

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education
Phoenix Central School District
Phoenix, New York

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Phoenix Central School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We also have audited each fiduciary fund type of the District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, as displayed in the District's basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information and each fiduciary fund type of the Phoenix Central School District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), schedule of changes in the District's OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – budget (non-GAAP basis) and actual – general fund, schedule of district contributions and schedule of district's proportionate share of net pension asset (liability)* on pages 4-14, and 59-62, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

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

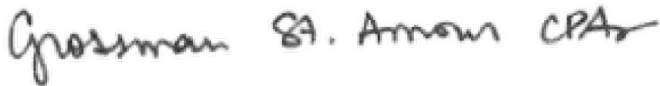
Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Phoenix Central School District's basic financial statements. The *schedule of change from adopted to final budget and the real property tax limit – general fund; the schedule of project expenditures – capital projects fund and net investment in capital assets; and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards*, as required by the audit requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*, on pages 63-65 and page 71, respectively, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 23, 2023 on our consideration of Phoenix Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grossman St. Amour CPA

Syracuse, New York
October 23, 2023

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

The following is a discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This section us a summary of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follows this section.

Financial Highlights

- During the year, the District had total expenses for functions and programs of \$50,110,635, and total revenues of \$57,880,170; these expenditures were funded in part by \$38,635,829 received from state and federal sources. Remaining funds were available through property taxes and other miscellaneous revenues.
- The total cost of all District programs increased by \$7,177,615, or 16.72%. Efforts are made to ensure that program costs are held at a minimum.
- The District's general fund reported an excess of revenues over expenditures in 2022-2023 of \$5,791,246.
- Changes in enrollment:

As the attached schedule indicates, there was slight change in enrollment over the past few years. Our projections indicate that enrollment should remain stable at the current level for the next 5 years.

School Year	Enrollment
2005-2006	2,293
2006-2007	2,239
2007-2008	2,250
2008-2009	2,241
2009-2010	2,168
2010-2011	2,090
2011-2012	2,044
2012-2013	1,890
2013-2014	1,840
2014-2015	1,850
2015-2016	1,830
2016-2017	1,810
2017-2018	1,772
2018-2019	1,772
2019-2020	1,762
2020-2021	1,760
2021-2022	1,661
2022-2023	1,675
2023-2024 (projection)	1,675

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- **State Aid and Tax Levy**

In the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 budget years, New York State was able to provide an increase in general operating aid of approximately \$573,137 and \$766,832, respectively, which has enabled the district to maintain educational programs. With the imposed tax cap legislation and slight increase in total state aid, the expense-side budget increase was limited to approximately \$1,169,869 for 2023-2024 primarily due to increases in BOCES Special education expenditures costs. The 2023-24 budget was challenging, in that Federal funds from the CARES act and CRRSA were no longer available.

As noted in the chart below, local taxpayers have supported slight levy increases. The District strives to balance the educational needs of our students with the limited resources of our taxpayers. Even with an unstable employment base in the area, district residents have continued to be supportive of the District.

Below is a detail of the District's budget, state aid and required levy to meet the budget:

Year	Budget	State Aid	% Change	Levy	% Change	Budgeted Use of Reserves	% Change
2006-2007	\$34,430,000	\$20,008,233	6.70%	\$12,961,515	5.60%	\$0	0.00%
2007-2008	\$35,406,302	\$20,993,955	4.90%	\$13,591,647	4.80%	\$0	0.00%
2008-2009	\$37,352,477	\$22,187,816	5.68%	\$14,538,961	6.97%	\$0	0.00%
2009-2010	\$41,015,495	\$25,474,133	15.08%	\$15,031,662	3.39%	\$0	0.00%
2010-2011	\$42,008,341	\$25,193,723	(1.10%)	\$15,373,638	2.28%	\$1,031,280	100.00%
2011-2012	\$41,103,453	\$23,676,173	(6.02%)	\$15,827,160	2.95%	\$1,025,920	(0.05%)
2012-2013	\$41,261,399	\$23,326,699	(1.48%)	\$16,131,860	1.92%	\$1,228,640	19.76%
2013-2014	\$42,008,927	\$23,943,365	2.64%	\$16,425,022	1.79%	\$1,228,640	0.00%
2014-2015	\$42,559,049	\$24,446,555	2.10%	\$16,751,880	1.99%	\$905,000	(26.34%)
2015-2016	\$43,747,467	\$25,734,639	5.27%	\$16,833,964	0.49%	\$700,000	(22.65%)
2016-2017	\$44,787,050	\$26,665,722	3.62%	\$16,833,964	0.00%	\$800,000	14.29%
2017-2018	\$45,118,781	\$27,125,711	1.73%	\$16,961,451	0.08%	\$550,000	(31.25%)
2018-2019	\$45,389,543	\$27,670,751	2.00%	\$17,215,873	1.5%	\$50,000	(90.90%)
2019-2020	\$46,319,500	\$28,328,209	2.37%	\$17,426,873	1.23%	\$50,000	0.00%
2020-2021	\$47,335,503	\$28,503,098	0.62%	\$17,426,873	0.00%	\$587,000	1074%
2021-2022	\$49,518,145	\$31,271,464	9.71%	\$17,431,873	0.00%	\$50,000	(91.48%)
2022-2023	\$50,361,271	\$32,207,898	2.44%	\$17,600,873	1.00%	\$50,000	0.00%
2023-2024	\$51,531,140	\$32,974,730	2.99%	\$17,775,410	1.00%	\$50,000	0.00%

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In an effort to help mitigate the loss of Education Stabilization Fund monies, the District has been diligent in their efforts to control the cost of employee benefits:

Year	All Employee Benefits: Budget	Employee Benefit Actual	NYS TRS: Budget	NYS TRS: Actual
2006-2007	\$7,800,559	\$7,551,242	\$850,000	\$1,373,886
2007-2008	8,662,407	7,563,002	1,246,939	1,469,921
2008-2009	8,082,197	8,024,035	1,238,306	1,208,644
2009-2010	8,425,582	7,477,187	1,414,930	1,369,951
2010-2011	8,902,189	7,538,580	1,890,314	1,191,862
2011-2012	8,721,680	8,959,760	1,637,684	1,766,834
2012-2013	8,742,270	8,875,121	1,847,159	1,814,991
2013-2014	9,768,228	9,515,978	2,486,750	2,745,215
2014-2015	10,358,042	10,091,606	2,710,475	2,601,429
2015-2016	9,896,982	9,288,275	2,672,413	1,950,874
2016-2017	10,192,566	9,218,350	1,955,000	1,767,195
2017-2018	10,103,320	9,058,706	1,600,000	1,449,625
2018-2019	10,202,220	9,669,591	1,725,000	1,579,627
2019-2020	10,136,463	9,081,186	1,500,000	1,335,207
2020-2021	10,231,081	9,259,366	1,600,000	1,401,524
2021-2022	10,552,711	9,574,622	1,675,000	1,380,311
2022-2023	10,506,365	9,703,763	1,675,000	1,646,397
2023-2024	10,920,679	x	1,675,000	x

The method of state funding for textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software and library materials remains unchanged. Expenditures in these areas remain consistent, as they are budgeted based on the amount of aid the district anticipates it will receive.

Using This Annual Report

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are *district-wide* financial statements that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the District's *overall* financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the District, reporting the District's operations in *more detail* than the district-wide statements. The fund financial statements concentrate on the District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds listed in total in one column.
- The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the *short-term* as well as what remains for future spending.
- Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others.

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

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Figure A-1 Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements			
Fund Financial Statements			
	District-Wide	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the School District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities • Reconciliation of governmental funds and changes in fund balance to the Statement of activities • Reconciliation of governmental funds balance sheet to the Statement of net position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Fiduciary Net Position • Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/deferred outflows of resources/ liability/ deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows of resources (if any), liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (if any) both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can

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	District-Wide (continued)	Governmental Funds (continued)	Fiduciary Funds (continued)
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

The remainder of this overview section of MD&A highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

District-Wide Statements

The district-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statements of net position include all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two district-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the district-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown as governmental activities. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. Property taxes and state formula aid finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. Generally, the District is required by New York State General Municipal law (para. 36) to follow the system of accounts formulated and prescribed by the New York State Comptroller.
- The District establishes other funds to control and to manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as federal grants).

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The District has the following funds:

- **Governmental Funds:** Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide financial statements, additional information in the notes to the financial statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Fiduciary Funds:** The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the district-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

The School District as a Whole

Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the District's governmental activities.

TABLE 1
Statement of Net Position

	District-Wide		Percentage Change
	2023	2022	2022-2023
Current and Other Assets	\$ 41,059,009	\$ 36,576,677	12.25%
Capital Assets	86,041,730	86,473,479	-0.50%
Net Pension Assets	-	16,965,187	-100.00%
Total Assets	127,100,739	140,015,343	-9.22%
Deferred Outflows of Resources	15,958,941	15,380,041	3.76%
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 143,059,680	\$ 155,395,384	-7.94%
Long-Term Debt-Due in One Year	\$ 9,600,842	\$ 9,608,643	-0.08%
Long-Term Debt-Due in More than One Year	60,230,048	64,596,423	-6.76%
Net Pension Liability	5,161,717	-	100.00%
Other Liabilities	3,369,926	3,449,010	-2.29%
Total Liabilities	78,362,533	77,654,076	0.91%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,561,768	24,375,464	-85.39%
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 81,924,301	\$ 102,029,540	-19.71%
Net Position (Deficit):			
Investment in Capital Assets	86,041,730	86,473,479	-0.50%
Related Debt	(50,061,386)	(55,757,412)	-10.22%
Restricted	33,310,870	30,032,553	10.92%
Unrestricted Net Deficit	(8,155,835)	(7,382,776)	10.47%
Total Net Position	\$ 61,135,379	\$ 53,365,844	14.56%

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The School District as a Whole (continued)

TABLE 2
Change in Net Position (Deficit) from Operating Results

	District-Wide		Percentage Change
	2023	2022	2022-2023
REVENUES			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 251,435	\$ 71,822	250.08%
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,302,952	4,804,133	-10.43%
General Revenue:			
Property Taxes and Other Tax Items	17,572,994	17,565,483	0.04%
State Sources	34,164,143	31,799,720	7.44%
Federal Sources	168,734	422,196	-60.03%
Other General Revenues	1,419,912	725,174	95.80%
Total Revenues	57,880,170	55,388,528	4.50%
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
General Support	8,131,390	7,046,761	15.39%
Instruction	36,566,156	31,521,734	16.00%
Transportation	2,357,484	2,337,307	0.86%
Debt Service	2,548,011	1,519,303	67.71%
School Lunch Program	507,595	507,915	-0.06%
Total Program Expenses	50,110,636	42,933,020	16.72%
 Increase in Net Position	 \$ 7,769,534	 \$ 12,455,508	 -37.62%

In Table 2, the District's total revenues increased by \$2,491,642, most funding sources held constant year over year with the exception of Federal Grants awarded from COVID-19 Education Stabilization Funds and slight increases in State Aid.

