

**ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL**  
**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**June 30, 2024**

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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Ross Montessori School (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Ross Montessori School 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the School, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, 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 School'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 School'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, the budgetary comparison information, the schedules of the School's proportionate share, and the schedules of the School's contributions on pages 44-48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*PB Solutions LLC*

Littleton, Colorado  
October 3, 2024

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

As management of the Ross Montessori School (the "School")\* and the Mark Ross Montessori Foundation (the "Foundation")\*, we offer readers the School's financial statements, a narrative overview, and an analysis of the School and the Foundation's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

### **Financial Highlights**

At the close of its 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation, the school's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$1,854,939 (net position), an increase of \$556,861.

At the close of the fiscal year, the school's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$4,348,539, an increase of \$854,415.

### **Overview of Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the school's basic financial statements. The school's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1) government-wide financial statements;
- 2) fund financial statements, and
- 3) notes to the financial statements.

### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the school's finances, similar to that of a private-sector business.

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

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

The government-wide financial statement of activities distinguishes the school's functions and programs, which are supported primarily by per pupil revenue (PPR) and mill levy override passed through from the school's authorizer, Charter School Institute (CSI). The school's governmental activities include instruction, supporting expenses, interest, and other fiscal charges.

The government-wide financial statements are on pages 1 and 2 of this report.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to control resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Like other governmental units or charter schools, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School can be divided into two categories: 1) governmental funds and 2) fiduciary funds.

The governmental fund financial statements are on pages 3 and 5 of this report.

## **Governmental Funds**

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

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

*\*The School maintains two individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and the Foundation Fund, both major governmental funds.*

The School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

## **Notes to the financial statements**

The notes, provided on pages 7 through 43, provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

## **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

*As noted earlier*, net position may be a useful indicator of a government's financial position over time. In the case of the School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,854,939 for all government funds at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

## The School's Net Position

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Cash and Investments	\$3,558,993	\$4,341,040
Restricted Cash and Investments	222,938	253,696
Accounts & Grants Receivable	72,824	122,430
Other Assets	1,258,111	1,258,111
Capital Assets, Net	6,131,798	5,897,714
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>11,244,664</b>	<b>11,872,991</b>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	904,975	1,182,365
Current Liabilities	360,631	368,627
Noncurrent Liabilities	10,112,261	10,648,970
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>10,472,892</b>	<b>11,017,597</b>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	378,669	182,820
Net position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,345,957	1,271,380
Restricted for Emergencies,	97,000	107,000
Unrestricted	(144,879)	476,559
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$1,298,078</b>	<b>\$1,854,939</b>

The largest portion of the School's assets (50%) is net capital assets, while 39% of total assets represent cash and investments. The School's net position shows an increase of 42.9%, or \$556,861, over the prior audited fiscal year.

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### School's Change in Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Program Revenue:		
Charges for Services	104,676	\$92,140
Operating Grants and Contributions	803,277	781,944
Capital Grants and Contributions	111,179	99,051
<b>Total Program Revenue</b>	<b>1,019,132</b>	<b>973,135</b>
General Revenue:		
Per Pupil Operating Revenue	2,432,836	3,015,632
Mill Levy Override	215,233	306,100
Investment Earnings	64,088	147,103
Other	6,468	0
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<b>2,718,625</b>	<b>3,468,835</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,737,757</b>	<b>4,441,970</b>
Expenses, Current:		
Instruction	2,072,723	1,919,366
Supporting Services	1,549,759	1,786,919
Interest and Fiscal Charges	183,965	178,824
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,806,447</b>	<b>3,885,109</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Net position	(68,690)	556,861
Beginning Net position, July 1, 2024	1,366,768	1,298,078
<b>Ending Net position, June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$1,298,078</b>	<b>\$1,854,939</b>

### Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

## **Governmental Funds**

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

As of June 30, 2024, the end of the current fiscal year, the School's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$4,348,539, an increase of \$854,415 from the fiscal year 2023-2024. The increase can be attributed to the increase in per-pupil revenue and decreasing expenditures during the year.

