

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**LARIMORE, NORTH DAKOTA**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**ROSTER OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

Mitch McCoy	President
Meg Farrell	Vice President
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Todd Yahna	Board Member
Wanda Asperheim	Board Member
Steven Swiontek	Superintendent
Shauna Sather	Business Manager

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education  
Larimore Public School District No. 44  
Larimore, 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 the Larimore Public School District No. 44 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Larimore Public School District No. 44's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Larimore Public School District No. 44, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Larimore Public School District No. 44 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 Larimore Public School District No. 44's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Larimore Public School District No. 44's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Larimore Public School District No. 44'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, budgetary comparison information, schedule of District's contributions to TFFR/NDPERS retirement plans, schedule of District's Contributions to the NDPERS OPEB plan, schedule of District's proportionate share of net pension liability and schedule of District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Larimore Public School District No. 44's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the roster of school officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 6, 2023, on our consideration of the Larimore Public School District No. 44's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Larimore Public School District No. 44'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 Larimore Public School District No. 44's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA**

October 6, 2023

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

The discussion and analysis of Larimore Public School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and related notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**Financial Highlights**

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

- Net position of the District increased \$1,003,944 over the prior year as a result of the current year's operations.
- Governmental net position totaled \$769,323 .
- Fund statement total revenues from all sources were \$9,335,763.
- Fund statement total expenditures were \$8,788,611.
- The District's general fund had \$7,226,066 in total revenues and \$6,551,803 in expenditures. Overall, the general fund balance increased by \$654,263 for the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to an increase of \$124,008 in the previous year.

**Using this Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Larimore Public School District No. 44 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 District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, 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 District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column.

**Reporting the School District as a Whole**

**Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did the District do financially during the year ended June 30, 2023?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answers this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, deferred inflows and deferred outflows using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting considers all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, and some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current property tax laws in North Dakota, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the District reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where most of the District's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds**

**Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds. The District's major governmental funds are the General Fund and Building Fund. The District's non-major governmental fund is the Special Reserves Fund.

**Governmental Funds**

The District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

**Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole**

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the District as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

As indicated in the financial highlights, the District's net position increased by \$1,003,944. Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position.

The District's net position of \$769,323 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital and lease assets represents \$2,908,088 of the District's entire net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. Restricted net position represents \$1,201,172 of the District's net position. Restricted net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted net position represents \$(3,339,937) of the District's net position. The unrestricted net position is available to meet the District's ongoing obligations.



**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Table 1		
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 3,056,497	\$ 2,378,598
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	5,384,817	3,524,420
Lease Assets (Net of Accumulated Amortization)	84,755	112,275
Total Assets	<u>8,526,069</u>	<u>6,015,293</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,688,246</u>	<u>1,136,728</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	420,414	244,552
Long-Term Liabilities	7,788,905	4,686,389
Total Liabilities	<u>8,209,319</u>	<u>4,930,941</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,235,673</u>	<u>2,455,701</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital and Lease Assets	2,908,088	2,476,274
Restricted	1,201,172	674,639
Unrestricted	(3,339,937)	(3,385,534)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 769,323</u>	<u>\$ (234,621)</u>

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Table 2	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 702,996	\$ 518,740
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,729,956	945,139
General Revenues		
Taxes	1,845,858	1,640,381
State Aid	3,316,799	3,333,955
Investment Earnings (Losses)	32,059	(1,801)
Total Revenues	<u>7,627,668</u>	<u>6,436,414</u>
Expenses		
Business Support Services	275,894	311,622
Instructional Support Services	39,930	40,586
Administration	160,051	246,492
Operations and Maintenance	1,182,241	749,231
Transportation	287,656	265,414
Regular Instruction	2,571,085	2,233,851
Special Education	826,364	771,162
Vocational Education	237,521	227,329
Extra-Curricular Activities	718,082	602,739
Food Services	283,610	247,645
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	41,290	28,149
Total Expenses	<u>6,623,724</u>	<u>5,724,220</u>
Change in Net Position	1,003,944	712,194
Net Position - Beginning	<u>(234,621)</u>	<u>(946,815)</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 769,323</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (234,621)</u></u>

Property taxes constituted 24%, state aid 43%, operating grants and contributions 23%, and charges for services made up 9% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the District for fiscal year 2023.

Regular instruction comprised 39% of District expenses.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and other unrestricted revenues.

Table 3	Total Cost for Year Ended 6/30/2023	Net Cost for Year Ended 6/30/2023	Total Cost for Year Ended 6/30/2022	Net Cost for Year Ended 6/30/2022
Business Support Services	\$ 275,894	\$ (275,894)	\$ 311,622	\$ (311,622)
Instructional Support Services	39,930	(39,930)	40,586	(40,586)
Administration	160,051	(160,051)	246,492	(246,492)
Operations and Maintenance	1,182,241	(1,169,891)	749,231	(720,346)
Transportation	287,656	(157,135)	265,414	(124,609)
Regular Instruction	2,571,085	(1,210,826)	2,233,851	(1,755,939)
Special Education	826,364	(826,364)	771,162	(663,128)
Vocational Education	237,521	(201,841)	227,329	(191,649)
Extra-Curricular Activities	718,082	(99,012)	602,739	(213,685)
Food Services	283,610	(8,538)	247,645	35,864
Interest and Fees on Debt	41,290	(41,290)	28,149	(28,149)
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,623,724</u>	<u>\$ (4,190,772)</u>	<u>\$ 5,724,220</u>	<u>\$ (4,260,341)</u>

Business support services and administration include expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the District.

Instructional support services include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to pupils.

Operation and maintenance of plant activities involve maintaining the school grounds, buildings, and equipment in an effective working condition.

Transportation includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by state law.

Regular instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and pupil.

Special education includes costs that support the education of students with other needs.

Vocational education includes expenditures that support the teaching of vocational type instruction.

Extracurricular activities include expenses related to student activities provided by the District, which are designed to provide opportunities for pupils to participate in school events, public events, or a combination of these for the purposes of motivation, enjoyment and skill improvement.

Food Services include expenses directly dealing with providing breakfast and lunch service to students and staff of the District.

Interest on long-term debt involves the transactions associated with the payment of interest and other related charges to debt of the District.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Financial Analysis of the District's Governmental Funds**

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of available resources. Unassigned fund balance generally may be used as a measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The District's governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of \$9,335,763 and \$6,563,728 and expenditures of \$8,788,611 and \$6,464,740 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the fund balance of the District's general fund was \$2,363,678 and \$1,709,415 and the building fund was \$59,100 and \$229,798 and total fund balance for all the District's governmental funds were \$2,718,521 and \$2,171,369, respectively.

**General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

Over the course of the year, the District did not revise the annual operating budget.

Actual revenues were \$1,136,395 higher than expected and actual expenditures were \$470,073 over what was budgeted due to donations received in the current year that were not budgeted for and extra-curricular costs related to student activities not budgeted for.

**Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the District had \$5,384,817 and \$3,524,420 invested in capital assets, respectively. Table 4 shows balances as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. Please see Note 4 for detailed information.

	2023	2022
Land	\$ 847,707	\$ 847,707
Construction in Progress	2,164,394	358,183
Buildings	1,540,620	1,447,131
Equipment	832,096	871,399
Totals	<u>\$ 5,384,817</u>	<u>\$ 3,524,420</u>

**Long-Term Liabilities**

As of June 30, 2023, the District had \$7,960,044 in long-term liabilities. The District increased its overall long-term liabilities by \$3,193,654 from June 30, 2022. See below and Notes 5 and 6 for a description of the District's debt.

Table 5	Balance July 1, 2022	Issued	Amount Retired During Year	Balance June 30, 2023
School Building Bonds of 2016	\$ 1,030,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 900,000
General Obligation School Building Bond, Series 2022	-	1,715,695	156,630	1,559,065
Bond Premium	15,104	-	1,079	14,025
Early Retirement	15,000	-	7,500	7,500
Leases	115,318	-	26,924	88,394
Compensated Absences	11,465	-	582	10,883
Net OPEB Liability	-	-	-	-
Net Pension Liability	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,186,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,715,695</u>	<u>\$ 322,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,867</u>

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**For the Future**

The Larimore School District continues to practice proven and practiced accounting procedures with budgeting. We finished the 2022-23 school year with a positive balance of almost \$7,000 in carryover. There are several reasons for this positive balance such as our budgeting and purchasing practices, but we also received a great deal of federal funds that were used in the appropriate expenditure lines that assisted our district with the projected budget. We are planning for a negative ending balance for the end of the current budget year 2023-24 at (\$135,000).

The District held a successful referendum for the construction of a new gymnasium that will be attached to the elementary school in November of 2021. The total cost of the proposed addition is \$4,000,000. We will be able to use \$830,000 in federal funds, \$170,000 from the reserve fund and \$50,000 from the building fund to apply to this construction in addition to the referendum. We are expecting an assessment in excess of \$650,000 from the city of Larimore for infrastructure construction for water, sewer, curb & gutter, and paving. The board has added a 1.47 levy to cover the cost of this assessment.

We continue to utilize our existing personnel to provide a system of checks and balances for our finances. The system, obviously, is not perfect because of the lack of personnel, but we have developed a system between faculty, administration, and business management in our attempt to reduce any type of fraud. To the district's knowledge, they have not experienced any type of employee fraud for over five years.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. You may request a copy of this report by contacting Shauna Sather, Business Manager, Larimore Public School District, P.O. Box 769, 300 Booth Avenue, Larimore, ND 58251-0769, or email at [shauna.sather@k12.nd.us](mailto:shauna.sather@k12.nd.us)

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,845,835
Due from State	35,678
Other Receivables	73,093
Property Taxes Receivable	101,891
Total Current Assets	<u>3,056,497</u>
Capital Assets	
Land	847,707
Construction in Progress	2,164,394
Buildings	2,780,926
Equipment	2,915,060
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,323,270)
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>5,384,817</u>
Lease Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization	<u>84,755</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>8,526,069</b></u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan - TFFR	691,666
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan - NDPERS	965,958
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit OPEB Plan - NDPERS	30,622
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u><b>1,688,246</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	151,367
Payroll Deductions	97,908
Bonds Payable Due Within One Year	136,246
Early Retirement Due Within One Year	7,500
Lease Liability Due Within One Year	27,393
Total Current Liabilities	<u>420,414</u>
Long-Term Liabilities	
Bonds Payable (Net of Current Maturities and Bond Premium)	2,336,844
Lease Liability (Net of Current Maturities)	61,001
Compensated Absences	10,883
Net OPEB Liability	58,106
Net Pension Liability	5,322,071
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>7,788,905</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><b>8,209,319</b></u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan - TFFR	628,584
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan - NDPERS	604,225
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit OPEB Plan - NDPERS	2,864
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u><b>1,235,673</b></u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital and Lease Assets	2,908,088
Restricted for Student Activities	342,511
Restricted for Special Reserve	287,024
Restricted for Building Projects	67,675
Restricted for Donations Received	503,962
Unrestricted	<u>(3,339,937)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 769,323</b></u></u>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>				
Business Support Services	\$ 275,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (275,894)
Instructional Support Services	39,930	-	-	(39,930)
Administration	160,051	-	-	(160,051)
Operations and Maintenance	1,182,241	-	12,350	(1,169,891)
Transportation	287,656	-	130,521	(157,135)
Regular Instruction	2,571,085	258,662	1,101,597	(1,210,826)
Special Education	826,364	-	-	(826,364)
Vocational Education	237,521	-	35,680	(201,841)
Extra-Curricular Activities	718,082	317,078	301,992	(99,012)
Food Services	283,610	127,256	147,816	(8,538)
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	41,290	-	-	(41,290)
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,623,724</b>	<b>\$ 702,996</b>	<b>\$ 1,729,956</b>	<b>(4,190,772)</b>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>				
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes				1,468,113
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				159,604
Property Taxes, Levied for Special Reserve				50,294
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects				167,847
Aids and Payments from the State				3,316,799
Unrestricted Investment Earnings (Losses)				32,059
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES</b>				<b>5,194,716</b>
Change in Net Position				1,003,944
Net Position - Beginning				(234,621)
Net Position - Ending				\$ 769,323

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**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Building Fund	Other Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,386,917	\$ 164,579	\$ 294,339	\$ 2,845,835
Due from State	35,678	-	-	35,678
Other Receivables	73,093	-	-	73,093
Property Taxes Receivable	80,074	9,761	12,056	101,891
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,575,762</u>	<u>\$ 174,340</u>	<u>\$ 306,395</u>	<u>\$ 3,056,497</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 44,702	\$ 106,665	\$ -	\$ 151,367
Payroll Deductions	97,908	-	-	97,908
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>142,610</u>	<u>106,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,275</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Taxes	69,474	8,575	10,652	88,701
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>69,474</u>	<u>8,575</u>	<u>10,652</u>	<u>88,701</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Restricted for Debt Service	-	-	11,289	11,289
Restricted for Special Reserve	-	-	284,454	284,454
Restricted for Building Projects	-	59,100	-	59,100
Restricted for Student Activities	342,511	-	-	342,511
Restricted for Donations Received	503,962	-	-	503,962
Unassigned	1,517,205	-	-	1,517,205
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>2,363,678</u>	<u>59,100</u>	<u>295,743</u>	<u>2,718,521</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 2,575,762</u>	<u>\$ 174,340</u>	<u>\$ 306,395</u>	<u>\$ 3,056,497</u>

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**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 2,718,521
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as assets in government funds:

Cost of capital assets	\$ 8,708,087	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,323,270)</u>	
Net		5,384,817

Lease assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as assets in government funds:

Cost of lease assets	\$ 135,208	
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>(50,453)</u>	
Net		84,755

Net deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources relating to the cost sharing of defined benefit plans in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources in the governmental funds.	452,573
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Property taxes receivable will be collected during the year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore, are deferred in the funds.	88,701
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Bond premiums that are amortized over the life of the debt issue	(14,025)
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Long-term liabilities, including special assessments, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not recorded as liabilities in the governmental funds.