District expenses increased \$7,177,615 overall due to general program cost savings related to additional funding described above and costs associated with the net pension asset and liability and other post-employment benefits.

The District participates in a cooperative health insurance program with 28 other school districts. This cooperative has been in existence since 1983 and has proven to be a successful model for funding of health insurance for school districts. Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield acts as the third party administrator; the cooperative is managed by a private consulting firm that has been with the program since its inception. The District continues to realize the benefits of this program through 2022-2023, and continues to see a significantly lower rate of increase than its previous fully insured program. Additionally, 100% of district employees have agreed to participate in a 3-tier drug plan for health insurance, further reducing insurance premiums by more than 8% annually.

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The School District as a Whole (continued)

Finally, the District continues to maintain a five-year financial plan to ensure long-term financial stability. This plan provides the District with information that shows district leaders how decisions we make today will impact the financial operations of the district in the future.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the District's largest programs as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	TABLE 3			
	Governmental Activities			
	Total cost of services		Net cost of services	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
General Support	\$ 8,131,390	\$ 7,046,761	\$ 8,131,390	\$ 7,046,761
Instruction	36,566,156	31,521,734	33,020,835	27,810,613
Pupil Transportation	2,357,484	2,337,307	2,357,484	2,337,307
Debt Service	2,548,011	1,519,303	2,548,011	1,519,303
School Food Service Program	507,595	507,915	(501,471)	(656,919)
Total	\$ 50,110,636	\$ 42,933,020	\$ 45,556,249	\$ 38,057,065

Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds

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

Governmental Funds

The purpose of the School District's governmental funds is to account for and provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School District's financing requirements. The unreserved fund balance is divided between designated balances and undesignated balances. The School District has designated portions of the unreserved fund balance to earmark resources for certain government-wide liabilities and postemployment obligations that are not recognized in the governmental funds. Fund balances for capital projects are restricted by State law to be spent for the purpose of the fund and are not available for spending at the School District's discretion.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The budgetary comparison information on page 54 presents both adopted and final modified budget totals compared with actual results for the General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2023. The significant variances between the adopted and the final budget for 2023 were as follows:

Adopted budget	\$ 50,361,271
Board approved budget adjustments:	-
2022 Additional Appropriations:	
Encumbrances Carryover	<u>279,242</u>
Final budget	<u><u>\$ 50,640,513</u></u>

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of 2022-2023 the District had approximately \$86 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including equipment and buildings (see Table 4). This amount represents a net decrease of approximately \$432,000, primarily related to annual depreciation.

TABLE 4
Capital Assets at Year End
(Net of Depreciation)

	District-Wide		Percentage
	2023	2022	Change 2022-2023
Land	\$ 186,900	\$ 186,900	0.00%
Construction in progress	1,500,821	204,715	633.13%
Buildings and Improvements	80,821,291	82,854,608	-2.45%
Machinery and Equipment	<u>3,532,718</u>	<u>3,227,256</u>	<u>9.47%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 86,041,730</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 86,473,479</u></u>	<u><u>-0.50%</u></u>

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Capital Asset and Debt Administration (continued)

Long-Term Obligations

At year-end, the District had approximately \$73.3 million in long-term obligations outstanding versus approximately \$71.5 million last year, resulting in an increase of 2.57%.

TABLE 5
Outstanding Long-Term Obligations, at Year End

	Total School District		Percentage Change
	2023	2022	2022-2023
General Obligation Bonds			
(Financed with Property Taxes)	\$ 47,345,479	\$ 51,882,984	-8.75%
Other Postemployment Benefits	18,390,090	17,084,425	7.64%
Workers compensation payable	650,034	797,329	-18.47%
Compensated absences	1,795,287	1,740,328	3.16%
Net pension liability	5,161,717	-	100.00%
Total Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 73,342,607</u>	<u>\$ 71,505,066</u>	<u>2.57%</u>

Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services ("S & P") has assigned a bond rating of A+ with respect to the District's outstanding bonds. The state limits the amount of general obligation debt that school districts can issue to 10% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the District's geographic limits. The District's outstanding general obligation debt is below this \$61.16 million state-imposed limit. More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 7 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- Legislative mandates and state education department initiatives, which are not accompanied by financial support, continue to be of concern to the District.

The District has made every effort to prepare for anticipated shortfalls in funding from the State of New York and is concerned over the uncertainty in what is now a nonexistent predictable aid formula. We are hopeful that education funding will become more predictable in future years.

Due to the State economic fallout from a loss of revenue from the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, the District has received federal assistance which will be utilized next budget year.

- The community is a small rural area with a population under 15,000. The area is also a bedroom community for the cities of Fulton, Syracuse and Oswego.
- The voters of the District approved a budget of \$51,531,140 for the 2023-2024 school year. We anticipate continued support from our community.

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Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the School District Business Office at the Phoenix Central School District, 116 Volney Street, Phoenix, New York, 315-695-1574.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash	
Unrestricted	\$ 2,727,950
Restricted	33,310,870
Receivables	
Accounts receivable	7,113
State and Federal aid	4,927,276
Inventories	85,800
Capital assets, net	86,041,730
Total assets	<u>127,100,739</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Defeasance on bond refunding	1,065,907
Pensions	11,577,149
Other post employment benefits	3,315,885
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>15,958,941</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 143,059,680</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 374,959
Accrued liabilities	852,232
Interest payable	129,058
Due to teachers' retirement system	1,862,006
Due to employees' retirement system	151,671
Long-term liabilities	
Due and payable within one year	
Bonds payable	5,171,752
Bond anticipation note payable	1,650,000
Compensated absences payable	448,822
Other postemployment benefits payable	1,680,234
Workers compensation payable	650,034
Due and payable after one year	
Bonds payable	42,173,727
Compensated absences payable	1,346,465
Other postemployment benefits payable	16,709,856
Net pension liability- proportionate share	5,161,717
Total liabilities	<u>78,362,533</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	968,458
Other post employment benefits	2,593,310
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,561,768</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	35,980,344
Restricted	33,310,870
Unrestricted deficit	(8,155,835)
Total net position	<u>61,135,379</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u><u>\$ 143,059,680</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS					
General support	\$ (7,291,721)	\$ (839,669)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,131,390)
Instruction	(27,434,746)	(9,131,409)	5,971	3,539,350	(33,020,834)
Pupil transportation	(1,832,690)	(524,794)	-	-	(2,357,484)
Employee benefits	(10,495,872)	10,495,872	-	-	-
Debt service	(2,548,011)	-	-	-	(2,548,011)
School lunch program	(507,595)	-	245,464	763,602	501,471
Total functions and programs	<u>\$ (50,110,635)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 251,435</u>	<u>\$ 4,302,952</u>	<u>(45,556,248)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES					
Real property taxes					17,572,994
Nonproperty taxes					7,844
Use of money and property					646,650
Sale of property and compensation for loss					(108,968)
State sources					34,164,143
Federal sources					168,734
Miscellaneous					874,386
Total general revenues					<u>53,325,783</u>
Change in net position					7,769,535
Total net position - beginning of year					<u>53,365,844</u>
Total net position - end of year					<u>\$ 61,135,379</u>

See notes to basic financial statements

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	Major Funds			Non-Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	School Lunch	Debt Service	
ASSETS						
Cash						
Unrestricted	\$ 2,026,099	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 701,851	\$ -	\$ 2,727,950
Restricted	29,429,981	371,707	2,037,560	-	1,471,622	33,310,870
Receivables						
Due from other funds	1,219,374	7,721	-	-	1,773	1,228,868
Accounts receivable	7,113	-	-	-	-	7,113
State and Federal aid	3,773,332	1,092,061	-	61,883	-	4,927,276
Inventories	-	-	-	85,800	-	85,800
Total assets	<u>\$ 36,455,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,471,489</u>	<u>\$ 2,037,560</u>	<u>\$ 849,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,473,395</u>	<u>\$ 42,287,877</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 282,208	\$ 6,740	\$ 84,135	\$ 1,876	\$ -	\$ 374,959
Accrued liabilities	795,838	31,454	-	24,940	-	852,232
Due to other funds	7,721	1,219,374	1,773	-	-	1,228,868
Due to teachers' retirement system	1,650,190	211,816	-	-	-	1,862,006
Due to employees' retirement system	139,998	2,105	-	9,568	-	151,671
Bond anticipation note payable	-	-	1,650,000	-	-	1,650,000
Total liabilities	<u>2,875,955</u>	<u>1,471,489</u>	<u>1,735,908</u>	<u>36,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,119,736</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	85,800	-	85,800
Restricted	29,429,981	-	-	-	1,473,395	30,903,376
Committed	93,679	-	-	-	-	93,679
Assigned	265,233	-	301,652	727,350	-	1,294,235
Unassigned	3,791,051	-	-	-	-	3,791,051
Total fund balances	<u>33,579,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,652</u>	<u>813,150</u>	<u>1,473,395</u>	<u>36,168,141</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 36,455,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,471,489</u>	<u>\$ 2,037,560</u>	<u>\$ 849,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,473,395</u>	<u>\$ 42,287,877</u>

