

**PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 70**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
With Independent Auditors' Report

Year Ended June 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education
Pueblo County School District No. 70

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Pueblo County School District No. 70, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Pueblo County School District No. 70's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Pueblo County School District No. 70, as of June 30, 2025 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of Swallows Charter Academy, which represent 43 percent, 64 percent, and 53 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by another auditor whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Swallows Charter Academy, is based solely on the reports of the other auditor.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Pueblo County School District No. 70 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. The financial statements of the discretely presented component units were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, Pueblo County School District No. 70 implemented GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, effective July 1, 2024. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Pueblo County School District No. 70's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Pueblo County School District No. 70'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 Pueblo County School District No. 70's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Pueblo County School District No. 70's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund statements and schedules and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund statements and schedules and schedules and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2025 on our consideration of the Pueblo County School District No. 70's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Pueblo County School District No. 70's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Pueblo County School District No. 70's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Hoelting & Company Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado
December 19, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
Pueblo County School District No. 70
Pueblo County, Colorado
June 30, 2025

As management of the Pueblo County School District No. 70, Pueblo County, Colorado (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- Since July 1, 2014, the District has been required to apply the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* (GASB 68). The GASB pronouncement is discussed in more detail under Accounting Pronouncements on page iii.
- GASB 68 revises and establishes financial reporting requirements for governments that provide their employees with pension benefits. The District provides its employees with pension benefits through a multiple employer cost-sharing defined benefit retirement program administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA).
- Among other requirements, the District is now required to report its proportionate share of the total PERA Net Pension Liability (NPL) in its government-wide financial statements. The District's share of the PERA NPL is \$157.14 million as of June 30, 2025. Inclusion of this figure in the government-wide financial statements does not indicate that the District has a liability to pay the amount shown. The District's liability is limited to the annually required contributions established by the State Legislature.
- Fund level statements, including the General Fund statements, are not impacted by GASB 68 reporting.
- Due to the effect of GASB 68, the District has a negative net position. The governmental liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceed its assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$20 million.
- The net position of the District includes \$47.49 million invested in capital assets, net of related debt; \$27.86 million restricted for debt service payments; \$3.95 million restricted for emergencies, as defined under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights; \$174,220 restricted for Capital projects; and an unrestricted net position balance of negative (\$99.53) million. The unrestricted balance is negative due to the effects of GASB 68. The unrestricted balance is also different than what would be reflected on a governmental fund accounting basis due to the accounting treatment in the government-wide statements of accrued salaries and benefits earned but unpaid and compensated absences payable.
- The total net position of the District increased by \$8,914,633 for the year ended June 30, 2025, primarily due to the accounting treatment of the Net Pension Liability.

- Fund balance of the District's governmental funds increased by \$13,204,969 resulting in an ending fund balance of \$69,614,107. This was primarily due to not having capital projects and cutting expenses in 2024-2025.
- During the current fiscal year, the fund balance in the District's General Fund (including the Capital Reserve) increased by \$10,715,156 from \$25,632,872 to \$36,348,028. This was primarily due to carefully watching and managing expenses.
- The District's long-term obligations decreased by \$13,650,446 to \$303,081,689 Current year principal payments on existing General Obligation debt totaled \$6,690,000.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements, and supplementary information. The MD&A provides an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of the previous year's operations to assist the users of financial statements to assess whether the government's finances have improved or deteriorated. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District.

- The first two statements are district-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the District-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services, such as instruction, were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.
- Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationship in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others.

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. The two Government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position - the difference between the District's assets and liabilities - are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

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

68, however, has a significant impact on the Net Position and should be taken into consideration in evaluating the District's financial health.

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

In the Government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- *Governmental activities:* Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, transportation, custodial and maintenance, other support services, and administration. The School Finance Act of 1994, as amended, made up of property taxes and state equalization, finances most of these activities.
- *Component Units:* The District has four separate charter schools, Swallows Charter Academy, Villa Bella Expeditionary, and Connect School. These component units are important because the District is financially accountable for them.

Accounting Pronouncements

PERA adopted GASB No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* (GASB 67), effective for the year ending December 31, 2014. GASB 67 establishes a shift in financial disclosure requirements from a funding-based approach to an accounting-based approach. The actuarial valuation for accounting purposes emphasizes the obligation an employer incurs to employees through the employment-exchange process. The primary purpose of the valuation for accounting purposes is to provide a consistent, standardized methodology that allows comparability of amounts and increased transparency of the pension liability. GASB 67 requires a different approach for determining the Net Pension Liability ("NPL") as opposed to the previously disclosed Unfunded Accrued Actuarial Liability ("UAAL").

Actuarially Determined Contributions ("ADC") have replaced Annual Required Contributions ("ARC") as the gauge of the adequacy of the State's statutory contribution rates. GASB 67 requires the disclosure of the amount of contributions, the ADC amount and the difference between those amounts. The ADC is calculated using the investment rate of return and discount rate assumptions according to the PERA Board's Funding Policy (currently 7.25%). An ADC deficiency arises when contributions are less than the ADC.

The District has no legal obligation to fund PERA's UAAL or ADC, nor does it have any ability to affect funding, benefits or annual required contribution decisions made by PERA in administering the defined benefit pension plan.

Effective with Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the District was required to apply GASB 68. GASB 68 significantly changed pension accounting and financial reporting by requiring an NPL on the Statement of Net Position. Historically, an unfunded pension obligation for employers in a cost-sharing plan, such as PERA, was considered to be a liability to be reported in future periods. Information about the total liability, unfunded and funded, was disclosed only in the notes to the financial statements and as required supplemental information. Financial statements now reflect an NPL based on a model similar to single employer plans.

The current period pension expense primarily results from changes in the components of the NPL. NPL is computed as the difference between the employer's obligation to provide pension benefits earned and funding of those benefits (the plan assets being held in trust); pension amounts earned by current and former employees for past services are recorded as a liability in current statements, not in future statements. Most causes of change in the NPL are included in pension expense immediately. Changes resulting from certain causes are introduced into pension expense over multiple periods. See Note 8 on pages 28-36 in the Notes to Basic Financial Statements for the full disclosure related to PERA.

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

The District has two kinds of funds, as described below.

- *Governmental funds:* Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them. Governmental fund types used by the District include the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Special Revenue Funds.
- *Proprietary funds:* Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the district-wide statements. An *enterprise fund* (one type of proprietary fund) statement is the same as a business-type activity statement but provides more detail and additional information such as cash flows. *Internal service funds* (the other kind of proprietary funds) are used by Districts to report activities that provide supplies and services for its other programs and activities.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes can be found on pages 18-50 of this report.

District-wide Financial Analysis

The assets of the District are classified as current assets and capital assets. Cash, investments, receivables, inventories, accrued revenue, and prepaid expenses are current assets. These assets are available to provide resources for the near-term operations of the District. The majority of the current assets are the result of the property tax collection process; the District receives approximately 62% of the annual property tax assessment in April, May and June.

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

Current and long-term liabilities are classified based on anticipated liquidation either in the near-term or in the future. Current liabilities include accounts payable, accrued salaries and benefits, unearned revenues, and current debt obligations. The liquidation of current liabilities is anticipated to be either from currently available resources, current assets, or new resources that become available during Fiscal Year 2025. Long-term liabilities such as long-term debt obligations and compensated absences payable will be liquidated from resources that will become available after Fiscal Year 2025.

The liabilities of the District activities exceed assets by \$20,054,360 and the Unrestricted Net Position is negative (\$99,533,003). This negative net position is due to the implementation of GASB 68, as discussed earlier, which increased Liabilities with the inclusion of the Net Pension Liability of (\$157,147,511). Measures continue to be successfully implemented by the District to eliminate the negative unrestricted balance (net of the Pension Liability) which existed at June 30, 2014 and to maintain a positive unrestricted balance, net of the Pension Liability.

The District has a net investment of \$47,496,184 in land, improvements, building, equipment, and vehicles, net of related debt, which provide the services to the District's 10,392 public school students. Net position of \$27,858,239 accumulated due to voter approved bonded debt mill levy assessments, has been restricted to provide resources to liquidate the current general obligation bond principal and related interest payments. The legally required TABOR reserves have also been restricted in the amount of \$3,950,000.

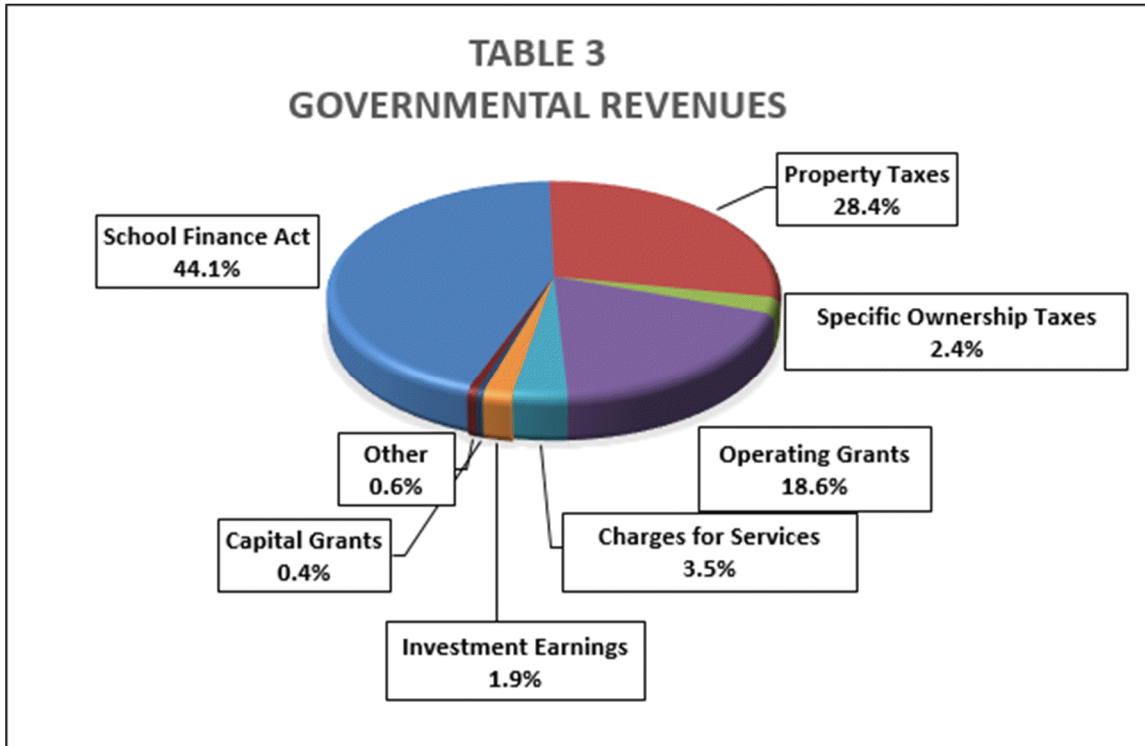
Table 1 provides a condensed summary of the District’s net position for 2025 compared to 2024:

Table 1		
Comparative Statement of Net Position		
<u>As of June 30, 2025</u>		
	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 79,655,042	\$ 71,653,684
Capital Assets	<u>177,234,888</u>	<u>184,486,261</u>
Total Assets	256,889,930	256,139,945
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	7,389,071	12,879,882
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>303,081,689</u>	<u>315,008,823</u>
Total Liabilities	310,740,760	327,888,705
<u>Deferred Inflow/Outflow of Resources</u>		
Deferred Outflow	37,314,113	53,629,139
Deferred Inflow	3,787,643	7,878,101
<u>Net Position</u>		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	47,496,184	48,850,425
Restricted	31,982,459	27,836,408
Unrestricted	<u>(99,533,003)</u>	<u>(102,684,555)</u>
Total Net Position	\$ (20,054,360)	\$ (25,997,722)
See PERA Discussion on page 6 for explanation of “Unrestricted” change		

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2025 compared to 2024:

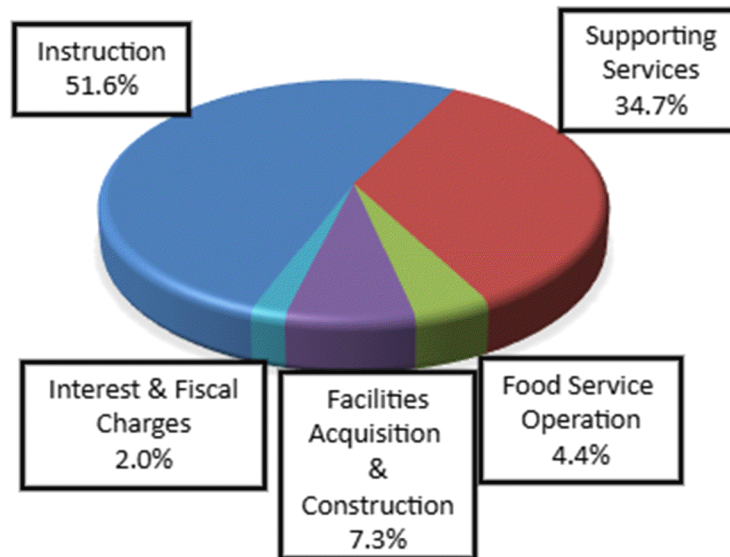
Table 2		
Changes in Net Position		
<u>As of June 30, 2025</u>		
	<u>Governmental</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 5,109,976	\$ 5,061,757
Operating Grants & Contributions	26,944,109	30,416,453
Capital Grants and Contributions	580,403	641,654
General Revenues:		
Taxes:		
Local Property Taxes	41,100,876	40,326,120
Specific Ownership Taxes	3,430,873	3,288,327
School Finance Act	63,701,944	58,173,448
Earnings on Investments	2,701,721	2,745,500
Other	<u>912,297</u>	<u>1,550,997</u>
Total Revenues	144,482,199	142,204,256
<u>Expenses</u>		
Governmental Activities:		
Instruction	69,986,633	63,576,075
Supporting Services	47,039,615	44,549,898
Food Service Operation	5,953,583	7,141,242
Facilities acquisition and construction	9,881,302	9,404,447
Interests and Fiscal Charges	2,706,433	2,705,858
Transportation	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>135,567,566</u>	<u>127,377,520</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ 8,914,633	\$ 14,826,736
Net Position - July 1 Restated	(28,968,993)	(40,824,458)
Net Position - June 30	(20,054,360)	(25,997,722)

As shown in **Table 3** below, State equalization and taxes (Property Taxes and Specific Ownership Taxes) accounted for most of the District's total revenue. As shown in the graph below, State Equalization (School Finance Act) contributed 44.1% of total revenues, while Property Taxes and Specific Ownership Taxes contributed 30.8% of every dollar raised. Another 19% came from state and federal grants for specific programs and the remaining 6.1% from fees charged for services, investment earnings and miscellaneous sources. As a percentage of total revenue, the State Equalization component and property taxes changed slightly from the prior year. These amounts are determined annually by the state in accordance with the School Finance Act.



As shown in **Table 4** below, a total of 86.3% of the District’s expenses are related to instructing and caring for (pupil services) students. This is a increase from 84.9% in the prior year. Food service operation accounts for 4.4% of District expenses. The District’s administrative expenses accounted for only 2.0% of total costs.

**TABLE 4
GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES**



Governmental Activities

The primary source of operating revenue for school districts comes from the School Finance Act of 1994 (SFA). Under the SFA the District received \$10,778.05 per funded student in FY 2024-25. This is up \$695.80 from \$10,082.25 per funded student in FY 2023-24. In Fiscal Year 2023-24 the funded pupil count was 10,037. This is a decrease of 241 from the prior year. For the 2024-25 fiscal year the District continued to be one of the lowest funded districts in the state. Funding for the SFA comes from property taxes, specific ownership tax and state equalization. The District receives approximately 69.2% of SFA funding from state equalization while the remaining amounts come from property taxes and specific ownership taxes. The District’s assessed valuation generated \$44,531,749 in total property taxes (for both operations and bond redemption payments) in fiscal year 2024-25.

The District sets the bond mill rate annually in an amount sufficient to make the annual debt service payment. As a result of significant enrollment growth, the District has requested and received voter approval for bond issues in 1994, 1995, 1999, 2002, 2012, and 2020. Accordingly, the bond redemption mill levy increased from 12.925 mills in fiscal year 1996 to 21.964 mills in fiscal year 2005. Subsequently, however, due primarily to growth and the corresponding increase in assessed valuation, the District has experienced a decrease in the bond redemption mill levy. For fiscal year 2024-25, the bond redemption mill levy is 12.963 mills.

Financial Analysis of the District’s Funds

Detailed information about the District’s major funds starts on page 5. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. For FY 2024-25, all government funds had total revenues, including other financing sources, of \$143,935,101 and expenditures of \$130,730,132. The Bond Redemption Fund experienced an increase in fund balance, increasing by \$4,151,395. The General Fund change in fund balance, after considering Leases and Transfers, was an increase of \$10,715,156.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights.

The District’s budget is prepared according to Colorado law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The District budgets adequate resources to sustain programs designed to ensure that every child has a high quality educational experience. In recent years, state funding reductions and School Finance rescissions has created significant challenges as the District seeks to align resources with the educational goals of the District.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

By the end of Fiscal 2025, the District had invested \$288,056,964 in land, buildings, Construction in Progress, equipment and transportation vehicles. As shown in **Table 5** below, this is a 3.74% increase in Fiscal 2025 compared to 2024. The District has substantially completed plant and equipment improvements resulting from the successful 2012 bond election.

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Land	659,080	659,080	0.00%
Construction in Progress	4,445,145	16,404,678	-72.90%
Building & Improvements	274,575,174	252,355,184	8.81%
Furniture & Fixtures	5,043,255	5,092,453	-0.97%
Automotive Equipment	3,098,560	2,919,345	6.14%
Leased Assets	235,750	235,750	0.00%
Total Capital Assets	<u>288,056,964</u>	<u>277,666,490</u>	<u>3.74%</u>

Long-term Debt.

At June 30, 2025, the District had total bonded debt outstanding of \$109,820,000 backed by the full faith and credit of the District. Additionally, the District has long-term debt obligations for Leases in the amount of \$9,090,370 outstanding at the end of the current fiscal year. This is a decrease of \$1,265,414 from the end of the prior year. Energy efficiencies undertaken by the District in recent years comprise a significant portion of the Capital Lease obligations.

The net total District General Obligation Bonds outstanding- decreased by \$6,690,000 during the fiscal year as a result of District bond principal payments. No new General Obligation Bonds were issued by the District.

One of the District bond ratings did change in the 2021. Upon the issuance of the Series 2021 bonds, Moody's Investors Service increased the District's bond rating from "A2" to "A1". The Standard & Poor's Corporation continued to maintain an "A" rating for the District.

State statutes limit the amount of General Obligation debt that the District may issue. Additional increases in Assessed Valuation, combined with the scheduled payment of principal, is projected to free up more capacity in the ensuing fiscal years, thus providing the needed capacity for future bond issues to be presented to the voters should the need arise. The amount and timing of additional debt issuance in the future, subject to statutory debt limitations and voter approval, will depend on the rate of enrollment growth, capital needs, assessed valuation growth, and the continuing repayment of existing debt.

Additional information on the District's long-term obligations can be found in Notes 6 & 7 on pages 25-28 of this report.

Factors bearing on the District's Future

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

- The District's enrollment continues to decline.
- The Colorado Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) provides retirement and other benefits to public employees statewide, including public school employees. PERA has been actuarially underfunded. To improve PERA's financial position employer contribution rates have been increasing for several years. The 2018 legislative session addressed PERA's funding shortfall by committing more than \$220 million per year directly to the system moving forward, though this was paused during FY 21 due to concerns about state revenue collections during the pandemic.
- Statewide the Budget Stabilization Factor has been eliminated for fiscal year 2024-25.

