

**CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota**

***REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(with supplementary information)
Year Ended June 30, 2023***

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Carrington, North Dakota
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

School Board
CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49**, Carrington, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49**, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental 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 **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49**'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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT - continued

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 9 and 43 through 44 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT - continued

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2024, on our consideration of the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49'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 effectiveness of the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



SCHAUER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Jamestown, North Dakota
January 7, 2024

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
Year Ended June 30, 2023

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** (known as the School District) financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year 2022-2023 are as follows:

- Net position of **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** increased \$1,463,187 as a result of the current year's operations.
- Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$7,553,143.
- Total revenues from all sources were \$10,671,062.
- Total expenditures were \$9,207,875.
- The School District's general fund had \$8,064,951 in total revenues and \$7,360,035 in total expenditures. Overall, the general fund balance increased by \$619,321 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. These statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column.

REPORTING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

These statements are summaries of all funds used by the **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question "How did the School District do financially during the year ended June 30, 2023?"

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

The Statement of Activities presents information on how the School District's net position changed during the fiscal year. This statement is presenting amounts using the accrual basis of accounting, which means

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

that all changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected taxes, earned but unused sick leave and vacation leave).

These two statements report the School District's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or deteriorated. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the School District reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are activities where most of the School District's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of buildings and grounds, student transportation and co-curricular activities.

REPORTING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The School District uses separate funds to account for and manage money dedicated for particular purposes (e.g. taxes collected from special mill levies and funds received from grants and donations). The fund basis financial statements allow the School District to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The general fund is considered a major fund using the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 34.

The School District's other funds, which are used to account for a multitude of financial transactions, are summarized under the heading "Other Governmental Funds" which includes the school lunch fund, special reserve fund and school activity fund.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Table I provides a summary of the School District's net position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

As indicated in the financial highlights above, the School District's net position increased by \$1,463,187 for the year ended June 30, 2023 and increased by \$1,964,006 for the year ended June 30, 2022. Changes in net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the School District's financial condition.

The School District's net position of \$7,553,143 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets is 96% of total net position. Restricted net position represents 45% of the School District's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending.

Table I
NET POSITION

ASSETS	06/30/23	06/30/22
Current assets	\$ 7,038,086	\$ 6,810,926
Capital assets (net of depreciation)	19,913,214	19,673,942
Deferred outflows of resources	2,198,285	1,502,640
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	29,149,585	27,987,508

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	1,241,620	1,183,270
Long-term liabilities	<u>18,916,957</u>	<u>17,568,700</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>20,158,577</u>	<u>18,751,970</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,437,865</u>	<u>3,145,582</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	7,245,386	6,024,229
Restricted	3,366,782	3,570,465
Unrestricted	<u>(3,059,025)</u>	<u>(3,504,738)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>7,553,143</u>	<u>6,089,956</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	<u>\$ 29,149,585</u>	<u>\$ 27,987,508</u>

Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Table II
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Years ended June 30,
2023 2022

REVENUES				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 900,634	8.44%	\$ 1,095,294	10.32%
Operating grants and contributions	964,654	9.04	1,252,410	11.81
General revenues				
Property taxes	4,057,909	38.03	4,066,062	38.32
State aid - unrestricted	4,587,293	42.99	4,191,883	39.51
Other	160,572	1.50	69,993	.66
Loss on disposition of assets			(66,021)	(.62)
Total Revenues	<u>10,671,062</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>10,609,621</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
EXPENSES				
Regular instruction	4,235,065	45.99	3,874,769	44.82%
Federal programs	525,434	5.71	423,404	4.90
Special education	703,133	7.64	652,558	7.55
Vocational education	237,859	2.58	277,058	3.20
Instructional support services	188,711	2.05	180,388	2.09
Administrative services	417,271	4.53	573,240	6.63
Operation and maintenance of plant	668,136	7.25	640,472	7.41
Student transportation	571,393	6.21	531,279	6.14
Extracurricular activities	957,150	10.39	787,999	9.11

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	2023		2022	
Food service	434,178	4.72	404,812	4.68
Interest on long-term debt	269,545	2.93	299,636	3.47
Total Expenses	9,207,875	100.00%	8,645,615	100.00%
Change in Net Position	1,463,187		1,964,006	
Beginning Net Position	6,089,956		4,125,950	
Ending Net Position	\$ 7,553,143		\$6,089,956	

Property taxes constituted 38%, unrestricted state aid 43%, operating grants and contributions 9% and charges for services 8% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the School District for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Property taxes constituted 38%, unrestricted state aid 40%, operating grants and contributions 12% and charges for services 10% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the School District for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Regular instruction constituted 46%, vocational education 3%, and special education 8% of total expenditures for governmental activities for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Regular instruction constituted 45%, vocational education 3% and special education 8% of total expenditures for governmental activities for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table III shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenues and other unrestricted revenues.

Table III
TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

	Total Cost For Year Ended June 30, 2023	Net Cost For Year Ended June 30, 2023	Total Cost For Year Ended June 30, 2022	Net Cost For Year Ended June 30, 2022
Regular instruction	\$ 4,235,065	\$ 4,149,506	\$ 3,874,769	\$ 3,854,116
Federal programs	525,434	17,176	423,404	(150,821)
Special education	703,133	703,133	652,558	652,558
Vocational education	237,859	190,510	277,058	230,245
Instructional support services	188,711	188,711	180,388	180,388
Administrative services	417,271	417,271	573,240	573,240
Operation and maintenance of plant	668,136	668,136	640,472	640,472
Student transportation	571,393	404,763	531,279	364,064
Extracurricular activities	957,150	403,845	787,999	(235,636)
Food service	434,178	(70,009)	404,812	(110,351)
Interest on long-term debt	269,545	269,545	299,636	299,636
	<u>\$ 9,207,875</u>	<u>\$ 7,342,587</u>	<u>\$ 8,645,615</u>	<u>\$ 6,297,911</u>

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The purpose of the School District's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of available resources. Unreserved fund balance generally can be used as a measure of the School District's resources available for spending as of the end of the fiscal year. Those funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The School District's governmental funds had total revenues of \$10,640,690 and expenditures of \$10,452,358 for the year ended June 30, 2023. As of June 30, 2023, the total unassigned fund balance of all District governmental funds was \$3,336,389. The School District's governmental funds had total revenues of \$10,631,119 and expenditures of \$9,602,079 for the year ended June 30, 2022. As of June 30, 2022, the total unassigned fund balance for all School District governmental funds was \$2,777,082.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Actual revenue for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$12,124 more than budgeted. This was mainly due to less federal funds than was budgeted but more tax revenues and interest income. Actual revenue for the year ended June 30, 2022, was \$267,647 more than budgeted. This was mainly due to more federal funds than was budgeted.