Bonds Payable		(2,459,065)
Lease Payable		(88,394)
Compensated Absences		(10,883)
Early Retirement		(7,500)
Net OPEB Liability		(58,106)
Net Pension Liability		<u>(5,322,071)</u>

Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 769,323</u>
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**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Building Fund	Other Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
REVENUES				
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 1,460,513	\$ 167,847	\$ 209,898	\$ 1,838,258
Other Local and County Revenues	1,504,988	12,350	-	1,517,338
Revenue From State Sources	3,483,000	-	-	3,483,000
Revenue From Federal Sources	749,413	-	-	749,413
Gain/(Loss) on Fair Value Investments	13,734	-	-	13,734
Interest	14,418	1,397	2,510	18,325
	<u>7,226,066</u>	<u>181,594</u>	<u>212,408</u>	<u>7,620,068</u>
TOTAL REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Business Support Services	275,894	-	-	275,894
Instructional Support Services	39,930	-	-	39,930
Administration	160,051	-	-	160,051
Operations and Maintenance	1,050,764	131,477	-	1,182,241
Transportation	241,556	-	-	241,556
Regular Instruction	2,382,680	-	-	2,382,680
Special Education	826,364	-	-	826,364
Vocational Education	237,521	-	-	237,521
Extra-Curricular Activities	718,082	-	-	718,082
Food Services	283,610	-	-	283,610
Capital Outlay:	308,427	1,765,911	-	2,074,338
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	26,924	130,000	156,630	313,554
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	-	40,599	12,191	52,790
	<u>6,551,803</u>	<u>2,067,987</u>	<u>168,821</u>	<u>8,788,611</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	674,263	(1,886,393)	43,587	(1,168,543)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	20,000	20,000
Transfers to Other Funds	(20,000)	-	-	(20,000)
Proceeds from Bond Issuance	-	1,715,695	-	1,715,695
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>1,715,695</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,715,695</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>654,263</u>	<u>(170,698)</u>	<u>63,587</u>	<u>547,152</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>1,709,415</u>	<u>229,798</u>	<u>232,156</u>	<u>2,171,369</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 2,363,678</u>	<u>\$ 59,100</u>	<u>\$ 295,743</u>	<u>\$ 2,718,521</u>

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**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Total net changes in fund balances - Governmental Funds \$ 547,152

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlays	\$ 2,074,338	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(213,941)</u>	1,860,397

Lease payments are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, those assets are set up as lease assets and amortized over the life of the lease along with interest expenses. In the current period, this resulted in the following difference: difference due to amortization expense:

Amortization Expense - Leases	\$ (27,520)	
Interest Expense - Leases	(1,743)	
Fund Financials Expenses - Leases	<u>28,667</u>	(596)

Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds. However, the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 286,630

Proceeds from bond issuances are a long-term liability in the statement of net position. They are netted against repayments of long-term debt which reduce long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. (1,715,695)

Some items 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. These items consisted of the (increase)/decrease in:

Early Retirement	\$ 7,500	
Compensated Absences	<u>582</u>	8,082

Some revenues will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year end. These revenues are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds. These consist of:

Net change in unavailable property taxes	7,600
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Changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to net pension liability	1,771,546
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Amortization of premiums received from bond issuance	1,079
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Change in OPEB liability	(31,634)
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Change in net pension liability	(1,742,117)
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Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

11,500

Change in net position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 1,003,944</u></u>
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**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Larimore Public School District operates the public schools in the City of Larimore, North Dakota. There is one elementary school and one junior/senior high school.

Reporting Entity - Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District. Fiscal dependence can include the District's approval of the budget, issuance of debt, and/or levying of taxes for the organization.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the District's reporting entity.

**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The 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 District's significant accounting policies are described below.

***Basis of Presentation***

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements and fund financial statements.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The government-wide financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of activities. These statements display information about the District as a whole.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. The statement identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or drawing from the general revenues of the District. Direct expenses are expenses that are specifically associated with a service, program or department. The direct expenses are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges to recipients for goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meet the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the District.

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

The Government-wide financial statements do not include fiduciary funds of component units that are fiduciary in nature.

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**JUNE 30, 2023**

**Fund Financial Statements:**

In order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance, the District segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The focus of the governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented as a separate column in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

***Fund Accounting***

The District's funds consist of the following:

**Governmental Funds:**

Governmental funds are utilized to account for most of the District's governmental functions. The reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which the obligation will be paid. Fund balance represents the difference between the governmental fund assets, deferred inflows of resources, and liabilities. The District's major governmental funds are as follows:

**General Fund:**

This fund is the general operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources except those requiring to be accounted for in another fund.

**Building Fund:**

This fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for constructing and equipping new school facilities and renovation of existing facilities.

Non-major governmental funds are as follows:

**Special Reserve:**

This fund is used to account for the proceeds of certain specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Included in this category are the transactions for the special reserve fund.

**Debt Service:**

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources that are restricted for the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations of governmental funds.

***Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting***

**Measurement Focus:**

*Government-wide Financial Statements:*

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included in the statement of net position.

*Fund Financial Statements:*

The governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. Under this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on

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**JUNE 30, 2023**

the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources.

The current financial resources measurement focus differs from the manner, which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Due to the difference, the District's financial statements include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for government funds.

**Basis of Accounting:**

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The District's governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of its fiscal year. Expenditures are generally recorded as the related fund liability is incurred.

**Revenues-Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions:**

Exchange transactions are transactions in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue for exchange transactions is recorded when the exchange takes place. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue for exchange transactions is recorded when the resources are measurable and available.

Non-exchange transactions include transactions in which the District receives value without directly providing value in return. Non-exchange transactions include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations.

Under the accrual basis of accounting, property taxes are recorded as revenue in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recorded in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it is recorded in the financial records of the District.

Major revenue sources susceptible to accrual include: property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and investment income.

**Unearned Revenues:**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized in the financial statements before the revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenues.

On the governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected during the availability period have been reported as unearned revenue.

**Expenses and Expenditures:**

Governmental funds accounting measurement focus is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recorded in the fiscal year in which the

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**JUNE 30, 2023**

related fund liability is incurred. Under the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recorded when incurred.

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:**

The District's board follows the procedures established by North Dakota law for the budgetary process. The governing body of each School District, annually on or before the last day of July, must levy taxes. The governing body of the School District may amend its tax levy and budget for the current fiscal year on or before the tenth day of October of each year. Taxes for School District purposes must be based upon an itemized budget statement which must show the complete expenditure by program of the District for the current fiscal year and the sources of the revenue from which it is to be financed. The School Board, in levying taxes, is limited by the amount necessary to be raised for the purpose of meeting the appropriations included in the school budget of the current fiscal year, and the sum necessary to be provided as an interim fund, together with a tax sufficient in amount to pay the interest on the bonded debt of the District and to provide a sinking fund to pay and discharge the principal thereon at maturity.