See notes to basic financial statements

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Assets, Liabilities	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Statement of Net Position Totals
ASSETS				
Cash				
Unrestricted	\$ 2,727,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,727,950
Restricted	33,310,870	-	-	33,310,870
Receivables				
Accounts receivable	7,113	-	-	7,113
Due from other funds	1,228,868	-	(1,228,868)	-
Due from state and federal	4,927,276	-	-	4,927,276
Inventories	85,800	-	-	85,800
Land, buildings and equipment (net)	-	86,041,730	-	86,041,730
Net pension asset- proportionate share	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 42,287,877</u>	<u>\$ 86,041,730</u>	<u>\$ (1,228,868)</u>	<u>\$ 127,100,739</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Defeasance on bond refunding	-	1,065,907	-	1,065,907
Pensions	-	11,577,149	-	11,577,149
Other postemployment benefits	-	3,315,885	-	3,315,885
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>15,958,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,958,941</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 42,287,877</u>	<u>\$ 102,000,671</u>	<u>\$ (1,228,868)</u>	<u>\$ 143,059,680</u>
LIABILITIES				
Payables				
Accounts payable	\$ 374,959	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 374,959
Accrued liabilities	852,232	-	-	852,232
Due to teachers' retirement system	1,862,006	-	-	1,862,006
Due to employees' retirement system	151,671	-	-	151,671
Bond anticipation note payable	1,650,000	-	-	1,650,000
Bonds payable	-	47,345,479	-	47,345,479
Other postemployment benefits payable	-	18,390,090	-	18,390,090
Net pension liability `	-	-	-	-
Interest payable	-	129,058	-	129,058
Due to other funds	1,228,868	-	(1,228,868)	-
Workers compensation	-	650,034	-	650,034
Compensated absences	-	1,795,287	-	1,795,287
Net pension liability- proportionate share	-	5,161,717	-	5,161,717
Total liabilities	<u>6,119,736</u>	<u>73,471,665</u>	<u>(1,228,868)</u>	<u>78,362,533</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pensions	-	968,458	-	968,458
Other postemployment benefits	-	2,593,310	-	2,593,310
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>3,561,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,561,768</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION				
Total fund balance/net position (deficit)	<u>36,168,141</u>	<u>24,967,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,135,379</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance/net position	<u>\$ 42,287,877</u>	<u>\$ 102,000,671</u>	<u>\$ (1,228,868)</u>	<u>\$ 143,059,680</u>

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PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Major-Funds			Non-Major Funds		Total
	General	Special Aid	Capital Projects	School Lunch	Debt Service	Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real property taxes	\$ 17,572,994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,572,994
Nonproperty taxes	7,844	-	-	-	-	7,844
Charges for services	5,971	-	-	-	-	5,971
Use of money and property	549,268	-	-	4,804	92,578	646,650
Sale of property and compensation for loss	22,537	-	-	-	-	22,537
Miscellaneous	860,161	-	-	14,225	-	874,386
State sources	34,164,143	638,063	-	18,109	-	34,820,315
Federal sources	168,734	2,901,287	-	745,493	-	3,815,514
Sales - school lunch	-	-	-	245,464	-	245,464
Total revenues	<u>53,351,652</u>	<u>3,539,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,028,095</u>	<u>92,578</u>	<u>58,011,675</u>
EXPENDITURES						
General support	5,916,278	-	-	390,686	-	6,306,964
Instruction	21,011,555	3,578,486	-	-	-	24,590,041
Pupil transportation	1,514,791	-	-	-	-	1,514,791
Employee benefits	9,811,169	-	-	102,954	-	9,914,123
Debt service						
Principal	6,100,093	-	-	-	-	6,100,093
Interest	2,384,228	-	-	-	-	2,384,228
Cost of sales	-	-	-	507,595	-	507,595
Capital outlay	685,356	-	1,904,394	-	-	2,589,750
Total expenditures	<u>47,423,470</u>	<u>3,578,486</u>	<u>1,904,394</u>	<u>1,001,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,907,585</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>5,928,182</u>	<u>(39,136)</u>	<u>(1,904,394)</u>	<u>26,860</u>	<u>92,578</u>	<u>4,104,090</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES						
Proceeds from serial bonds	-	-	512,588	-	-	512,588
BAN redeemed from appropriations	-	-	1,050,000	-	-	1,050,000
Operating transfers in	2,200	39,136	100,000	-	-	141,336
Operating transfers (out)	(139,136)	-	(2,200)	-	-	(141,336)
Total other sources (uses)	<u>(136,936)</u>	<u>39,136</u>	<u>1,660,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,562,588</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over Expenditures and other (uses)	<u>5,791,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(244,006)</u>	<u>26,860</u>	<u>92,578</u>	<u>5,666,678</u>
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>27,788,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>545,658</u>	<u>786,290</u>	<u>1,380,817</u>	<u>30,501,463</u>
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 33,579,944</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 301,652</u>	<u>\$ 813,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,473,395</u>	<u>\$ 36,168,141</u>

See notes to basic financial statements

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Revenue, Expenses	Capital Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Activities Totals
REVENUES					
Real property taxes	\$ 17,572,994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,572,994
Nonproperty taxes	7,844	-	-	-	7,844
Charges for services	5,971	-	-	-	5,971
Use of money and property	646,650	-	-	-	646,650
Sale of property and compensation for loss	22,537	-	(131,505)	-	(108,968)
Miscellaneous	874,386	-	-	-	874,386
State sources	34,820,315	-	-	-	34,820,315
Federal sources	3,815,514	-	-	-	3,815,514
Sales - school lunch	245,464	-	-	-	245,464
Total revenues	58,011,675	-	(131,505)	-	57,880,170
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES					
General support	6,306,964	695,758	288,999	-	7,291,721
Instruction	24,590,041	561,609	2,283,096	-	27,434,746
Pupil transportation	1,514,791	-	317,899	-	1,832,690
Employee benefits	9,914,123	674,085	-	(92,336)	10,495,872
Debt service - principal	6,100,093	-	-	(6,100,093)	-
Debt service - interest	2,384,228	-	-	163,783	2,548,011
Cost of sales	507,595	-	-	-	507,595
Capital outlay	2,589,750	-	(2,589,750)	-	-
Total expenditures/expenses	53,907,585	1,931,452	300,244	(6,028,646)	50,110,635
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures/expenses	4,104,090	(1,931,452)	(431,749)	6,028,646	7,769,535
OTHER SOURCES AND USES					
Proceeds from serial bonds	512,588	-	-	(512,588)	-
BAN redeemed from appropriations	1,050,000	-	-	(1,050,000)	-
Operating transfers in	141,336	(141,336)	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(141,336)	141,336	-	-	-
Total other sources (uses)	1,562,588	-	-	(1,562,588)	-
Net change for the year	\$ 5,666,678	\$ (1,931,452)	\$ (431,749)	\$ 4,466,058	\$ 7,769,535

See notes to basic financial statements

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2023

	Private Purpose Trusts
	<u> </u>
ASSETS	
Restricted cash	\$ 243,632
Total assets	<u>\$ 243,632</u>
NET POSITION	
Reserved for scholarships	243,632
	<u>\$ 243,632</u>

See notes to the basic financial statements.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Private Purpose Trusts
ADDITIONS	
Donations	\$ 250,000
Interest	<u>3,632</u>
Total additions	<u>253,632</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships and awards	<u>10,000</u>
Change in net position	243,632
Net position - beginning of year	<u>-</u>
Net position - end of year	<u><u>\$ 243,632</u></u>

See notes to the basic financial statements.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Phoenix Central School District (the “District”) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies used by the District are described below:

A) Reporting entity:

The District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of nine (9) members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement 39, *Component Units*. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and 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 accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District and other organizational entities determined to be includable in the District’s financial reporting entity. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District’s reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the District’s reporting entity.

i) Extraclassroom activity funds

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds can be found at the District’s business office. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in the General Fund as committed fund balance.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

B) Joint venture:

The District is a component district in Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). A Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs that provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component. There are 9 participating school districts, including Phoenix in BOCES. The participation in BOCES is accounted for as a joint venture by the District since it has both an ongoing financial interest and an ongoing financial responsibility to BOCES. The District has an ongoing financial interest since BOCES pays surpluses to the component districts on an annual basis, although the District has no equity interest in BOCES. The District does not control the financial or operating policies of BOCES, however, it has an ongoing financial responsibility since the continued existence of BOCES depends on continued funding from the participating school districts.

BOCES are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (§1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n(a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

During the year, the District was billed approximately \$7,412,000 for BOCES administrative and program costs. The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to approximately \$4,142,000.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office at 179 County Route 64, Mexico, New York 13114. As of June 30, 2022 (the most recent available audited financial statements), BOCES has a total net position (deficit) of (\$106,076,489).

The District contracts with BOCES whereby the contracts conveys control of the right to use the underlying assets in the contracts for a period of time in an exchange like transaction. These contracts at inception, have terms ranging from 4 to 5 years and are for technology and other equipment. These contracts are not significant to these financial statements and are recognized as an outflow of resources in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

C) Basis of presentation:

i) District-wide statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, State aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and non-exchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

ii) Funds statements:

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds'. 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.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, child nutrition and school store operations or other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties. Special revenue funds include the following:

Special Aid Fund: Used to account for special operating projects or programs supported in whole, or in part, with federal funds or State or local grants.

