

KNOWLEDGE QUEST  
ACADEMY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 2025

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## Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors  
Knowledge Quest Academy  
Milliken, Colorado

### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Knowledge Quest Academy (the Academy), a component unit of Weld County School District RE-5(J), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, the financial statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Knowledge Quest Academy as of June 30, 2025, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

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

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

### **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 opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 Academy'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.

## **Other Matters**

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that management discussion and analysis, the General Fund and KQA Building Corporation budgetary comparison schedules, and pension and OPEB information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, 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 evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Other Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements. The accompanying budgetary comparisons are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Anderson & Whitney, P.C.*

October 20, 2025

**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

As management of Knowledge Quest Academy (the Academy), we offer readers of the Academy's basic financial statements this narrative and analysis of the financial activities of the Academy as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information provided in the basic financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The year ended June 30, 2025, was the twenty-third year of operations for the Academy. As of June 30, 2025, the net position was \$2,118,199. The net position is being impacted by GASB 68 and GASB 75. Both GASB Statements of Position require the Academy to disclose their proportionate share of PERA's (Public Employers Retirement Association) unfunded pension and post-employment benefit liability. The net liability is calculated at \$4,283,387 for the period ending June 30, 2025 reflecting an increase of \$385,353 from FY24. Without the Pension/OPEB liability impact, the Academy's net position would be \$6,401,586.

The operations of the Academy are funded primarily by tax revenue received under the State School Finance Act (the Act). State categorical revenue (PPR) for the year was \$4,321,825. The General Fund ending fund balance was \$2,635,247 at June 30, 2025, reflecting an increase of \$106,959 or 4.23% due to transfers in from the Capital Lease fund and per pupil revenue.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Academy's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements contain three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic statements, this report also contains other supplementary information.

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

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

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

**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Knowledge Quest Academy, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

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

Knowledge Quest Academy maintains three governmental funds, the General Fund, KQA Building Corporation Fund, and a Pupil Activity Fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all three governmental funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 through 15 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 through 48 of this report.

**Budgetary Comparisons.** Knowledge Quest Academy adopts an annual appropriated budget for the General Fund, KQA Building Corporation Fund, and the Pupil Activity Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General and other funds on pages 52 through 58 of this report.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Academy’s budget is prepared according to Colorado statutes. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

	Final Budget	Actual
2025 General Fund		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 2,528,288	\$ 2,528,288
Revenue	5,205,003	5,293,569
Expenditures	5,065,032	5,046,889
Transfers (net)	139,971	139,721
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,528,288	\$ 2,635,247

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The ending fund balance is more than the budgeted fund balance due to a number of factors including transfers in from the Capital Lease fund and revenue growth.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net Position.** As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Academy's financial condition. As of June 30, 2025, the Academy's assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$2,118,199. \$158,807 of this total is restricted to comply with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, known as the TABOR Amendment. Accordingly, these funds are not available to satisfy general operating expenses of the Academy. The unrestricted net position balance was a negative (\$1,793,737) or a 18.9% increased from FY24 due to a further deterioration of the Net Pension Liability.

The following table provides a summary of the Academy's net position for 2025 and 2024.

June 30	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 3,522,253	\$ 3,662,003
Capital assets	6,272,043	6,164,453
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>9,794,296</b>	<b>9,826,456</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>1,360,929</b>	<b>2,091,029</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current and other liabilities	547,289	628,419
Long-term liabilities	8,985,856	9,033,436
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>9,533,145</b>	<b>9,661,855</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>51,170</b>	<b>44,089</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	3,183,581	2,842,305
Restricted	728,355	878,050
Unassigned	(1,793,737)	(1,508,814)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 2,118,199</b>	<b>\$ 2,211,541</b>

A significant portion of Knowledge Quest Academy's net position represents an unrestricted net deficit of \$1,793,737 which should improve over the coming years as contributions to PERA and the State direct support continue to mitigate the unfunded pension and benefits obligation.

An additional \$728,355 of the Academy's net position represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. Included in this category is the TABOR emergency reserve of \$158,807.

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Another significant portion of the Academy's net position reflects its investment in capital assets. These assets include land, buildings, and equipment. These capital assets are used to provide services to students; consequently, they are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The only long-term debt is the loan issued for the construction of the Academy's building.