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

1. The administration prepares the District's budget. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
2. The Board reviews the budget, may make revisions, and adopts the final budget on or before August 15 of each year. The budget is then filed with the county auditor by August 25 of each year.
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 of each year. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts.
4. All appropriations lapse at the close of the District's fiscal year. The balance of the appropriation reverts back to each respective fund and is available for future appropriation.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

The District considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**Investments:**

Investments are recorded at market value. North Dakota State statute authorizes school districts to invest their surplus funds in: a) 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, instrumentality's, or organizations created by an act of Congress, b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above, c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the state, d) Obligations of the state.

**Fair Value Measurements:**

The Organization accounts for all assets and liabilities that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis in accordance with GAAP. GAAP defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about fair value measurements.

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When fair value measurements are required, various data is used in determining those values. This statement requires that assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value must be classified and disclosed in the following levels based on the nature of the data used.

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

**Capital Assets:**

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 Position 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 District's fiscal year. The District has established a capitalization threshold of \$750. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their acquisition values at the date received. The District does not have any infrastructure assets. Improvements that significantly extend the useful life of the asset are also capitalized.

The District's land and construction in progress costs are capitalized but are not depreciated. All the remaining capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. The District has established the following useful lives:

Buildings	50 years
Furniture and Equipment	5 to 20 years

**Leases:**

The determination of whether an arrangement contains a lease is made at inception by evaluating whether the arrangement conveys the right to use an identified asset and whether the District has control of the right to use asset. Control includes the right to obtain present service capacity and the right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying asset, as specified in the contract.

Leases with an initial lease term of more than 12 months, or that contain an option to purchase that the District is reasonably certain to exercise, are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. In cases where the implicit rate is not readily determinable, the District uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date. The District has made an accounting policy election to use a risk free rate based on US Treasury Tbill rate as of the lease commencement. The District accounts for lease agreements with lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component for all underlying classes of assets.

The District continues to record rent expense for short term leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Short term leases have a term of 12 months or less at lease commencement and do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The depreciable life of assets and leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise.

The District's lease agreements do not include any material residual value guarantees or restrictive covenants.



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**Compensated Absences:**

Vacation pay applies to full-time staff and recorded as an expenditure when paid. Sick leave accrues at a rate of \$10 per day up to a maximum of 80 days. Upon termination, an employee will be paid for any unused sick days.

**Early Retirement Payable:**

A teacher or administrator who reaches the rule of 85 and has 10 consecutive years at the school district is eligible for a retirement payment. The payment shall be a proportion of the employee's current annual salary. The payment may be in one or two installments.

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations:**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the District's government wide financial statements. The District's governmental fund financials report only those obligations that will be paid from current financial resources.

**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 North Dakota Public Employee Retirement System (NDPERS) and Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS and TFFR's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS and 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.

**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.

**Fund Balance Classifications:**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in the classifications that disclose constraints for which amounts in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

*Nonspendable* – consists of amounts that are not in spendable form, such as inventory 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 and administered by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

*Committed* – consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints are established by Resolution of the Board of Education.

*Assigned* – consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints reflect the specific purpose for which it is the District's intended use. These constraints are established by the Board of Education and/or management.

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*Unassigned* – is the residual classification for the general fund and also reflects negative residual amounts in other funds.

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

When committed, assigned or unassigned resources are available for use, the District's preference is to use resources in the following order; 1) committed, 2) assigned and 3) unassigned.

The Board of Education has not formally adopted a fund balance policy for the General Fund, however, the Board tries to maintain a fund balance of no less than 10% of the General Fund's current annual operating expenditure budget.

**Net Position:**

Net position represents the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the District's financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any long-term debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted Net Position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Unrestricted Net Position is the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources:**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resource (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has two items reported on the statement of net position as *cost sharing defined benefit pension plan and cost sharing defined benefit OPEB plan*, which represents actuarial differences within the NDPERS and TFFR pension plans and NDPERS OPEB plan as well as contributions to the plans made after the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source, property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The District also has two items reported on the statement of net position as *cost sharing defined benefit pension plan and cost sharing defined benefit OPEB plan*, which represents the actuarial differences within the NDPERS and TFFR pension plans and NDPERS OPEB plan.

**Inter-fund Activity:**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as inter-fund transfers. Inter-fund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements. Inter-fund activities within the District's governmental activities and its business-type activities, are eliminated in the statement of activities.

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**Estimates:**

The preparation of the 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.

**Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes:**

Taxes receivable consist of current and delinquent uncollected taxes at June 30, 2023.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property January 1. A five percent reduction is allowed if paid by February 15. Penalty and interest are added March 15 if the first half-of-the taxes have not been paid. Additional penalties are added October 15, if not paid. Taxes are collected by the county and usually remitted monthly to the School District.

Property tax revenue in the governmental funds is recognized in compliance with National Council of Government Accounting (NCGA) Interpretation 3, "Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes". This interpretation states that property tax revenue is recorded when it becomes available. Available means when due, or past due and receivable within the current period and collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Such time thereafter shall not exceed 60 days. Property tax revenue is recorded as revenue in the year the tax is levied in the government - wide financial statements. Property taxes are limited by state laws. All School District tax levies are in compliance with state laws.

**Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)**

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) are contracts that conveys control of the right to use another party's IT software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

The determination of whether a SBITA asset and liability are to be recorded in the financial statements is made at inception by evaluating the maximum possible term of the SBITA.

A SBITA contract with an initial term of more than 12 months, or that contain an option to extend the contract more than 12 months that is reasonably expected to be exercised by the District, are recognized based on the present value of subscription payments over the contract term discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. In cases where the implicit rate is not readily determinable, the District uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the SBITA contract commencement date. The District has made an accounting policy election to use a risk free rate based on US Treasury T-bill rate as of the SBITA contract commencement.

The District continues to recognize short-term SBITA subscription payments as outflows of resources (expenditure) based on the payment provision of the SBITA contract. Short-term SBITA contracts have a maximum possible term under the SBITA contract of 12 months (or less), including any options to extend, regardless of their probability of being exercised.

**Significant Group Concentrations of Credit Risk:**

As of June 30, 2023, the District's receivables consist of amounts due from other governmental units within the State of North Dakota.

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**NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits**

In accordance with North Dakota laws, the District maintains deposits at a depository authorized by the School Board. The depository is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

North Dakota laws require that all public deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal at least 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes the legal investments described below, as well as certain first mortgage notes, and certain other state or local government obligations. North Dakota laws require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping by the District treasurer or in a financial institution other than that furnishing the collateral.