## **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The School approves a budget in June based on enrollment projections for the following school year. In October, after enrollment stabilizes, adjustments are made to the budget.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, actual revenues, including transfers, exceeded budgeted amounts by \$153,405. Actual expenditures were less than budgeted amounts by \$268,526. The General Fund increased by \$824,844 to \$3,662,578 at year-end.

## **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

### Capital Assets

The School's net investment in capital assets decreased by \$74,577 during the year due to depreciation and long-term debt reduction. Total additions were \$16,693 and total depreciation for FY 2023-2024 was \$250,777, resulting in net capital assets of \$7,155,825. See footnote 4 for more information.

### Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the two USDA loans for the construction of the School's building. On June 30, 2024, the outstanding balance on the USDA loans was \$6,138,141. The loans carry an interest rate of 2.875%. Monthly principal and interest payments are due through June 2054. See Footnote 4 for more information.

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

Despite a decrease in enrollment in the past four years, the School continues to have strong local support for its instructional model. Overall, charter school enrollment in Colorado has been inconsistent. DOLA demographic information shows a sharp decline in a population increase in Birth to 4 of 2,599 people, while the 5-11 age group is projected to decrease by 3,120 on the Western Slope. Higher interest rates on RMS investment accounts have yielded significant returns, and the grant for declining enrollment from Colorado has also contributed to an increase in income.

## **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School's finances for those interested in the School. Questions concerning any information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to: Ross Montessori School, Attn: Business Manager, 109 Lewies Lane, Carbondale, Colorado 81623.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
As of June 30, 2024

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,341,040
Restricted Cash and Investments	253,696
Accounts Receivable	122,430
Grants Receivable	-
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated	1,258,111
Capital Assets, Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,897,714</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>11,872,991</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Related to Pensions	1,158,696
Related to OPEB	<u>23,669</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>1,182,365</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	8,728
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	359,899
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due in One Year	132,842
Due in More than One Year	6,005,299
Net Pension Liability	4,404,479
Net OPEB Liability	<u>106,350</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>11,017,597</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Related to Pensions	143,634
Related to OPEB	<u>39,186</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>182,820</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,271,380
Restricted for Emergencies	107,000
Unrestricted	<u>476,559</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 1,854,939</u>

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

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended June 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE)
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Instructional	\$ 1,919,366	\$ -	\$ 171,033	\$ -	\$ (1,748,333)
Supporting Services	1,786,919	92,140	610,911	99,051	(984,817)
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	178,824	-	-	-	(178,824)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 3,885,109</b>	<b>\$ 92,140</b>	<b>\$ 781,944</b>	<b>\$ 99,051</b>	<b>(2,911,974)</b>
		GENERAL REVENUES			
					Per Pupil Revenue 3,015,632
					Mill Levy Override 306,100
					Interest 147,103
					Other -
					<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES 3,468,835</b>
					CHANGE IN NET POSITION 556,861
					NET POSITION, Beginning 1,298,078
					<b>NET POSITION, Ending \$ 1,854,939</b>

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

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024

	GENERAL FUND	FOUNDATION FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 3,895,216	\$ 445,824	\$ 4,341,040
Restricted Cash and Investments	-	253,696	253,696
Accounts Receivable	122,430	-	122,430
Due From Foundation	13,401	-	13,401
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,031,047</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 699,520</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,730,567</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,570	\$ 158	\$ 8,728
Accrued Salaries	359,899	-	359,899
Due To School	-	13,401	13,401
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>368,469</u></b>	<b><u>13,559</u></b>	<b><u>382,028</u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Restricted for Emergencies	107,000	-	107,000
Restricted for Debt Service	-	253,696	253,696
Restricted for Capital Campaign	-	432,265	432,265
Unassigned	3,555,578	-	3,555,578
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>3,662,578</u></b>	<b><u>685,961</u></b>	<b><u>4,348,539</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,031,047</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 699,520</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,730,567</u></b>