Actual expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2023, were \$610,082 less than budgeted. This was mainly due in part to less spent in regular instruction than was budgeted. Actual expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2022, were \$441,400 less than budgeted. This was mainly due in part to less spent in regular instruction and maintenance than was budgeted but also more spent in federal expenditures than was budgeted.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of June 30, 2023, **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** had \$19,913,214 invested in capital assets. Table IV shows the balances as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Table IV
CAPITAL ASSETS (net accumulated depreciation)

	2023	2022
Land	\$ 43,598	\$ 43,598
Construction in progress		200,000
Buildings	18,286,433	17,665,114
Equipment	652,612	710,032
Equipment under capital lease	10,292	14,544
Vehicles	920,279	1,040,654
Total Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	<u>\$ 19,913,214</u>	<u>\$ 19,673,942</u>

This total represents an increase of \$239,272 in capital assets from July 1, 2022. For a detailed breakdown of additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 5 to the audited financial statements that follow this analysis.

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2023, the School District had \$12,773,816 of outstanding long-term debt consisting of bonds and compensated absences. For more detailed information on the School District's debt, please refer to Note 7 of the basic financial statements.

FOR THE FUTURE

The Carrington School district, located in Foster County, North Dakota, is an accredited K-12 school district that covers over 775 square miles. The Carrington School District is a progressive school district that is housed in one campus. The high school was originally built in 1962, with a junior high addition completed in 2008 and an elementary addition completed in 2018. There are two gymnasiums, a shared commons/cafe/teraria are and two library media centers.

The district has been recognized as one of the top ten districts in the state for serving students with special needs in 2020, and the elementary school was recognized as a 2012 National Blue-Ribbon school. Carrington's students consistently score above the state average on standardized tests, with over 85% of graduates attending postsecondary education.

The school district has experienced an increase in enrollment over the past several years as a result of open enrolling families from neighboring districts. The school offers 1:1 technology, with K-6 students having iPads, and 7-12 students with MacBook Air computers. The school is in its ninth year of the one-to-one program. In addition to state-of-the-art digital devices, students are challenged with an aggressive curriculum of Advanced Placement, dual credit and college credit course offerings. Girls Wrestling was added as an extra-curricular offering last year.

The district is in the third year of a five-year strategic plan, which makes the priorities clear. The plan provides transparency for the public, and will hold the district accountable for maintaining the focus on what benefits the students. The plan invites all stakeholders to help in the mission of the school district of "Empowering our students for the future."

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our parents, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives to provide the best possible education to all students enrolled in Carrington Public Schools. Anyone who has questions about the information contained in this report or who is interested in receiving additional information is encouraged to contact the Business Manager of **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49**, 100 3rd Avenue South, Carrington, ND 58421; phone 701-652-3136, fax 701-652-1243.

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,745,900
Certificates of deposit over three months	500,882
Taxes receivable	214,828
Receivable from other governmentals	569,798
Inventories	6,678
Capital Assets	
Land	43,598
Buildings	22,349,460
Equipment	1,927,983
Equipment under capital lease	18,797
Vehicles	1,724,626
Less: accumulated depreciation	(6,151,250)
Total Capital Assets	<u>19,913,214</u>
Total Assets	<u>26,951,300</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions - NDTFFR	934,703
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions - NDPERS	1,236,617
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	26,965
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>2,198,285</u>
 Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	 <u><u>\$ 29,149,585</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 194,778
Due within one year	
Bonds and capital leases	982,397
Interest payable	64,445
Due in more than one year	
Bonds and capital leases	11,685,431
Compensated absences	105,988
Net Pension Obligation - NDTFFR	5,397,925
Net Pension Obligation - NDPERS	1,678,100
Net OPEB liability	49,513
Total Liabilities	<u>20,158,577</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions - NDTFFR	737,290
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions - NDPERS	696,932
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	3,643
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,437,865</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	7,245,386
Restricted for:	
Debt service	2,459,683
Other purposes	907,099
Unrestricted	<u>(3,059,025)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>7,553,143</u>
 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	 <u><u>\$ 29,149,585</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Instruction				
Regular	\$ 4,235,065	\$ 75,292	\$ 10,267	\$ (4,149,506)
Federal	525,434		508,258	(17,176)
Special education	703,133			(703,133)
Vocational education	237,859		47,349	(190,510)
Support services				
Instructional support services	188,711			(188,711)
Administration services	417,271			(417,271)
Operation and maintenance of plant	668,136			(668,136)
Student transportation	571,393		166,630	(404,763)
Extracurricular activities	957,150	553,305		(403,845)
Food service	434,178	272,037	232,150	70,009
Interest on long-term debt	269,545			(269,545)
Total governmental activities	\$ 9,207,875	\$ 900,634	\$ 964,654	(7,342,587)
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				2,518,309
Property taxes, levied for specific purposes				1,539,600
State aid not restricted to specific programs				4,587,293
Unrestricted investment earnings				62,778
Miscellaneous				97,794
Total general revenues and special items				8,805,774
Change in net position				1,463,187
Net position:				
Beginning of year				6,089,956
Net position - ending				\$ 7,553,143

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,512,240	\$ (60,543)	\$ 2,391,985	\$ 902,218	\$ 5,745,900
Certificates of deposit over three months	500,882				500,882
Taxes receivable, net	134,052	8,174	67,698	4,904	214,828
Receivable from other governments	569,798			6,678	569,798
Inventories					6,678
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,716,972	\$ (52,369)	\$ 2,459,683	\$ 913,800	\$ 7,038,086
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	\$	\$	\$ 23	\$ 23
Accrued contracts and benefits	194,755				194,755
Total liabilities	194,755			23	194,778
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Unavailable revenue	125,814	7,645	63,293	4,587	201,339
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable				6,678	6,678
Assigned				722,163	722,163
Restricted			2,396,390	180,349	2,576,739
Unassigned	3,396,403	(60,014)			3,336,389
Total fund balances	3,396,403	(60,014)	2,396,390	909,190	6,641,969
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 3,716,972	\$ (52,369)	\$ 2,459,683	\$ 913,800	\$ 7,038,086