Capital Projects Fund: These funds are used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities. For these funds, each capital project is assessed to determine whether it is a major or non-major fund. Those capital projects that are determined to be major are reported in separate columns in the financial statements. Those are determined to be non-major are reported in the supplemental schedules either separately or in the aggregate.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

The District reports the following non-major governmental funds:

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, child nutrition and school store operations or other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties. Special revenue funds include the following:

School Lunch Fund: Used to account for transactions of the lunch and breakfast programs.

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental activities. When a capital asset is sold and all or a portion of the bonds used to finance the capital asset are outstanding, this fund must be used to account for the proceeds from the sale of capital assets up to the balance of the related bonds outstanding.

The District reports the following Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used.

There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

Private Purpose Trust Funds: These funds are used to account for trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments. A scholarship is an example of a Private-Purpose Trust Fund. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

Custodial Funds: These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as an agent for various purposes. The District does not have any custodial funds.

D) Measurement focus and basis of accounting:

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

The District-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

D) Measurement focus and basis of accounting: (continued)

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, State Aid, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from State Aid is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year as it matches the liquidation of related obligations.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, compensated absences, pensions, and other post-employment benefits which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

E) Property taxes:

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1st and become a lien on August 31st. Taxes were collected during the period September 1st to October 31st.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Counties of Oswego and Onondaga (the counties), in which the District is located. The counties pay an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the Counties for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1st.

F) Restricted resources:

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these notes.

G) Interfund transactions:

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services.

In the district-wide statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different funds. Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

G) Interfund transactions: (continued)

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note 9 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures and revenues activity.

H) Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

I) Cash and investments:

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition.

New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts and obligations issued by other than New York State rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (if permitted by the District's policy). Investments are stated at fair value.

J) Accounts receivable:

Accounts receivable are shown gross. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

K) Inventories and prepaid items:

Inventories of food in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value that approximates market. Purchases of inventory items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond year-end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the district-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position or balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of receipt and/or purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A reserve for these non-liquid assets (inventories and prepaid items) has been recognized to signify that a portion of the fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

L) Other assets:

Certain proceeds from serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, as well as resources set aside for their repayment are classified as restricted assets in the Statement of Net Position and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

In the district-wide financial statements, bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt issue. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an expense in the period incurred.

M) Capital assets:

In the District-wide financial statements, capital assets are accounted for at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets which are recorded at their fair acquisition value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used to report capital assets. The range of estimated useful lives by type of assets is as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Building and improvements	\$ 5,000	Straight Line	15-50 years
Machinery and equipment	\$ 5,000	Straight Line	5-25 years

The investment in infrastructure type assets have not been segregated for reporting purposes since all costs associated with capital projects are consolidated and reported as additions to buildings and improvements.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

N) Deferred outflows and inflows of resources:

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has four items that qualify for reporting in this category. First is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is the District contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) and OPEB subsequent to the measurement date. The fourth item relates to OPEB reporting in the district wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the actual and expected experience.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet 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 or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has four items that qualify for reporting in this category. First arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported as unavailable revenue – property taxes. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability (ERS System) and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is revenues from grants received that have met all other eligibility requirements except those related to time restrictions. The fourth item is related to OPEB reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs.

O) Pension obligations

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) (the Systems).

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS):

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits, as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10-member Board of Trustees.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a Statute. The New York State TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report and additional information may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSTRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report, which can be found on the System's website at www.nystrs.org.

Employees' Retirement System (ERS) :

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits, as well as, death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0 to 3.5 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education law.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required and were as follows:

	NYSTRS	NYSERS
2023	\$ 1,732,498	\$ 476,348
2022	1,564,367	597,475
2021	1,459,026	630,428

The District contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required for each year. ERS has provided additional disclosures through entities that elected to participate in Chapter 260, 57 and 105.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported the following asset/(liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset /(liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset/ (liability) was measured as of March 31, 2023 for ERS and June 30, 2022 for TRS. The total pension asset/(liability) used to calculate the net pension asset/(liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension asset/(liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	ERS	TRS
Actuarial valuation date	4/1/2022	6/30/2021
Net pension asset/ (liability)	\$ (3,396,537)	\$ (1,765,180)
District's portion of the Plan's total		
net pension asset/ (liability)	0.0158391%	0.091990%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized its proportionate share of pension expense of \$1,219,100 for ERS and the actuarial value \$2,325,994 for TRS.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

At June 30, 2023, the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred outflow of resources		Deferred inflow of resources	
	ERS	TRS	ERS	TRS
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 361,758	\$ 1,849,685	\$ 95,388	\$ 35,371
Changes of assumption	1,649,578	3,424,150	18,231	711,064
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	2,280,780	19,955	-
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	45,259	233,442	11,596	76,853
District's contribution subsequent to the measurement date	-	1,732,497	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,056,595</u>	<u>\$ 9,520,554</u>	<u>\$ 145,170</u>	<u>\$ 823,288</u>

District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset/(liability) in the year ended March 31, 2024 for ERS and June 30, 2023 for TRS. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended:	ERS	TRS
2023	\$ -	\$ 1,390,671
2024	465,106	745,724
2025	(172,081)	(253,477)
2026	691,950	4,495,979
2027	926,450	567,206
Thereafter	-	18,666
	<u>\$ 1,911,425</u>	<u>\$ 6,964,769</u>

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension asset/(liability) to the measurement date. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2022
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2022	June 30, 2021
Interest rate	5.90%	6.95%
Salary scale	4.40%	1.95%-5.18%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2015- April 1, 2020 System's Experience	July 1, 2015- June 30, 2020 System's Experience
Inflation rate	2.90%	2.40%

For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale AA. For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2020. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020. For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2021 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020.

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed investment rate of return. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class as well as historical investment data and plan performance. The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

	ERS		TRS	
	Target	Long-term expected Real rate of return	Target	Long-term expected Real rate of return
	Allocation		Allocation	
	2023	2023	2022	2022
Domestic equity	32%	4.30%	33%	6.50%
International equity	15%	6.85%	16%	7.20%
Real estate	9%	4.60%	11%	6.20%
Private equities	10%	7.50%	8%	9.90%
Domestic fixed income securities	23%	1.50%	16%	1.10%
Global fixed income securities	0%	0.00%	2%	0.60%
Mortgages	0%	0.00%	0%	0.00%
Short-term	0%	0.00%	0%	0.00%
High-yield fixed income securities	0%	0.00%	1%	3.30%
Private debt	0%	0.00%	2%	5.30%
Real estate debt	0%	0.00%	6%	2.40%
Opportunistic portfolio	3%	5.38%	0%	0.00%
Cash	1%	0.00%	1%	-0.30%
Inflation-indexed bonds	0%	0.00%	0%	0.00%
Absolute return strategies *	0%	0.00%	0%	0.00%
Global equities	0%	0.00%	4%	6.90%
Real assets	3%	5.84%	0%	0.00%
Credit	4%	5.43%	0%	0.00%
	<u>100%</u>	<u>5.90%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>6.95%</u>

The real rate of return is net of the long-term inflation assumption of 2.5% for ERS and 2.4% for TRS.

*Excludes equity-oriented and long-only funds. For investment management purposes, these funds are included in domestic equity and international equity.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension asset/(liability) was 5.90% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes the contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based upon the assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension asset/ (liability).

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset/ (Liability) to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following represents the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) as of June 30, 2022 calculated using the discount rate of 5.90% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (4.90% for ERS and 5.95% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (6.90% for ERS and 7.95% for TRS) than the current rate:

ERS	1% Decrease (4.90%)	Current Assumption (5.90%)	1% Increase (6.90%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (8,207,974)	\$ (3,396,537)	\$ 623,978
TRS	1% Decrease (5.95%)	Current Assumption (6.95%)	1% Increase (7.95%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (16,275,785)	\$ (1,765,180)	\$ 10,438,144

Changes of assumption

Change of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or other inputs are amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected service lives of all employees that are provided with pension benefits.

Collective Pension Expense

Collective pension expense includes certain current period changes in the collective net pension asset/(liability), projected earnings on pension plan investments, and the amortization of deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources for the current period. The collective pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 is \$7,495,851,000 for ERS and \$2,434,628,787 for TRS.

Payables to the Pension Plan

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2023 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 based on paid TRS covered wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 amounted to \$1,862,006.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

O) Pension obligations (continued)

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year, which ends on March 31st. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 based on paid ERS covered wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 amounted to \$151,671.

P) Unearned and deferred revenues:

The District reports unearned revenues on its Statement of Net Position and its Balance Sheet. On the Statement of Net Position, unearned revenues arise when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized.

Q) Vested employee benefits:

Compensated absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave and vacation.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the district-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

R) Other benefits:

District employees participate in the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement. Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as expenditure.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

R) Other benefits: (continued)

District employees may choose to participate in the District's elective deferred compensation plans established under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457.

S) Short-term debt:

The District may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RAN) and Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN), in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The RAN's and TAN's represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. Such notes may be classified as part of the General Long-Term Debt Account Group when (1) the intention is to refinance the debt on a long-term basis and (2) the intention can be substantiated through a post balance-sheet issuance of long-term debt or by an acceptable financing agreement. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date. See Note 6 for more information on the District's BANs at June 30, 2023.

T) Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations:

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the district-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, other postemployment benefits payable and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the funds financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

U) Equity classifications

District-wide statements: In the district-wide statements there are three classes of Net Position:

Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

Restricted net position – reports net position when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflows of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position– reports the balance of net position that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and is deemed to be available for general use by the District.

Funds statements: In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

Non-spendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Lunch Fund of \$85,800.