The District is committed to an ongoing review of its programs and services for both effectiveness and efficiency. To accomplish this, the District examines how to best provide essential services on a cost-effective basis and to re-direct resources to the schools.

Requests for Information

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

Pueblo County School District No. 70
Office of the Director of Business Services
24951 Highway 50 East
Pueblo, Colorado 81006

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Units Charter Schools
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 41,519,617	\$ 13,456,308
Restricted cash and investments	29,193,414	1,271,591
Taxes receivable	4,417,245	-
Grants receivable	2,237,157	-
Due from component units	643,367	72,693
Other receivables	324,049	68,279
Lease receivables	755,990	-
Inventories and prepaid items	564,203	13,785
Capital assets, not being depreciated	5,104,225	1,369,305
Capital assets, net of depreciation	172,130,663	22,325,635
Total assets	256,889,930	38,577,596
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred charge on refunding	2,618,182	-
Deferred pension outflows	33,795,909	3,408,945
Deferred OPEB outflows	900,022	123,590
Total deferred outflows of resources	37,314,113	3,532,535
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	959,884	241,942
Accrued salaries and benefits	4,977,059	736,198
Accrued interest	404,648	56,482
Unearned revenues	888,654	743
Due to component units	72,693	643,367
Due to fiduciary funds	86,133	-
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	7,979,218	762,723
Due in more than one year	135,166,719	23,164,066
Net pension liabilities	157,147,511	16,350,037
Net OPEB liabilities	2,788,241	290,096
Total liabilities	310,470,760	42,245,654
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred lease inflows	755,990	-
Deferred pension inflows	1,515,760	286,807
Deferred OPEB inflows	1,515,893	175,463
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,787,643	462,270
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	47,496,184	(22,733)
Restricted for:		
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	3,950,000	534,000
Debt service	27,858,239	1,271,591
Capital projects	174,220	-
Unrestricted	(99,533,003)	(2,380,651)
Total net position	\$ (20,054,360)	\$ (597,793)

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

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Primary Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Component Units Charter Schools</u>
Primary government						
Governmental activities						
Instruction	\$ 69,986,633	\$ 4,295,424	\$ 20,137,503	\$ 580,403	\$ (44,973,303)	\$ -
Supporting services	47,039,615	137,953	487,742	-	(46,413,920)	
Food service operations	5,953,583	676,599	6,318,864	-	1,041,880	
Facilities acquisition and construction	9,881,302	-	-	-	(9,881,302)	
Interest and fiscal charges	2,706,433	-	-	-	(2,706,433)	
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 135,567,566</u>	<u>\$ 5,109,976</u>	<u>\$ 26,944,109</u>	<u>\$ 580,403</u>	<u>(102,933,078)</u>	
Component units						
Charter schools	<u>\$ 18,487,304</u>	<u>\$ 1,286,062</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,595</u>	<u>\$ 580,403</u>		<u>(15,517,244)</u>
General revenues:						
Property Tax				41,100,876	-	
Specific ownership taxes				3,430,873	-	
Per pupil revenue				63,701,944	16,670,791	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				581,431	626	
Investment earnings				2,701,721	400,522	
Miscellaneous				260,423	59,210	
Gain on sale of capital assets				70,443	-	
Total general revenues				<u>111,847,711</u>	<u>17,131,149</u>	
Change in net position				8,914,633	1,613,905	
Net position - beginning, as restated (deficit)				<u>(28,968,993)</u>	<u>(2,211,698)</u>	
Net position - ending (deficit)				<u>\$ (20,054,360)</u>	<u>\$ (597,793)</u>	

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

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Governmental Designated- Purpose Grants Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$ 39,884,934	\$ 22,363	\$ -	\$ 1,612,320	\$ 41,519,617
Restricted cash and investments	-	-	27,356,609	1,836,805	29,193,414
Taxes receivable	3,169,658	-	1,247,587	-	4,417,245
Grants receivable	48,205	1,060,415	-	1,128,537	2,237,157
Other receivables	215,700	-	-	108,349	324,049
Lease receivables	755,990	-	-	-	755,990
Due from component units	643,367	-	-	-	643,367
Due from other funds	1,850	-	-	1,586,830	1,588,680
Inventories and prepaid items	491,434	-	-	72,769	564,203
	<u>\$ 45,211,138</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,778</u>	<u>\$ 28,604,196</u>	<u>\$ 6,345,610</u>	<u>\$ 81,243,722</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 603,904	\$ 1,083	\$ -	\$ 354,897	\$ 959,884
Accrued salaries and benefits	4,469,858	308,686	-	198,515	4,977,059
Due to other funds	986,489	217,833	-	384,358	1,588,680
Due to component units	72,693	-	-	-	72,693
Due to fiduciary funds	86,133	-	-	-	86,133
Unearned revenue	333,478	555,176	-	-	888,654
	<u>6,552,555</u>	<u>1,082,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>937,770</u>	<u>8,573,103</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Lease related	755,990	-	-	-	755,990
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	1,554,565	-	745,957	-	2,300,522
	<u>2,310,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>745,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,056,512</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable for:					
Inventories and prepaid items	491,434	-	-	72,769	564,203
Restricted for:					
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	3,950,000	-	-	-	3,950,000
Debt service	-	-	27,858,239	-	27,858,239
Capital projects	-	-	-	2,011,025	2,011,025
Committed for:					
Food service operations	-	-	-	1,858,437	1,858,437
Pupil activities	-	-	-	1,465,283	1,465,283
Foundation activities	-	-	-	326	326
Assigned for:					
Risk management	5,167,827	-	-	-	5,167,827
County project	2,700,000	-	-	-	2,700,000
Capital projects	6,775,260	-	-	-	6,775,260
Preschool	767,260	-	-	-	767,260
Math curriculum	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
School Savings	359,220	-	-	-	359,220
Unassigned	13,137,027	-	-	-	13,137,027
	<u>36,348,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,858,239</u>	<u>5,407,840</u>	<u>69,614,107</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 45,211,138</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,778</u>	<u>\$ 28,604,196</u>	<u>\$ 6,345,610</u>	<u>\$ 81,243,722</u>

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

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

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

Total fund balance - governmental funds		\$	69,614,107
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			
Capital assets, not being depreciated	\$	5,104,225	
Capital assets, net of depreciation		<u>172,130,663</u>	177,234,888
Property tax receivable is not available to pay current period expenditures and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.			
			2,300,522
Long-term liabilities and related items are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in government funds:			
Deferred charges on refunding	\$	2,618,182	
Net pension liabilities		(157,147,511)	
Pension outflows		33,795,909	
Pension inflows		(1,515,760)	
Net OPEB liabilities		(2,788,241)	
OPEB outflows		900,022	
OPEB inflows		(1,515,893)	
Accrued interest		(404,648)	
Compensated absences		(8,952,246)	
Leases payable		(5,286)	
Notes payable		(9,090,370)	
Bonds payable		<u>(125,098,035)</u>	<u>(269,203,877)</u>
Net position of governmental activities in the statement of net position			<u>\$ (20,054,360)</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Governmental Designated- Purpose Grants Fund	Bond Redemption Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local sources	\$ 34,571,629	\$ 205,148	\$ 14,138,601	\$ 4,282,520	\$ 53,197,898
State sources	74,475,667	1,152,654	-	3,036,956	78,665,277
Federal sources	1,620,743	5,569,842	-	4,881,341	12,071,926
Total revenues	<u>110,668,039</u>	<u>6,927,644</u>	<u>14,138,601</u>	<u>12,200,817</u>	<u>143,935,101</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	56,421,967	4,392,811	-	4,032,721	64,847,499
Supporting services	40,800,708	2,532,274	-	671,854	44,004,836
Food service operations	139	2,559	-	5,967,504	5,970,202
Facilities acquisition and construction	17,324	-	-	4,391,779	4,409,103
Debt service	1,511,286	-	9,987,206	-	11,498,492
Total expenditures	<u>98,751,424</u>	<u>6,927,644</u>	<u>9,987,206</u>	<u>15,063,858</u>	<u>130,730,132</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>11,916,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,151,395</u>	<u>(2,863,041)</u>	<u>13,204,969</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,201,459	1,201,459
Transfers out	(1,201,459)	-	-	-	(1,201,459)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,201,459)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,201,459</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	10,715,156	-	4,151,395	(1,661,582)	13,204,969
Fund balances - beginning	<u>25,632,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,706,844</u>	<u>7,069,422</u>	<u>56,409,138</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 36,348,028</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,858,239</u>	<u>\$ 5,407,840</u>	<u>\$ 69,614,107</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds: \$ 13,204,969

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Capital outlays	\$ 4,596,494	
Depreciation/amortization	(10,629,760)	(6,033,266)

In the statement of activities, the disposition of capital assets generates a gain or loss and is reported as such. The gain or loss on disposition is not a current financial resource or use and, thus, is not reported in the funds. 29,853

Governmental funds only present property tax revenues that are available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the statement of activities when earned. 317,661

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

Principal paid on bonds	\$ 6,690,000	
Principal paid on notes	1,265,414	
Principal paid on leases	63,117	8,018,531

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

Accrued interest on long-term debt	\$ 26,362	
Amortization of bond premiums and discounts	1,096,259	
Amortization of deferred on refunding	(349,091)	
Compensated absences	211,532	
Changes in pension liabilities and related items	(8,518,720)	
Changes in OPEB liabilities and related items	910,543	(6,623,115)

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 8,914,633

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 30 2025

	<u>Private-Purpose Trust Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Due from primary government	\$ 86,133
Total assets	<u>\$ 86,133</u>
LIABILITIES	
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>
NET POSITION	
Held in trust for individuals:	
Expendable	<u>86,133</u>
Total net position	<u>86,133</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 86,133</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 30 2025

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund
ADDITIONS	
Donations	\$ 53,286
Total additions	53,286
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarship expenses	48,402
Total deductions	48,402
Change in net position	4,884
Net position - beginning	81,249
Net position - ending	\$ 86,133

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

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
COMPONENT UNITS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