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Total fund balance, governmental funds	\$ 6,641,969
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	19,913,214
Certain revenues are not available to pay current period expenditures and therefore are not reported in this fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	201,339
Net OPEB liability and OPEB related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are not due in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These amounts consist of:	
Net OPEB liability	(49,513)
Deferred outflows of resources	26,965
Deferred inflows of resources	(3,643)
Net PERS pension liability and pension related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are not due in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These amounts consist of:	
Net pension liability - NDPERS	(1,678,100)
Deferred outflows of resources - NDPERS	1,236,617
Deferred inflows of resources - NDPERS	(696,932)
Net TFFR pension liability and pension related deferred outflows and inflows of resources are not due in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These amounts consist of:	
Net pension liability - NDTFFR	(5,397,925)
Deferred outflows of resources - NDTFFR	934,703
Deferred inflows of resources - NDTFFR	(737,290)
Some liabilities, (such as Bonds Payable and Compensated Absences) are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in the fund financial statement, but are included in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.	(12,838,261)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position	<u><u>\$ 7,553,143</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local aid	\$ 2,700,345	\$ 154,227	\$ 1,265,423	\$ 902,224	\$ 5,022,219
State aid	4,801,272			2,560	4,803,832
Federal aid	518,525			229,590	748,115
Investment earnings	41,062		21,532	183	62,777
Miscellaneous	3,747				3,747
Total revenues	<u>8,064,931</u>	<u>154,227</u>	<u>1,286,955</u>	<u>1,134,557</u>	<u>10,640,690</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Instruction					
Regular	3,759,447				3,759,447
Federal	588,878				588,878
Special education	700,595				700,595
Vocational education	289,879				289,879
Support services					
Instructional support services	153,626				153,626
Administration services	414,361				414,361
Operation and maintenance of plant	654,220				654,220
Student transportation	446,388				446,388
Extracurricular activities	345,305				345,305
Food service					
Debt service					
Principal			907,190		907,190
Interest and other charges			285,593	110	285,703
Capital outlay	7,336	829,019			836,355
Total expenditures	<u>7,360,035</u>	<u>829,019</u>	<u>1,192,783</u>	<u>1,070,521</u>	<u>10,452,358</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	704,916	(674,792)	94,172	64,036	188,332
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Transfer in		477,923		195,595	673,518
Transfer out	(85,595)			(587,923)	(673,518)
	<u>(85,595)</u>	<u>477,923</u>		<u>(392,328)</u>	
Net change in fund balances	619,321	(196,869)	94,172	(328,292)	188,332
Fund balances - beginning	2,777,082	136,855	2,302,218	1,237,482	6,453,637
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 3,396,403</u>	<u>\$ (60,014)</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,390</u>	<u>\$ 909,190</u>	<u>\$ 6,641,969</u>

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CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:	\$ 188,332
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period. This is the amount by which net depreciation of \$677,697 exceeded capital outlays of \$916,969 in the current period.	239,272
Governmental funds do not present revenues that are not available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the Statement of Activities when earned.	30,370
Governmental funds report bond proceeds as current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such issuance of debt as a liability. Governmental funds report repayment of bond principal as an expenditure. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such repayments as a reduction in long term liabilities. This is the amount by which repayments exceeded proceeds.	982,424
Bond premium and bond discounts are not recognized in the governmental funds but are adjustments to interest expense in the Statement of Activities	(538)
Some expenses such as accrued interest reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	7,413
Some expenses such as compensated absences reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	4,336
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, such as deferred pension and OPEB expense	11,578
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,463,187</u></u>

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CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49

**Carrington, North Dakota
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2023**

	Private Purpose Trust Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 166
Certificates of deposit over three months	654,125
Total Assets	<u>654,291</u>
 NET POSITION	
Reserved for scholarships	654,291
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 654,291</u>

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CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
ADDITIONS	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 2,292
Total additions	<u>2,292</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Transfers out	<u>2,276</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,276</u>
Change in net position	16
Net position - beginning	654,275
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 654,291</u></u>

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CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended June 30, 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The School District's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School District's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Description of the School District

The **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49** is organized under the laws of the State of North Dakota. It provides a system of free public schools for all children of legal age residing within the district. It is governed by an elected five-member school board and operates grades K through 12.

B. Reporting Entity

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or burdens on the primary government. The primary government may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government. No component units of the School District have been excluded from this report.

C. Basis of Presentation

District - Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. The School District does not report any business-type activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The School District does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the Statement of Activities. Program revenues included 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the financial statements.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the district-wide financial statements.

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
Year Ended June 30, 2023

C. Basis of Presentation - continued

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds each of which are considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures.

Funds are organized as major funds or non-major funds within the governmental statements. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund or meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures of that individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures of that individual governmental fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.
3. In addition, any other governmental fund that the School District believes is particularly important to financial statement users may be reported as a major fund.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are utilized to account for most of the School District's governmental functions. The School District's major governmental funds are as follows:

General Fund

The General Fund is the operating fund of the School District and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fiduciary Funds (not included in district-wide statements)

Private-Purpose Trust Funds

Private-Purpose Trust Funds are used to account for resources legally held in trust for student scholarships.

Major Funds

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- General fund
- Capital projects fund
- Debt service fund

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
Year Ended June 30, 2023

C. Basis of Presentation - continued

Non-Major Funds

The School District reports the following non-major funds:

- Special Revenue Funds
- Special Reserve Fund
- School Lunch Fund
- Student Activity Fund

Fiduciary Funds

The School District reports the following fiduciary funds:

- Private-Purpose Trust Funds
- Scholarship Fund

D. Basis of Accounting

The government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental funds follow the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The School District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of its fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest not matured on long-term debt, claims, judgments, compensated absences and pension expenditures, which are recorded as a fund liability when expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources.

Property tax revenue is recorded as revenue in the year the tax is levied in the government-wide financial statements. Property tax revenues in the governmental funds are recorded when it becomes available.

Property taxes are levied and certified no later than October 10 and property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 and are due and payable at that time. The first installment of taxes becomes delinquent March 1 and the second installment on October 15. The taxes are collected by the County Treasurer and remitted to the District on a monthly basis.

State general and categorical aids and other entitlements are recognized as revenue in the period the School District is entitled to the resources and the amounts are available. Expenditure-driven programs currently reimbursable are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and the amounts are available. Amounts owed to the School District which are not available are recorded as receivables and deferred revenue. Amounts received prior to the entitlement period are also recorded as deferred revenue.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
Year Ended June 30, 2023

D. Basis of Accounting - continued

Revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes, miscellaneous taxes, expenditure-driven grant programs, public charges for services, and investment income.

Charges for services provided to other educational agencies and private parties are recognized as revenue when services are provided. Charges for special educational services are not reduced by anticipated state special education aid entitlements.