At June 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$2,819,070 and the bank balance was \$2,952,832. The entire bank balance was covered by Federal Depository Insurance or by collateral held by the District's Agent in the District's name in amounts sufficient to meet North Dakota legal requirements.

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As of June 30, 2023, the District had the following investments and maturities:

	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>							<u>Rating</u>	<u>Agency</u>
	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>Less than One Year</u>	<u>1-5 Years</u>	<u>6-10 Years</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>		
<b>Investments by Fair Value Level</b>									
Debt Securities									
Bank of America	\$ 26,765	\$ 26,765	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,765	\$ -	A1	Moody's
Certificates of Deposit									
Bank Ozk	67,863	67,863	-	-	-	67,863	-	NA	NA
Cross River Bank	183,638	183,638	-	-	-	183,638	-	NA	NA
Lakeside Bank	155,593	155,593	-	-	-	155,593	-	NA	NA
Valley National Bank	100,794	100,794	-	-	-	100,794	-	NA	NA
Zions Bancorp	26,900	26,900	-	-	-	26,900	-	NA	NA
JP Morgan Chase Bank	200,000	200,000	-	-	-	200,000	-	NA	NA
Santander Bank NA	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	-	NA	NA
<b>Total Investments by Fair Value Level</b>	<u><u>\$ 811,553</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 811,553</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 811,553</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>		

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Debt and equity securities classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities.

**Credit Risk**

The District may also invest idle funds as authorized by North Dakota laws, as follows:

- a. 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.
- b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above.
- c. Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the state.
- d. Obligations of the state.

**Interest Rate Risk**

The 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.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

**Custodial Credit Risk – Investments**

The investments are not subject to the credit risk classifications as noted in paragraph 9 of GASB Statement 40.

During the current year, the District invested idle funds of \$26,765 in publicly traded debt securities with maturity dates exceeding 270 days. As a result, the District is not in compliance with North Dakota Century Code Section 21-06-07.

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**NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group during the year:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
Governmental Activities					
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated					
Land	\$ 847,707	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 847,707
Construction in Progress	358,183	1,937,187	-	(130,976)	2,164,394
Total	<u>1,205,890</u>	<u>1,937,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(130,976)</u>	<u>3,012,101</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated					
Buildings	2,649,950	-	-	130,976	2,780,926
Furniture & Equipment	2,810,036	137,151	(32,127)	-	2,915,060
Total	<u>5,459,986</u>	<u>137,151</u>	<u>(32,127)</u>	<u>130,976</u>	<u>5,695,986</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation					
Buildings	1,202,819	37,487	-	-	1,240,306
Furniture & Equipment	1,938,637	176,454	(32,127)	-	2,082,964
Total	<u>3,141,456</u>	<u>213,941</u>	<u>(32,127)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,323,270</u>
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>2,318,530</u>	<u>1,860,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,976</u>	<u>2,372,716</u>
Net Capital Assets for Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 3,524,420</u>	<u>\$ 3,797,584</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,384,817</u>

In the governmental activities section of the Statement of Activities, depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

	<u>Depreciation</u>
Transportation	\$ 46,100
Regular Instruction	167,841
	<u>\$ 213,941</u>

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**NOTE 5 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

A summary of long-term liabilities are as follows:

Title	Interest Rate	Original Maturity	Balance 6/30/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2023	Due within One Year
School Building Bonds of 2016	2.00-3.00%	08-01-2035	\$ 1,030,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -
General Obligation School Building Bond, Series 2022	2.00%	07-01-2042	-	1,715,695	156,630	1,559,065	136,246
Bond Premium			15,104	-	1,079	14,025	-
Early Retirement			15,000	-	7,500	7,500	7,500
Compensated Absences			11,465	-	582	10,883	-
Net OPEB Liability			26,472	37,944	6,310	58,106	-
Net Pension Liability			3,579,955	2,616,551	874,435	5,322,071	-
			<u>\$ 4,677,996</u>	<u>\$ 4,370,190</u>	<u>\$ 1,176,536</u>	<u>\$ 7,871,650</u>	<u>\$ 143,746</u>

Compensated absences, early retirement, OPEB and pension liabilities are generally liquidated by the general fund.

Interest expense was \$41,290 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**Bonds Payable – School Building Bonds of 2016**

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
2025	65,000	24,350	89,350
2026	65,000	23,050	88,050
2027	70,000	21,700	91,700
2028	70,000	19,950	89,950
2029-2033	380,000	66,750	446,750
2034-2036	250,000	11,400	261,400
	<u>\$ 900,000</u>	<u>\$ 179,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,079,700</u>

**Loan Payable – General Obligation School Building Bond**

The District obtained \$3,000,000 of loan financing through the Bank of North Dakota. This amount can be drawn upon over time. As of June 30, 2023, \$1,715,695 has been drawn down and \$1,284,305 remains to be drawn upon.



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Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ending			
	June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
General Obligation School	2024	\$ 136,246	\$ 58,638	\$ 194,884
Building Bond, Series 2022	2025	137,608	55,899	193,507
	2026	138,984	53,133	192,117
	2027	140,374	50,339	190,713
	2028	141,778	47,518	189,296
	2029-2033	730,443	194,269	924,712
	2034-2038	767,703	119,377	887,080
	2039-2043	650,234	40,664	690,898
		<u>\$ 2,843,370</u>	<u>\$ 619,837</u>	<u>\$ 3,463,207</u>

**NOTE 6 LEASES**

The District leases copy machines and printers at its school location in Larimore, North Dakota. The term of the lease period is 60 months, commencing in fiscal year 2022 and terminating in fiscal year 2026 with a monthly payment of \$2,392.

Following is the total lease expense for the year ended June 30, 2023:

**Lease expense**

Amortization expense by class of underlying asset

Equipment \$ 27,520

Total amortization expense 27,520

Interest on lease liabilities 1,743

**Total** \$ 29,263

Following is a schedule of activity of leased assets and lease liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Beginning		Modifications &		End of	Amounts
	of Year	Additions	Remeasurements	Subtractions	Year	Due
Lease Assets						Within
Equipment	\$ 135,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,208	One Year
	<u>135,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,208</u>	
Less: Accumulated Amortization						
Equipment	(22,933)	(27,520)	-	-	(50,453)	
	<u>(22,933)</u>	<u>(27,520)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,453)</u>	
<b>Total Lease Assets, net</b>	<u>\$ 112,275</u>	<u>\$ (27,520)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 84,755</u>	
<b>Lease Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 115,318</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (26,924)</u>	<u>\$ 88,394</u>	<u>\$ 27,393</u>

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Following is a schedule by years of future minimum payments required under the lease:

<b>Maturity Analysis</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>
2024	\$ 27,393	\$ 1,313	\$ 28,706
2025	27,871	835	28,706
2026	28,357	349	28,706
2027	4,773	10	4,783
Total Future Payments	<u>\$ 88,394</u>	<u>\$ 2,507</u>	<u>\$ 90,901</u>

**NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATEWIDE**

Substantially, all employees of the District are required by state law to belong to pension plans administered by Teacher's Fund for Retirement (TFFR) or the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS), both of which are administered on a statewide basis.