Restricted – includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the general fund are classified as restricted fund balance. The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

Capital

According to Education Law §3651, expenditures made from the capital reserve fund must be used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve, the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditure may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for the required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education Law. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability

According to General Municipal Law §6-p, expenditures made from the employee benefit accrued liability reserve fund must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefit due an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

U) Equity classifications (continued)

Liability Claims and Property Loss

According to Education Law §1709(8) (c), must be used to pay for liability claims and property loss incurred. Separate funds for liability claims and property loss are required and these reserves may not in total exceed 3% of the annual budget or \$15,000, whichever is greater. This type of reserve fund may be utilized only by school districts with a population under 125,000. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Retirement Contributions

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, all expenditures made from the retirement contributions reserve fund must be used for financing retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This reserve is established by Board resolution and is funded by budgetary appropriation and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund. Effective April 1, 2019, a Board may adopt a resolution establishing a sub-fund for contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. During a fiscal year, the Board may authorize payment into the subfund of up to 2% of the total covered salaries paid during the preceding fiscal year, with the total amount funded not to exceed 10% of the total covered salaries during the preceding fiscal year. The sub-fund is separately administered, but must comply with all the existing provisions of General Municipal Law §6-r.

Tax Certiorari Reserve

According to Education Law §3651.1-a, funds must be used to establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari and to expend from the fund without voter approval. The monies held in the reserve shall not exceed the amount that might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. Any resources deposited to the reserve which are not expended for tax certiorari proceedings in the year such monies are deposited must be returned to the General Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit of these monies. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

U) Equity classifications (continued)

Unemployment Insurance Reserve

According to General Municipal Law §6-m, all expenditures made from the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund must be used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund

According to General Municipal Law §6-j, all expenditures made from the worker's compensation reserve fund must be used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Insurance Reserve Fund

According to General Municipal Law §6-n, all expenditures made from the insurance reserve fund must be used to pay liability, casualty and other types of losses, except losses incurred for which the following types of insurance may be purchased: life, accident, health, annuities, fidelity and surety, credit, title residual value and mortgage guarantee. In addition, this reserve may not be used for any purpose for which a special reserve may be established pursuant to law (for example, for unemployment compensation insurance). The reserve may be established by Board action, and funded by budgetary appropriations, or such other funds as may be legally appropriated. There is no limit on the amount that may be accumulated in the Insurance Reserve; however, the annual contribution to this reserve may not exceed the greater of \$33,000 or 5% of the budget. Settled or compromised claims up to \$25,000 may be paid from the reserve without judicial approval. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

U) Equity classifications (continued)

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

General fund:	
Capital	\$ 7,168,521
Employee benefit accrued liability	3,725,518
Liability claims and property loss	250,732
Retirement contributions	9,487,061
TRS retirement	1,210,791
Workers compensation reserve	3,518,389
Insurance reserve	3,000,000
Tax certiorari	50,000
Reserve for scholarships	367,023
Reserve for buses	516,077
Unemployment insurance	135,869
	<u>\$ 29,429,981</u>
Debt service fund	<u>1,473,395</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>\$ 30,903,376</u>

Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the districts highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The District has \$93,679 of committed fund balances as of June 30, 2023 for extraclassroom activities.

Assigned – includes amounts that are constrained by the school district's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The purpose of the constraint must be narrower than the purpose of the general fund, and in funds other than the general fund. Assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance also includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year's budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the General Fund. Encumbrances in the General Fund amounted to \$265,233. Any remaining fund balance in other funds is considered assigned. The School Lunch Fund also reports assigned fund balance of \$727,350. The Capital Projects Fund reports assigned fund balance of \$301,652. As of June 30, 2023, the District's General Fund encumbrances were classified as follows:

General support	\$ 73,743
Instruction	191,378
Pupil transportation	<u>112</u>
	<u>\$ 265,233</u>

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

U) Equity classifications (continued)

Unassigned – includes all other General Fund amounts that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District. In funds other than the General Fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds, a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

The portion of the District's fund balance subject to the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit exceeded the amount allowable, which is 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year.

Net Position/Fund Balance

Net Position Flow Assumption: Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the district-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption: Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned fund balance the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

Order of Use of Fund Balance:

The District's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, nonspendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific use purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than General Fund are classified as restricted fund balance. In the general fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

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Note 1 – Summary of certain significant accounting policies (continued)

V) New accounting standards

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At June 30, 2023, the District implemented the following new standards issued by GASB:

- GASB Statement No. 96 - Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, effective for the year ending June 30, 2023. The adoption of this new standard was not significant to the District.

W) Future changes in accounting standards

- GASB has issued Statement 101, *Compensated Absences*, which will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

The District will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

Note 2 – Explanation of certain differences between governmental fund statements and District-wide statements

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the District-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the District-wide statements, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

A) Total fund balances of governmental funds vs. net position of governmental activities:

Total fund balances of the District's governmental funds differ from "Net Position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheets, as applied to the reporting of capital assets and long-term liabilities, including pensions and other post-employment benefits. This reconciliation is performed on page 18.

B) Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance vs. statement of activities:

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of five broad categories. This reconciliation is performed on page 20.

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Note 2 – Explanation of certain differences between governmental fund statements and District-wide statements (continued)

i) Long-term revenue and expense differences:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available”, whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

ii) Capital related differences:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

iii) Long-term debt transaction differences:

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

iv) Pension differences:

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District’s proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District’s contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

v) OPEB differences:

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District’s total OPEB liability and differences between the District’s contributions and OPEB expense.

Note 3 – Stewardship, compliance and accountability

Budgets:

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted: The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund on May 3, 2022.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level. Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year.

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Note 3 – Stewardship, compliance and accountability (continued)

Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the aggregate encumbrances carried forward from the prior year. The General Fund is the only fund with a legally approved budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project funds expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as restrictions or assignments of fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time, as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

Note 4 – Cash (and cash equivalents)

Cash and Investments

The District's aggregate bank balances of approximately \$37,558,000 are insured and/or collateralized. Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$33,310,870 within the governmental funds for various fund balance reserves in the general fund, debt service and voter approved capital project, and \$243,632 in the fiduciary funds.

Deposits

Deposits are valued at cost or cost plus interest and are categorized as either (1) insured, or for which the securities are held by the District's agent in the District's name, (2) collateralized, and for which the securities are held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name, or (3) uncollateralized. At June 30, 2023, all deposits were fully insured and collateralized by the District's agent in the District's name.

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Note 4 – Cash (and cash equivalents) (continued)

Investment and Deposit Policy

The District follows an investment and deposit policy, the overall objective of which is to adequately safeguard the principal amount of funds invested or deposited; conformance with Federal, State and other legal requirements; and provide sufficient liquidity of invested funds in order to meet obligations as they become due. Oversight of investment activity is the responsibility of the Business Administrator of the District.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of investments will be affected by changing interest rates. The District's investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The District's policy is to minimize the risk of loss due to failure of an issuer or other counterparty to an investment to fulfill its obligations. The District's investment and deposit policy authorizes the reporting entity to purchase the following types of investments:

- Interest bearing demand accounts.
- Certificates of deposit.
- Obligations of the United States Treasury and United States agencies.
- Obligations of New York State and its localities.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the reporting entity may not recover its deposits. In accordance with the District's investment and deposit policy, all deposits of the District including interest bearing demand accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIC) shall be secured by a pledge of securities with an aggregate value equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits.

The District restricts the securities to the following eligible items:

- Obligations issued, fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States Treasury and United States agencies.
- Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by New York State and its localities.
- Obligations issued by other than New York State rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

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Note 5 – Capital assets

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

	Balance at June 30, 2022	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Balance at June 30, 2023
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets that are not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 186,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,900
Construction in progress	204,715	1,296,106	-	1,500,821
Total nondepreciable historical cost	391,615	1,296,106	-	1,687,721
Capital assets that are depreciated:				
Building and improvements	119,787,011	242,821	(144,574)	119,885,258
Machinery and equipment	7,502,920	1,050,823	(31,819)	8,521,924
Total depreciable historical cost	127,289,931	1,293,644	(176,393)	128,407,182
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building and improvements	(36,932,403)	(2,131,564)	-	(39,063,967)
Machinery and equipment	(4,275,664)	(758,430)	44,888	(4,989,206)
Total accumulated depreciation	(41,208,067)	(2,889,994)	44,888	(44,053,173)
Total historical cost, net	<u>\$ 86,473,479</u>	<u>\$ (300,244)</u>	<u>\$ (131,505)</u>	<u>\$ 86,041,730</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General support	\$ 288,999
Instruction	2,283,096
Pupil transportation	317,899
	<u>\$ 2,889,994</u>

Note 6 – Short-term debt

Transactions in short-term debt for the year are summarized below:

	Maturity	Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Ending Balance
BAN	6/29/2023	2.48%	<u>\$ 2,700,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,700,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
BAN	6/28/2024	3.90%	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,650,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,650,000</u>

The BAN is a general obligation of the District. The purpose of the BAN is to provide financing for capital projects in anticipation of permanent bond financing for the project.

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Note 6 – Short-term debt (continued)

Interest on short-term debt for the year was composed of:

Interest paid	\$ 66,960
Less interest accrued in the prior year	(66,960)
Plus interest accrued in the current year	-
Total expense	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 7 – Long-term debt obligations

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Further, the unmatured principal of general long-term debt does not require current appropriation or expenditure of governmental fund financial resources.

Serial Bonds

The School District borrows money in order to acquire land or equipment, construct buildings, or make improvements. This enables the cost of these capital assets to be borne by the present and future taxpayers receiving the benefit of the capital asset. These long-term liabilities are full faith and credit debt of the local government. The provisions will be in the General Fund's future budgets for capital indebtedness.