The following table indicates the changes in net position for 2025 and 2024:

	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 32,391	\$ 35,522
Operating grants and contributions	195,551	250,164
Capital grants and contributions	158,115	158,086
General revenues:		
Per pupil revenue	4,321,825	4,107,831
Mill levy override	455,960	454,942
On behalf payment	44,638	9,648
Interest income	144,330	151,520
Insurance proceeds	--	392,825
Miscellaneous	18,593	(110,117)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,371,403</b>	<b>5,460,421</b>
Expenses:		
Instruction	3,735,193	3,164,921
Student services	131,698	156,365
Instructional staff	86,309	46,284
General administrative services	1,680	1,951
School administration	514,434	484,851
Business services	70,891	80,201
Operations and maintenance	618,312	611,198
Central support services	194,745	147,229
Food Service operations	4,163	1,943
Unallocated depreciation	--	--
Interest and fiscal charges	107,275	115,281
Debt issuance cost	45	230
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,464,745</b>	<b>4,810,454</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (93,342)</b>	<b>\$ 649,967</b>

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**Governmental Activities.** Governmental activities decreased Knowledge Quest Academy's net position by \$93,342 in 2025. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

- Total revenues for all funds were \$5,371,403, which represents a 1.6% decrease from the prior year. This is primarily due to the elimination of insurance proceeds.
- Expenses totaled \$5,421,303, which was a 3.5% increase. This was primarily due to salary increases and capital improvements.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ACADEMYS FUNDS**

As noted earlier, Knowledge Quest Academy uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The Academy has two major governmental funds, the General Fund, and the KQA Building Corporation Fund.

**General Fund.** This is the primary operating fund of the Knowledge Quest Academy. It accounts for the Academy's core services, such as instruction and student services. The General Fund balance was \$2,635,247 as of June 30, 2025. The FY25 fund balance is \$106,959 more than the previous year primarily due to Transfers In of \$200,000 and the increase in per pupil revenue (PPR).

**Capital Lease/Building Corporation Fund.** This is a special revenue fund used to account for specific revenue sources and the related expenditures of the KQA Building Corporation that are restricted to capital expenditures and debt service. The Capital Lease/Building Corporation fund balance was \$569,548 as of June 30, 2025. The FY25 ending fund balance is \$152,151 less than the previous year due to transfers out of \$200,000.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets.** Knowledge Quest Academy's investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of June 30, 2025 totals \$6,272,043 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes all land, buildings, and equipment. The total net increase in investment in capital assets for the current year was \$107,590 driven by the kitchen redesign and RTU replacement.

The Academy implemented the straight-line depreciation method under GASB 34 for its capital assets, except for land which is not depreciated.

Additional information on the Academy's capital assets can be found in Note 2 of this report.

**Long-term Debt.** At June 30, 2025, Knowledge Quest Academy had \$3,088,462 of notes payable, funded by lease payments from the General Fund. The debt was refinanced and closed April 15, 2022 at a new rate of 3.26%. The debt is now fully amortized and will be paid off by July 1, 2036. Additional information on Knowledge Quest Academy's debt can be found in Note 5.

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**ECONOMIC FACTORS, NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND STUDENT COUNTS**

Knowledge Quest Academy Historical Student Count (10 YRS)

	<b>Half- Day K</b>	<b>Full- Day K</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>K-8 Count</b>
FY16	41	6	48	49	44	48	47	47	40	40	410
FY17	25	23	47	48	48	41	47	46	44	35	404
FY18	47	0	46	46	46	47	40	49	45	40	406
FY19	44	0	45	46	47	46	50	41	47	42	408
FY20	0	46	43	44	47	44	46	48	40	44	402
FY21	0	48	47	45	48	47	44	41	43	37	400
FY22	0	48	46	46	47	49	48	39	46	38	407
FY23	0	47	45	42	48	45	44	46	40	42	399
FY24	0	43	41	46	44	49	46	45	47	46	407
FY25	0	47	42	44	42	44	47	43	38	48	395

The primary factor driving the budget for the Academy is student enrollment. Funded Pupil Count (FPC) or pupil count is shown above (taken from CDE's website) for the Academy's past ten years of operations. The FPC used to create the FY25 budget was 400. The Academy had 395 enrolled students. The FY26 budget was based on 395 students with current FY26 projections of 380 due to impacts from increased available seats at District schools.

Future growth in PPR will likely mirror inflation in the coming years. The Governor's budget to be released in early November will provide some clarity on the FY27 K-12 funding levels. The General Fund ending fund balance is projected to be flat or no change in FY26.

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Knowledge Quest Academy's finances for all those with an interest in the Academy's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Academy, 705 S School House Drive, Milliken, Colorado 80543.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2025

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash	\$	407,135
Investments		3,035,525
Due from school district		70,240
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		9,353

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Total Current Assets		3,522,253
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#### Noncurrent Assets:

Capital assets		8,442,535
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(2,170,492)

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Total Noncurrent Assets		6,272,043
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Total Assets		9,794,296
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#### Deferred Outflows of Resources:

Pension plan		1,350,902
Post employment benefits		10,027

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Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		1,360,929
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### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable		16,465
Accrued salaries and benefits		279,393
Accrued interest payable		8,390
Current portion of long-term debt		243,041

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Total Current Liabilities		547,289
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#### Noncurrent Liabilities:

Long-term debt		2,845,421
Net postemployment benefits liability		94,718
Net pension liability		5,498,428

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Total Liabilities		8,985,856
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#### Deferred Inflows of Resources:

Pension plan		-
Post employment benefits		51,170

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Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		51,170
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### NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets		3,183,581
Restricted for TABOR emergencies		158,807
Restricted for debt service		569,548
Unrestricted		(1,793,737)