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

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

Total fund balances of governmental funds			\$ 4,348,539
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.			
	Capital Assets, not depreciated	1,258,111	
	Capital Assets, depreciated	7,956,955	
	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,059,241)</u>	7,155,825
Long-term liabilities and related assets are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			
	Loans Payable	(6,138,141)	
	Net Pension Liability	(4,404,479)	
	Net OPEB Liability	<u>(106,350)</u>	(10,648,970)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			
	Deferred outflows of resources - Related to Pensions	1,158,696	
	Deferred outflows of resources - Related to OPEB	23,669	
	Deferred inflows of resources - Related to Pensions	(143,634)	
	Deferred inflows of resources - Related to OPEB	<u>(39,186)</u>	<u>999,545</u>
Net position of governmental activities			<u>\$ 1,854,939</u>

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

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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

	GENERAL FUND	FOUNDATION FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES			
Local Sources	\$ 3,568,365	\$ 464,584	\$ 4,032,949
State Sources	347,513	-	347,513
Federal Sources	52,468	-	52,468
	<u>3,968,346</u>	<u>464,584</u>	<u>4,432,930</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	1,771,854	-	1,771,854
Supporting Services	1,453,049	46,039	1,499,088
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service			
Principal	-	128,749	128,749
Interest	-	178,824	178,824
	<u>3,224,903</u>	<u>353,612</u>	<u>3,578,515</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>743,443</u>	<u>110,972</u>	<u>854,415</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	81,401	-	81,401
Transfers Out	-	(81,401)	(81,401)
	<u>81,401</u>	<u>(81,401)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	824,844	29,571	854,415
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	<u>2,837,734</u>	<u>656,390</u>	<u>3,494,124</u>
FUND BALANCES, Ending	<u>\$ 3,662,578</u>	<u>\$ 685,961</u>	<u>\$ 4,348,539</u>

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

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$	854,415
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.			
	Purchase of Capital Assets	16,693	
	Depreciation	<u>(250,777)</u>	(234,084)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require current financial resources and are not reported in the funds.			
	Debt Principal Payments	<u>128,749</u>	128,749
Deferred Charges related to pensions and OPEB are not recognized in the governmental funds. However, for the government-wide statements those amounts are capitalized and amortized.			
	Deferred charges related to Pension Plan	(210,218)	
	Deferred charges related to OPEB	<u>17,999</u>	<u>(192,219)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$	<u>556,861</u>

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

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

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

The Ross Montessori School (the “School”) was formed in 2005 pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a charter school. The School receives its state funding from the Charter School Institute (the “Institute”). The School is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors.

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

**Reporting Entity**

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on financial accountability. The financial reporting entity consists of the School and organizations for which the School is financially accountable. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if the School’s officials appoint a voting majority for the organization’s governing body and either it is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization provides benefits to, or imposes financial burdens on the School. The School may also be financially accountable for organizations that are fiscally dependent upon it.

Based on the application of this criteria, the School includes the following organizations within its reporting entity:

Mark Ross Montessori Foundation

The Mark Ross Montessori Foundation (the “Foundation”) was formed for the purpose of receiving, maintaining, and administering funds received as gifts for the benefit of the School. The Foundation is blended into the School’s financial statements as a special revenue fund. Separate financial statements are not available for the Foundation.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements** (Continued)

The statement of net position reports all financial, capital and debt resources of the School. The difference between the assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of the School is reported as net position.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to students or other customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Unrestricted intergovernmental revenue and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

ROSS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

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

Intergovernmental revenues, grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School.

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

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School's practice to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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

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

The *Foundation Fund* accounts for the activities of the Mark Ross Montessori Foundation.

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position**

Deposits and Investments – The School considers cash and cash equivalents to be all demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date of three months or less. Investments are stated at fair value.

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

Prepaid Expenses – Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as prepaid expenses. An expenditure is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Property and equipment of the School is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Leasehold Improvements	9 - 15 years
Buildings	50 years
Equipment	5 years

Unearned Revenues – The deferred revenues include amounts received but not yet available for expenditure.

