,245)
Licensed vehicles	<u>(516,753)</u>	<u>(49,851)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(566,604)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,989,345)</u>	<u>(119,093)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,108,438)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,243,596</u>	<u>\$ 34,849</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,278,445</u>

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

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 2,414
Operations and maintenance	9,649
Student transportation	49,851
Food service operations	2,439
Unallocated	<u>54,740</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 119,093</u>

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Note F – Accrued salaries and benefits

Salaries and benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July, but are earned during a school year of approximately nine to ten months. The salaries and benefits earned but not paid at year-end are estimated to be \$59,686. Accordingly, this accrued compensation is reflected as a liability in the accompanying financial statements.

Note G – Long-term debt

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt for the year:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
Governmental Activities					
Compensated absences	\$ 36,790	\$ -	\$ (7,545)*	\$ 29,245	\$ -

*The change in the compensated absences liability is presented as a net change.

Note H – Defined benefit pension plan

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Pensions. The District participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (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.

General Information about the Pension Plan

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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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. Section 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% 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.

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

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

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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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.

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

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

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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the District were \$261,417 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 a \$225 million direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the 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 used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2023 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At year end, the District reported a liability of \$3,379,529 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,379,529
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the District	<u>74,103</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,453,632</u>

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

At December 31, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.0191%, which was an increase of 0.0037% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$526,982 and revenue of \$5,646 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 159,313	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	122,112	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	394,751	84,071
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>131,355</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 807,531</u>	<u>\$ 84,071</u>

\$131,355 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30, _____</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 153,881
2026	276,194
2027	229,579
2028	<u>(67,549)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 592,105</u>

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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
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 ₁	Financed by the AIR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

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:

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

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

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. 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.

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Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)

- 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 projections 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 total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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

	1% Decrease <u>(6.25%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.25%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.25%)</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 4,518,993</u>	<u>\$ 3,379,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,429,355</u>

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.

Payables to the pension plan

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

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Note I – Defined contribution pension plan

Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 401(k) Plan)

Plan description - Employees of the District that are also members of the SCHDTF may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 401(k) Plan), an Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the C.R.S., as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provisions to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available ACFR which includes additional information on the PERAPlus 401(k) Plan. That report can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Funding policy - The PERAPlus 401(k) Plan is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended. The District does not offer matching contributions to its employees. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2024, program members contributed \$7,125 for the PERAPlus 401(k) Plan.

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

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

OPEB. The District participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (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.

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the District are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended, 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.

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

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

C.R.S. § 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 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

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

premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

DPS Benefit Structure

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for retirees 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 retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

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

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from the District were \$13,084 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 year-end, the District reported a liability of \$81,602 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 used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2023. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2023 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

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

At December 31, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.0114%, which was a decrease of 0.0003% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$889. At year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 16,110
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	923	8,360
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	2,892	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	15,306	8,188
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>6,574</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,695</u>	<u>\$ 32,658</u>

\$6,574 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30, _____</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ (7,281)
2026	(3,874)
2027	1,626
2028	(2,336)
2029	(1,198)
2030	<u>(474)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (13,537)</u>

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

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs for the School Division:

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	7.00% in 2023, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2033
Medicare Part A premiums ¹	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

¹ UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plans are 0% for 2023.

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.

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

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

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

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 used to measure the total OPEB liability are summarized in the table below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>PERACare Medicare Plans</u>	<u>Medicare Part A Premiums</u>
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 total OPEB liability for the HCTF, but developed on 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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Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)

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 Safety Officers 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.

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

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.

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:

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

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

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

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

	<u>1% Decrease in Trend Rates</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase in Trend Rates</u>
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate ¹	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	\$ 79,260	\$ 81,602	\$ 84,150

¹For the January 1, 2024, plan year.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions 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.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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

- 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 total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 96,382	\$ 81,602	\$ 68,958

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.

Payables to the OPEB plan

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note K – Risk management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participates in the Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool's objectives are to provide member school districts defined property and liability coverages through self-insurance and excess insurance purchased from commercial companies. The District pays an annual contribution to the Pool for its insurance coverages. The District's contribution for the year was \$126,353. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage or the deductible in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year in any of the major categories of risk.