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	Balance at June 30, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance at June 30, 2023	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
Serial bonds	\$ 51,882,984	\$ 512,588	\$ (5,050,093)	\$ 47,345,479	\$ 5,171,752
Other postemployment					
benefits payable	17,084,425	1,305,665	-	18,390,090	1,680,234
Workers compensation	797,329	-	(147,295)	650,034	650,034
Compensated absences	1,740,328	54,959	-	1,795,287	448,822
Net pension liability	-	5,161,717	-	5,161,717	-
Total	<u>\$ 71,505,066</u>	<u>\$ 7,034,929</u>	<u>\$ (5,197,388)</u>	<u>\$ 73,342,607</u>	<u>\$ 7,950,842</u>

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Note 7 – Long-term debt obligations (continued)

The General Fund has typically been used to liquidate long-term liabilities such as compensated absences. Existing serial and statutory bond obligations:

	Year of Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance June 30, 2023
Serial bonds:				
Construction	2015	2038	3.0%-5.0%	\$ 1,260,000
Construction	2015	2038	3.0%-5.0%	12,020,000
DASNY Bond	2016	2030	Various	1,125,000
Bond Premium	2016	2030	Various	197,906
2010 Refunding	2017	2028	2.0%-5.0%	3,335,000
2010 Refunding Premium	2017	2028	Various	513,508
Bus Bond	2018	2023	2.5% - 2.625%	95,000
Bus Bond	2019	2024	1.85%	195,000
Bus Bond	2020	2026	1.10%	255,000
Bus Bond	2021	2027	1.00%	405,000
DASNY Bond	2022	2036	5.00%	25,245,000
DASNY Bond Premium	2022	2036	Various	2,186,477
Bus Bond	2023	2027	3.0% - 3.375%	512,588
				<u>\$ 47,345,479</u>

The following is a summary of the maturity of long-term indebtedness:

	Serial Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
Year ended June 30,		
2024	\$ 5,171,752	\$ 2,113,334
2025	5,122,271	1,890,097
2026	4,026,463	1,675,641
2027	4,126,463	1,493,391
2028	4,216,463	1,301,328
2029-2033	14,382,497	4,324,388
2034-2038	10,069,570	1,079,500
2039-2043	230,000	5,750
Totals	<u>\$ 47,345,479</u>	<u>\$ 13,883,429</u>

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Note 7 – Long-term debt obligations (continued)

Interest on long-term debt for the year was composed of:

Interest paid	\$ 2,683,422
Less interest accrued in the prior year	(73,796)
Plus interest accrued in the current year	<u>129,058</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,738,684</u></u>

Defeased Debt

In prior years, the District refunded approximately \$18,880,000 of 2008 serial bonds for approximately \$19,630,000 of 2015 serial bonds for a defeasance of refunded debt of \$1,060,000. This defeasance of debt has been recorded as a deferred outflow of resources and will be amortized over a period of 24 years, the life of the bond. This amortization results in annual reduction of interest expense of \$46,087.

In prior years, \$8,730,000 in general obligation bonds were issued to advance refund \$9,005,000 of 2010 outstanding bonds. The net proceeds were used to purchase U.S. Government Securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on those bonds. As a result, the bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the financial statements. This refunding created a defeasance of refunded debt of \$686,772. This defeasance of has been recorded as a deferred outflow of resources and will be amortized over a period of 11 years, the life of the bond. This amortization results in annual reduction of interest expense of \$62,434.

The total defeasance on bond refunding is recorded as a deferred outflow of resources on the government wide statement of net position and approximated \$1,066,000 at June 30, 2023.

Note 8 – Pension plans

General Information

The District participates in the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability. See Note 1 for further plan details.

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Note 9 – Interfund balances and activity

	Interfund			
	Receivable	Payable	Revenue	Expenditure
General fund	\$ 1,219,374	\$ 7,721	\$ 2,200	\$ 139,136
Special aid fund	7,721	1,219,374	39,136	-
Capital fund	-	1,773	100,000	-
Debt service fund	1,773	-	-	2,200
Total government activities	<u>\$ 1,228,868</u>	<u>\$ 1,228,868</u>	<u>\$ 141,336</u>	<u>\$ 141,336</u>

Interfund receivables and payables are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues. All interfund payables are expected to be repaid within one year. During 2022-2023 the General Fund transferred \$39,136 to the Special Aid Fund for the District's share of the special education summer school program its students attended. The General Fund also transferred \$100,000 to the Capital Fund for the 2022-2023 capital outlay project. The Capital Fund transferred \$2,200 to the General Fund to pay the District's portion of the BAN and interest.

Note 10 – Post-employment benefits obligations payable

Plan Description- The District administers a defined benefit OPEB plan that provides OPEB for all permanent full-time general employees of the District. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan (the Plan) administered by Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes which grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the District's Board, subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements, and Board of Education policy. The Plan does not issue a separate financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

Funding Policy- The obligations of the Plan members and employers are established by action of the District pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and other employment agreements. Employees contribute varying percentages of the premiums, depending on when retired and their applicable agreement. Employees are required to reach age 55 and have 3 to 15 years of service to qualify for other post-employment benefits. The District currently funds the Plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis. During the year ended June 30, 2023, approximately \$834,791 was paid on behalf of 62 retirees.

Benefits Provided- The District provides for continuation of medical and/or Medicare Part B benefits for certain retirees and their spouses. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under, retirees and their spouses receive benefits until Medicare coverage begins. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Note 10 – Post-employment benefits obligations payable (continued)

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At June 30, 2023 the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees and survivors	70
Actives	<u>340</u>
	<u>410</u>

Net OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$18,390,090 was measured as of July 1, 2022, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs- The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5% (Based on CPI)
Salary increases	Varied by years of service and retirement system
Discount rate	3.54% (Bond Buyer GO 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index)
Healthcare cost trend rates	
Medical	7.8 % for 2024 decrease to an ultimate rate of 3.94% by 2093

The Discount rate was based on Bond Buyer Weekly 20-Bond GO Index

Mortality rates were based on RPH-2014 Mortality Table, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

Retirement participation rate assumed that 85% of eligible Teachers and Instructional Administrators and 75% of participants other than Teachers and Instructional Administrators will elect medical coverage at retirement age, and 48% of active member's spouses will elect medical coverage. Additionally, a tiered approach based on age and years of service was used to determine retirement rate assumption.

Termination rates are based on tables used by the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and the New York State and Local Retirement System for female employees. Rates are tiered based on the percentage of employees who will terminate employment at any given age each year, for reasons other than death or retirement.

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Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 10 – Post-employment benefits obligations payable (continued)

Changes in the District's net OPEB liability were as follows:

Balance at June 30, 2022	\$ 17,084,425
<u>Changes for the year</u>	
Service cost	630,454
Interest	370,718
Changes of benefit terms	1,063,329
Differences between expected and actual experience	776,838
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(752,406)
Benefit payments	(783,268)
Net changes	<u>1,305,665</u>
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 18,390,090</u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.14% in 2022 to 3.54% in 2023.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate- The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.54%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.54%) than the current discount rate.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 19,774,054</u>	<u>\$ 18,390,090</u>	<u>\$ 17,086,154</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate- The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 16,649,652</u>	<u>\$ 18,390,090</u>	<u>\$ 20,400,810</u>

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 10 – Post-employment benefits obligations payable (continued)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$1,680,234. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,312,465	\$ 995,537
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	997,271	1,597,773
Contributions subsequent to the measurement period	<u>1,006,149</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>\$ 3,315,885</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,593,310</u></u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (384,267)
2025	(295,269)
2026	(190,798)
2027	141,063
2028	282,900
2029 and thereafter	<u>162,797</u>
	<u><u>\$ (283,574)</u></u>

Note 11 – Risk management

General:

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage, injuries, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and other risks. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in past years.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 11 – Risk management (continued)

Workers' Compensation: The District incurs costs related to the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Workers' Compensation Plan (Plan) sponsored by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The Plan's objectives are to furnish workers' compensation benefits to participating districts at a significant cost savings. Membership in the Plan may be offered to any component district of the BOCES with the approval of the Board of Directors. Voluntary withdrawal from the Plan may be effective only once annually on the last day of the Plan year as may be established by the Board of Directors. Notice of the Intention to Withdrawal must be given in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer not less than one year prior to the end of the Plan year.

Plan membership is currently comprised of thirty-one districts. If a surplus of participants' assessments exists after the close of a Plan year, the Board may retain from such surplus an amount sufficient to establish and maintain a claim contingency fund. Surplus funds in excess of the amount transferred to or included in such contingency fund shall be applied in reduction of the next annual assessment or to the billing of Plan participants. All monies paid to the Treasurer by participants shall be commingled and administered as a common fund. No refunds shall be made to a participant and no assessments shall be charged to a participant other than the annual assessment.

However, if it appears to the Board of Directors that the liabilities of the Plan will exceed its cash assets, after taking into account any "excess insurance", the Board shall determine the amount needed to meet such deficiency and shall assess such amount against all participants pro-rata per enrollee.

The Plan purchases, on an annual basis, stop-loss insurance to limit its exposure for claims paid. The Plan establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses.

However, because actual claims costs depend on complex factors, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Such claims are based on the ultimate cost of claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled, and claims that have been incurred but not reported. Adjustments to claims liabilities are charged or credited to expenses in the periods in which they are made. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Phoenix Central School District incurred premiums or contribution expenditures totaling \$266,210.

The Plan is audited on an annual basis and is available at the BOCES administrative offices. The most recent audit available is for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's outstanding case reserves at June 30, 2023 approximated \$650,000.