	Villa Bella Expeditionary School	The Connect Charter School	Swallows Charter Academy	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash and investments	\$ 2,610,372	\$ 3,437,017	\$ 7,408,919	\$ 13,456,308
Restricted cash and investments	36,108	-	1,235,483	1,271,591
Intergovernmental receivables	16,734	8,163	47,796	72,693
Accounts receivable	-	-	43,087	43,087
Other receivables	25,192	-	-	25,192
Inventories and prepaid items	6,047	-	7,738	13,785
Capital assets, not being depreciated	692,763	157,537	519,005	1,369,305
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	12,881,277	2,127,492	7,316,866	22,325,635
Total assets	16,268,493	5,730,209	16,578,894	38,577,596
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred pension outflows	1,017,900	554,312	1,836,733	3,408,945
Deferred OPEB outflows	47,348	16,431	59,811	123,590
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,065,248	570,743	1,896,544	3,532,535
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	77,272	-	164,670	241,942
Accrued salaries and benefits	245,489	101,920	388,789	736,198
Due to District	255,883	374,924	12,560	643,367
Accrued interest	-	-	56,482	56,482
Unearned revenue	743	-	-	743
Long-term liabilities				
Due within one year	428,377	85,904	248,442	762,723
Due in more than one year	12,630,848	1,021,162	9,512,056	23,164,066
Net pension liability	4,094,164	3,279,575	8,976,298	16,350,037
Net OPEB liability	72,642	58,189	159,265	290,096
Total liabilities	17,805,418	4,921,674	19,518,562	42,245,654
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred pension inflows	-	52,378	234,429	286,807
Deferred OPEB inflows	45,109	41,453	88,901	175,463
Total deferred outflows of resources	45,109	93,831	323,330	462,270
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	592,385	1,365,991	(1,981,109)	(22,733)
Restricted for:				
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	155,000	89,000	290,000	534,000
Debt service	36,108	-	1,235,483	1,271,591
Unrestricted	(1,300,279)	(169,544)	(910,828)	(2,380,651)
Total net position	\$ (516,786)	\$ 1,285,447	\$ (1,366,454)	\$ (597,793)

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

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
COMPONENT UNITS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Villa Bella Expeditionary School	The Connect Charter School	Swallows Charter Academy	TOTAL
REVENUES				
Per pupil revenue	\$ 4,737,381	\$ 2,719,408	\$ 9,214,002	\$ 16,670,791
Charges for services	1,075,684	-	210,378	1,286,062
Operating grants and contributions	379,320	58,752	665,523	1,103,595
Capital grants and contributions	154,230	98,288	327,885	580,403
Unrestricted grants and contributions	626	-	-	626
Unrestricted investment earnings	68,874	101,022	230,626	400,522
Miscellaneous	52,291	-	6,919	59,210
	<u>6,468,406</u>	<u>2,977,470</u>	<u>10,655,333</u>	<u>20,101,209</u>
EXPENSES				
Instruction	2,729,750	1,685,000	4,640,837	9,055,587
Supporting services	2,955,857	884,228	4,398,536	8,238,621
Interest	689,480	38,856	464,760	1,193,096
	<u>6,375,087</u>	<u>2,608,084</u>	<u>9,504,133</u>	<u>18,487,304</u>
Change in net position	<u>93,319</u>	<u>369,386</u>	<u>1,151,200</u>	<u>1,613,905</u>
Net position - beginning	(532,897)	889,431	(2,517,654)	(2,161,120)
Prior period adjustment	<u>(77,208)</u>	<u>26,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,578)</u>
Net position - beginning (deficit), as restated	<u>(610,105)</u>	<u>916,061</u>	<u>(2,517,654)</u>	<u>(2,211,698)</u>
Net position - ending (deficit)	<u>\$ (516,786)</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,447</u>	<u>\$ (1,366,454)</u>	<u>\$ (597,793)</u>

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Pueblo County School District No. 70 (the District) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The District was consolidated from 34 smaller school districts in 1950 and is organized under the Constitution of the State of Colorado. The legislative power of the School District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms. The Board of Education maintains oversight for the District's instructional facilities and support departments to provide services to meet the needs of approximately 10,500 students and other community members.

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

Blended component unit. The School District No. 70 Education Foundation is an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity organized to further educational programs for District students. The Foundation is reported as a special revenue fund and does not issue separate financial statements.

Discretely Presented Component Units. The District's Board of Education has authorized four charter schools for operation. Three of the schools are considered discretely presented component units: The Connect Charter School, Villa Bella Expeditionary School, and Swallows Charter Academy. These charter schools are fiscally dependent on the District since the District provides the majority of support to each school in the form of per pupil revenue. Also, the potential exists that their exclusion from the District's reporting entity would cause the District's statements to be misleading or incomplete.

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

The Connect Charter School
104 E 7th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

Villa Bella Expeditionary School
2390 Rawlings Blvd
Pueblo, CO 81001

Swallows Charter Academy
101 Civic Center Dr.
Pueblo West, CO 81007

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

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

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which direct expenses of given functions or segments are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include (1) charges to students or other service users who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues.

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

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

The *Bond Redemption Fund* accounts for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of principal, interest and related expenses on long-term general obligation debt.

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Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

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

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

The *Pupil Athletic Fund* is used to account for funds used for all student athletics.

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

The *School District No. 70 Education Foundation* is used to present the activities of the blended component unit.

Capital Project Funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets.

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

Fiduciary Funds account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of individuals or private organizations.

The *Private-Purpose Trust Fund* reports trust arrangements under which the principal and income benefit scholarship recipients and are not used as part of operations of the District.

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

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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current fiscal period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the District the right to use leased assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Investments

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

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

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Receivables

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

Inventories and prepaid items

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

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

Capital assets

Capital assets include tangible and intangible assets that are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets, except for lease assets, are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$15,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. For lease assets, only those intangible lease assets that cost more than \$75,000 are reported as capital assets.

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

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

Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 20 years
Automotive equipment	5 - 10 years

Accrued Salaries and Benefits

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

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Unearned Revenue

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

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

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

Leases

Lessee: The District is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease assets in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$75,000 or more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Long-term liabilities

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

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

Pensions

Pueblo County School District No. 70 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.

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OPEB

Pueblo County School District No. 70 participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Net position

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

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

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

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

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

Fund balance classification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

Property Taxes

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

The District is permitted to levy taxes on the assessed valuation for general governmental services and for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 is 27.016 mills for general operating expenses and 12.963 for the payment of general obligation bonds. The District’s assessed valuation for the collection year 2025 is \$1,052,469,541. Taxes are assessed on \$1,030,438,627 which is the assessed valuation net of tax increment financing.

Specific Ownership Taxes

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

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Compensated Absences

The District recognizes a liability for compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Under this standard, a liability is reported for leave that is attributable to services already rendered, is to be used for time off, and is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid.

Vacation leave that meets these criteria is accrued when earned in the government-wide financial statements. Sick leave is accrued only to the extent that it is reasonably expected to be paid upon separation or used in future periods. The amount reported as a liability is based on the pay rates in effect at the end of the reporting period and includes applicable salary-related payments.

Amounts recognized as expenditures on the fund financial statements are those which have been paid in the current year or are expected to be liquidated with currently available expendable financial resources.

F. ESTIMATES

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

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

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

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

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NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

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

Deficit Fund Equity

At June 30, 2025, the Pupil Athletic Fund, a special revenue fund, has a deficit net position balance of \$121,505. This deficit will be eliminated through a transfer from the General Fund during the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A summary of deposits and investments as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Deposits	\$	2,228,754
Investments		68,484,277
Total		\$ 70,713,031

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

Cash and investments	\$	41,519,617
Restricted cash and investments		29,193,414
Total		\$ 70,713,031

Cash deposits with financial institutions

Custodial Credit Risk—deposits: Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits might not be recovered. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

The carrying amount of the District’s deposits at June 30, 2025 was \$2,228,754 and the bank balances were \$3,439,990. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 were covered by federal deposit insurance, and the remaining balance was uninsured but collateralized in accordance with the provisions of the PDPA.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

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

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

At June 30, 2025 the District's investment balances were as follows:

Investment Type	Year-end Balance	Measurement	Maturity	Standard & Poor's Rating
Money Market	\$ 27,356,609	Amortized cost	Less than 90 days	AAA
ColoTrust	41,105,305	Amortized cost	Less than 90 days	AAAm
Certificates of Deposit	22,363	Amortized cost	Up to one year	AAA
	\$ 68,484,277			

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

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

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

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the District's investment in a single issuer. The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. More than 20 percent of the District's investments are in Money Markets and ColoTrust. These investments are 39.94% and 60.02%, respectively, of the District's total investments.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

NOTE 4 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Receivables and Payables

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

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 1,850	\$ 986,489
Governmental Designated Purpose Grants Fund	-	217,833
Nonmajor Funds	1,586,830	384,358
Total	\$ 1,588,680	\$ 1,588,680

Interfund transfers

The composition of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Transfers From Other Funds	Transfers To Other Funds
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,201,459
Nonmajor Funds	1,201,459	-
Total	\$ 1,201,459	\$ 1,201,459

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NOTE 4 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

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

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

<i>Governmental Activities</i>	Beginning Balance, As Restated	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 659,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 659,080
Construction in progress	16,404,678	3,553,698	(15,513,231)	4,445,145
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>17,063,758</u>	<u>3,553,698</u>	<u>(15,513,231)</u>	<u>5,104,225</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	258,239,321	16,335,853	-	274,575,174
Equipment	4,823,081	220,174	-	5,043,255
Automotive Equipment	3,282,561	-	(184,001)	3,098,560
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>266,344,963</u>	<u>16,556,027</u>	<u>(184,001)</u>	<u>282,716,989</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(96,229,399)	(9,980,516)	-	(106,209,915)
Equipment	(2,166,635)	(304,920)	46,815	(2,424,740)
Automotive Equipment	(1,868,686)	(297,174)	167,039	(1,998,821)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(100,264,720)</u>	<u>(10,582,610)</u>	<u>213,854</u>	<u>(110,633,476)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>166,080,243</u>	<u>5,973,417</u>	<u>29,853</u>	<u>172,083,513</u>
Lease assets being amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	235,750	-	-	235,750
Total lease assets being amortized	<u>235,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,750</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	(141,450)	(47,150)	-	(188,600)
Total accumulated amortization	<u>(141,450)</u>	<u>(47,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(188,600)</u>
Total lease assets being amortized, net	<u>94,300</u>	<u>(47,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,150</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>166,174,543</u>	<u>5,926,267</u>	<u>29,853</u>	<u>172,130,663</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets	<u>\$ 183,238,301</u>	<u>\$ 9,479,965</u>	<u>\$ (15,483,378)</u>	<u>\$ 177,234,888</u>

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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

Governmental Activities

Instruction	\$ 91,062
Supporting services	608,472
Food service operations	81,707
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>9,848,519</u>
Total depreciation/amortization expense	<u>\$ 10,629,760</u>

NOTE 6 – LEASES

District as lessee

The District, as a lessee, has entered into lease agreements involving equipment with lease terms of 5 years. The total costs of these right-to-use lease assets are recorded as \$235,750, less accumulated amortization of \$188,600. The District has determined that as of June 30, 2025, there is no loss associated with an impairment of the right-to-use lease asset.