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TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	2,118,199
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See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended June 30, 2025	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Functions/Programs:					
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 3,735,193	\$ 32,391	\$ 195,551	\$ -	\$ (3,507,251)
Support services:					
Students	131,698	-	-	-	(131,698)
Instructional staff	86,309	-	-	-	(86,309)
General administration	1,680	-	-	-	(1,680)
School administration	514,434	-	-	-	(514,434)
Business services	70,891	-	-	-	(70,891)
Operations and maintenance	618,312	-	-	158,115	(460,197)
Central support services	194,745	-	-	-	(194,745)
Food service operations	4,163	-	-	-	(4,163)
Debt issuance costs	45	-	-	-	(45)
Interest and fiscal Charges	107,275	-	-	-	(107,275)
Total Support Services	1,729,552	-	-	158,115	(1,571,437)
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 5,464,745</b>	<b>\$ 32,391</b>	<b>\$ 195,551</b>	<b>\$ 158,115</b>	<b>\$ (5,078,688)</b>

General Revenues:	
Per pupil revenue	\$ 4,321,825
District pass through mill levy override	455,960
Earnings on investments	144,330
On behalf payment	44,638
Miscellaneous income	18,593
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<b>4,985,346</b>
Change in Net Position	(93,342)
Net Position - Beginning	2,211,541
<b>NET POSITION - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 2,118,199</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## BALANCE SHEET - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2025	General Fund	KQA Building Corporation	Non-Major Pupil Activity Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 284,040	\$ 101,495	\$ 21,600	\$ 407,135
Investments	2,467,472	568,053	-	3,035,525
Due from other funds	100,000	-	-	100,000
Due from school district	70,240	-	-	70,240
Other current assets	9,353	-	-	9,353
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,931,105</b>	<b>669,548</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>3,622,253</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	16,465	-	-	16,465
Due to other funds	-	100,000	-	100,000
Accrued salaries and benefits	279,393	-	-	279,393
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>295,858</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>395,858</b>
Fund Balances:				
Restricted:				
TABOR emergencies	158,807	-	-	158,807
Debt service	-	569,548	-	569,548
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Assigned:				
Student activities	-	-	21,600	21,600
Unassigned	2,476,440	-	-	2,476,440
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,635,247</b>	<b>569,548</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>3,226,395</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 2,931,105</b>	<b>\$ 669,548</b>	<b>\$ 21,600</b>	<b>\$ 3,622,253</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## RECONCILIATION OF THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET WITH THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

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June 30, 2025

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

Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 3,226,395
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported as net assets in the general fund.	
Cost of capital assets	8,442,535
Accumulated depreciation	(2,170,492)
Deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits	1,309,759
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the General Fund. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:	
Debt payable	(3,088,462)
Accrued interest payable	(8,390)
Net pension liability	(5,498,428)
Net other postemployment benefits liability	(94,718)

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**TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** **\$ 2,118,199**

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See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2025	General Fund	KQA Building Corporation	Non-Major Pupil Activity Fund	Total
Revenue:				
Local sources	\$ 684,587	\$ 48,155	\$ 29,679	\$ 762,421
State sources	4,599,831	-	-	4,599,831
Federal sources	9,151	-	-	9,151
Total Revenue	5,293,569	48,155	29,679	5,371,403
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction	3,153,520	-	-	3,153,520
Supporting services	1,587,845	45	34,387	1,622,277
Capital outlay	304,545	-	-	304,545
Debt service:				
Principal	-	233,686	-	233,686
Interest and fiscal charges	979	106,296	-	107,275
Total Expenditures	5,046,889	340,027	34,387	5,421,303
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In (Out):				
Operating transfers in	200,000	339,721	-	539,721
Operating transfers out	(339,721)	(200,000)	-	(539,721)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(139,721)	139,721	-	-
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	106,959	(152,151)	(4,708)	(49,900)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	2,528,288	721,699	26,308	3,276,295
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$2,635,247	\$ 569,548	\$ 21,600	\$3,226,395

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

## KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

### RECONCILIATION OF THE GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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Year Ended June 30, 2025

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

Total net change in governmental fund balance \$ (49,900)

Capital outlay to purchase or build capital assets are reported in  
governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental  
activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net assets  
and allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation  
expense in the statement of activities:

Capital Outlay	304,545
Depreciation Expense	(196,955)
Net Book Value of Disposal of Capital assets	-

Repayment of loan principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds,  
and additional borrowing is an other financing source,  
but they change long-term debt in the statement of net position  
and do not affect the statement of activities 233,686

Decrease in accrued interest payable reflected as interest expense on the statement  
of activities and not reflected on the governmental fund statement of revenues,  
expenditures and changes in fund balance 635

The governmental funds report District pension and OPEB contributions as  
expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension  
and OPEB benefits earned, net of employee contributions, is reported as  
pension and OPEB expense (385,353)

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (93,342)

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See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accounting and reporting policies of Knowledge Quest Academy (the Academy) conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The following summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in evaluating the Academy's financial statements.