Note L – Commitments and contingencies

Federal and state funding

The District receives revenues from various federal and state grant programs which are subject to final review and approval by the grantor agencies. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

TABOR Amendment

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), to the State Constitution (Article X, Section 20) which limits the revenue raising and spending abilities of state and local governments. The limits on property taxes, revenue, and "fiscal year spending" include allowable annual increases tied to inflation and local growth in student enrollment. Fiscal year spending as defined by the amendment excludes spending from certain revenue and financing sources such as federal funds, gifts, property sales, fund transfers, damage awards, and fund reserves (balances). The amendment requires voter approval for any increase in mill levy or tax rates, new taxes, or creation of multi-year debt. Revenue earned in excess of the "spending limit" must be refunded or approved to be retained by the District under specified voting requirements by the entire electorate. During the year ended June 30, 1998, the voters of the District approved a ballot initiative permitting the District to retain, appropriate, and utilize, by retention for reserve, carryover fund balance, or expenditure, the full proceeds and revenues received from every source whatsoever, without limitation, in this fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years notwithstanding any limitation of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of TABOR. However, the District has made certain interpretations of TABOR's language in order to determine its compliance. The District has reserved funds in the General Fund in the amount of \$74,000 for the emergency reserve.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note M – Joint venture

The District participates in the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). This joint venture does not meet the criteria for inclusion within the reporting entity because the BOCES:

- is financially independent and responsible for its own financing deficits and entitled to its own surpluses,
- has a separate governing board from that of the District,
- has a separate management which is responsible for the day to day operations and is accountable to the separate board,
- governing board and management have the ability to significantly influence operations by approving budgetary requests and adjustments, signing contracts, hiring personnel, exercising control over facilities and determining the outcome or disposition of matters affecting the recipients or services provided, and
- has absolute authority over all funds and fiscal responsibility including budgetary responsibility and reporting to state agencies and controls fiscal management.

The District has one member on the board. The board has final authority for all budgeting and financing of the joint venture.

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

For the year, the District's contribution was \$58,847.

Required Supplementary Information

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – PERA's School Division Trust Fund
- Schedule of District Contributions – PERA's School Division Trust Fund
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – PERA's Health Care Trust Fund
- Schedule of District Contributions – PERA's Health Care Trust Fund

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 936,403	\$ 953,153	\$ 1,089,076	\$ 135,923
Intermediate sources	90	90	115	25
State sources	1,229,207	1,302,907	1,422,079	119,172
Federal sources	98,000	213,690	168,485	(45,205)
Total revenues	2,263,700	2,469,840	2,679,755	209,915
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,248,119	1,330,242	1,315,156	15,086
Supporting services	1,303,074	1,318,521	1,281,898	36,623
Appropriated reserves	98,807	1,237		1,237
Total expenditures	2,650,000	2,650,000	2,597,054	52,946
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(386,300)	(180,160)	82,701	262,861
Other financing uses				
Transfers out			(35,000)	(35,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$ (386,300)	\$ (180,160)	47,701	\$ 227,861
Fund balance at beginning of year			1,866,449	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 1,914,150	

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Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
PERA's School Division Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0191%	0.0154%	0.0169%	0.0167%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,379,529	\$ 2,811,731	\$ 1,962,326	\$ 2,527,024
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	74,103	819,367	224,956	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,453,632</u>	<u>\$ 3,631,098</u>	<u>\$ 2,187,282</u>	<u>\$ 2,527,024</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,263,427	\$ 1,189,699	\$ 1,053,839	\$ 893,583
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	267.49%	236.34%	186.21%	282.80%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.74%	61.79%	74.86%	66.99%

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

June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
0.0167%	0.0161%	0.0181%	0.0188%	0.0194%	0.0198%
\$ 2,495,745	\$ 2,847,091	\$ 5,868,667	\$ 5,611,189	\$ 2,973,639	\$ 2,681,194
316,554	389,300	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 2,812,299</u>	<u>\$ 3,236,391</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,667</u>	<u>\$ 5,611,189</u>	<u>\$ 2,973,639</u>	<u>\$ 2,681,194</u>
\$ 981,404	\$ 883,940	\$ 837,181	\$ 845,843	\$ 847,313	\$ 828,744
254.30%	322.09%	701.00%	663.38%	350.95%	323.52%
64.52%	57.01%	43.96%	43.10%	59.20%	62.84%

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Schedule of District Contributions
PERA's School Division Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Contractually required contribution	\$ 261,417	\$ 259,780	\$ 216,404	\$ 191,726
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(261,417)</u>	<u>(259,780)</u>	<u>(216,404)</u>	<u>(191,726)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,282,577	\$ 1,274,835	\$ 1,088,547	\$ 964,411
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.38%	20.38%	19.88%	19.88%