Accrued Salaries and Benefits – Salaries and retirement benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July but are earned during a school year of approximately nine to ten months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2024, are reported as a liability in the General Fund.

Deferred Outflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and balance sheets 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 and fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and balance sheets 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 and fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Long-Term Debt – In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

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

Compensated Absences – The School’s policy allows employees to earn personal leave of absence during the year. Upon termination, no unused personal leave of absence days are paid to the employees. Therefore, no liability is recorded in the School’s government-wide statement of net position.

Net Position– The government-wide and business-type fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

Investment in Capital Assets is intended to reflect the portion of net position which is associated with non-liquid, capital assets less outstanding capital asset related debt. The net related debt is the debt less the outstanding liquid assets and any associated unamortized cost.

Restricted Net Position are liquid assets, which have third party limitations on their use.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

Unrestricted Net Position represents assets that do not have any third-party limitation on their use. While School management may have categorized and segmented portions for various purposes, the School Board has the unrestricted right to revisit or alter these managerial decisions.

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

- Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in a spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School reports no nonspendable fund balances at June 30, 2024.
- Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School has classified Emergency Reserves as being restricted because their use is restricted by State Statute for declared emergencies. The School has also classified funds for the capital campaign and debt service as being restricted because their use is restricted by contributors and debt covenants.
- Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The School did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2024.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

- Assigned – This classification includes amounts the government intends to use for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. The School did not have any assigned resources as of June 30, 2024.
- Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The School would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned fund balance.

**Risk Management**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The School purchases commercial insurance for these risks of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in the last three years.

**Income Taxes**

The Foundation is a tax-exempt entity under section 501 (c) 3 of the US Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation's tax filings are subject to audit by various taxing authorities. The Foundation believes it has no significant uncertain tax provisions for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**Subsequent Events**

The School has evaluated events subsequent to the year ended June 30, 2024 through October 3, 2024, the date these financial statements were issued, and has incorporated any required recognition into these financial statements.

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**NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

At June 30, 2024, cash and investments consist of the following:

Deposits	\$ 3,036,310
Investments	<u>1,558,426</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,594,736</u>

The above amounts are classified in the statement of net position as follows:

Cash and Investments - Unrestricted	\$ 4,341,040
Cash and Investments - Restricted	<u>253,696</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,594,736</u>

**Deposits**

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations.

At June 30, 2024 State regulatory commissioners have indicated that all financial institutions holding deposits for the School are eligible public depositories. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held.

The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

At June 30, 2024, the School had deposits with financial institutions with a carrying amount of \$3,036,310. The bank balances with the financial institutions were \$3,124,899. Of these balances, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$2,624,899 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the financial institutions name (PDPA).

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**NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Deposits (Continued)**

Custodial Risk

The School has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

**Investments**

Interest Rate Risk

The School does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

Colorado statutes specify in which instruments the units of local government may invest which includes:

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

The School does not have a formal investment policy to limit credit risk. However, the School follows state statutes regarding investments.

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**NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

**Investments** (Continued)

Local Government Investment Pools

The School had invested \$1,558,426 in the Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust) which has a credit rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. ColoTrust is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds and is regulated by the State Securities Commissioner. It operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00 (Net Asset Value). Investments consist of U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. Substantially all securities owned are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by the entities.

ColoTrust is not a 2a7-like external investment pool. The unit of account is each share held, and the value of the position would be the fair value of the pool's share price multiplied by the number of shares held. The government-investor does not "look through" the pool to report a pro rata share of the pool's investments, receivables, and payables. The School's investments are measured at Net Asset Value.

**Restricted Cash**

At June 30, 2024, cash in the amount of \$253,696 is restricted in the Foundation Fund to comply with USDA loan covenants.