For governmental fund financial statements, deferred revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue also arises when resources are received before the School District has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the occurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the School District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

E. Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. Under this concept, revenues and expenses are matched using the accrual basis of accounting.

The measurement focus of all governmental funds is the flow of current financial resources concept. Under this concept, sources and uses of financial resources, including capital outlays, debt proceeds, and debt retirements are reflected in operations. Resources not available to finance expenditures and commitments of the current period are recognized as deferred revenue or a reservation of fund equity.

Liabilities for claims, judgments, compensated absences and pension contributions that will not be currently liquidated using expendable available financial resources are included as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements but are excluded from the governmental fund financial statements. The related expenditures are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements when the liabilities are liquidated.

F. 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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

G. Deposits and Investments

The School District maintains deposits at depository banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System. North Dakota laws require all public deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds. Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentality's, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal Land Bank

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

G. Deposits and Investments - continued

bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies, or instrumentality's, or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body, and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

Interest rate risk - the School District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit risk - North Dakota state statute authorizes school district to invest their surplus funds in:

1. Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation of, or an obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress.
2. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of a type listed above.
3. Certificates of deposit fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the state.
4. Obligations of the state.

The School District has no investments other than fully insured and collateralized demand and time deposits.

Custodial credit risk – deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2023, the School District's deposits are fully insured or collateralized with securities held by the financial institutions in the School District's name. (See Note 2)

H. Cash Flow Information

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the School District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

I. Inventories

Governmental fund inventories are recorded at cost based on the FIFO (first-in, first-out) method using the consumption method of accounting and consist of food, commodities and other supplies.

J. Capital Assets

Government-Wide Statements

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
Year Ended June 30, 2023

J. Capital Assets - continued

General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported as assets in the fund financial statements. All capital assets are recorded at cost (or estimated historical cost). The assets are updated for additions and retirements during the School District's fiscal year. The School District has established a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value at the date received. The School District does not have any infrastructure assets. Improvements that significantly extend the useful life of the asset are also capitalized.

The capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. The School District has established the following useful lives:

Buildings	60 - 75 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	10 - 20 years

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

K. Long-Term Obligations

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of compensated absences, bonds and pension and benefit related liabilities.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as a liability in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources. The payment of principal and interest are reported as expenditures.

L. Compensated Absences

The School District allows employees to accumulate unused sick leave. Earned vacation time is generally required to be used in the year earned. Upon termination, payment shall be made at the rate of 25% of the accumulated days based on the current salary level. The amount to be paid from current resources is not significant.

M. Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued

Year Ended June 30, 2023

M. Equity Classifications - continued

1. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets.
2. Restricted net position – Consists of net positions with constraints placed on the use either by a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or, b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.
3. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. These classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as, inventories and prepaid items.

Restricted - consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

Committed - consists of amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action of the School Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. These constraints are established by Resolution of the School Board.

Assigned - consists of amounts intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the governing board itself or by an official to which the governing body delegates the authority.

Unassigned - is the residual classification for the General Fund and also reflects negative residual amounts in other funds.

The School District uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Additionally, the School District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

N. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and additions to/deductions from TFFR's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TFFR. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

O. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All of the collateral pledged falls under GASB Category 1 which is insured, either by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) or by the FSLIC (Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation) or held by the School District's agent in the School District's name.

The following is a breakdown of deposits in the banks under custody of the School District as of June 30, 2023.

Governmental Activities	Book Balance	Bank Balance
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,745,900	\$ 6,275,740
Certificates of deposit over three months	500,882	500,882
Private-Purpose Trust Funds		
Cash and cash equivalents	166	166
Certificates of deposit over three months	654,125	654,125
	<u>\$ 6,901,073</u>	<u>\$ 7,430,913</u>

3. Receivable from Other Governments

Due from other governments consists of the following as of June 30, 2023:

Local	\$ 3,924
State	47,349
Federal	518,525
	<u>\$ 569,798</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**Year Ended June 30, 2023****4. Interfund Transfers**

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2023, consist of the following:

Transfer from general fund to school lunch for health insurance	\$ 35,460
Transfer from general fund to activity fund for pre K	50,135
Transfer from activity fund to capital projects for stadium	477,923
Transfer from school lunch to activity for lunch accounts	110,000
	<u>\$ 673,518</u>

5. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2023
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 43,598	\$	\$	\$ 43,598
Construction in progress	200,000		200,000	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>243,598</u>		<u>200,000</u>	<u>43,598</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings	21,332,897	1,016,563		22,349,460
Equipment	1,827,577	100,406		1,927,983
Equipment under capital lease	18,797			18,797
Vehicles	1,724,626			1,724,626
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>24,903,897</u>	<u>1,116,969</u>		<u>26,020,866</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>25,147,495</u>	<u>1,116,969</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>26,064,464</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	3,667,783	395,244		4,063,027
Equipment	1,117,545	157,826		1,275,371
Equipment under capital lease	4,253	4,252		8,505
Vehicles	683,972	120,375		804,347
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,473,553</u>	<u>677,697</u>		<u>6,151,250</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 19,673,942</u>	<u>\$ 439,272</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$19,913,214</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 478,090
Special education	2,538
Vocational education	11,097
Instructional support	34,710
Operation and maintenance	15,692
Student transportation	125,005
Extracurricular activities	10,565
	<u>\$ 677,697</u>

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49**Carrington, North Dakota****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued****Year Ended June 30, 2023****6. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. The School District currently has deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB.

In addition to liabilities, the balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenues) until that time. The School District currently has deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB. The School District has unavailable revenue from a variety of sources in the governmental funds. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

7. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2023	Amounts Due Within One Year
School building bonds, series 2012	\$ 375,000	\$	\$ 75,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 70,000
Discount	(6,238)		(1,497)	(4,741)	
State school construction loan	234,174		56,174	178,000	57,726
Discount	(6,847)		(1,748)	(5,099)	
GO school building bonds 16B	4,725,000		270,000	4,455,000	275,000
Premium	40,608		2,707	37,901	
State school construction loan	8,145,280		513,594	7,631,686	511,076
Lease purchase	127,840		63,555	64,285	64,285
Capital lease	14,896		4,100	10,796	4,310
Total	<u>13,649,713</u>		<u>981,885</u>	<u>12,667,828</u>	<u>982,397</u>
Net pension obligation - NDTFFR	4,081,347	1,316,578		5,397,925	
Net pension obligation - NDPERS	629,831	1,048,269		1,678,100	
Net OPEB liability	<u>22,576</u>	<u>26,937</u>		<u>49,513</u>	
	<u>4,733,754</u>	<u>2,391,784</u>		<u>7,125,538</u>	
Other Liabilities					
Vested compensated absences	<u>110,324</u>		<u>4,336</u>	<u>105,988</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 18,493,791</u>	<u>\$2,391,784</u>	<u>\$ 986,221</u>	<u>\$ 19,899,354</u>	<u>\$ 982,397</u>

Terms and maturity of long-term debt are as follows:

\$970,000 general obligation school building bonds, series 2012, dated April 12, 2012, due in annual installments of \$60,000 to \$80,000 starting August 1, 2013 with interest due semi-annually at .6% to 2.5%.