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#### Reporting Entity:

The Academy was organized in 2001 pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a charter school within the Weld County School District RE-5J (the District) of the State of Colorado. The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The reporting entity's financial statements should present the funds of the primary government (including its blended component units, which are, in substance, part of the primary government) and provide an overview of the discretely presented component units. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the Academy's operations. Discretely presented component units, if any, are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the Academy.

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#### Basis of Presentation:

##### Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Academy's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information. The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Academy as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from activities of the fiscal period.

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Academy as a whole. The government-wide statement of net position is presented on a consolidated basis. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary activities. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Basis of Presentation - Continued:

#### Government-wide Financial Statements – Continued:

The government-wide statement of activities reflects both the direct expenses and net cost of each function of the Academy's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient for the goods or services offered by the program. Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program are included in operating grants and contributions. Grants and contributions that are restricted to capital requirements of a particular program are included in capital grants and contributions. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Academy. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each government function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Academy.

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#### Fund Financial Statements:

The financial transactions of the Academy are recorded in individual funds. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Separate statements for each fund category are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. Any remaining governmental funds would be aggregated and presented as non-major funds.

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

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collections and disbursement of earmarked funds (special revenue funds).

The following are the Academy's major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the Academy. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include per pupil operating funds passed through from the Weld County School District RE-5J and grants and contributions. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operation of the Academy, except for certain capital outlay expenditures.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

Fund Financial Statements – continued:

KQA Building Corporation – This fund is a special revenue fund used to account for specific revenue sources and the related expenditures of the KQA Building Corporation that are restricted to capital expenditures and debt service.

The following is the Academy's nonmajor governmental fund:

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

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Measurement Focus:

Governmental-wide Statements:

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include per pupil revenue, grants, and donations. Revenue from per pupil revenue is recognized in the fiscal year for which the funding is provided. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Academy funds certain programs by a combination of specific grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Academy's policy to first apply grant resources (restricted net position) to such programs and then general revenues (unrestricted net position).

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Fixed Assets:

Fixed assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Fixed Assets – continued:

All reported capital assets, except for land, are depreciated. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	50 years
Building Improvements	10 - 50 years
Equipment	7 - 10 years

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#### Estimates:

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. As such, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### Budget:

An annual budget and appropriation resolution is adopted by the Board of Directors. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Any budget revisions that alter the total appropriation must be approved by the Board of Directors through a supplemental appropriation resolution. The fiscal year 2025 budget was amended.

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#### Compensated Absences:

Compensated absences are recorded as current salary when paid. It is the Academy's practice that compensated absences do not accumulate to a material amount. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Academy evaluated the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, and determined the impact of the requirements is immaterial. GASB 101 establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities and expenses related to compensated absences, including vacation leave, sick leave, and other paid time off. As a result, no additional recognition or disclosures have been included in the financial statements.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Compensated Absences - Continued:

A full-time employee may never earn more than a maximum total of four (4) unused PTO days at any time of employment. The employee may elect to have up to four (4) PTO days paid out at the current year's substitute daily rate plus \$25. Election must be communicated by May 15th of the current school year to the School Principal. PTO days may be used at the employee's discretion for events such as, but not limited to; funerals, professional development, or a personal appointment. PTO days will be taken in either half or full-day increments. Employees must report paid leave as either used for Sick Leave purposes or as taken as unclassified PTO. Any accrued, unused PTO, which shall never exceed four (4) days for full-time employees, will be prorated and paid out at the employee's daily rate of pay at the time of employment separation. Sick Leave is not eligible for pay out and may accrue up to a maximum of 48 hours for full time employees.

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#### Income Taxes:

The Academy is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is not classified as a private foundation. Accordingly, no provision is made in these financial statements for income taxes.

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#### Net Position:

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

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# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued:

#### Deferred Outflows and 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 future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The Academy has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category: changes in the net pension liability not included in pension expense reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

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 future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Academy has one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category: changes in the net pension liability not included in pension expense reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

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#### Pensions:

Knowledge Quest Academy 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.

#### Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB):

Knowledge Quest Academy 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.

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# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 2 - Changes in Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Balance, June 30, 2024	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance, June 30, 2025
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 257,987	\$ 213,490	\$ (347,470)	\$ 124,007
Land	260,000	--	--	260,000
Total Non-Depreciated Assets	517,987	213,490	(347,470)	384,007
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	7,281,494	6,353	347,470	7,635,317
Equipment	338,509	84,702	--	423,211
Total Depreciated Assets	7,620,003	91,055	347,470	8,058,528
Total Capital Assets	8,137,990	304,545	--	8,442,535
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,856,082)	(164,329)	--	(2,020,411)
Equipment	(117,455)	(32,626)	--	(150,081)
Less Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,973,537)	(196,955)	--	(2,170,492)
Total Capital Assets	\$ 6,164,453	\$ 107,590	\$ --	\$ 6,272,043

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 3 – Cash and Investments:

The Academy's bank accounts are with commercial banks. At June 30, 2025, the Academy's carrying amount for deposits was \$586,889. FDIC insurance covers \$373,217 of the balance, with the remainder being subject to the Public Deposit Protection Act.