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**NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is summarized below:

	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,258,111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,258,111
Capital Asset, Being Depreciated				
Land Improvements	187,804	-	-	187,804
Leasehold Improvements	8,990	11,394	-	20,384
Building	7,186,636	-	-	7,186,636
Equipment	556,832	5,299	-	562,131
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	7,940,262	16,693	-	7,956,955
Accumulated Depreciation				
Land Improvements	88,108	21,509	-	109,617
Leasehold Improvements	899	2,038	-	2,937
Building	1,433,185	179,666	-	1,612,851
Equipment	286,272	47,564	-	333,836
Total Depreciation	1,808,464	250,777	-	2,059,241
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	6,131,798	(234,084)	-	5,897,714
Net Capital Assets	\$ 7,389,909	\$ (234,084)	\$ -	\$ 7,155,825

Depreciation has been charged to the Supporting Services program of the School.

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of the School's long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	6/30/2023			6/30/2024		Due In
	Balance	Additions	Payments	Balance		One Year
USDA Loan Payable	\$ 5,656,629	\$ -	\$ 116,023	\$ 5,540,606	\$	119,745
USDA Loan Payable	610,261	-	12,726	597,535		13,097
Net Pension Liability	3,718,707	685,772		4,404,479		-
Net OPEB Liability	126,664		20,314	106,350		-
Total	<u>\$ 10,112,261</u>	<u>\$ 685,772</u>	<u>\$ 149,063</u>	<u>\$ 10,648,970</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>132,842</u>

**USDA Loan Payable**

In April 2016, the Foundation entered into a loan agreement with USDA in the amount of \$6,400,000. Proceeds of the loan were used to construct the School's new educational facility. The loan carries an interest rate of 2.875%. Monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of \$23,104 are due through May 2054.

In April 2016, the Foundation entered into an additional loan agreement with USDA in the amount of \$700,000 to construct two additional classrooms. The loan carries an interest rate of 2.875%. Monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of \$2,527 are due through June 2054.

In addition to the monthly principal and interest payments, the Foundation is also required to deposit an amount equal to one tenth of the monthly debt service amount into a reserve account as required by the USDA loan covenants. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the balance in the reserve account is \$253,696. This amount is reported as restricted cash on the Foundation's balance sheet.

**Lease Agreement**

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Foundation and the School entered into a lease agreement for the newly constructed educational facility. Per the agreement, the School is required to make monthly lease payments to the Foundation in the amount of \$28,194. The Foundation is making payments to USDA to service the Foundation's debt service commitment.

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM DEBT** (Continued)

**Lease Agreement** (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School paid \$338,328 in rent payments to the Foundation under the terms of the lease agreement.

Future debt service requirements are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 132,842	\$ 174,730	\$ 307,572
2026	136,712	170,860	307,572
2027	140,694	166,878	307,572
2028	144,793	162,779	307,572
2029	149,011	158,561	307,572
2030-2034	812,755	725,104	1,537,859
2035-2039	938,242	599,617	1,537,859
2040-2044	1,083,104	454,755	1,537,859
2045-2049	1,250,333	287,528	1,537,861
2050-2054	1,349,655	94,765	1,444,420
Total	<u>\$ 6,138,141</u>	<u>\$ 2,995,577</u>	<u>\$ 9,133,718</u>

**NOTE 5: INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS**

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Foundation Fund transferred \$81,401 to the General Fund to provide funding for the School's operations. At June 30, 2024, the Foundation Fund owes the General Fund \$13,401 related to preschool expenditures.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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

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.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

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

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

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

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled. Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

*Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2024:* Eligible employees of the School 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.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

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

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the School were \$321,238 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.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TPL to December 31, 2023. School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School'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 June 30, 2024 the School reported a liability of \$4,404,479 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected an increase for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the School 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 School were as follows:

School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,404,479
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the School	\$ 96,577
Total	\$ 4,501,056

At December 31, 2023, the School's proportion was 0.0249%, which was an increase of 0.0045% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School recognized pension expense of \$531,456 and revenue of \$7,358 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2024, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 208,856	\$ -
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	\$ -	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 315,733	\$ -
Changes in proportion between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 479,205	\$ 143,634
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 154,902	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,696</b>	<b>\$ 143,634</b>

\$154,902 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>	
2025	\$ 186,272
2026	\$ 399,162
2027	\$ 362,760
2028	\$ (88,034)

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**Actuarial assumptions.**

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

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

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

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis. Pre-retirement mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

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

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 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

**Actuarial assumptions.** (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:

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

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

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

**Discount rate**

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

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in 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.