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\$952,915 state school construction loan, dated December 1, 2006, due in annual installments of \$62,638 including interest at 2.76% starting June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2026.

\$6,000,000 general obligation school building bonds, series 2016, dated August 1, 2016, due in annual principal payments of \$245,000 to \$370,000 plus interest ranging from 2% to 3% starting August 1, 2017 to August 1, 2036.

\$10,000,000 general obligation school construction loan, dated November 15, 2016, due annual principal payments and semi-annual installments of interest at 5% (Bank of North Dakota buy down to 2%) starting February 1, 2018 to August 1, 2036.

\$255,189 lease purchase dated May 8, 2020, due in annual payments of \$65,042.42 including interest at 1.15% starting July 10, 2020 to July 10, 2023.

The School District has entered into a lease obligation effective July 1, 2021, with an unrelated party for office equipment. The economic substance of the lease is that the School District is financing the acquisition of the asset through lease, and accordingly, it is recorded in the School District's assets and liabilities. The leased asset is included in equipment at a cost of \$18,797, with accumulated depreciation of \$8,506 at June 30, 2023.

The lease obligation for the copier is payable to LEAF Capital Funding, LLC effective December 2020 in monthly installments of \$396, including interest through December of 2025.

The following is a schedule of years of future minimum payments required under the capital lease together with the present value as of June 30, 2023.

Year ending June 30	
2024	\$ 4,752
2025	4,752
2026	1,980
	<u>11,484</u>
Less amount representing interest	688
Present value of lease payments	<u>\$ 10,796</u>

Debt service requirements to maturity on general obligation debt are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 982,396	\$ 261,249	\$ 1,243,645
2025	935,036	241,305	1,176,341
2026	949,260	221,521	1,170,781
2027	901,562	201,547	1,103,109
2028	831,828	184,014	1,015,842
2029-2033	4,334,983	659,043	4,994,026
2034-2037	3,704,702	171,736	3,873,439
Totals	<u>\$ 12,639,767</u>	<u>\$ 1,940,415</u>	<u>\$14,577,183</u>

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8. North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement

The following brief description of NDTFFR is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 15-39.1 for more complete information.

NDTFFR is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering all North Dakota public teachers and certain other teachers who meet various membership requirements. NDTFFR provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the NDTFFR plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the NDTFFR benefits program is assigned to a seven-member Board of Trustees (Board). The Board consists of the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and five members appointed by the Governor. The appointed members serve five-year terms which end on June 30 of alternate years. The appointed Board members must include two active teachers, one active school administrator, and two retired members. The NDTFFR Board submits any necessary or desirable changes in statutes relating to the administration of the fund, including benefit terms, to the Legislative Assembly for consideration. The Legislative Assembly has final authority for changes to benefit terms and contribution rates.

Pension Benefits

For purposes of determining pension benefits, members are classified within one of three categories. Tier 1 grandfathered and Tier 1 non-grandfathered members are those with service credit on file as of July 1, 2008. Tier 2 members are those newly employed and returning refunded members on or after July 1, 2008.

Tier 1 Grandfathered

A Tier 1 grandfathered member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 85. NDTFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 6% per year for every year the member's retirement age is less than 65 years or the date as of which age plus service equal 85. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by NDTFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under NDTFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

Tier 1 Non-grandfathered

A Tier 1 non-grandfathered member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. NDTFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially

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reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by NDTFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under NDTFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

Tier 2

A Tier 2 member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when five or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. NDTFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by NDTFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under NDTFFR are equal to the five highest annual salaries earned divided by 60 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death benefits may be paid to a member's designated beneficiary. If a member's death occurs before retirement, the benefit options available are determined by the member's vesting status prior to death. If a member's death occurs after retirement, the death benefit received by the beneficiary (if any) is based on the retirement plan the member selected at retirement.

An active member is eligible to receive disability benefits when: (a) a total disability lasting 12 months or more does not allow the continuation of teaching, (b) the member has accumulated five years of credited service in North Dakota, and (c) the Board of Trustees of NDTFFR has determined eligibility based on medical evidence. The amount of the disability benefit is computed by the retirement formula in NDCC Section 15-39.1-10 without consideration of age and uses the member's actual years of credited service. There is no actuarial reduction for reason of disability retirement.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDTFFR are set by NDCC Section 15-39.1-09. Every eligible teacher in the State of North Dakota is required to be a member of NDTFFR and is assessed at a rate of 11.75% of salary as defined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-04. Every governmental body employing a teacher

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must also pay into NDTFFR a sum equal to 12.75% of the teacher's salary. Member and employer contributions will be reduced to 7.75% each when the fund reaches 100% funded ratio on an actuarial basis.

A vested member who terminates covered employment may elect a refund of contributions paid plus 6% interest or defer payment until eligible for pension benefits. A non-vested member who terminates covered employment must claim a refund of contributions paid before age 70 ½. Refunded members forfeit all service credits under NDTFFR. These service credits may be repurchased upon return to covered employment under certain circumstances, as defined by the NDCC.

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

At June 30, 2023, the School District reported a liability of \$5,397,925 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 01, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating NDTFFR employers. At July 01, 2022, the School District's proportion was .37072310 percent which was a decrease of .01662816 percent from its proportion measured as of July 1, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized pension expense of \$159,395. At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 23,262	\$ 144,122
Changes of assumptions	109,762	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	404,312	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	17,469	593,168
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	379,898	
Total	<u>\$ 934,703</u>	<u>\$ 737,290</u>

\$379,898 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2024	\$ (85,311)
2025	(73,525)

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2026	(152,388)
2027	255,666
2028	(47,333)
Thereafter	(79,594)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	3.80% to 14.80%, varying by service, including inflation and productivity
Investment rate of return	7.25%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active and inactive members, mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Employee table, projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019. For healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on 104% of the PubT-2010 Retiree table for retirees and to 95% of the PubT-2010 Contingent Survivor table for beneficiaries, both projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Mortality table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated March 19, 2020. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2022, funding actuarial valuation for NDTFFR.