Disclosures relating to these plans follow:

**North Dakota Teacher's Fund For Retirement**

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

TFFR 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. TFFR provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the TFFR plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the TFFR 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 TFFR 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. TFFR 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.

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Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR 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. TFFR 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 TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR 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. TFFR 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 TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR 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) 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 TFFR has determined eligibility based upon 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.

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**Member and Employer Contributions**

Member and employer contributions paid to TFFR 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 TFFR 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 must also pay into TFFR 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 70½. Refunded members forfeit all service credits under TFFR. These service credits may be repurchased upon return to covered employment under certain circumstances, as defined by the NDCC.

**Pension Costs**

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$3,911,155 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At July 1, 2022, the Employer's proportion was 0.268613 percent which was a decrease of 0.00020821 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$148,741. On June 30, 2023, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 16,855	\$ 104,426
Changes in actuarial assumptions	79,530	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	292,951	-
Changes in proportion	32,088	524,158
Contributions paid to TFFR subsequent to the measurement date	<u>270,242</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 691,666</u>	<u>\$ 628,584</u>

\$270,242 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending 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:

<u>Year ending June 30:</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2024	\$ (50,851)
2025	(69,842)
2026	(136,697)
2027	182,599
2028	(47,026)
Thereafter	(85,343)

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**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
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 disability 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 TFFR.

The TFFR 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 TFFR 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 the resulting estimated impact of funded status and contribution rates.

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 pension plan's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate</b>
		<b>of Return</b>
Global Equities	55.00%	6.61%
Global Fixed Income	26.00%	0.35%
Global Real Assets	18.00%	4.60%
Cash Equivalents	1.00%	-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

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plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of June 30, 2022. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022.

**Pension Liability Sensitivity**

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the 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 in Discount Rate 6.25%	Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase in Discount Rate 8.25%
District's proportionate share of the TFFR net pension liability:	\$ 5,373,568	\$ 3,911,155	\$ 2,698,267

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TFFR financial report. TFFR's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is located at <https://www.rio.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/PDFs/RIO/Reports/annualreport2022.pdf>.

**North Dakota Public Employees' Retirement 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.

**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. The Main Plan will be closed to new employees with the passage of House Bill 1040. The effective date is dependent upon NDPERS implementing the changes to set up a new defined contribution (DC) plan. If the DC plan is set up by December 31, 2023, then the effective date of the Main Plan closure will be January 1, 2024. If the changes cannot be accomplished by then, the effective date will be January 1, 2025.

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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, life-time 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 covered compensation. 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. Employer contribution rates increase by 1% beginning January 1, 2024.

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 District reported a liability of \$1,410,916 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of covered payroll in the

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Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.048989 percent which was an decrease of 0.0000189 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$166,377. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 7,360	\$ 26,951
Changes in actuarial assumptions	843,748	523,077
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	51,639	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	16,970	54,197
District contributions paid to NDPERS subsequent to the measurement date	46,241	-
Total	<u>\$ 965,958</u>	<u>\$ 604,225</u>

\$46,241 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending 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:

<u>Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2024	\$ 85,639
2025	110,521
2026	(6,481)
2027	125,814

**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.



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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:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Domestic Equity	30.00%	5.75%
International Equity	21.00%	6.45%
Private Equity	7.00%	9.20%
Domestic Fixed Income	23.00%	0.34%
Global Real Assets	19.00%	4.35%

### **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.

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 District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.10 percent, as well as what the Employer'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 in Discount Rate 4.10%	Discount Rate 5.10%	1% Increase in Discount Rate 6.10%
District's proportionate share of the NDPERS net pension liability: \$	1,862,312 \$	1,410,916 \$	1,040,335

### **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

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

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**NOTE 8 DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN**

***Defined Benefit OPEB Plan***

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 expenses. 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.

**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 District reported a liability of \$58,106 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total OPEB liability used to

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calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the 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 District's proportion was 0.048409 percent, which was an increase of 0.00000813 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$9,174. At June 30, 2023 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,378	\$ 500
Changes of assumptions	14,636	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	7,824	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contribution	1,175	2,364
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,609	-
Total	<u>\$ 30,622</u>	<u>\$ 2,864</u>

\$5,609 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024.

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

<b>Year Ending June 30:</b>	
2024	\$ 5,594
2025	5,193
2026	4,779
2027	6,583

**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 MortalityPub-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

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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 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, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Broad US Equity	39.00%	5.75%
International Equities	26.00%	6.00%
Core-Plus Fixed Income	35.00%	0.22%

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 5.39%. 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 Employer'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 percent, 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:

	<b>1% Decrease in Discount Rate 4.39%</b>	<b>Discount Rate 5.39%</b>	<b>1% Increase in Discount Rate 6.39%</b>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 74,169	\$ 58,106	\$ 44,622

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

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

**NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common

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risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses on one million dollars per occurrence.

The District also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The District pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of one million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the District with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The state Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The District participates in the North Dakota Worker's Compensation Bureau and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**NOTE 10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures, which may be disallowed by the grantor, cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**NOTE 11 COMMITMENTS**

The District has project commitments of \$1,843,411 related to the gymnasium in progress at June 30, 2023.

**NOTE 12 TAX ABATEMENTS**

Grand Forks County and Nelson County and certain political subdivisions within the county can negotiate property tax abatement agreements with the individuals and various commercial entities/businesses. Grand Forks County and the political subdivisions within have the following types of tax abatement agreements with various individuals and commercial entities at June 30, 2023.

The District will state individually the parties whom received a benefit of the reduction in taxes of 20% or greater when compared to the total reduction of taxes for all tax abatement programs.

**New Residence**

Single Family property owners are eligible for property tax incentives for the specified property that meet state requirements (NDCC 57-02-08(35)).

General Criteria – Up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars of the true and full value of all new single-family and condominium and townhouse residential property, exclusive of the land on which it is situated, is exempt from taxation for the first two taxable years after the taxable year in which construction is completed and the residence is owned and occupied for the first time if all the following conditions are met:

a. The governing body of the city, for property within city limits, or the governing body of the county, for property outside city limits, has approved the exemption of the property by resolution. A resolution adopted under this subsection may be rescinded or amended at any time. The governing body of the city

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or county may limit or impose conditions upon exemptions under this subsection, including limitations on the time during which an exemption is allowed.

b. Special assessments and taxes on the property upon which the residence is situated are not delinquent.

As a result of agreements made by the county and city, the School District had a reduction in taxes as noted.