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**Discount rate** (Continued)

- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.
- Beginning with the December 31, 2023, measurement date and thereafter, the FNP as of the current measurement date is used as a starting point for the GASB 67 projection test.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

**Discount rate** (Continued)

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

*Sensitivity of the School’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 1-percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$5,889,522	\$4,404,479	\$3,166,134

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

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**NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

*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.

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**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

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

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

*PERA Benefit Structure*

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

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

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Continued)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

*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 School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from the School were \$16,078 for the year ended Jun 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the School reported a liability of \$106,350 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2023. School's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the School's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2023 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2023, the School's proportion was 0.0149 %, which was a decrease of 0.00061% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School recognized OPEB expense of (\$1,921). At June 30, 2024, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 21,798
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	\$ 1,251	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	\$ 3,289	\$ 11,277
Changes in proportion between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 11,376	\$ 6,111
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 7,753	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,669</b>	<b>\$ 39,186</b>

\$7,753 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2025	\$ (11,586)
2026	\$ (4,853)
2027	\$ (428)
2028	\$ (3,704)
2029	\$ (1,895)
Thereafter	\$ (804)

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Continued)**

**Actuarial assumptions.**

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

	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	
Members other than Safety Officers	3.40%-11.00%
Safety Officers	N/A
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%
	7.00% in 2023, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2033
	3.50% in 2023, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2035
Medicare Part A premiums	

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

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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

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

**Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions**

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

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

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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

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.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2022, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

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

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

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2022, valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the TOL for the HCTF, but developed 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 State and Local Government Divisions (members other than Safety Officers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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

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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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (members other than Safety Officers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 94% of the rates prior to age 80 and 90% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 87% of the rates prior to age 80 and 107% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for Safety Officers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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

- **Males:** 112% 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 mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the unadjusted PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Healthy Retiree Table 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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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

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.

Disabled mortality assumptions for Safety Officers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2022, valuation date for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits have been updated to reflect costs for the 2023 plan year.
- The morbidity rates used to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age and by gender were updated effective for the December 31, 2022, actuarial valuation. The revised morbidity rate factors are based on a review of historical claims experience by age, gender, and status (active versus retired) from actuary's claims data warehouse.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then current expectation of future increases in those premiums.

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

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

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regularly scheduled experience studies performed at least every five years, and asset/liability studies, performed every three to five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

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:

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

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

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**Actuarial assumptions.** (Continued)

*Sensitivity of the School'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:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate <sup>1</sup>	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$103,298	\$106,350	\$109,671

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

**Discount rate**

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

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2023, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.

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**Discount rate** (Continued)

- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.
- Beginning with the December 31, 2023, measurement date and thereafter, the FNP as of the current measurement date is used as a starting point for the GASB 74 projection test.
- As of the December 31, 2023, measurement date, the FNP and related disclosure components for the HCTF reflect payments related to the disaffiliation of Tri-County Health Department as a PERA-affiliated employer, effective December 31, 2022. As of the December 31, 2023, year-end, PERA recognized two additions for accounting and financial reporting purposes: a \$24 million payment received on December 4, 2023, and a \$2 million receivable. The employer disaffiliation payment and receivable allocations to the HCTF and Local Government Division Trust Fund were \$1.033 million and \$24.967 million, respectively.

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

*Sensitivity of the School'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 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN (Continued)**

**Discount rate (Continued)**

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$125,613	\$106,350	\$89,871

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

**NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Claims and Judgments**

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

**Tabor Amendment**

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20 (the “Tabor Amendment”), which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local government. The Tabor Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretations. The School believes it has complied with the Amendment.