June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
\$ 190,218	\$ 175,601	\$ 161,544	\$ 151,456	\$ 152,067	\$ 144,974
(190,218)	(175,601)	(161,544)	(151,456)	(152,067)	(144,974)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 981,514	\$ 917,934	\$ 855,494	\$ 823,952	\$ 857,418	\$ 859,007
19.38%	19.13%	18.88%	18.38%	17.74%	16.88%

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability ¹
PERA's Health Care Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0114%	0.0117%	0.0110%	0.0097%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 81,602	\$ 95,723	\$ 94,938	\$ 91,820
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,263,427	\$ 1,189,699	\$ 1,053,839	\$ 893,583
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	6.46%	8.05%	9.01%	10.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	46.16%	38.57%	39.40%	32.78%

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

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

June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
0.0109%	0.0105%	0.0103%	0.0107%
\$ 122,681	\$ 142,195	\$ 134,015	\$ 138,889
\$ 981,404	\$ 883,940	\$ 837,181	\$ 845,843
12.50%	16.09%	16.01%	16.42%
24.49%	17.03%	17.53%	16.72%

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Schedule of District Contributions ¹
PERA's Health Care Trust Fund
June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Contractually required contribution	\$ 13,084	\$ 13,003	\$ 11,103	\$ 9,837
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(13,084)	(13,003)	(11,103)	(9,837)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,282,577	\$ 1,274,835	\$ 1,088,547	\$ 964,411
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

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

June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
\$ 10,011	\$ 9,363	\$ 8,726	\$ 8,404
(10,011)	(9,363)	(8,726)	(8,404)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 981,514	\$ 917,934	\$ 855,494	\$ 823,952
1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Note A – Budgetary data

The District adheres to the following procedures in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes, establishing the budgetary data in the financial statements:

1. Budgets are required by state law for all funds. Prior to May 31, the superintendent of schools submits to the board of education a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted by the board of education to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
4. Prior to January 31, the board of education submits its adopted annual budget to the department of education.
5. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Authorization to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund and reallocation of budget line items within any department in the General Fund rests with the superintendent of schools. Revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the board of education.
6. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
7. Budgeted amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted and as amended by the board of education throughout the year. After budget approval, the District board of education may approve supplemental appropriations if an occurrence, condition, or need exists which was not known at the time the budget was adopted.
8. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Note B – Factors affecting trends in amounts reported in the pension and OPEB schedules

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

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedules - General Fund

The General Fund accounts for all transactions of the District not required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund represents an accounting of the District's ordinary operations financed primarily from property and specific ownership taxes and state aid. It is the most significant fund in relation to the District's overall operations. The schedules of revenues and expenditures are included to provide a greater level of detail to the reader of the financial statements.

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources				
Property taxes	\$ 789,838	\$ 789,838	\$ 822,860	\$ 33,022
Specific ownership taxes	54,065	54,065	96,074	42,009
Delinquent taxes and interest		1,000	1,927	927
Earnings on investments	37,000	55,250	74,891	19,641
Other local revenue	55,500	53,000	93,324	40,324
Total local sources	936,403	953,153	1,089,076	135,923
Intermediate sources	90	90	115	25
State sources				
Equalization	1,184,957	1,184,957	1,205,060	20,103
English language proficiency		3,700	5,642	1,942
Transportation		40,000	43,156	3,156
State grants to libraries	3,500	3,500	4,500	1,000
Small rural schools funding	40,000	25,000	36,840	11,840
Additional at-risk funding			608	608
READ Act	750	750	2,687	1,937
Post secondary workforce			1,334	1,334
On-behalf payment			5,646	5,646
Revenue from other agencies		45,000	104,977	59,977
Services within the BOCES			11,629	11,629
Total state sources	1,229,207	1,302,907	1,422,079	119,172
Federal sources				
ARP ESSER III 90% allocation	50,000	100,000	77,044	(22,956)
ESSER II 9.5% (state reserve)	20,000	60,047	39,953	(20,094)
ESSER II rural program		3,000		(3,000)
REAP	10,000	10,000	13,220	3,220
USDA equipment grant		5,196		(5,196)
Supply chain assistance		6,983		(6,983)
Services within the BOCES	18,000	28,464	38,268	9,804
Total federal sources	98,000	213,690	168,485	(45,205)
Total revenues	\$ 2,263,700	\$ 2,469,840	\$ 2,679,755	\$ 209,915