The NDTFFR Board is responsible for establishing investment policy for the fund assets under NDCC 15-39.1-05.2. Benefit payments are projected to occur over a long-period of time. This allows NDTFFR to adopt a long-term investment horizon and asset allocation policy for the management of fund assets. Asset allocation policy is critical because it defines the basic risk and return characteristics of the investment portfolio. Asset allocation targets are established using an asset-liability analysis designed to assist the Board in determining an acceptable volatility target for the fund and an optimal asset allocation policy mix. This asset-liability analysis considers both sides of the plan balance sheet, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative inputs, in order to estimate the potential impact of various asset class mixes on key measures of total plan risk, including resulting estimated impact of funded status and contribution rates.

The long-term expected rate of return on TFFR investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. 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 TFFR target asset allocation as of July 1, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equities	55%	6.61%
Global Fixed Income	26%	0.35%

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Global Real Assets	18%	4.6%
Cash Equivalents	1%	-1.05%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2022, Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, TFFR's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of July 1, 2022. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on TFFR investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the TFFR employers' calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% as of June 30, 2022, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 7,416,254	\$ 5,397,925	\$ 3,723,975

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDTFFR financial report. NDTFFR's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is located at <http://www.rio.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/PDFs/Reports/annualreport2022pdf>.

9. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

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9. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System) - continued

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Members of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016, the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020, the 2.00% multiplier was replaced with a 1.75% multiplier. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, lifetime monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition for disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Refunds of Member Account Balance

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of

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salaries and wages. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020, member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 8.26% of covered compensation.

The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

- 1 to 12 months of service – Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 13 to 24 months of service – Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 25 to 36 months of service – Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
- Longer than 36 months of service – Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

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

At June 30, 2023, the School District reported a liability of \$1,678,100 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 01, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of covered payroll in the Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At July 1, 2022, the School District's proportion was .058266 percent which was a decrease of .002161 percent from its proportion measured as of July 1, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized pension expense of \$259,850. At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,754	\$ 32,055
Changes of assumptions	1,003,528	622,132
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	61,418	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	108,273	42,745
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	54,644	
Total	<u>\$ 1,236,617</u>	<u>\$ 696,932</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions in the amount of \$54,644 resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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9. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System) – continued

Year ended June 30:

2024	\$	149,376
2025		162,168
2026		23,526
2027		149,971

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	3.5% to 17.75% including inflation
Investment rate of return	5.10%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the Sex-distinct Pub-2010 table for General Employees, with scaling based on actual experience. Respective corresponding tables were used for healthy retirees, disabled retirees, and active members. Mortality rates are projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale.

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 pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. 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 Fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	30%	6.00%
International Equity	21%	6.70%
Private Equity	7%	9.50%
Domestic Fixed Income	23%	0.73%
International Fixed Income	0%	0.00%
Global Real Assets	19%	4.77%
Cash Equivalents	0%	0.00%

Discount rate. For PERS, GASB Statement No. 67 includes a specific requirement for the discount rate that is used for the purpose of the measurement of the Total Pension Liability. This rate considers the ability of the System to meet benefit obligations in the future. To make this determination, employer contributions, employee contributions, benefit payments, expenses and investment returns are projected into the future. The current employer and employee fixed rate contributions are assumed to be made in each future year. The Plan Net Position (assets) in future years can then be determined and compared to its obligation to make benefit payments in those years. In years where assets are not projected to be sufficient to meet benefit payments, which is the case for the PERS plan, the use of a municipal bond rate is required.

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9. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System) - continued

The Single Discount Rate (SDR) is equivalent to applying these two rates to the benefits that are projected to be paid during the different time periods. The SDR reflects (1) the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 6.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.69%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 5.10%.

Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.10 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.10 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.10 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.10%)	Current Discount Rate (5.10%)	1% Increase (6.10%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,214,976	\$ 1,678,100	\$ 1,237,343

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDPERS financial report.

10. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDAC Chapter 71-06 for more complete information.

NDPERS OPEB plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that covers members receiving retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, and Judges retired under Chapter 27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan based upon the member's years of credited service. Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019, the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long-term care plan premium expense. The Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund is advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit OPEB plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

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10. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) - continued

OPEB Benefits

The employer contribution for the PERS, the HPRS and the Defined Contribution Plan is set by statute at 1.14% of covered compensation. The employer contribution for employees of the state board of career and technical education is 2.99% of covered compensation for a period of eight years ending October 1, 2015. Employees participating in the retirement plan as part-time/temporary members are required to contribute 1.14% of their covered compensation to the Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund. Employees purchasing previous service credit are also required to make an employee contribution to the Fund. The benefit amount applied each year is shown as "prefunded credit applied" on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the OPEB trust funds. Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There were no other benefit changes during the year.

Retiree health insurance credit benefits and death and disability benefits are set by statute. There are no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Employees who are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, the Defined Contribution Plan, the Chapter 27-17 judges or an employee receiving disability benefits, or the spouse of a deceased annuitant receiving a surviving spouse benefit or if the member selected a joint and survivor option are eligible to receive a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan.

Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019, the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long-term care plan premium expense. The benefits are equal to \$5.00 for each of the employee's, or deceased employee's years of credited service not to exceed the premium in effect for selected coverage. The retiree health insurance credit is also available for early retirement with reduced benefits.

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

At June 30, 2023, The School District reported a liability of \$49,513 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the School District's share of covered payroll in the OPEB plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating OPEB employers. At June 30, 2022, the School District's proportion was .041250 percent, which was an increase of .000659 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$7,960. At June 30, 2023, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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10. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) - continued

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,174	\$ 426
Changes of assumptions	12,472	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	6,667	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,062	3,217
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,590	
Total	<u>\$ 26,965</u>	<u>\$ 3,643</u>

\$4,590 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

Year ended June 30:

2024	\$ 4,911
2025	4,565
2026	3,732
2027	5,524

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	Not applicable
Investment rate of return	5.75%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the Mortality Pub-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 103% for males and 101% for females. Pub-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 117% for males and 112% for females. Pub-2010 Employee Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 92% for both males and females. Mortality rates are projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale.

The long-term expected investment rate of return assumption for the RHIC fund was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected

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10. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) – continued

returns, net of RHIC investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. 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. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return, for each major asset class included in the RHIC's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	33%	5.85%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	6%	6.75%
Domestic Fixed Income	35%	0.50%
International Equities	26%	6.25%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 5.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory rates described in this report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current RHIC members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the RHIC fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on RHIC investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Plans as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate of 5.39%, as well as what the RHIC net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.39 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.39 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.39%)	Current Discount Rate (5.39%)	1% Increase (6.39%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 63,200	\$ 49,513	\$ 38,023

11. Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; health care of its employees and natural disasters. The School District has purchased commercial insurance to cover any potential losses.