The School has established a reserve, representing 3% of qualifying expenditures, as required by the Amendment. At June 30, 2024, the emergency reserve of \$107,000 was reported as a restriction of net position and fund balance in the Governmental Activities and General Fund, respectively.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GENERAL FUND  
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE Positive (Negative)	2023 ACTUAL
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Local Sources					
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 3,066,576	\$ 3,015,632	\$3,015,632	\$ -	\$2,432,836
Mill Levy Override	350,000	300,593	306,100	5,507	215,233
Charges for Services	114,300	108,900	92,140	(16,760)	104,676
Contributions	45,500	45,500	7,390	(38,110)	5,679
Interest	25,000	25,000	147,103	122,103	61,037
Other	-	-	-	-	6,468
State Sources					
Capital Construction	111,600	100,240	99,051	(1,189)	111,179
PERA On Behalf Contribution	-	-	7,358	7,358	92,409
Grants and Donations	364,780	204,935	241,104	36,169	334,002
Federal Sources					
Grants and Donations	64,424	67,542	52,468	(15,074)	86,191
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,142,180</b>	<b>3,868,342</b>	<b>3,968,346</b>	<b>100,004</b>	<b>3,449,710</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
Salaries	1,664,328	1,676,508	1,672,840	3,668	1,752,908
Employee Benefits	600,695	603,478	513,577	89,901	675,358
Purchased Services	867,474	913,443	844,896	68,547	887,285
Supplies and Materials	290,000	290,000	177,312	112,688	188,373
Property	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	120,213
Other	-	-	16,278	(16,278)	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,432,497</b>	<b>3,493,429</b>	<b>3,224,903</b>	<b>268,526</b>	<b>3,624,137</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>709,683</b>	<b>374,913</b>	<b>743,443</b>	<b>368,530</b>	<b>(174,427)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers In	-	28,000	81,401	53,401	140,000
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>709,683</b>	<b>402,913</b>	<b>824,844</b>	<b>421,931</b>	<b>(34,427)</b>
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	-	-	2,837,734	2,837,734	2,872,161
<b>FUND BALANCE, Ending</b>	<b>\$ 709,683</b>	<b>\$ 402,913</b>	<b>\$3,662,578</b>	<b>\$ 3,259,665</b>	<b>\$2,837,734</b>

See the accompanying independent auditor's report.

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SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
PERA SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND PLAN

	Years Ended December 31,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.02490%	0.02040%	0.02226%	0.02418%	0.02131%	0.02200%	0.02500%	0.02200%	0.02400%	0.02300%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 4,404,479	\$ 3,718,707	\$ 2,591,152	\$ 3,655,956	\$ 3,183,558	\$ 3,875,502	\$ 8,164,114	\$ 6,492,859	\$ 3,634,503	\$ 3,142,781
State of Colorado Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	96,577	1,083,669	297,043	-	403,794	529,921	-	-	-	-
Total Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	4,501,056	4,802,376	2,888,195	3,655,956	3,587,352	4,405,423	8,164,114	6,492,859	3,634,503	3,142,781
Covered payroll	\$ 1,646,602	\$ 1,574,248	\$ 1,391,542	\$ 1,292,787	\$ 1,252,168	\$ 1,203,234	\$ 1,164,633	\$ 1,062,239	\$ 1,035,619	\$ 879,705
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	273.4%	305.1%	207.6%	282.8%	286.5%	366.1%	701.0%	611.2%	350.9%	357.3%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage Of the Total Pension Liability	64.74%	61.79%	74.86%	66.99%	64.52%	57.01%	43.96%	43.10%	59.20%	62.80%

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SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
PERA SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND PLAN