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ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Salaries	\$ 775,119	\$ 841,394	\$ 831,110	\$ 10,284
Employee benefits	321,050	303,600	308,213	(4,613)
Purchased services	79,850	83,350	65,589	17,761
Supplies and materials	62,750	88,948	90,523	(1,575)
Property			8,440	(8,440)
Other	9,350	12,950	11,281	1,669
Total instruction	1,248,119	1,330,242	1,315,156	15,086
Supporting services				
Students				
Salaries		7,000	7,000	-
Employee benefits		1,500	1,911	(411)
Purchased services	5,000	5,000	5,627	(627)
Supplies and materials			600	(600)
Total students	5,000	13,500	15,138	(1,638)
Instructional staff				
Salaries	17,500	18,000	17,011	989
Employee benefits	5,000	5,000	5,647	(647)
Purchased services		1,250		1,250
Supplies and materials	5,500	5,500	4,500	1,000
Total instructional staff	28,000	29,750	27,158	2,592
General administration				
Salaries	120,000	120,000	120,000	-
Employee benefits	62,500	60,500	47,544	12,956
Purchased services	167,800	166,450	153,940	12,510
Supplies and materials	5,000	6,500	5,596	904
Other	20,750	26,500	24,952	1,548
Total general administration	376,050	379,950	352,032	27,918

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
School administration				
Salaries	32,500	32,500	25,426	7,074
Employee benefits	15,350	15,350	12,156	3,194
Purchased services	100	100	925	(825)
Supplies and materials	1,000	1,000	1,795	(795)
Total school administration	48,950	48,950	40,302	8,648
Business services				
Salaries	64,000	62,475	62,475	-
Employee benefits	28,500	24,500	23,575	925
Purchased services	2,000	1,033	955	78
Supplies and materials	1,500	1,500	1,077	423
Total business services	96,000	89,508	88,082	1,426
Operations and maintenance				
Salaries	122,000	115,000	105,656	9,344
Employee benefits	56,000	57,500	52,658	4,842
Purchased services	56,000	56,000	57,334	(1,334)
Supplies and materials	192,500	192,500	148,019	44,481
Property	100	100		100
Total operations and maintenance	426,600	421,100	363,667	57,433
Student transportation				
Salaries	75,000	88,500	71,993	16,507
Employee benefits	23,500	23,500	21,665	1,835
Purchased services	20,000	20,000	18,052	1,948
Supplies and materials	55,000	55,000	51,733	3,267
Property			73,206	(73,206)
Total student transportation	173,500	187,000	236,649	(49,649)

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ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(continued)	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Central support services				
Purchased services	148,974	148,763	148,916	(153)
Supplies and materials			6,070	(6,070)
Total central support services	148,974	148,763	154,986	(6,223)
Food service operations				
Property			3,884	(3,884)
Total food service operations	-	-	3,884	(3,884)
Total supporting services	1,303,074	1,318,521	1,281,898	36,623
Appropriated reserves	98,807	1,237		1,237
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 2,650,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,650,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,597,054</u>	<u>\$ 52,946</u>

Budgetary Comparison Schedules - Nonmajor Governmental Funds

The District reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Special Revenue Funds – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

- Food Service Fund – This fund is used to record financial transactions related to the District's food service operations.
- Pupil Activity Fund – This fund is used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2024

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Totals
Assets			
Cash	\$ 15,159	\$ 165,282	\$ 180,441
Other receivables	489		489
Inventories	2,236		2,236
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,884</u>	<u>\$ 165,282</u>	<u>\$ 183,166</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable		\$ 2,782	\$ 2,782
Due to other funds		595	595
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ 3,644		3,644
Unearned revenues	1,412		1,412
Total liabilities	5,056	3,377	8,433
Fund balance			
Nonspendable inventories	2,236		2,236
Restricted for food service operations	10,592		10,592
Committed to pupil activities		161,905	161,905
Total fund balance	<u>12,828</u>	<u>161,905</u>	<u>174,733</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 17,884</u>	<u>\$ 165,282</u>	<u>\$ 183,166</u>

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**Nonmajor Governmental Funds****Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance****For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Totals
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 16,817	\$ 138,643	\$ 155,460
State sources	23,980		23,980
Federal sources	50,621		50,621
Total revenues	91,418	138,643	230,061
Expenditures			
Instruction		133,418	133,418
Supporting services	144,957		144,957
Total expenditures	144,957	133,418	278,375
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(53,539)	5,225	(48,314)
Other financing sources			
Transfers in	35,000		35,000
Net change in fund balances	(18,539)	5,225	(13,314)
Fund balance at beginning of year	31,367	156,680	188,047
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 12,828	\$ 161,905	\$ 174,733