The future lease payments under lease agreements as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	<u>\$ 5,286</u>	<u>\$ 340</u>	<u>\$ 5,626</u>

District as lessor

The District, as a lessor, has entered into lease agreements with third parties involving cell phone towers and land. The leases range from 10 to 16 years and the District receives average monthly payments of \$7,042. The total amount of inflows of resources, including lease revenue, interest revenue, and other lease-related inflows, recognized during the fiscal year was \$84,503. As of June 30, 2025, the District receivable for lease payments was \$755,990. Also, the District has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of June 30, 2025, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources was \$755,990.

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

General Obligation Bonds

The District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds have been issued for governmental activities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District.

General Obligation Bonds outstanding at June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	<u>Original Borrowing</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Outstanding at Year-end</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
General Obligation Bonds 2021A	\$ 73,045,000	3.00% - 4.00%	2042	\$ 71,810,000
General Obligation Bonds 2021B	53,135,000	0.16% - 1.74%	2033	<u>38,010,000</u>
Total				<u>\$ 109,820,000</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 6,685,000	\$ 3,230,578
2027	6,875,000	3,124,017
2028	6,995,000	3,002,135
2029	6,545,000	2,878,541
2030	6,665,000	2,740,958
2031-2035	33,540,000	11,033,885
2036-2040	29,155,000	5,338,000
2041-2043	<u>13,360,000</u>	<u>437,450</u>
Total	<u>\$ 109,820,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,785,564</u>

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Legal Debt Margin

Assessed valuation	<u>\$1,030,438,627</u>
Debt limit - 20% of assessed valuation	206,087,725
General obligation debt	<u>(109,820,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 96,267,725</u>

Notes Payable

The District has entered into several notes and related financing arrangements as follows:

	Original Borrowing	Interest Rates	Final Maturity	Outstanding at Year-end
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Bank of America - energy imporvement	\$12,207,702	2.20%	2034	\$ 8,703,321
Bank of San Juan - equipment	1,500,000	2.15%	2026	387,049
Total				<u>\$ 9,090,370</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for notes payable are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	Governmental Activities	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 1,288,932	\$ 159,237
2027	917,522	135,276
2028	933,432	119,367
2029	949,617	103,181
2030	966,084	86,715
2031-2035	4,034,783	173,411
Total	<u>\$ 9,090,370</u>	<u>\$ 777,187</u>

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in the District’s long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2025, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance, As Restated	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
General obligation bonds	\$ 116,510,000	\$ -	\$ (6,690,000)	\$ 109,820,000	\$ 6,685,000
Bond Premiums	16,374,294	-	(1,096,259)	15,278,035	-
Total bonds payable	<u>132,884,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,786,259)</u>	<u>125,098,035</u>	<u>6,685,000</u>
Notes Payable	10,355,784	-	(1,265,414)	9,090,370	1,288,932
Leases obligations	68,403	-	(63,117)	5,286	5,286
Compensated absences	9,163,778	-	(211,532)	8,952,246	-
Net pension liability	160,387,184	15,321,254	(18,560,927)	157,147,511	-
Net OPEB liability	<u>3,872,692</u>	<u>432,495</u>	<u>(1,516,946)</u>	<u>2,788,241</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$ 316,732,135</u>	<u>\$ 15,753,749</u>	<u>\$ (29,404,195)</u>	<u>\$ 303,081,689</u>	<u>\$ 7,979,218</u>

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

General obligation bonds are liquidated in the Debt Service Fund. Leases are liquidated in the general fund. Approximately 90% of compensated absences, net pension liabilities, and net OPEB liabilities are normally liquidated in the general fund, with remaining amounts liquidated in other governmental funds.

NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the Pueblo County School District No. 70 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/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies.

Benefits provided as of December 31, 2024. PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2025: Eligible employees of, Pueblo County School District No. 70 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, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025
Employer contribution rate	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	20.38%

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Pueblo County School District No. 70 is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from Pueblo County School District No. 70 were \$14,139,629 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. For 2024, 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.

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, 2024, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TPL to December 31, 2024. The Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportion of the net pension liability was based on Pueblo County School District No. 70 contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2024 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

At June 30, 2025, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 reported a liability of \$157,147,511 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the Pueblo County School District No. 70 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 Pueblo County School District No. 70 were as follows:

Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 157,147,511
The State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the Pueblo County School District No. 70	14,114,341
Total	\$ 171,261,852

At December 31, 2024, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportion was 0.9107414143%, which was an increase of 0.0037496359% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 recognized pension expense of \$22,658,349 and revenue of \$1,488,470 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2025, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,889,027	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,178,153	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,964,937	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	13,992,366	1,515,760
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,761,426	N/A
Total	<u>\$ 33,795,909</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,760</u>

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

\$6,761,426 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, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2026	\$ 17,274,081
2027	14,566,873
2028	(4,207,644)
2029	(2,114,587)
2030	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial assumptions. The December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation used the following actuarial cost method and key 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 ¹	Financed by the AIR

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

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

All mortality assumptions are developed on a benefit-weighted basis and apply generational mortality. Note that in all categories, displayed as follows, the mortality tables are generationally projected using scale MP-2019.

	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
Pre-Retirement	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	Males: 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older Females: 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	Males: 97% of the rates for all ages Females: 105% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	99% of the rates for all ages

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, 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. Based on the 2024 experience analysis, dated January 3, 2025, for the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023, revised actuarial assumptions were adopted by PERA’s Board on January 17, 2025, and were effective as of December 31, 2024. The following assumptions were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

Salary increases, including wage inflation: 4.00%-13.40%

Salary scale assumptions were altered to better reflect actual experience.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

The estimated administrative expense as a percentage of covered payroll was increased from 0.40% to 0.45%.

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

The adjustments for credibility applied to the Pub-2010 mortality tables for active and retired lives, including beneficiaries, were updated based on the experience. All mortality assumptions are developed on a benefit-weighted basis. Note that in all categories, displayed as follows, the mortality tables are generationally projected using the 2024 adjusted MP-2021 projection scale.

	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
Pre-Retirement	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	Males: 106% of the rates for all ages Females: 86% of the rates prior to age 85/ 115% of the rates age 85 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	Males: 92% of the rates for all ages Females: 100% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	95% of the rates for all ages

The long-term expected return on plan assets is monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed as part of periodic experience studies prepared every four years, and asset/liability studies, performed every three to five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the 2024 Experience Study report dated January 3, 2025.

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 November 15, 2019, meeting, and again at the Board's September 20, 2024, meeting. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	51.00%	5.00%
Fixed Income	23.00%	2.60%
Private Equity	10.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.10%
Alternatives	6.00%	5.20%
Total	100.00%	

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

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

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

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

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NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Pueblo County School District No. 70 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	\$ 213,055,604	\$ 157,147,511	\$ 110,316,669

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/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies.

Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information
2024 Changes in Plan Provision Since 2023

- There were no changes made to the plan provisions.

Significant Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information
2024 Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Since 2023

- Salary scale assumptions were altered to better reflect actual experience.
- Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality base tables were retained for purposes of active, retired, disabled, and beneficiary lives, with revised adjustments for credibility and gender, where applicable. In addition, the applied generational projection scale was updated to the 2024 adjusted scale MP-2021.
- The estimated administrative expense as a percentage of covered payroll was increased from 0.40% to 0.45%.

Subsequent Events

- SB 25-310, enacted June 2, 2025, and effective immediately, allows PERA to accept a series of warrants from the State Treasurer totaling \$500 million (actual dollars) on or after July 1, 2025, and before October 1, 2025. These dollars are to be proportioned over time to replace reductions to future direct distributions intended to fund the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund and, at that time, will be allocated to the appropriate Division Trust Fund(s) within PERA. SB 25-310 also allows for an alternative actuarial method to allocate the direct distribution if the allocation, based on the reported payroll of each participating division, results in an AAP assessment ratio below the 98% benchmark.

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

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the Pueblo County School District No. 70 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/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies.

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

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

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

PERA Benefit Structure

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

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

DPS Benefit Structure

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

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

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Pueblo County School District No. 70 is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from Pueblo County School District No. 70 were \$707,675 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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

At June 30, 2025, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 reported a liability of \$2,788,241 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2024, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2024. The Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Pueblo County School District No. 70 contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2024 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2024, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportion was 0.5831103082%, which was an increase of 0.0405082607% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

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For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 recognized OPEB expense of \$(202,868). At June 30, 2025, the Pueblo County School District No. 70 reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 615,030
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	31,972	891,261
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	9,452	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	520,192	9,602
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	338,406	N/A
Total	\$ 900,022	\$ 1,515,893

\$338,406 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, 2026. 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:	
2026	\$ (326,289)
2027	(150,462)
2028	(237,951)
2029	(117,810)
2030	(74,224)
Thereafter	(47,541)

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Actuarial assumptions. The December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation used the following actuarial cost method and key actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40% - 11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	16.00% in 2024, then 6.75% in 2025, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2034
MAPD PPO #2	105.00% in 2024, then 8.55% in 2025, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2034
Medicare Part A premiums	3.50% in 2024, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2033
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

As of the December 31, 2024, measurement date, the FNP and related disclosure components for the HCTF reflect additional payments related to the disaffiliation of Tri-County Health Department (Tri-County Health) as a PERA-affiliated employer, effective December 31, 2022. The additional employer disaffiliation payment allocations to the HCTF and Local Government Division Trust Fund were \$0.020 million and \$0.486 million, respectively.