Reduction in Taxes – Due to Agreements with Other Entities

Total program reduction in taxes – \$354

**NOTE 13 NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS**

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, provides guidance on the following accounting matters:

- Classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, that do not meet the definition of either an investment derivative instrument or a hedging derivative instrument.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended, related to the determination of the lease term, classification of a lease as a short-term lease, recognition and measurement of a lease liability and a lease asset, and identification of lease incentives.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, related to (a) the determination of the public-private and public-public partnership (PPP) term and (b) recognition and measurement of installment payments and the transfer of the underlying PPP asset.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, related to the subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) term, classification of a SBITA as a short-term SBITA, and recognition and measurement of a subscription liability.
- Extension of the period during which the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is considered an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness of an interest rate swap that hedges the interest rate risk of taxable debt.
- Accounting for the distribution of benefits as part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Disclosures related to nonmonetary transactions.
- Pledges of future revenues when resources are not received by the pledging government.
- Clarification of provisions in Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements— and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, as amended, related to the focus of the government-wide financial statement.
- Terminology updates related to certain provisions of Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.
- Terminology used in Statement 53 to refer to resource flows statements.

The requirements of this statement are effective as follows:

- The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance.

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- The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*, provides guidance on accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections. Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. The requirements of this Statement for changes in accounting principles apply to the implementation of a new pronouncement in absence of specific transition provisions in the new pronouncement. This Statement also requires that the aggregate amount of adjustments to and restatements of beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position, as applicable, be displayed by reporting unit in the financial statements.

This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, provides guidance on the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. This Statement also requires that a liability for specific types of compensated absences not be recognized until the leave is used. This Statement also establishes guidance for measuring a liability for leave that has not been used, generally using an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements. A liability for leave that has been used but not yet paid or settled should be measured at the amount of the cash payment or noncash settlement to be made. Certain salary-related payments that are directly and incrementally associated with payments for leave also should be included in the measurement of the liabilities. This Statement amends the existing requirement to disclose the gross increases and decreases in a liability for compensated absences to allow governments to disclose only the net change in the liability (as long as they identify it as a net change). In addition, governments are no longer required to disclose which governmental funds typically have been used to liquidate the liability for compensated absences. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

Management has not yet determined the effect these statements will have on the District's financial statements.

**NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

No significant events occurred subsequent to the District's year end. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 6, 2023, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE OF THE GENERAL FUND**  
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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u> Original and Final Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Final Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 1,531,918	\$ 1,460,513	\$ (71,405)
Other Local and County Revenues	367,420	1,504,988	1,137,568
Revenue From State Sources	3,480,930	3,483,000	2,070
Revenue From Federal Sources	709,103	749,413	40,310
Gain/(Loss) on Fair Value Investments	-	13,734	13,734
Interest	300	14,418	14,118
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>6,089,671</u>	<u>7,226,066</u>	<u>1,136,395</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Business Support Services	277,822	275,894	(1,928)
Instructional Support Services	43,025	39,930	(3,095)
Administration	140,053	160,051	19,998
Operations and Maintenance	954,940	1,050,764	95,824
Transportation	312,960	241,556	(71,404)
Regular Instruction	2,738,799	2,382,680	(356,119)
Special Education	827,025	826,364	(661)
Vocational Education	260,625	237,521	(23,104)
Extra-Curricular Activities	233,148	718,082	484,934
Food Services	239,485	283,610	44,125
Capital Outlay	-	308,427	308,427
Principal Retirement	-	26,924	(26,924)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>6,027,882</u>	<u>6,551,803</u>	<u>470,073</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>61,789</u>	<u>674,263</u>	<u>612,474</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers In	75,000	-	(75,000)
Transfers Out	<u>                    </u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(95,000)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	136,789	654,263	517,474
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,709,415</u>	<u>1,709,415</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,846,204</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,678</u>	<u>\$ 517,474</u>

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information



**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TFFR AND NDPERS PENSION PLANS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

**Teachers Fund for Retirement**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered - Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered - Payroll
2023	\$ 270,242	\$ (270,242)	-	\$ 2,119,541	12.75%
2022	269,503	(269,503)	-	2,113,753	12.75%
2021	284,410	(284,410)	-	2,230,671	12.75%
2020	275,285	(275,285)	-	2,159,099	12.75%
2019	271,978	(271,978)	-	2,133,160	12.75%
2018	284,586	(284,586)	-	2,232,051	12.75%
2017	274,929	(274,929)	-	2,156,303	12.75%
2016	268,763	(268,763)	-	2,107,946	12.75%
2015	248,224	(248,224)	-	1,946,851	12.75%

**North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered - Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered - Payroll
2023	\$ 46,241	\$ (46,241)	\$ -	\$ 627,732	7.37%
2022	41,655	(41,655)	-	575,833	7.23%
2021	44,694	(44,694)	-	627,779	7.12%
2020	42,380	(42,380)	-	593,115	7.15%
2019	39,708	(39,708)	-	557,698	7.12%
2018	42,425	(42,425)	-	595,857	7.12%
2017	41,022	(41,022)	-	576,146	7.12%
2016	41,489	(41,489)	-	582,705	7.12%
2015	40,099	(40,099)	-	563,187	7.12%

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 68 for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Information for prior years is not available.

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NDPERS OPEB PLAN**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

**North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System – OPEB**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered - Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered - Payroll
2023	\$ 5,609	\$ (5,609)	\$ -	\$ 627,732	0.89%
2022	5,909	(5,909)	-	518,333	1.14%
2021	6,340	(6,340)	-	555,687	1.14%
2020	6,612	(6,612)	-	579,962	1.14%
2019	6,358	(6,358)	-	557,698	1.14%
2018	6,793	(6,793)	-	595,857	1.14%

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Information for prior years is not available.

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

**Teachers Fund for Retirement**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	District's Covered - Payroll	Proportionate Share Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2023	0.2686%	\$ 3,911,155	\$ 2,113,753	185.03%	67.50%
2022	0.2894%	3,049,643	2,230,671	136.71%	75.70%
2021	0.2959%	4,528,830	2,159,099	209.76%	63.40%
2020	0.3041%	4,187,858	2,133,160	196.32%	65.50%
2019	0.3283%	4,376,237	2,232,051	196.06%	65.50%
2018	0.3195%	4,387,946	2,156,303	203.49%	63.20%
2017	0.3244%	4,753,188	2,107,946	225.49%	59.20%
2016	0.3165%	4,139,362	1,946,851	212.62%	62.10%
2015	0.3565%	3,735,561	2,067,930	180.64%	66.60%

**North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	District's Covered - Payroll	Proportionate Share Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2023	0.0490%	\$ 1,410,916	\$ 568,677	224.75%	54.47%
2022	0.0509%	530,312	627,779	84.47%	78.26%
2021	0.0525%	1,650,843	578,847	285.20%	48.91%
2020	0.0492%	576,847	511,925	112.68%	71.66%
2019	0.0515%	869,692	529,417	164.27%	63.53%
2018	0.0584%	939,146	596,468	157.45%	61.98%
2017	0.0569%	554,244	573,106	96.71%	70.46%
2016	0.0645%	438,847	574,956	76.33%	77.15%
2015	0.0594%	377,050	500,404	75.35%	77.70%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability which is June 30 of the previous fiscal year.