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

Custodial credit risk - deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. The Academy does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, the Academy had total deposits of \$586,889 of which \$373,217 was insured and \$ 213,672 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the Academy's name.

Authorized investments - Investment policies are governed by Colorado State Statutes and the Academy's own investment policies and procedures. Investments of the Academy may include:

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

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 3 – Cash and Investments - Continued:

At June 30, 2025, the Academy held investments with COLOTRUST PLUS+, a 2a-7 like local government investment pool. The investment pool is routinely monitored by the Colorado Division of Securities with regard to operations and investments. Investments are valued at the net asset value (NAV) with each share valued at \$1.00. The investment is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. At June 30, 2025, COLOTRUST Plus had a weighted average maturity of 29 days and the weighted average life of 92 days as of year end and the Academy had \$2,467,472 with COLOTRUST Plus. COLOTRUST does not have any unfunded commitments, redemptions, restrictions or redemption notice periods.

At June 30, 2025, the Academy had invested approximately \$568,053 in the Colorado Surplus Assets Fund ("CSAFE"), a local government investment pool established in Colorado to pool surplus funds for investment purposes. CSAFE is a highly liquid fund operating similarly to a money market-like fund and each share is equal in value to \$2.00. CSAFE measures all of its investment at amortized cost in accordance with GASB Statement No. 79, Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants. CSAFE invests primarily in United States Treasuries, United States Agencies, Primary Dealer Repurchase Agreements, highly rated commercial paper, AAAM rated money market funds, highly rated corporate bonds and Colorado Depositories. The weighted average maturity of the portfolio shall not exceed 60 days and the weighted average life of the portfolio shall not exceed 120 days. CSAFE is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's and is measured at NAV.

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### NOTE 4 - Accrued Salaries and Benefits:

Salaries of certain personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July, but are earned during a school year of approximately nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2025 are estimated to be \$279,392.

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### NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt:

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions/ Amortizations	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
2022 Refunding Revenue Bond	\$ 3,322,148	\$ --	\$ 233,686	\$3,088,462	\$243,041
Total long-term obligations	\$ 3,322,148	\$ --	\$233,686	\$ 3,088,462	\$243,041

The bonds payable will be liquidated by the KQA Building Corporation.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt – Continued:

#### *Charter School Revenue Bonds*

In August 2005, the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority (CECFA) issued \$5,840,000 in Charter School Revenue Bonds, Series 2005.

The proceeds from the bonds were loaned to the KQA Building Corporation under a lease agreement to construct the Academy's school facility. The Academy is obligated under a lease agreement to make monthly lease payments to the KQA Building Corporation for use of the building. The KQA Building Corporation is required to make semi-annual payments to the Trustee for payment of the bonds.

In June 2016, CECFA issued \$4,715,000 in Charter School Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, due in annual installments beginning in the fiscal year 2020 ranging from \$175,000 to \$310,000, bearing a variable interest rate starting at 2.99% and currently 3.63%, payable semi-annually on January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>.

On April 15, 2022, KQA refinanced this debt and issued \$3,790,000 of Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority (CECFA) Revenue Bond Series 2022 Reissuance. This debt requires monthly payments ranging from \$5,491 to \$29,262 ending July 2036 with a base coupon rate of 3.26% through maturity. The lease payments to KQA Building Corporation have been assigned to Wells Fargo.

The following schedule represents the KQA Building Corporation's debt service requirements to maturity for all outstanding bonded indebtedness:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2026	\$ 243,041	\$ 98,419	\$ 341,460
2027	248,124	90,303	338,427
2028	257,433	82,187	339,620
2029	262,413	73,376	335,789
2030	271,610	64,570	336,180
2031-2035	1,461,036	182,527	1,643,563
2036-2037	344,805	6,680	351,485
Total	\$ 3,088,462	\$ 598,062	\$ 3,686,524

#### Prior-year defeasance of debt:

In prior years, the Academy defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the Academy's financial statements. At year-end, \$4,540,000 of bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

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# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan:

The Knowledge Quest Academy participates in the Local Government 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.

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the 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](http://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.

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

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

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

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan:**

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.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

*Contributions* provisions as of June 30 ,2025: Eligible employees of, Knowledge Quest Academy 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 following table:

	July 1, 2024 though 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
<b>Total Employer Contribution Rate to the SCHDTF</b>	<b>20.38%</b>

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

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Knowledge Quest Academy is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the Knowledge Quest Academy were \$497,129 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 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 Knowledge Quest Academy proportion of the net pension liability was based on Knowledge Quest Academy 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.

At June 30, 2025, the Knowledge Quest Academy reported a liability of \$5,498,428 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2024, and the total pension liability 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 total pension liability to December 31, 2024. The Knowledge Quest Academy proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Knowledge Quest Academy contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2023 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SCHDTF.