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Each year the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option. As of the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation, costs are based on 2024 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 were 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	\$1,710	\$1,420	\$585	\$486	\$1,897	\$1,575
70	\$1,921	\$1,589	\$657	\$544	\$2,130	\$1,763
75	\$2,122	\$1,670	\$726	\$571	\$2,353	\$1,853

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	\$6,536	\$5,429	\$4,241	\$3,523	\$7,063	\$5,866
70	\$7,341	\$6,073	\$4,764	\$3,941	\$7,933	\$6,563
75	\$8,110	\$6,385	\$5,262	\$4,143	\$8,763	\$6,900

The 2024 Medicare Part A premium is \$505 per month.

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

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.

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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. PERACare Medicare plan rates are applied where members have no premium-free Part A and where those premiums are already exceeding the maximum subsidy. MAPD PPO #2 has a separate trend because the first year rates are still below the maximum subsidy and to reflect the estimated impact of the Inflation Reduction Act for that plan option. enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

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

Year	PERACare Medicare Plans¹	MAPD PPO #21	Medicare Part A Premiums
2024	16.00%	105.00%	3.50%
2025	6.75%	8.55%	3.75%
2026	6.50%	8.10%	3.75%
2027	6.25%	7.65%	4.00%
2028	6.00%	7.20%	4.00%
2029	5.75%	6.75%	4.25%
2030	5.50%	6.30%	4.25%
2031	5.25%	5.85%	4.25%
2032	5.00%	5.40%	4.25%
2033	4.75%	4.95%	4.50%
2034+	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%

¹ Increase in 2024 trend rates due to the effect of the Inflation Reduction Act.

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Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, valuation for the Division Trust Funds as shown in the following table, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the December 31, 2023, valuation for the HCTF, but developed using a headcount-weighted basis. Note that in all categories, displayed as follows, the mortality tables are generationally projected using scale MP-2019. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Pre-Retirement	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
School Division	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
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Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
School Division	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	Males: 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older Females: 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older
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Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
All Beneficiaries	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	Males: 97% of the rates for all ages Females: 105% of the rates for all ages
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Disabled	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
Members other than Safety Officers	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	99% of the rates for all ages

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, 2023, 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 were updated to reflect costs for the 2024 plan year.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in those premiums. A separate trend rate assumption set was added for MAPD PPO #2 as the first-year rate is still below the maximum subsidy and also the assumption set reflects the estimated impact of the Inflation Reduction Act for that plan option.
- The Medicare health care plan election rate assumptions were updated effective as of the December 31, 2023, valuation date based on an experience analysis of recent data.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, 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.

Based on the 2024 experience analysis, dated January 3, 2025, for the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023, revised actuarial assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on January 17, 2025, and were effective as of December 31, 2024. The following assumptions were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total OPEB liability from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

Salary increases, including wage inflation 4.00%-13.40%

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

- Salary scale assumptions were altered to better reflect actual experience.
- Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Participation rates were reduced.
- MAPD premium costs are no longer age graded.

Plan	With Medicare Part A	Without Medicare Part A
MAPD PPO #1	\$1,824	\$6,972
MAPD PPO #2	624	4,524
MAPD HMO (Kaiser)	2,040	7,596

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The adjustments for credibility applied to the Pub-2010 mortality tables for active and retired lives, including beneficiaries, were updated based on the experience. Note that in all categories, the mortality tables are generationally projected using the 2024 adjusted MP-2021 project scale. These assumptions updated for the Division Trust Funds, were also applied in the roll forward calculations for the HCTF using a headcount-weighted basis. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Pre-Retirement	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
School Division	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
School Division	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	Males: 106% of the rates for all ages Females: 86% of the rates prior to age 85/ 115% of the rates age 85 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
All Beneficiaries	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	Males: 92% of the rates for all ages Females: 100% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
Members other than Safety Officers	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	95% of the rates for all ages

The actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed annually and updated, as appropriate, by the PERA Board’s actuary.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed as part of periodic experience studies prepared every four years, and asset/liability studies, performed every three to five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the 2024 Experience Study report dated January 3, 2025.

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

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The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the November 15, 2019, meeting, and again at the Board's September 20, 2024, meeting. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	51.00%	5.00%
Fixed Income	23.00%	2.60%
Private Equity	10.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.10%
Alternatives	6.00%	5.20%
Total	100.00%	

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

Sensitivity of the Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates. The following table 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 ¹	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial MAPD PPO#2 trend rate ¹	7.55%	8.55%	9.55%
Ultimate MAPD PPO#2 trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate ¹	2.75%	3.75%	4.75%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,713,119	\$ 2,788,241	\$ 2,873,259

¹For the January 1, 2025, plan year.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the TOL was 7.25%. The basis for the projection of liabilities and the FNP used to determine the discount rate was an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2023, and the financial status of the HCTF as of the current measurement date (December 31, 2024). 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, 2024, measurement date.

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- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.
- As of the December 31, 2024, measurement date, the FNP and related disclosure components for the HCTF reflect additional payments related to the disaffiliation of Tri-County Health as a PERA-affiliated employer, effective December 31, 2022. The additional employer disaffiliation payment allocations to the HCTF and Local Government Division Trust Fund were \$0.020 million and \$0.486 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 did 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 Pueblo County School District No. 70 proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 3,417,032	\$ 2,788,241	\$ 2,246,147

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/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies.

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Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information
2024 Changes in Plan Provision Since 2023

- As of the December 31, 2024, measurement date, the FNP and related disclosure components for HCTF reflect additional payments related to the disaffiliation of Tri-County Health Department as a PERA-affiliated employer, effective December 31, 2022. The additional employer disaffiliation payment allocations to the HCTF and Local Government Division Trust Fund were \$0.020 million and \$0.486 million, respectively.

Significant Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information
2024 Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs Since 2023

- Salary scale assumptions were altered to better reflect actual experience.
- Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The adjustments for credibility applied to the Pub-2010 mortality tables for active and retired lives, including beneficiaries, were updated based on experience. In addition, the mortality projection scale was updated to the 2024 adjusted scale MP-2021 to reflect future improvements in mortality for all groups.
- Participation rates were reduced.
- MAPD premium costs are no longer age graded.

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters.

The District purchases commercial insurance for property, liability and worker's compensation risks of loss. Settlements have not exceeded premiums for each of the past three fiscal years.

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NOTE 11 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

The District is a participant with other school districts in a joint venture known as South Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Cooperative). The Cooperative is organized under provisions of Colorado law to provide special education services to member school districts in the Cooperative's general area. The member school districts provide approximately 7% of the Cooperative's total annual financial resources and each member district appoints a member of its board of education to serve on the governing body of the Cooperative. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District purchased no services from the Cooperative. Complete financial statements for the Cooperative can be obtained from their administrative office at 323 S. Purcell Boulevard; Pueblo West, CO, 81007.

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grants

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

NOTE 13 - TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

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

The amendment requires emergency reserves be established. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending. The District is not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls or salary and benefit increases. At June 30, 2025 there is a \$3,950,000 reservation of fund balance in the General Fund for the amendment.

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

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

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

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NOTE 14 – COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT/BOCES, ELECTRONIC DATA INTEGRITY CHECK FIGURES

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

NOTE 15- RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING BALANCES

Adoption of New Accounting Standard

Pueblo County School District No. 70 implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, effective July 1, 2024. This Statement establishes specific criteria for identifying activities that should be reported as compensated absences. As a result, net position of governmental activities at June 30, 2024, were restated to reflect the cumulative effect of adopting this standard.

Correction of Capital asset Balances

Net position as of June 30, 2024 has been restated for the change in application of generally accepted accounting principles related to capital assets due to the District recalculating accumulated depreciation and disposing of assets retired in prior periods. The District had under-reported depreciable capital assets, and under-reported accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2024.

	Reporting Units Affected by Adjustments to and Restatements of Beginning Balances	
	Government-Wide	
	Governmental Activities	
June 30, 2024, as previously reported	\$	(25,997,722)
<i>Error corrections</i>		
Recognition of net capital assets		(1,247,960)
<i>Adoption of new accounting standard</i>		
GASB 101 implementation		(1,723,311)
June 30, 2024, as restated	\$	(28,968,993)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.9107414143%	0.9069917784%	0.6823413430%	0.7811782231%	0.8757122500%	0.7918274458%	0.7911085754%	0.9053082053%	0.8594107336%	0.8440463694%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 157,147,511	\$ 160,387,184	\$ 124,250,708	\$ 90,837,436	\$ 132,326,867	\$ 118,241,565	\$ 140,043,850	\$ 292,709,997	\$ 255,845,307	\$ 129,059,082
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District	14,114,341	3,516,815	36,207,905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 171,261,852</u>	<u>\$ 163,903,999</u>	<u>\$ 160,458,613</u>	<u>\$ 90,837,436</u>	<u>\$ 132,326,867</u>	<u>\$ 118,241,565</u>	<u>\$ 140,043,850</u>	<u>\$ 292,709,997</u>	<u>\$ 255,845,307</u>	<u>\$ 129,059,082</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 70,377,207	\$ 59,960,346	\$ 52,634,756	\$ 48,874,584	\$ 46,826,480	\$ 46,547,737	\$ 43,481,809	\$ 42,055,165	\$ 40,257,198	\$ 37,389,300
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	223.29%	267.49%	236.06%	185.86%	282.59%	254.02%	322.07%	696.01%	635.53%	345.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.2%	64.7%	61.8%	74.9%	67.0%	64.5%	57.0%	44.0%	43.1%	59.2%