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 68 for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Information for prior years is not available.

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

**North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System – OPEB**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	District's covered - payroll	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered- payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2023	0.048409%	\$ 58,106	\$ 499,772	9.26%	56.28%
2022	0.047596%	26,472	555,687	4.76%	76.63%
2021	0.048379%	40,696	551,504	7.38%	63.38%
2020	0.045900%	36,848	511,925	7.20%	63.13%
2019	0.048400%	38,105	529,417	7.20%	61.89%
2018	0.055100%	43,612	596,468	7.31%	59.78%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability which is June 30 of the previous fiscal year.

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Information for prior years is not available.

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

The District's Board follows the procedures established by North Dakota law for the budgetary process. The governing body of each School District, annually on or before the last day of July must levy taxes. The governing body of the School District may amend its tax levy and budget for the current fiscal year on or before the tenth day of October of each year. Taxes for School District purposes must be based upon an itemized budget statement which must show the complete expenditure by program of the District for the current fiscal year and the sources of the revenue from which it is to be financed. The School Board, in levying taxes, is limited by the amount necessary to be raised for the purpose of meeting the appropriations included in the school budget of the current fiscal year, and the sum necessary to be provided as an interim fund, together with a tax sufficient in amount to pay the interest on the bonded debt of the District and to provide a sinking fund to pay and discharge the principal thereon at maturity. During the current year, actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by \$470,073.

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

1. The administration prepares the District's budget. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
2. The Board reviews the budget, may make revisions, and adopts the final budget on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The budget is then filed with the county auditor by August 25<sup>th</sup> of each year.
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<sup>th</sup> of each year. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts.
4. All appropriations lapse at the close of the District's fiscal year. The balance of the appropriation reverts back to each respective fund and is available for future appropriation.

**NOTE 2 CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS**

**TFFR**

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.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - CONTINUED**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

Amounts reported in 2016-2020 reflect the following actuarial assumption changes based on the results of an actuarial experience 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.

**NDPERS**

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.

**OPEB**

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.

**NOTE 3 EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS**

Actual expenses exceed budgeted expenses by \$470,073. The reason is due to extra-curricular activities and capital outlay expenses not being budgeted for.

**NOTE 4 CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS**

**NDPERS**

The interest rate earned on member contributions decreased 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 increased 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.

**OPEB**

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.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**BALANCE SHEET – NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Gov'tl Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 284,098	\$ 10,241	\$ 294,339
Taxes Receivable	<u>2,926</u>	<u>9,130</u>	<u>12,056</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 287,024</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,371</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 306,395</u></u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Taxes	<u>\$ 2,570</u>	<u>\$ 8,082</u>	<u>\$ 10,652</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	<u>284,454</u>	<u>11,289</u>	<u>295,743</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 287,024</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,371</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 306,395</u></u>

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –**  
**NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Special Reserve</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Gov'tl Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 50,294	\$ 159,604	\$ 209,898
Interest	<u>2,004</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>2,510</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>52,298</u>	<u>160,110</u>	<u>212,408</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	-	156,630	156,630
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	<u>-</u>	<u>12,191</u>	<u>12,191</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>168,821</u>	<u>168,821</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>52,298</u>	<u>(8,711)</u>	<u>43,587</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	52,298	11,289	63,587
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>232,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,156</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 284,454</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,289</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 295,743</u></u>



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

To the Board of Education  
Larimore Public School District No. 44  
Larimore, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Larimore Public School District No. 44 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 October 6, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Larimore Public School District No. 44's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Larimore Public School District No. 44's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Larimore Public School District No. 44's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control 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 and responses as items 2023-001 - 2023-003 to be significant deficiencies.

## **Report on Compliance And Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Larimore Public School District No. 44's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of non-compliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2023-004.

## **The District's Responses To Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

## **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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
**GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA**

October 6, 2023

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**2023-001 Finding**

**Criteria**

A proper system of internal control has the proper segregation of duties between authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation.

**Condition**

There is not a system in place for accounting duties to be properly segregated between authorization, custody, record keepings and reconciliation.

**Cause**

The District is subject to size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within the accounting department.

**Effect**

The design of internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

**Recommendation**

We recommend the District review their internal controls over the accounting functions to determine if additional procedures can be implemented that are cost effective. The board should constantly be aware of this condition. Compensating controls that mitigate the related risks could be (or are) provided through appropriate oversight of the performance of these functions and review of the financial reports by individuals with knowledge of current operations and accounting principles.

**Management's Response**

The Superintendent reviews and signs off on the unopened bank statements. The Superintendent also reviews and signs off on all the bank reconciliations.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**2023-002 Finding**

**Criteria**

An appropriate system of internal control requires the organization to prepare financial statements in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Condition**

The District's personnel prepare periodic financial information for internal use that meets the needs of management and the board. However, the District currently does not prepare financial statements, including accompanying note disclosures, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District has elected to have the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and note.

**Cause**

The District elected to not allocate resources for the preparation of the financial statements.

**Effect**

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

**Recommendation**

We recommend the District consider the additional risk of having the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and note disclosures and consider preparing them in the future. As a compensating control the 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.

**Management's Response**

The District will continue to have the auditor prepare the financial statements; however, the District has established an internal control policy to document the annual review of the financial statements.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**2023-003 Finding**

**Criteria**

The District is required to maintain internal controls at a level where underlying support for general ledger accounts can be developed and a determination can be made that the general ledger accounts are properly reflected in accordance with GAAP.

**Condition**

During our audit, adjusting entries to the financial statements were proposed in order to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

**Cause**

The District's internal controls have not been designed to address the specific training needs required of its personnel to identify the adjustments necessary to properly reflect the financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

**Effect**

The organization's financial statements were materially misstated prior to adjustments detected as a result of audit procedures.

**Recommendation**

Accounting personnel will need to determine the proper balance in each general ledger account prior to the audit.

**Management's Response**

The District will continue to have the auditor prepare the adjusting entries; however, the District has established an internal control policy to document the annual review of the proposed adjusting entries.

**LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**2023-004 Finding**

**Criteria**

The North Dakota Century Code Section 21-06-07 does not permit governments to invest idle funds in publicly traded securities with maturity dates exceeding 270 days.

**Condition**

The District has \$26,765 invested in publicly traded securities with maturity dates exceeding 270 days from purchase date.

**Cause**

The District had finalized investments before being aware of the North Dakota Century Code.

**Effect**

The District is not in compliance with the North Dakota Century Code Section 21-06-07.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that the District transfer the funds into investments allowed by the North Dakota Century Code Section 21-06-07.

**Management's Response**

We were not aware of the requirements in Century Code until after the investments had been finalized. By that time, it was too late to get out of them without a negative impact on the District. The accounts are being watched to make sure they perform as projected and any reinvested funds, or future investments, will be invested in line with Century Code. Until then, these will be allowed to mature and expire according to the plan.