Unemployment:

District employees are entitled to coverage under the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law. The District has elected to discharge its liability to the New York State Unemployment Insurance Fund (the Fund) by the benefit reimbursement method, a dollar-for-dollar reimbursement to the fund for benefits paid from the fund to former employees. The District has established a self-insurance fund to pay these claims. The claim and judgment expenditures of this program for the 2022-23 fiscal year totaled \$3,233. The balance of the fund at June 30, 2023 was \$135,869 and is recorded in the General Fund as an Unemployment Insurance Reserve. In addition, as of June 30, 2023, no loss contingencies existed or were considered probable or estimable for incurred but not reported claims payable.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 11 – Risk management (continued)

Health Insurance: The District incurs costs related to an employee health insurance plan (plan). The plan objectives are to formulate, develop and administer a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for that coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. Districts joining the plan must remain a member for a minimum of five years; a member may withdraw from the plan after that time by providing written intent to withdraw on or before January 1st of the commencement of the school year for which the withdrawal is intended to be effective. In the event of a withdrawal, the consortium may determine any sums which are due and owed to the plan or participant. The Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of Central New York consortium has twenty-nine (29) members with each bearing a pro-rata share of the plan's assets and claims liabilities. Plan members are subject to a pro-rata supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies.

If the plan's assets were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the plan's liabilities. The plan uses a reinsurance agreement to reduce its exposure to large losses on insured events. Reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from the reinsurer, although it does not discharge the liability of the plan as direct insurer of the risks reinsured. All plan cash accounts are collateralized by securities held by the financial institution where deposits are made. The plan establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses. However, because actual claims costs depend on complex factors, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount.

Such claims are based on the ultimate cost of the claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled, and claims that have been incurred but not reported. Adjustments to claim liabilities are charged or credited to expense in the periods in which they are made. The District incurred premiums totaling approximately \$5,231,000 for the current year. Payments of claims and claim adjustment expenses are pooled for the group and each member's premiums are adjusted accordingly.

Note 12 – Commitments and contingencies

The District has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the state and federal governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior years' experience, the District's administration believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

New York State Education Law requires that most capital projects require approval by the New York Office of Facilities Planning. New York State provides building aid for certain type of capital projects undertaken by school districts. Building aid is subject to numerous reporting requirements. The failure to adhere to these reporting requirements could lead to the refund of building aid already received and the loss of future aid on these particular capital projects. Building aid represents a significant source of financing for the Districts' financing of such projects and any loss or refund of building aid could have a significant impact on these financial statements.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 13 – Donor-restricted endowments

The District administers endowment funds, which are restricted by the donor for the purposes of student scholarships. Donor-restricted endowments are reported at fair value. The District authorizes expenditures from donor-restricted endowments in compliance with the wishes expressed by the donor, which varies among the unique endowments administered by the District. Such endowments are recorded within the General Fund, in accordance with GASB 84.

Note 14 – Unrestricted net position

Unrestricted net position in the general fund consist of the following at June 30, 2023:

Reserve for encumbrances	\$ 265,233
Unreserved	<u>3,791,051</u>
Total unrestricted net position general fund	<u><u>\$ 4,056,284</u></u>

Note 15 – Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 23, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. On August 24, 2023, the District issued serial bonds for \$507,311 at an interest rate of 4.05% - 4.7% to be repaid annually through August 15, 2028.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Schedules of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Measurement date	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2017
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 18,390,090	\$ 17,084,425	\$ 16,684,053	\$ 14,247,464	\$ 14,175,351	\$ 17,660,749
Service cost	630,454	637,897	454,600	469,407	585,723	704,570
Interest	370,718	375,057	505,500	556,075	645,580	539,242
Changes in benefit terms	1,063,329	-	(395,063)	-	(491,242)	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total OPEB liability	776,838	-	953,589	-	(2,531,862)	-
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(752,406)	89,552	1,436,364	(401,570)	(1,066,235)	(1,458,754)
Benefit payments	(783,268)	(702,134)	(518,401)	(551,799)	(627,362)	(681,098)
Net change in total OPEB liability	1,305,665	400,372	2,436,589	72,113	(3,485,398)	(896,040)
Total OPEB liability- beginning	\$ 17,084,425	\$ 16,684,053	\$ 14,247,464	\$ 14,175,351	\$ 17,660,749	\$ 18,556,789
Total OPEB liability- ending	\$ 18,390,090	\$ 17,084,425	\$ 16,684,053	\$ 14,247,464	\$ 14,175,351	\$ 17,660,749
Covered payroll	\$ 22,035,558	\$ 20,740,745	\$ 21,071,978	\$ 20,972,636	\$ 20,828,871	\$ 19,678,000
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	83%	82%	79%	68%	68%	90%

Note:

The District does not have net assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions* to pay OPEB benefits. The District currently contributes enough money to the plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

See paragraph on required supplementary schedules included in the auditor's report.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Unaudited				Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Year-End	Variance with
	Budget	Budget	(Budgetary Basis)	Encumbrances	Budgetary Actual
REVENUES					
Local sources					
Real property taxes	\$ 17,600,873	\$ 17,600,873	\$ 17,472,876		\$ (127,997)
Other tax items	96,000	96,000	100,118		4,118
Nonproperty taxes	7,500	2,500	7,844		5,344
Charges for services	3,500	3,500	5,971		2,471
Use of money and property	4,000	4,000	549,268		545,268
Sale of property and compensation for loss	13,500	13,500	22,537		9,037
Miscellaneous	307,000	307,000	860,161		553,161
Total local sources	18,032,373	18,027,373	19,018,775		991,402
State sources	32,033,898	32,033,898	34,164,143		2,130,245
Medicaid	45,000	45,000	168,734		123,734
Federal sources	-	-	-		-
Total revenues	50,111,271	50,106,271	53,351,652		3,245,381
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Transfer from other funds	250,000	250,000	2,200		(247,800)
Total revenues and other sources	50,361,271	50,356,271	53,353,852		2,997,581
EXPENDITURES					
General support					
Board of education	18,600	18,600	16,737	-	1,863
Central administration	285,150	294,310	286,137	-	8,173
Finance	550,853	537,514	515,249	743	21,522
Staff	204,838	206,428	188,126	-	18,302
Central services	4,118,503	4,182,548	3,786,015	73,000	323,533
Special items	1,015,661	1,015,661	1,124,014	-	(108,353)
Total general support	6,193,605	6,255,061	5,916,278	73,743	265,040
Instruction					
Administration and improvement	1,768,873	1,773,216	1,638,337	-	134,879
Teaching - regular school	12,818,545	11,892,911	10,794,561	35,579	1,062,771
Programs for students with disabilities	4,518,236	4,117,027	3,769,304	118,983	228,740
Occupational education	650,000	650,000	563,840	-	86,160
Teaching - special schools	526,124	526,124	321,887	-	204,237
Instructional media	1,815,751	2,354,609	2,312,341	14,944	27,324
Pupil services	1,842,156	1,857,774	1,611,285	21,872	224,617
Total instruction	23,939,685	23,171,661	21,011,555	191,378	1,968,728
Pupil transportation	2,236,876	2,222,686	2,200,147	112	22,427
Employee benefits	10,506,365	10,314,365	9,811,169	-	503,196
Debt service	7,297,240	8,489,240	8,484,321	-	4,919
Total expenditures	50,173,771	50,453,013	47,423,470	265,233	2,764,310
OTHER FINANCING USES					
Transfer to other funds	187,500	187,500	139,136	-	48,364
	187,500	187,500	139,136	-	48,364
Total expenditures and other uses	\$ 50,361,271	\$ 50,640,513	47,562,606	\$ 265,233	\$ 2,812,674
Net change in fund balance			5,791,246		
Fund balance - beginning			27,788,698		
Fund balance - ending			\$ 33,579,944		

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Budget Basis of Accounting

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

See paragraph on required supplementary schedules included in the auditor's report.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of District Contributions
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

<i>Teachers' Retirement System</i>									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,732,498	\$ 1,564,367	\$ 1,459,026	\$ 1,720,288	\$ 1,649,475	\$ 1,449,625	\$ 1,832,971	\$ 1,994,304	\$ 2,672,413
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,732,498	1,564,367	1,459,026	1,720,288	1,649,475	1,449,625	1,832,971	1,994,304	2,672,413
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 17,678,551	\$ 16,415,184	\$ 15,309,822	\$ 19,416,343	\$ 15,531,780	\$ 14,792,092	\$ 15,639,684	\$ 15,040,000	\$ 15,244,797
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.80%	9.80%	9.53%	8.86%	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.53%
<i>Employees' Retirement System</i>									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 476,348	\$ 597,475	\$ 630,428	\$ 612,767	\$ 603,939	\$ 608,944	\$ 608,465	\$ 728,746	\$ 684,888
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	476,348	597,475	630,428	612,767	603,939	608,944	608,465	728,746	684,888
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 4,357,007	\$ 4,325,561	\$ 5,762,156	\$ 1,556,293	\$ 5,297,091	\$ 4,885,908	\$ 5,485,600	\$ 4,997,120	\$ 5,232,375
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	11%	14%	11%	39%	11%	12%	11%	15%	13%