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

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION
JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 14,139,629	\$ 13,174,814	\$ 11,373,504	\$ 9,716,267	\$ 9,190,090	\$ 9,222,844	\$ 8,630,680	\$ 7,940,512	\$ 7,402,323	\$ 6,632,003
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(14,139,629)</u>	<u>(13,174,814)</u>	<u>(11,373,504)</u>	<u>(9,716,267)</u>	<u>(9,190,090)</u>	<u>(9,222,844)</u>	<u>(8,630,680)</u>	<u>(7,940,512)</u>	<u>(7,402,323)</u>	<u>(6,632,003)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 69,379,927	\$ 64,645,800	\$ 55,807,182	\$ 48,874,584	\$ 46,826,480	\$ 47,589,491	\$ 45,115,943	\$ 42,055,165	\$ 40,257,198	\$ 37,389,300
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.38%	20.38%	20.38%	19.88%	19.63%	19.38%	19.13%	18.88%	18.39%	17.74%

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**PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
JUNE 30, 2025**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.5831103082%	0.5426020475%	0.5184478133%	0.5100448586%	0.5065622890%	0.5174000000%	0.5142000000%	0.5144000000%	0.4885000000%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 2,788,241	\$ 3,872,692	\$ 4,233,018	\$ 4,309,852	\$ 3,967,297	\$ 5,800,731	\$ 6,921,161	\$ 6,687,047	\$ 6,333,560
District's covered payroll	\$ 70,377,207	\$ 59,960,346	\$ 52,634,756	\$ 48,874,584	\$ 46,826,480	\$ 46,547,737	\$ 43,481,809	\$ 41,760,630	\$ 38,571,889
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	3.96%	6.46%	8.04%	8.82%	8.47%	12.46%	15.92%	16.01%	16.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	59.8%	46.2%	38.6%	39.4%	32.8%	24.5%	17.0%	17.5%	16.7%

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

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB
JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 707,675	\$ 659,425	\$ 569,242	\$ 498,521	\$ 477,630	\$ 485,412	\$ 460,182	\$ 428,963	\$ 410,623
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(707,675)</u>	<u>(659,425)</u>	<u>(569,242)</u>	<u>(498,521)</u>	<u>(477,630)</u>	<u>(485,412)</u>	<u>(460,182)</u>	<u>(428,963)</u>	<u>(410,623)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Districts covered payroll	\$ 69,379,927	\$ 64,645,800	\$ 55,807,182	\$ 48,874,584	\$ 46,826,480	\$ 47,589,491	\$ 45,115,943	\$ 42,055,165	\$ 40,257,199
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

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GENERAL FUND

The General Fund accounts for all transactions of the District not required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund represents an accounting for the District's ordinary operations financed primarily from property taxes and state aid. It is the most significant fund of the District.

Included in this presentation are the Capital Reserves, Insurance Reserve, and Preschool Sub-Funds of the General Fund. These funds allow the District to separate the accounting and maintain a self-balancing set of records specific to these activities.

The General Fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Property taxes	\$ 31,376,157	\$ 27,821,543	\$ 27,576,883	\$ (244,660)
Specific ownership taxes	2,700,000	2,700,000	3,430,873	730,873
Other local sources	1,527,987	2,562,048	3,563,873	1,001,825
Total local sources	<u>35,604,144</u>	<u>33,083,591</u>	<u>34,571,629</u>	<u>1,488,038</u>
State sources:				
State equalization	61,085,214	65,291,037	63,701,944	(1,589,093)
Other state funding	10,535,224	12,198,749	10,773,723	(1,425,026)
Total state sources	<u>71,620,438</u>	<u>77,489,786</u>	<u>74,475,667</u>	<u>(3,014,119)</u>
Federal sources	<u>1,680,000</u>	<u>1,710,000</u>	<u>1,620,743</u>	<u>(89,257)</u>
Total revenues	<u>108,904,582</u>	<u>112,283,377</u>	<u>110,668,039</u>	<u>(1,615,338)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	68,465,514	64,603,121	56,421,967	8,181,154
Supporting services:				
Student services	4,849,892	5,314,757	5,385,136	(70,379)
Instructional staff	3,834,801	3,975,844	3,971,664	4,180
General administration	1,221,226	1,098,159	1,107,653	(9,494)
School administration	7,055,845	7,500,698	7,862,053	(361,355)
Business services	1,561,953	1,767,083	1,395,292	371,791
Operation and maintenance	9,544,345	15,593,267	12,118,631	3,474,636
Student transportation	3,916,309	4,203,606	3,865,204	338,402
Central services	6,041,402	5,279,733	5,095,075	184,658
Other support services	369,000	-	-	-
Food service operations	-	-	139	(139)
Facilities acquisition and construction	210,000	210,000	17,324	192,676
Debt service	721,209	721,209	1,511,286	(790,077)
Contingency reserves	13,472,877	14,719,605	-	14,719,605
Total expenditures	<u>121,264,373</u>	<u>124,987,082</u>	<u>98,751,424</u>	<u>26,235,658</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(12,359,791)	(12,703,705)	11,916,615	24,620,320
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	<u>(1,457,000)</u>	<u>(1,457,000)</u>	<u>(1,201,459)</u>	<u>255,541</u>
Net change in fund balance	(13,816,791)	(14,160,705)	10,715,156	24,875,861
Fund balance - beginning	<u>13,816,791</u>	<u>14,160,705</u>	<u>25,632,872</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 36,348,028</u>	<u>\$ 50,508,733</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNATED-PURPOSE GRANTS FUND

This fund is authorized by Colorado state law to record financial transactions for grants received for designated programs funded by federal, state or local resources.

The Governmental Designated-Purpose Grants Fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNATED-PURPOSE GRANTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
Other local sources	\$ 5,559,426	\$ 5,498,857	\$ 205,148	\$ (5,293,709)
State sources:				
Other state funding	1,566,579	1,999,356	1,152,654	(846,702)
Federal sources	6,506,440	5,932,061	5,569,842	(362,219)
Total revenues	<u>13,632,445</u>	<u>13,430,274</u>	<u>6,927,644</u>	<u>(6,502,630)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	10,823,989	10,109,175	4,392,811	5,716,364
Supporting services:				
Student services	410,406	737,082	685,338	51,744
Instructional staff	1,935,035	2,255,748	1,599,802	655,946
School administration	159,633	162,967	160,536	2,431
Business services	122,476	54,460	45,348	9,112
Operation and maintenance	-	19,874	23,382	(3,508)
Student transportation	-	900	707	193
Other support services	-	17,161	17,161	-
Food service operations	50,052	-	2,559	(2,559)
Facilities acquisition and construction	130,854	72,907	-	72,907
Total expenditures	<u>13,632,445</u>	<u>13,430,274</u>	<u>6,927,644</u>	<u>6,502,630</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

BOND REDEMPTION FUND

The District has one debt service fund, the Bond Redemption Fund. This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest and related costs. This fund's primary revenue sources are local property taxes levied specifically for debt service

For financial reporting purposes, the Bond Redemption Fund was determined to be a major fund of the District for the current fiscal year.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
BOND REDEMPTION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Property taxes	\$ 13,372,576	\$ 13,206,332	\$ (166,244)
Other local sources	500,000	932,269	432,269
Total local revenues	<u>13,872,576</u>	<u>14,138,601</u>	<u>266,025</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service	11,538,145	9,987,206	1,550,939
Contingency reserves	<u>2,334,431</u>	-	<u>2,334,431</u>
Total expenditures	<u>13,872,576</u>	<u>9,987,206</u>	<u>3,885,370</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	4,151,395	4,151,395
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>23,706,844</u>	<u>23,706,844</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,858,239</u>	<u>\$ 27,858,239</u>

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NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

In addition to the funds identified as major governmental funds for financial reporting, the District reports the following non-major funds:

Special Revenue Funds

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

Food Service Fund

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

Pupil Athletic Fund

This fund is used to record all student athletics.

Education Foundation

This fund is used to operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes exclusively for the benefit of the School District.

Pupil Activity Fund

This fund is used to record financial transactions related to school sponsored organizations and activities.

Capital Project Funds

Capital Project Funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets. The District has the following Capital Project Fund:

Capital Projects Fund

This fund is used to account for significant capital expenditures of the District, including the acquisition of sites, buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2025