Years Ended June 30,

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 321,238	\$ 338,355	\$ 292,024	\$ 265,377	\$ 243,957	\$ 234,664	\$ 234,197	\$ 223,290	\$ 182,315	\$ 190,626
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	321,238	338,355	292,024	265,377	243,957	234,664	234,197	223,290	182,315	190,626
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 1,576,243	\$ 1,660,237	\$ 1,468,927	\$ 1,334,902	\$ 1,258,809	\$ 1,226,678	\$ 1,176,699	\$ 1,150,766	\$ 971,997	\$ 1,063,084
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	20.38%	20.38%	19.88%	19.88%	19.38%	19.13%	19.90%	19.40%	18.76%	17.93%

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SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
PERA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND PLAN

Years Ended December 31,

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.01490%	0.01550%	0.01457%	0.01397%	0.01393%	0.01423%	0.01435%	0.01229%
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 106,350	\$ 126,664	\$ 125,361	\$ 132,836	\$ 156,527	\$ 193,558	\$ 186,430	\$ 159,340
Covered payroll	\$1,646,602	\$1,574,248	\$1,574,248	\$1,292,787	\$1,252,168	\$1,203,234	\$1,164,633	\$1,062,239
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	6.5%	8.0%	8.0%	10.3%	12.5%	16.1%	16.0%	15.0%
Plan Fiduciary Net position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	46.16%	38.57%	39.40%	32.78%	24.49%	17.03%	17.53%	16.72%

NOTE: Information for the prior two years was not available for this report.

See the accompanying independent auditor's report.

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SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
PERA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND PLAN

	Years Ended June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017		
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 16,078	\$ 16,964	\$ 14,983	\$ 13,616	\$ 12,840	\$ 12,512	\$ 12,002	\$ 11,738		
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	16,078	16,964	14,983	13,616	12,840	12,512	12,002	11,738		
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Covered payroll	\$ 1,576,243	\$ 1,660,237	\$ 1,660,237	\$ 1,334,902	\$ 1,258,809	\$ 1,226,678	\$ 1,176,699	\$ 1,150,766		
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.02%	1.02%	0.90%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%		

NOTE: Information for the prior two years was not available for this report.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
June 30, 2024

**NOTE 1: BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

A budget is adopted for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The budget is adopted by the Board of Directors prior to June 30. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions to the budget must be approved by the Board of Directors. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

**NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS AFFECTING TRENDS IN ACTUARIAL INFORMATION – PERA SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND PLAN**

*2023 Changes in Plan Provisions Since 2022:*

- Senate Bill (SB) 23-056, enacted and effective June 2, 2023, intended to recompense PERA for the remaining portion of the \$225 million direct distribution originally scheduled for receipt July 1, 2020, suspended due to the enactment of House Bill (HB) 20-1379, but not fully repaid through the provisions within HB 22-1029. Pursuant to SB 23-056, the State Treasurer issued a warrant consisting of the balance of the PERA Payment Cash Fund, created in §24-51-416, plus \$10 million from the General Fund, totaling \$14.561 million.
- As of the December 31, 2023, measurement date, the total pension liability (TPL) recognizes the change in the default method applied for granting service accruals for certain members, from a "12-pay" method to a "non-12-pay" method. The default service accrual method for positions with an employment pattern of at least eight months but fewer than 12 months (including, but not limited to positions in the School and DPS Divisions) receive a higher ratio of service credit for each month worked, up to a maximum of 12 months of service credit per year.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2024

**NOTE 3: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PLAN ASSUMPTIONS OR OTHER INPUTS AFFECTING TRENDS IN ACTUARIAL INFORMATION – PERA SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND PLAN**

There were no changes made to the actuarial methods or assumptions in 2023.

**NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS AFFECTING TRENDS IN ACTUARIAL INFORMATION – PERA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND PLAN**

*2023 Changes in Plan Provisions Since 2022:*

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

**NOTE 5: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PLAN ASSUMPTIONS OR OTHER INPUTS AFFECTING TRENDS IN ACTUARIAL INFORMATION – PERA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND PLAN**

There were no changes made to the actuarial methods or assumptions in 2023.