The School District participates in the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRF) entity risk pool established by certain municipalities ("Members") to provide liability coverage. The School District's payments to NDRF are displayed on the financial statements as expenditures/expenses in the appropriate funds. The purpose of the NDRF is to act as a joint self-insurance pool for the purpose of seeking the prevention or lessening of liability claims for injuries to persons or property or claims for errors and omissions made against the members and other parties included within the scope of coverage of the NDRF. The School District does not exercise any control over the activities of the NDRF.

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11. Risk Management - continued

The School District's risk for worker's compensation is covered by premiums paid to the North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance. The Bureau was created by the Legislature of the State of North Dakota.

The School District's risk for property coverage is covered by premiums paid to the North Dakota State Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fund was established by the State of North Dakota to insure political subdivisions and certain other entities against loss to public buildings and permanent contents from damage caused by fire, tornadoes and other types of risks. There has been no major reduction in insurance coverage and settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage for the past three years.

12. Contingencies

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with items and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. The School District's management believes it has complied with all applicable grant provisions. In the opinion of management, any possible disallowed claim would not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District as of June 30, 2023.

13. Governmental Activities Net Position

Governmental activities net position reported on the Government Wide Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2023, include the following:

Governmental Activities

Net investment in capital assets	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 19,913,214
Less related long-term debt outstanding	<u>12,667,828</u>
Net investment in capital assets	<u>7,245,386</u>
Restricted	
Debt service	2,459,683
Other purposes	<u>907,099</u>
Total restricted	<u>3,366,782</u>
Unrestricted	<u>(3,059,025)</u>
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	<u>\$ 7,553,143</u>

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14. Governmental Fund Balances

Governmental fund balances reported on the fund financial statements at June 30, 2023, include the following:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>School Lunch</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Nonspendable						
Inventories	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,678	\$
Assigned						
School lunch					61,119	
Activity						661,044
Restricted			2,396,390	180,349		
Unassigned	<u>3,396,403</u>	<u>(60,014)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$3,396,403</u>	<u>\$ (60,014)</u>	<u>\$2,396,390</u>	<u>\$180,349</u>	<u>\$ 67,797</u>	<u>\$ 661,044</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL (With Variances)

General Fund

Year ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts,	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Local aid	\$ 2,518,842	\$ 2,565,854	\$ 2,700,345	\$ 134,491
State aid	4,802,589	4,802,589	4,801,272	(1,317)
Federal aid	577,533	678,384	518,525	(159,859)
Investment earnings	5,000	5,000	41,062	36,062
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	3,747	2,747
Total revenues	7,904,964	8,052,827	8,064,951	12,124
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction				
Regular	3,982,879	3,982,879	3,759,447	223,432
Federal	678,242	671,270	588,878	82,392
Special education	751,124	751,124	700,595	50,529
Vocational education	342,567	342,567	289,879	52,688
Support services				
Instructional support services	153,894	153,894	153,626	268
Administrative services	447,157	456,157	414,361	41,796
Operation and maintenance of plant	637,255	637,255	654,220	(16,965)
Student transportation	578,920	463,920	446,388	17,532
Extracurricular activities	405,350	353,937	345,305	8,632
Capital outlay		157,114	7,336	149,778
Total expenditures	7,977,388	7,970,117	7,360,035	610,082
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(72,424)	82,710	704,916	622,206
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfer out	(35,460)	(82,710)	(85,595)	(2,885)
Net change in fund balances	(107,884)		619,321	619,321
Fund balances - beginning	2,777,082	2,777,082	2,777,082	
Fund balances - ending	\$ 2,669,198	\$ 2,777,082	\$ 3,396,403	\$ 619,321

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Budget and Actual Schedule (with Variances)
General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note A - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The School District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. The Business Manager, Superintendent, and a two-member finance committee prepare the School District budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget includes the general fund and the school lunch fund (special revenue).
2. The School Board reviews the budget, may make revisions and approves it on or before August 15. The budget must be filed with the county auditor by August 25.
3. The budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared except no amendment changing the taxes levied can be made after October 10.
4. The balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated balance at year-end.

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability	0.058266%	0.060427%	0.050923%	0.053051%	0.050332%	0.043789%	0.042345%	0.046617%	0.050642%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,678,100	\$ 629,831	\$ 1,602,048	\$ 621,796	\$ 849,407	\$ 703,833	\$ 412,693	\$ 316,988	\$ 321,436
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 676,377	\$ 684,270	\$ 561,747	\$ 551,822	\$ 517,074	\$ 447,015	\$ 426,736	\$ 415,304	\$ 426,604
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	248.10%	92.04%	285.19%	112.68%	164.27%	157.45%	96.71%	76.33%	75.35%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	55.03%	79.13%	49.44%	72.53%	63.53%	62.65%	71.10%	77.70%	78.18%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 50,942	\$ 50,462	\$ 39,776	\$ 40,176	\$ 38,084	\$ 32,414	\$ 30,895	\$ 31,545	\$ 34,304
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contributions	\$ (50,555)	\$ (47,833)	\$ (39,351)	\$ (39,007)	\$ (35,278)	\$ (32,364)	\$ (29,771)	\$ (29,570)	\$ (34,304)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 387	\$ 2,629	\$ 425	\$ 1,169	\$ 2,806	\$ 50	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,975	\$
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 676,377	\$ 684,270	\$ 561,747	\$ 551,822	\$ 517,074	\$ 447,015	\$ 426,736	\$ 415,304	\$ 426,604
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.47%	6.99%	7.01%	7.07%	6.82%	7.24%	6.98%	7.12%	8.04%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

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North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

Changes of benefit terms.