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Athletic Fund	Education Foundation	Pupil Activity Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 1,611,471	\$ -	\$ 849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,612,320
Restricted cash and investments	-	-	-	-	1,836,805	1,836,805
Intergovernmental receivables	593,895	-	-	-	534,642	1,128,537
Other receivables	93,168	-	-	7,155	8,026	108,349
Due from internal balances	-	-	-	1,586,830	-	1,586,830
Inventories and prepaid expenses	68,959	-	-	3,810	-	72,769
	<u>\$ 2,367,493</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 849</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,379,473</u>	<u>\$ 6,345,610</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 4,773	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,197	\$ 342,927	\$ 354,897
Accrued salaries and benefits	175,784	22,731	-	-	-	198,515
Due to interfunds	259,540	98,774	523	-	25,521	384,358
	<u>440,097</u>	<u>121,505</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>7,197</u>	<u>368,448</u>	<u>937,770</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable for:						
Inventories and prepaid items	68,959	-	-	3,810	-	72,769
Restricted for:						
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	2,011,025	2,011,025
Committed for:						
Food service operations	1,858,437	-	-	-	-	1,858,437
Pupil Activities	-	(121,505)	-	1,586,788	-	1,465,283
Foundation activities	-	-	326	-	-	326
	<u>1,927,396</u>	<u>(121,505)</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>1,590,598</u>	<u>2,011,025</u>	<u>5,407,840</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,367,493</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 849</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,379,473</u>	<u>\$ 6,345,610</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Athletic Fund	Education Foundation	Pupil Activity Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Local sources	\$ 682,735	\$ 597,622	\$ 277	\$ 2,826,294	\$ 175,592	\$ 4,282,520
State sources	1,437,523	-	-	-	1,599,433	3,036,956
Federal sources	4,881,341	-	-	-	-	4,881,341
Total revenues	<u>7,001,599</u>	<u>597,622</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>2,826,294</u>	<u>1,775,025</u>	<u>12,200,817</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction	-	1,263,826	400	2,768,495	-	4,032,721
Supporting services	15,094	656,760	-	-	-	671,854
Food service operations	5,967,504	-	-	-	-	5,967,504
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-	4,391,779	4,391,779
Total expenditures	<u>5,982,598</u>	<u>1,920,586</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>2,768,495</u>	<u>4,391,779</u>	<u>15,063,858</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,019,001	(1,322,964)	(123)	57,799	(2,616,754)	(2,863,041)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	-	1,201,459	-	-	-	1,201,459
Net change in fund balances	1,019,001	(121,505)	(123)	57,799	(2,616,754)	(1,661,582)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>908,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>1,532,799</u>	<u>4,627,779</u>	<u>7,069,422</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,927,396</u>	<u>\$ (121,505)</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>	<u>\$ 1,590,598</u>	<u>\$ 2,011,025</u>	<u>\$ 5,407,840</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Other local sources	\$ 607,100	\$ 682,735	\$ 75,635
State sources:			
Other state funding	1,540,300	1,437,523	(102,777)
Federal sources	5,004,000	4,881,341	(122,659)
Total revenues	<u>7,151,400</u>	<u>7,001,599</u>	<u>(149,801)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Supporting services:			
Operation and maintenance	28,650	13,477	15,173
Central services	5,000	1,617	3,383
Food service operations	7,117,750	5,967,504	1,150,246
Total expenditures	<u>7,151,400</u>	<u>5,982,598</u>	<u>1,168,802</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	1,019,001	1,019,001
Fund balance - beginning	-	908,395	908,395
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,927,396</u>	<u>\$ 1,927,396</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
PUPIL ATHLETIC FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Other local sources	\$ 625,160	\$ 597,622	\$ (27,538)
Total revenues	625,160	597,622	(27,538)
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	1,564,626	1,263,826	300,800
Supporting services:			
Student services	235,734	288,815	(53,081)
Business services	-	101,791	(101,791)
Operation and maintenance	-	2,747	(2,747)
Student transportation	281,800	263,407	18,393
Total expenditures	2,082,160	1,920,586	161,574
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,457,000)	(1,322,964)	134,036
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	1,457,000	1,201,459	(255,541)
Net change in fund balance	-	(121,505)	(121,505)
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ (121,505)	\$ (121,505)

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
EDUCATION FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Other local sources	\$ 25,000	\$ 277	\$ (24,723)
Total revenues	<u>25,000</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>(24,723)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	<u>25,000</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>24,600</u>
Total expenditures	<u>25,000</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>24,600</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(123)	(123)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>449</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Other local sources	\$ 3,654,062	\$ 2,826,294	\$ (827,768)
Total revenues	<u>3,654,062</u>	<u>2,826,294</u>	<u>(827,768)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	<u>3,654,062</u>	<u>2,768,495</u>	<u>885,567</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,654,062</u>	<u>2,768,495</u>	<u>885,567</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	57,799	57,799
Fund balance - beginning	-	1,532,799	1,532,799
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,590,598</u>	<u>\$ 1,590,598</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Other local sources	\$ 2,050,000	\$ 175,592	\$ (1,874,408)
State sources:			
Other state funding	3,800,000	1,599,433	(2,200,567)
Total revenues	<u>5,850,000</u>	<u>1,775,025</u>	<u>(4,074,975)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Facilities acquisition and construction	<u>11,250,000</u>	<u>4,391,779</u>	<u>6,858,221</u>
Total expenditures	<u>11,250,000</u>	<u>4,391,779</u>	<u>6,858,221</u>
Net change in fund balance	(5,400,000)	(2,616,754)	2,783,246
Fund balance - beginning	<u>5,400,000</u>	<u>4,627,779</u>	<u>(772,221)</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,011,025</u>	<u>\$ 2,011,025</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

SINGLE AUDIT

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Additional Award Identification	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture					
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>					
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
School Breakfast Program	10.553		4553	\$ -	\$ 1,248,122
National School Lunch Program	10.555		4555		2,972,343
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559		4559		59,109
Passed Through Colorado Department of Human Services					
National School Lunch Program	10.555		4555		601,767
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>					<u>4,881,341</u>
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children	10.646		4646		3,025
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture					<u>4,884,366</u>
U.S. Department of Defense					
Direct Programs					
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)	12.Unknown				206,475
Total Department of Defense					<u>206,475</u>
U.S. Department of Education					
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
<i>Special Education Cluster</i>					
Special Education: Grants to States IDEA Part B	84.027		4027, 9027		2,035,538
Special Education: Preschool Grants	84.173		4173		28,534
<i>Total SPED Cluster</i>					<u>2,064,072</u>
Every Child Succeeds Act, Title I, Part A	84.010		4010		1,575,409
Migrant Education to Local Educational Agencies	84.011		4011		656,151
Charter Schools	84.282		5282		200,000
English Language Learners, Title III, Part A	84.365A		4365, 7365		31,500
Quality Teacher, Title II, Part A	84.367		4367		322,047
Comprehensive Literacy Development	84.371C		5371		313,312
			4423, 4424,		
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A		4426, 4427		114,752
Education Stabilization Fund					
			9414, 9418,		
ESSER III	84.425U	COVID-19	4414, 4418, 4436		135,607
Passed through Colorado Community College System					
Vocational Education - Carl Perkins	84.048		4048		65,985
Total U.S. Department of Education					<u>5,478,835</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services					
<i>CCDF Cluster</i>					
Direct Programs					
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575				70,226
<i>Total CCDF Cluster</i>					<u>70,226</u>
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for					
Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354		7354		17,757
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				-	<u>87,983</u>
Total Federal Awards				\$ -	<u>\$ 10,657,659</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Pueblo County School District No. 70 under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Pueblo County School District No. 70, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Pueblo County School District No. 70.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE

Pueblo County School District No. 70 has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 4 – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE

During the year end June 30, 2025, Pueblo County School District No. 70 received \$601,767 in non-cash assistance in the form of food commodities. Valuation of commodities is based on fair market value at the time of receipt.



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

To the Board of Education
Pueblo County School District No. 70

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pueblo County School District No. 70, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Pueblo County School District No. 70’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2025. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the discretely presented component units as described in our report on the Pueblo County School District No. 70’s financial statements. The financial statements of the discretely presented component units were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with those component units.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Pueblo County School District No. 70’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pueblo County School District No. 70’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Pueblo County School District No. 70’s internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Pueblo County School District No. 70's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

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

Hoelting & Company Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado
December 19, 2025



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

To the Board of Education
Pueblo County School District No. 70

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Pueblo County School District No. 70's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Pueblo County School District No. 70's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. Pueblo County School District No. 70's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Pueblo County School District No. 70 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of Pueblo County School District No. 70 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Pueblo County School District No. 70's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Pueblo County School District No. 70's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Pueblo County School District No. 70's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Pueblo County School District No. 70's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Pueblo County School District No. 70's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Pueblo County School District No. 70's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pueblo County School District No. 70's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies

in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

Hoelting & Company Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado
December 19, 2025

**PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Section I—Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ yes x no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs?

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

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

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

Identification of major programs:

<u>ALN Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
ALN 10.553, 10.555, 10.559 ALN 84.367	Child Nutrition Cluster Quality Teacher, Title II, Part A

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ___ yes x no

**PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Section II—Financial Statement Findings

No findings reported.

Section III—Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

No findings reported.



SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (the Summary) summarizes the status of the audit findings reported in the Pueblo County School District No. 70 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2024. If the prior audit finding was fully addressed, the Summary indicates that the corrective action described in the prior audit report was taken or that corrective action is no longer needed. Otherwise, the Summary references the page number of the June 30, 2025 single audit report where a repeat recommendation, description of the planned corrective action, or reason for not implementing the recommendation is presented.

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>ALN Number</u>	<u>Program/ Cluster Title</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status of Finding</u>
2024-001	NA	NA	Fixed Assets	Corrected

STATE COMPLIANCE



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

To the Board of Education
Pueblo County School District No. 70

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Pueblo County School District No. 70, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Pueblo County School District No. 70's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. Our report thereon, dated December 19, 2025, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Pueblo County School District No. 70's basic financial statements. The accompanying *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Hoelting & Company, Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado
December 19, 2025



Colorado Department of Education
Auditors Integrity Report
 District: 2700 - Pueblo County 70
 Fiscal Year 2024-25
 Colorado School District/BOCES

Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Fund

Fund Type & Number	Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
Governmental	+		-	=
10 General Fund	20,830,300	104,860,164	95,277,522	30,412,941
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	4,343,009	2,904,961	2,080,143	5,167,827
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	459,564	1,701,455	1,393,759	767,260
Sub- Total	25,632,873	109,466,580	98,751,424	36,348,029
11 Charter School Fund	10,998,981	20,103,265	17,842,933	13,259,313
20,26-29 Special Revenue Fund	1,533,248	2,826,571	2,768,895	1,590,924
06 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main. Fund	0	0	0	0
07 Total Program Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	908,395	7,634,682	6,614,586	1,928,491
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0	6,927,645	6,927,645	0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	0	1,799,081	1,920,585	-121,505
25 Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	23,706,844	14,138,601	9,987,206	27,858,239
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0
41 Building Fund	4,627,779	1,775,025	4,391,778	2,011,025
42 Special Building Fund	0	0	0	0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0	0	0	0
Totals	67,408,119	164,671,450	149,205,053	82,874,516
Proprietary				
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0	0	0	0
60,65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0
Fiduciary				
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0	0	0	0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	81,249	53,286	48,402	86,133
73 Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
79 GASB 34:Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0
85 Foundations	0	0	0	0
Totals	81,249	53,286	48,402	86,133

FINAL