At December 31, 2024 the Knowledge Quest Academy proportion was .03157% percent, Which was a decrease of .00107% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

Knowledge Quest Academy proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,498,428
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing Knowledge Quest Academy associated with the Knowledge Quest Academy	453,146
Total	\$ 5,951,574

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Knowledge Quest Academy recognized pension expense of \$579,853 and revenue of \$44,638 for support from the State nonemployer contributing Knowledge Quest Academy. At June 30, 2025, the Knowledge Quest Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

June 30, 2025	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 311,368	\$ --
Changes in assumption	41,222	--
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	103,740	--
Change in proportion	623,535	--
Contributions subsequent to measurement date	271,037	--
Total	\$ 1,350,902	\$ --

\$271,037 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 Ending June 30	Amount
2026	\$ 502,813
2027	724,340
2028	(53,436)
2029	(93,852)
	\$ 1,079,865

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

*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 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

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

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.

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older using scale MP - 2019
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older using scale MP - 2019

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.

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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

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%.

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.

- **Males:** 106% of the rates for all ages Using Scale 2024 adjusted MP-2021
- **Females:** 86% of the rates prior to age 85/ 115% of the rates age 85 and older Using Scale 2024 adjusted MP-2021

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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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

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

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

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.

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### NOTE 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

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

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 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan- Continued:

*Sensitivity of the Knowledge Quest Academy 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 (asset)	\$ 7,454,594	\$ 5,498,428	\$ 3,859,865

*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](http://www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies).

*Subsequent Event:* 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 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits:

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the Knowledge Quest Academy 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](http://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.

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

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

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

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

*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 Knowledge Quest Academy is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from Knowledge Quest Academy were \$25,158 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

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

At June 30, 2025, the Knowledge Quest Academy reported a liability of \$94,718 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 Knowledge Quest Academy proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Knowledge Quest Academy 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 Knowledge Quest Academy proportion was .02%, which is approximately the same as its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Knowledge Quest Academy recognized OPEB income of \$31,611. At June 30, 2025, the Knowledge Quest Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

June 30, 2025	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ --	\$ 20,893
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	321	--
Changes in assumptions	1,086	30,277
Change in proportionate share	5,855	--
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,765	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,027</b>	<b>\$ 51,170</b>

\$2,765 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:

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2026	\$ (14,551)
2027	(8,578)
2028	(9,044)
2029	(4,257)
2030	(4,781)
Thereafter	(2,697)
	<u>\$ (43,908)</u>

*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	3.20%-11.30%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

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.

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.

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

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,536	\$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, 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.

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.

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

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

Year	PERACare Medicare	MAPD PPO	Medicare Part A
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%

<sup>1</sup> Increase in 2024 trend rates due to the effect of the Inflation Reduction Act.

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.

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older - PubT-2010
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older - PubT-2010

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

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.

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 of 4%-13.40% were reflected for Members and other safety officers for the School Division.

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.

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

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

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. For the School Division these assumptions were based on PubT 2010 Employee Mortality table.

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.

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:

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	51%	5.00%
Fixed Income	23%	2.60%
Private Equity	10%	7.60%
Real Estate	10%	4.10%
Alternatives	6%	5.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

*Sensitivity of the Knowledge Quest Academy 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 <sup>1</sup>	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial MAPD PPO#2 trend rate <sup>1</sup>	7.55%	8.55%	9.55%
Ultimate MAPD PPO#2 trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate <sup>1</sup>	2.75%	3.75%	4.75%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$92,166	\$94,718	\$97,606

<sup>1</sup>For the January 1, 2025, plan year.

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

*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.
- 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.

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### NOTE 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits – Continued:

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 Knowledge Quest Academy proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following table 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	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 116,078	\$ 94,718	\$ 76,303

*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](http://www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies).

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### NOTE 8 – Defined Contribution Pension Plan:

#### Voluntary Investment Program

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

*Funding Policy* - The Voluntary Investment Program is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended.

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# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 9 - Contingencies:**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Academy carries commercial insurance for these and other risks of loss, including workers' compensation, employee fidelity, and director liability. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in the past three years.

In 1992 the Colorado voters approved the "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" (TABOR). Included in the accompanying financial statements are emergency reserves of at least 3% of fiscal year spending as required. Emergencies exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls or salary or fringe benefit increases.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

### SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Made	Covered Payroll	% of Covered Payroll
2025	\$ 502,169	\$ 534,334	\$ 2,466,468	21.7%
2024	442,643	461,776	2,337,556	19.8%
2023	375,367	375,367	2,140,242	17.5%
2022	358,227	340,849	1,703,695	20.0%
2021	324,803	324,803	1,633,820	19.9%
2020	289,204	289,204	1,492,282	19.4%
2019	255,897	255,897	1,337,672	19.1%
2018	246,369	246,369	1,304,476	18.9%
2017	218,604	218,604	1,189,010	18.4%
2016	200,489	200,489	1,130,520	17.7%

### SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Made	Covered Payroll	% of Covered Payroll
2025	\$ 25,158	\$ 25,158	\$ 2,466,468	1.02%
2024	23,843	23,843	2,337,556	1.02%
2023	21,830	21,830	2,140,242	1.02%
2022	16,954	17,378	1,703,695	1.02%
2021	16,665	16,665	1,633,820	1.00%
2020	15,221	15,221	1,492,282	1.00%
2019	13,644	13,644	1,337,672	1.00%
2018	13,306	13,306	1,304,476	1.00%
2017	12,128	12,128	1,189,010	1.00%

Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the School will present information for those years for which information is available.

## KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

### SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY

Year Ended June 30	Cumulative Proportion of Net Pension Liability	Cumulative Proportionate Share	Covered Payroll	% of Covered Payroll	Plan Net Position as a % of Net Pension Liability
2025	0.032%	\$ 5,489,428	\$2,466,468	223%	67.2%
2024	0.033%	5,803,206	2,337,556	248%	64.7%
2023	0.025%	4,515,728	2,140,242	211%	61.8%
2022	0.027%	3,099,147	1,703,695	182%	74.9%
2021	0.028%	4,282,979	1,515,706	283%	67.0%
2020	0.024%	3,557,627	1,399,099	254%	65.0%
2019	0.024%	4,288,577	1,283,700	334%	57.0%
2018	0.027%	8,712,338	1,242,839	701%	44.0%
2017	0.026%	7,648,465	1,152,946	663%	43.1%
2016	0.025%	3,846,823	1,096,118	351%	59.2%

### SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY

Year Ended June 30	Cumulative Proportion of Net OPEB Liability	Cumulative Proportionate Share	Covered Payroll	% of Covered Payroll	Plan Net Position as a % of Net OPEB Liability
2025	0.020%	\$ 94,718	\$2,466,468	3.8%	59.8%
2024	0.020%	141,768	2,337,556	6.1%	46.2%
2023	0.018%	153,603	2,140,242	7.2%	38.6%
2022	0.017%	153,102	1,703,695	9.0%	39.4%
2021	0.016%	155,600	1,515,706	10.3%	32.8%
2020	0.016%	174,915	1,399,099	12.5%	24.5%
2019	0.016%	214,188	1,283,700	16.7%	17.0%
2018	0.015%	198,953	1,242,839	16.0%	17.5%
2017	0.015%	189,315	1,152,946	16.4%	16.7%

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**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY  
GENERAL FUND**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

Year Ended June 30, 2025	General Fund			
	Actual	Original Budget	Final Budget	Variance
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 684,587	\$ 577,336	\$ 618,308	\$ 66,279
State sources	4,599,831	4,715,844	4,577,544	22,287
Federal sources	9,151	9,151	9,151	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,293,569</b>	<b>5,302,331</b>	<b>5,205,003</b>	<b>88,566</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	3,153,520	3,209,658	3,133,785	(19,735)
Supporting services	1,583,682	1,497,108	1,614,699	31,017
Food service operation	4,163	1,761	2,761	(1,402)
Capital outlay	304,545	175,000	305,000	455
Debt service:				-
Fiscal charges	979	750	-	(979)
Appropriated reserves	-	74,848	8,787	8,787
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,046,889</b>	<b>4,959,125</b>	<b>5,065,032</b>	<b>18,143</b>
<b>Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>246,680</b>	<b>343,206</b>	<b>139,971</b>	<b>106,709</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Operating transfers in	200,000	-	200,000	-
Operating transfers out	(339,721)	(343,206)	(339,971)	250
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(139,721)</b>	<b>(343,206)</b>	<b>(139,971)</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over (Under)</b>				
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	106,959	-	-	106,959
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>2,528,288</b>	<b>2,528,288</b>	<b>2,528,288</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,635,247</b>	<b>\$ 2,528,288</b>	<b>\$ 2,528,288</b>	<b>\$ 106,959</b>

**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - KQA BUILDING CORPORATION FUND**

Year Ended June 30, 2025	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Variance
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Interest income	\$ 29,562	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,700	\$ 3,862
Other income	18,593	47,000	37,000	(18,407)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>48,155</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>62,700</b>	<b>(14,545)</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Other purchased services	45	250	250	205
Capital outlay	-	64,992	5,692	5,692
<b>Debt service:</b>				
Principal payments	233,686	233,686	233,686	-
Interest payments	106,296	106,278	106,278	(18)
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>339,982</b>	<b>339,964</b>	<b>339,964</b>	<b>(18)</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>340,027</b>	<b>405,206</b>	<b>345,906</b>	<b>5,879</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
<b>Operating Transfers:</b>				
Transfers in	339,721	343,206	343,206	(3,485)
Transfers out	(200,000)	-	(200,000)	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>139,721</b>	<b>343,206</b>	<b>143,206</b>	<b>(3,485)</b>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(152,151)	-	(140,000)	(12,151)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	721,699	721,699	721,699	
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 569,548</b>	<b>\$ 721,699</b>	<b>\$ 581,699</b>	<b>\$ (12,151)</b>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY  
GENERAL FUND**