See paragraph on required supplementary schedules included in the auditor's report.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability)
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	<i>Teachers' Retirement System</i>								
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension asset (liability)	0.091990%	0.090524%	0.091417%	0.093051%	0.095516%	0.098099%	0.098798%	0.100201%	0.102798%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (1,765,180)	\$ 15,686,988	\$ (2,526,092)	\$ 2,417,480	\$ 1,727,179	\$ 745,649	\$ (1,058,166)	\$ 12,429,229	\$ 14,089,631
District's covered payroll	\$ 17,678,551	\$ 16,415,184	\$ 15,309,822	\$ 19,416,343	\$ 15,531,780	\$ 14,792,092	\$ 15,639,684	\$ 15,040,000	\$ 15,244,797
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	-10%	96%	-16%	12%	11%	5%	-7%	83%	92%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset (liability)	98.60%	113.20%	97.80%	102.20%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%
	<i>Employees' Retirement System</i>								
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension asset (liability)	0.0158391%	0.0156363%	0.0157063%	0.0153847%	0.0152775%	0.0154044%	0.0151410%	0.0145348%	0.0141592%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (3,396,537)	\$ 1,278,199	\$ (15,639)	\$ (4,073,955)	\$ (1,082,458)	\$ (497,169)	\$ (1,422,686)	\$ (2,332,872)	\$ (478,333)
District's covered payroll	\$ 4,357,007	\$ 4,325,561	\$ 5,762,156	\$ 1,556,293	\$ 5,297,091	\$ 4,885,908	\$ 5,485,600	\$ 4,997,120	\$ 5,232,375
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	-78%	30%	0%	262%	20%	10%	26%	47%	9%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset (liability)	90.78%	103.65%	99.95%	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%	97.90%

See paragraph on required supplementary schedules included in the auditor's report.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedules of Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget
and the Real Property Tax Limit
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

CHANGE FROM ADOPTED TO REVISED BUDGET

Adopted budget	\$ 50,361,271
Add prior year's encumbrances	<u>279,242</u>
Original budget	50,640,513
Budget revision:	<u>-</u>
Revised budget	<u><u>\$ 50,640,513</u></u>

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION

2023-24 voter-approved expenditure budget	
maximum allowed (4% of 2023-24 budget)	\$ 51,531,140
General fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law*:	
Unrestricted fund balance:	
Assigned fund balance	265,233
Unassigned fund balance	<u>3,791,051</u>
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u>4,056,284</u>
Less:	
Appropriated fund balance	-
Encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance	<u>265,233</u>
Total adjustments	<u>265,233</u>
General fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	<u><u>\$ 3,791,051</u></u>
Actual percentage	7.36%

*Per Office of the State Comptroller's "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", Updated April 2011 (Originally Issued November 2010), the portion of [General Fund] fund balance subject to Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law is: unrestricted fund balance (i.e., the total of the committed, assigned, and unassigned classifications), minus appropriated fund balance, amounts reserved for insurance recovery, amounts reserved for tax reduction, and encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Project Expenditures - Capital Projects Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

PROJECT TITLE	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expenditures				Unexpended Balance	Methods of Financing				Fund Balance 06/30/2023
			Prior Years	Current Year	Transfers	Total		Proceeds of Obligations	State Aid	Local Sources	Total	
Buses 2022-2023	\$ 510,488	\$ 510,488	\$ -	\$ 510,488	\$ -	\$ 510,488	\$ -	\$ 512,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512,588	\$ 2,100
Capital Outlay 2022-2023	100,000	100,000	-	97,800	2,200	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-
2020 Project	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	-	-	2,600,000	-	-	-	2,600,000	2,600,000	-
JCB Project	38,000,000	38,278,000	36,869,342	1,296,106	-	38,165,448	112,552	30,230,000	-	8,235,000	38,465,000	299,552
Total projects	<u>\$ 41,210,488</u>	<u>\$ 41,488,488</u>	<u>\$ 39,469,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,904,394</u>	<u>\$ 2,200</u>	<u>\$ 41,375,936</u>	<u>\$ 112,552</u>	<u>\$ 30,742,588</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,935,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,677,588</u>	<u>\$ 301,652</u>

See paragraph on supplementary information included in auditor's report.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Net Investment in Capital Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Capital assets, net		\$ 86,041,730
Deduct:		
Bond anticipation note payable	(1,650,000)	
Defeasance on bond refunding	(1,065,907)	
Short-term portion of bonds payable	(5,171,752)	
Long-term portion of bonds payable	(42,173,727)	
	<u> </u>	<u>(50,061,386)</u>
Net investment in capital assets		<u>\$ 35,980,344</u>

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in the auditor's report.



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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the
Phoenix Central School District
Phoenix, New York

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Phoenix Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Phoenix Central School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 23, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

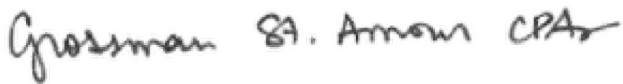
We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of Phoenix Central School District in a separate letter dated October 23, 2023.

Phoenix Central School District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Phoenix Central School District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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



Syracuse, New York
October 23, 2023



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the
Phoenix Central School District
Phoenix, New York

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Phoenix Central School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Phoenix Central School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Phoenix Central School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Phoenix Central School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

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

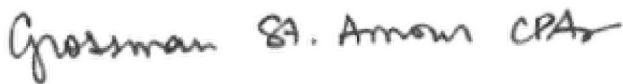
A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001 to be a significant deficiency.

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

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

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Phoenix Central School District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Phoenix Central School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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



Syracuse, New York
October 23, 2023

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Number</u>	<u>Passed Through to Subrecipients</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Education:				
Passed-Through New York State Department of Education (Grantor's No. 462001060000):				
		0021232370/002		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	1222370		\$ 519,513
		0147232370 /		
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	0147222370		77,666
		0204232370 /		
Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424	0204222370		26,102
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0032220718		554,885
Special Education Grants to States-ARP	84.027X	5532220718		32,709
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0033220718		19,789
Special Education Preschool Grants-ARP	84.173X	5533220718		3,336
Subtotal Special Education Cluster				<u>610,719</u>
Education Stabilization Funds:				
American Rescue Plan- Homeless Children & Youth I	84.425W	5212213115		6,919
American Rescue Plan- Homeless Children & Youth II	84.425W	5218212370		563
American Rescue Plan- ESSER 5% Learning Loss Reserve	84.425U	5884212370		72,239
American Rescue Plan- 1% Reserve- Summer Enrichment	84.425U	5882212370		44,731
American Rescue Plan- 1% Reserve- Comprehensive After School	84.425U	5883212370		63,564
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)- II	84.425D	5891212370		219,275
American Rescue Plan- ESSER III	84.425U	5880212370		<u>1,259,995</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education				<u>2,901,286</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture:				
Passed-Through New York State Department of Education (Grantor's No. 462001060000):				
Child Nutrition Discretionary grant	10.579			11,845
Pandemic EBT Grant	10.649			1,884
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559			19,311
National School Breakfast Program	10.553			141,549
National School Lunch Program	10.555			520,100
National School Lunch Program (Noncash)	10.555			50,804
Subtotal Child Nutrition Cluster				<u>731,764</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards				<u>\$ 3,646,779</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of federal award programs administered by the Phoenix Central School District, which is described in Note 1 to the District's accompanying financial statements, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Federal awards that are included in the schedule may be received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards that are passed through from other government agencies. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is a summary of the activity of Phoenix Central District's federal award programs and presents transactions that are included in the financial statements of the District presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect costs are included in the reported expenditures to the extent they are included in the federal financial reports used as the source for the data provided. Phoenix Central School District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

4. Food Distribution

The District is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements. The District had \$50,804 of food commodities in inventory under the National School Lunch Program (CFDA 10.555).

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended June 30, 2023

I. Summary of Audit Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: *unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? _____ Yes X None reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness? X Yes _____ None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: *unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? X Yes _____ No

Identification of major programs:

<i>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</i>	<i>CFDA Number(s)</i>
Education Stabilization Funds	84.425C, 84.425D, 84.425U, 84.425W

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X Yes _____ No

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended June 30, 2023

II. Financial Statement Findings

None

III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Education Stabilization Funds (84.425D, 84.425U, 84.425W)

2023-001 Allowable Costs/ Cost Principles – Support of Salaries and Wages

Condition: The District did not comply with the required standards of Support and Salaries and Wages as employees with time charged to the Education Stabilization Fund grants during the 2022-2023 fiscal year did not complete monthly or semi-annual certification forms or personnel activity reports (PAR) to verify their time distribution.

Criteria: The distribution of salaries and wages is to be supported by either time certifications or personnel activity reports or other equivalent documentation which meets the standards in Subsection 8.h(5) of the OMB Circular A-87 Part 225 Appendix B. The certification of employees who work on one cost objective must be prepared at least semi-annually. Personnel activity reports of employees who work on multiple activities or cost objectives must be prepared at least monthly and meet certain prescribed standards, such as accounting for the employee's total compensation, and reflecting after-the-fact distribution of the actual activity of each employee.

The costs of such compensation are allowable to the extent that they satisfy the specific requirements of this and other appendices under 2 CFR Part 225, and that the total compensation for individual employees: (3) is determined and supported as provided in Subsection h. (8. Compensation for Personal Services A.(3).)

Cause: The District did not have a process in place to ensure employees completed the required time and effort certifications and comply with the required standards noted above.

Effect: It is more likely that the extent of effort charged to the various cost objectives may not be representative of the related time spent on the respective grants.

Recommendation: We recommend that management require copies of payroll certification forms or personnel activity reports be completed either monthly or semi-annually based on the specific employees charged to the grant in order to remain compliant with allowable cost requirements.

PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended June 30, 2023

IV. Prior Year Findings

2022-001 - Fixed Assets

Condition: The District contracts with a third party service to maintain fixed assets. Throughout the year the District sends additional disposal information to the third party to record within the fixed asset module. Reports are sent to the District and are used to reconcile the fixed asset activity reported in the government-wide financial statements. In 2021-2022 the report of fixed asset additions did not agree to the District's records by approximately \$5.4 million for additions that were not entered in the proper period. In addition, current year fixed asset additions did not reconcile to capital project expenditures by approximately \$895,000. The District did not perform a formal reconciliation of fixed asset activity, including construction in progress, to total project expenditures incurred resulting in proposed adjustments of approximately \$31.5 million.

Recommendation: We recommend the District review and reconcile fixed asset reports to project expenditures periodically throughout the year.

Current Status: The recommendations were adopted in the 2022-2023 school year. No similar findings were identified in the 2023 audit.