The interest rate earned on member contributions will decrease from 6.50 percent to 6.00 percent effective January 1, 2023 (based on the adopted decrease in the investment return assumption). New Main System members who are hired on or after January 1, 2020, will have a benefit multiplier of 1.75 percent (compared to the current benefit multiplier of 2.00 percent). The fixed employer contribution for new members of the Main System will increase from 7.12 percent to 8.26 percent. For members who terminate after December 31, 2019, final average salary is the higher of the final average salary calculated on December 31, 2019, or the average salary earned in the three highest periods of twelve consecutive months employed during the last 180 months of employment. There have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

Changes of assumptions

The investment return assumption was updated from 7.00% to 6.50% beginning with the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. All other actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 were based on an experience review for the period from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2019, and were adopted for first use commencing with the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

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SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY

ND Public Employees Retirement System

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Employer's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.041250%	0.040591%	0.044991%	0.049453%	0.047255%	0.041320%
Employer's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 49,513	\$ 22,576	\$ 37,846	\$ 39,720	\$ 37,217	\$ 32,685
Employer's covered- employee payroll	\$ 425,871	\$ 442,550	\$ 512,889	\$ 551,822	\$ 517,074	\$ 447,015
Employer's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	11.63%	5.10%	7.38%	7.20%	7.20%	7.31%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	56.28%	76.63%	63.38%	63.13%	61.89%	59.78%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2018.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS

ND Public Employees Retirement System

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 5,183	\$ 5,322	\$ 6,025	\$ 6,418	\$ 6,065	\$ 5,196
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contributions	\$ (4,918)	\$ (5,560)	\$ (6,123)	\$ (6,245)	\$ (5,648)	\$ (5,182)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 265	\$ (238)	\$ (98)	\$ 173	\$ 417	\$ 14
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 425,871	\$ 442,550	\$ 512,889	\$ 551,822	\$ 517,074	\$ 447,015
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	1.15%	1.26%	1.19%	1.13%	1.09%	1.16%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2018.

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North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System) OPEB

Changes of benefit terms.

Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

Changes of assumptions

The investment return assumption was updated from 6.50% to 5.75% beginning with the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. All actuarial assumptions and the actuarial cost method are unchanged from the last actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021.

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability	0.370723%	0.387351%	0.397995%	0.416448%	0.432322%	0.427494%	0.456141%	0.463644%	0.457261%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,397,925	\$ 4,081,347	\$ 6,091,326	\$ 5,735,548	\$ 5,762,241	\$ 5,871,735	\$ 6,682,731	\$ 6,063,792	\$ 4,791,285
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 2,917,266	\$ 2,985,315	\$ 2,904,013	\$ 2,921,503	\$ 2,938,966	\$ 2,885,459	\$ 2,963,661	\$ 2,851,899	\$ 2,652,356
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	185.03%	136.71%	209.76%	196.32%	196.06%	203.49%	225.49%	212.62%	180.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.50%	75.70%	63.40%	65.50%	65.50%	63.20%	59.20%	62.10%	66.60%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 379,898	\$ 371,951	\$ 380,628	\$ 370,262	\$ 372,491	\$ 374,718	\$ 377,867	\$ 363,599	\$ 285,126
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contributions	\$ (379,898)	\$ (371,951)	\$ (380,628)	\$ (370,262)	\$ (372,491)	\$ (374,718)	\$ (377,867)	\$ (363,599)	\$ (285,126)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,917,266	\$ 2,985,315	\$ 2,904,013	\$ 2,921,503	\$ 2,938,966	\$ 2,885,459	\$ 2,963,661	\$ 2,851,899	\$ 2,652,356
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.02%	12.46%	13.11%	12.67%	12.67%	12.99%	12.75%	12.75%	10.75%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

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Carrington, North Dakota
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year Ended June 30, 2023

ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement

Changes of assumptions. Amounts reported in 2021 and later reflect the following actuarial assumption changes based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated March 19, 2020.

- Investment return assumption lowered from 7.75% to 7.25%;
- Inflation assumption lowered from 2.75% to 2.30%;
- Individual salary increases were lowered;
- Rates of turnover, retirement and disability were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience;
- The post-retirement healthy mortality table was updated to 104% of the PubT-2010 Retiree table for retirees and to 95% of the PubT-2010 Contingent Survivor table for beneficiaries, both projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019;
- The disabled mortality was updated to the PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Mortality table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019; and
- The pre-retirement mortality table was updated to the PubT-2010 Employee table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019.

Amounts reported in 2016-2020 reflect the following actuarial assumption changes based on the results of an actuarial study dated April 30, 2015.

- Investment return assumption lowered from 8% to 7.75%.
- Inflation assumption lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- Total salary scale rates lowered by 0.25% due to lower inflation.
- Added explicit administrative expense assumption, equal to prior year administrative expense plus inflation.
- Rates of turnover and retirement were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- Updated mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS
June 30, 2023

Joel Lemer	President
Kevin Wolsky	Vice-President
Tonia Erickson	Director
Angela Kutz	Director
Randy Hooey	Director
Janelle Helm	Superintendent
Kimary Edland	Business Manager



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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***

School Board

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49

Carrington, North Dakota

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 **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49**, 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, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we considered to be a significant deficiency. (2023-001)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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* - *continued*

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49's** financial statements are free of 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 determination of 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*.

Carrington Public School District No. 49's Response to Finding

Carrington Public School District No. 49's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. Carrington Public School District No. 49's response was not subjected to the 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.



SCHAUER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Jamestown, North Dakota
January 7, 2024

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Schedule of Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Finding 2023-001 Significant Deficiency – Financial Statement Preparation

Condition

Schauer & Associates, P.C. assists the School District's management in preparing financial statements that are presented, including note disclosure in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Criteria

An appropriate system of internal control requires that the School District make a determination that financial statements and underlying general ledger accounts are properly stated in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cause

The School District's Board feels that it is more cost effective to ask an independent accountant to prepare the complete financial statements and disclosures, rather than to invest in ongoing specialized training that would be necessary.

Effect

There is an increased risk of material misstatement of omission of material disclosures to the School District's financial statements.

Recommendation

We recommend the School District consider the additional risk of having the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and note disclosure and consider preparing them in the future. As a compensating control, the School District should establish an internal control policy to document the annual review of the financial statements and schedules and to review a financial statement disclosure checklist.

View of Responsible Officials

We concur.

CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
Carrington, North Dakota
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Finding Number: 2022-001

Finding Title: Financial Statement Preparation

Summary of Condition: The Carrington Public School District No. 49 does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of financial statements being audited.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: The School Board is aware of this condition. The Board will continue to request that Schauer & Associates, P.C. assist with the preparation of financial statements but will instruct School District administration to provide all requested schedules.



CARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49
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January 5, 2024

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Finding Number: 2023-001

Finding Title: Financial Statement Preparation

Name of Contact person Responsible for Corrective Action

Kimary Edland, Business Manager

Corrective Action Planned: The School Board is aware of this condition. The Board will continue to request that the auditor assist with the preparation of the financial statements; however, the Board will continue to instruct the School Administration to provide all requested schedules.

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Be Responsible

Be Safe

Be Empowered

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