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Food Service Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 15,300	\$ 18,800	\$ 16,817	\$ (1,983)
State sources		19,058	23,980	4,922
Federal sources	40,000	40,136	50,621	10,485
Total revenues	55,300	77,994	91,418	13,424
Expenditures				
Food service operations				
Salaries	38,000	37,800	36,291	1,509
Employee benefits	15,750	13,750	9,076	4,674
Supplies and materials	94,850	91,850	99,590	(7,740)
Contingency reserve	1,400	1,600		1,600
Total expenditures	150,000	145,000	144,957	43
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(94,700)	(67,006)	(53,539)	13,467
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	45,000	35,000	35,000	-
Net change in fund balance	\$ (49,700)	\$ (32,006)	(18,539)	\$ 13,467
Fund balance at beginning of year			31,367	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 12,828	

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Pupil Activity Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Pupil activities		\$ 175,000	\$ 138,643	\$ (36,357)
Total revenues	\$ -	175,000	138,643	(36,357)
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Purchased services	50,000	50,000	40,745	9,255
Supplies and materials	75,000	80,000	90,851	(10,851)
Other	26,500	26,500	1,822	24,678
Appropriated reserves		3,500		3,500
Total expenditures	151,500	160,000	133,418	26,582
Net change in fund balance	\$ (151,500)	\$ 15,000	5,225	\$ (9,775)
Fund balance at beginning of year			156,680	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 161,905	

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Capital Projects Fund

The District reports the following major capital projects fund:

Capital Projects Fund – These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources				\$ -
Total revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Expenditures				
Capital outlay				
Purchased services	50,000	100,000	23,865	76,135
Property	177,000	60,000	58,086	1,914
Appropriated reserves	3,000			-
Total expenditures	230,000	160,000	81,951	78,049
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(230,000)	(160,000)	(81,951)	78,049
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	100,000			-
Total other financing sources	100,000	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	\$ (130,000)	\$ (160,000)	(81,951)	\$ 78,049
Fund balance at beginning of year			193,313	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 111,362	

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Fiduciary Fund

These funds focus on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds.

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

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

ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2
Scholarship Trust Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Contributions and earnings	\$ 603	\$ 603	\$ 1,505	\$ 902
Total revenues	603	603	1,505	902
Expenditures				
Scholarship awards	650	600		600
Total expenditures	650	600	-	600
Change in net position	<u>\$ (47)</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	1,505	<u>\$ 1,502</u>
Net position at beginning of year			<u>5,004</u>	
Net position at end of year			<u>\$ 6,509</u>	

**Colorado Department of Education
Supplementary Schedule**

Auditors' integrity report – This fiscal-year report is required by the Colorado Department of Education to maintain statewide consistency in financial reporting. This report is also used to gather financial data that could affect future state funding.



Colorado Department of Education
Auditors Integrity Report
District: 3040 - Arickaree R-2
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
Governmental						
10 General Fund	1,866,384		2,489,027	2,442,069		1,913,343
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	65		155,728	154,986		807
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	0		0	0		0
Sub-Total	1,866,449		2,644,755	2,597,055		1,914,150
11 Charter School Fund	0		0	0		0
20,26-29 Special Revenue Fund	0		0	0		0
06 Supplemental Cap Const. Tech. Main. Fund	0		0	0		0
07 Total Program Reserve Fund	0		0	0		0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	31,367		126,418	144,957		12,828
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0		0	0		0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	156,680		138,643	133,419		161,905
25 Transportation Fund	0		0	0		0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	0		0	0		0
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0		0	0		0
41 Building Fund	0		0	0		0
42 Special Building Fund	0		0	0		0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	193,313		0	81,951		111,362
46 Supplemental Cap Const. Tech. Main Fund	0		0	0		0
Totals	2,247,809		2,908,816	2,957,381		2,200,244
Proprietary						
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0		0	0		0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0		0	0		0
60,65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0		0	0		0
Totals	0		0	0		0
Fiduciary						
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0		0	0		0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	5,004		1,505	0		6,509
73 Agency Fund	0		0	0		0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0		0	0		0
79 GASB 34:Permanent Fund	0		0	0		0
85 Foundations	0		0	0		0
Totals	5,004		1,505	0		6,509
FINAL						