**Schedule of Revenue Compared with Budget**

Year Ended June 30, 2025	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Variance
Revenue:				
Local Sources:				
District pass-through mill levy override funds	\$ 455,960	\$ 447,036	\$ 432,758	\$ 23,202
Pupil activities	2,712	300	2,550	162
Investment earnings	114,768	115,000	115,000	(232)
Other local revenue	111,147	15,000	68,000	43,147
<b>Total Local Sources</b>	<b>684,587</b>	<b>577,336</b>	<b>618,308</b>	<b>66,279</b>
State Sources:				
Per pupil operating revenue	4,321,825	4,387,504	4,321,691	134
Capital contributions	158,115	162,800	158,651	(536)
On-behalf payment	44,638	50,000	50,000	(5,362)
District pass-through	75,253	115,540	47,202	28,051
<b>Total State Sources</b>	<b>4,599,831</b>	<b>4,715,844</b>	<b>4,577,544</b>	<b>22,287</b>
Federal Sources:				
District pass-through	9,151	9,151	9,151	-
Emergency connectivity fund	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Federal Sources</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,293,569</b>	<b>\$ 5,302,331</b>	<b>\$ 5,205,003</b>	<b>\$ 88,566</b>

**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY  
GENERAL FUND**

**Schedule of Expenditures Compared with Budget**

Year Ended June 30, 2025	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Variance
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Salaries	\$ 2,055,062	\$ 2,066,484	\$ 2,027,418	\$ (27,644)
Employee benefits	812,517	827,409	787,066	(25,451)
Purchased services	204,681	155,733	153,569	(51,112)
Supplies and materials	81,260	160,032	165,732	84,472
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>3,153,520</b>	<b>3,209,658</b>	<b>3,133,785</b>	<b>(19,735)</b>
<b>Supporting Services:</b>				
<b>Students:</b>				
Salaries	69,640	68,299	68,647	(993)
Employee benefits	26,645	15,606	22,121	(4,524)
Supplies and materials	1,026	214	463	(563)
<b>Instructional staff:</b>				
Salaries	60,981	69,371	62,436	1,455
Employee benefits	13,579	13,206	14,267	688
Supplies and materials	11,749	29,637	41,216	29,467
<b>General administration:</b>				
Purchased services	709	6,304	6,304	5,595
Supplies and materials	971	2,679	2,679	1,708
<b>School administration:</b>				
Salaries	331,504	326,938	328,613	(2,891)
Employee benefits	117,793	120,805	117,992	199
Purchased services	5,733	47,382	47,882	42,149
Supplies and materials	7,776	11,730	13,230	5,454
Other	6,990	6,750	7,750	760
On-behalf payment	44,638	-	-	(44,638)
<b>Business services:</b>				
Purchased services	70,891	90,728	82,472	11,581
Supplies and materials	-	-	-	-
<b>Operations and maintenance:</b>				
Salaries	144,521	139,022	143,737	(784)
Employee benefits	54,372	49,767	54,780	408
Purchased services	322,930	320,970	320,165	(2,765)
Supplies and materials	96,489	70,495	90,495	(5,994)
<b>Central support services:</b>				
Purchased services	93,365	81,705	73,950	(19,415)
Supplies and materials	101,380	25,500	115,500	14,120
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>1,583,682</b>	<b>1,497,108</b>	<b>1,614,699</b>	<b>31,017</b>

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**KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY  
GENERAL FUND**

**Schedule of Expenditures Compared with Budget - Continued**

Year Ended June 30, 2025	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Variance
Food Service Operation:				
Purchased services	\$ 4,163	\$ 1,761	\$ 2,761	\$ (1,402)
Total Food Service Operation	4,163	1,761	2,761	(1,402)
Capital Outlay	304,545	175,000	305,000	455
Debt Service:				-
Fiscal charges	979	750	-	(979)
Total Debt Service	979	750	-	(979)
Appropriated reserves	-	74,848	8,787	8,787
Total Expenditures	5,046,889	4,959,125	5,065,032	18,143
Operating Transfers:				
Transfers in	200,000	-	200,000	-
Transfers out	(339,721)	(343,206)	(339,971)	250
Total Transfers	(139,721)	(343,206)	(139,971)	250
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	106,959	-	-	106,959
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	2,528,288	2,528,288	2,528,288	-
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 2,635,247	\$ 2,528,288	\$ 2,528,288	\$ 106,959

# KNOWLEDGE QUEST ACADEMY

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND

Year Ended June 30, 2025	Actual	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Variance	
Revenue:					
Local sources:					
Other local revenue	\$ 29,679	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (10,321)	
Total Revenue	29,679	40,000	40,000	(10,321)	
Expenditures:					
Student activities	34,387	40,000	40,000	5,613	
Total Expenditures	34,387	40,000	40,000	5,613	
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures					(4,708)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	26,308	26,308	26,308	-	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 21,600	\$ 26,308	\$ 26,308	\$ (4,708)	