

**Audit  
Reference Manual  
Appendix 3**

**2023**

**Sample Notes to Financial Statements**

**Please be advised—**

**The information provided in the document is subject to revision following the release of forthcoming guidance from the Office of the State Comptroller regarding the implementation of GASB 96 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. As GASB 96 is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022, School District Financial Statements for 2022-23 should reflect its implementation.**

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**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The financial statements of SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") as applied to government units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies used by the District are described below:

A) Reporting entity:

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

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement 39, *Component Units*. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District (if applicable, add "and its component unit(s) and other organizational entities determined to be includable in the District's financial reporting entity"). The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the District's reporting entity.

*Describe entities included in the District's reporting entity, as applicable.*

i) Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The extraclassroom activity funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The extraclassroom activity funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the extraclassroom activity funds can be found at the District's business office. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in a custodial fund.

ii) Public Library

The Public Library jointly shares the services of the District treasurer, appoints trustees for library purposes, and has title to real property used by the Library.

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iii) Other Entities

*Consider disclosure about Parent Teacher Association and Educational Foundations*

B) Joint venture:

The District is a component district in NAME OF BOCES ("BOCES"). BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs that provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

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

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

During the year, the District was billed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for BOCES administrative and program costs.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

C) Basis of presentation:

i) District-wide statements:

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

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that

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are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

ii) Fund statements:

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds, including each type of fiduciary fund. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

- **Special Aid Funds:** Used to account for special operating projects or programs supported in whole, or in part, with Federal funds or State or Local grants.
- **School Food Service Fund:** Used to account for transactions of the lunch and breakfast programs.
- **Extraclassroom Activities Fund:** Used to account for the funds operated by and for the students of the District. The Board exercises general oversight of these funds. The extraclassroom activity funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management.
- **Scholarships Fund:** Used to account for funds collected that benefit annual third-party awards and scholarships for students.

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

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

The District reports the following fiduciary funds:

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

- Custodial Funds: These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. These funds are used to account for real property taxes collected on behalf of other governments and disbursed to those governments.

D) Measurement focus and basis of accounting:

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

The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, State Aid, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from State Aid is recognized in the fiscal year it is appropriated by the State. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within \_\_\_\_ days after the end of the fiscal year as it matches the liquidation of related obligations. (Each school district should adopt an availability period for all revenues, except real property taxes, which must have a 60-day availability period. Fees and other similar revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until available. If expenditures are the prime factor for determining eligibility, revenues from Federal and State grants are accrued when the expenditure is made.)

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

E) Property taxes:

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than \_\_\_\_\_, and become a lien on \_\_\_\_\_. Taxes are collected during the period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Common and Central Schools*

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the County(ies) in which the District is located. The County(ies) pay(s) an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County(ies) for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1.

*City Schools*

The City and Counties in which the District is located enforce uncollected real property taxes. An amount representing all uncollected real property taxes must be transmitted by the City to the District within two years from the return of unpaid taxes to the city. Real property taxes receivable expected to be collected within 60 days of year-end, less similar amounts collected during this period in the preceding year are recognized as revenue. Otherwise, a deferred inflow of resources offset real property taxes receivable.

F) Restricted resources:

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

G) Inter-fund transactions:

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

In the district-wide statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for inter-fund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all inter-fund receivables and payables between the funds, with the exception of those due from or to the fiduciary funds.

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

Refer to Note \_\_\_\_ for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for inter-fund receivables, payables, expenditures, and revenues activity.

H) Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, and disclosure

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of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities, useful lives of capital assets, intangible lease assets, and intangible subscription assets.

I) Cash and Investments

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

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

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts. Investments are stated at fair value.

J) Accounts Receivable:

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts, when applicable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts represents the portion of accounts receivable that is not expected to be collected within 365 days.

K) Inventories and prepaid items:

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

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

*If reserve method is used*

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

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L) Other assets/restricted assets (if applicable):

Certain proceeds from serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, as well as resources set aside for their repayment are classified as restricted assets in the district-wide financial statements and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

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

M) Capital assets:

Capital assets are reported at estimated historical costs, based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

*Select wording as applicable, for example:*

Land and construction in process are not depreciated. Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Site improvements			
Buildings			
Furniture and equipment			
Vehicles (optional)			

Certain infrastructure capital assets representing \_\_\_\_\_ are accounted for using the modified approach permitted for eligible assets under GASB Statement No. 34. The modified approach requires that an asset management system be established which assures that an expenditure amount sufficient to preserve the assets in good condition for proper and efficient functioning is budgeted each year in lieu of depreciation. Accordingly, all expenditures made for those assets, other than additions and improvements that increase capacity or efficiency, are charged to expense in the period incurred instead of calculating depreciation. The District is required to conduct a condition assessment of these assets at least once every three years.

(The above paragraph only applies if this approach is used)

N) Intangible lease and subscription assets:

Intangible lease and subscription assets are reported at the present value of remaining future lease payments to be made during the lease term. The discount rate utilized is either the interest rate implicit within the lease or subscription agreement, or if not readily determinable, the District's estimated incremental borrowing rate. The intangible lease and subscription assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.



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Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which intangible lease and subscription asset acquisitions are added to the intangible lease and subscription asset accounts), amortization methods, and estimated useful lives of intangible lease and subscription assets reported in the District-Wide Financial Statements follow the same thresholds as noted for capital assets.

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

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

P) Pension Obligations

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

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

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The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits, as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10-member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a Statute. The New York State TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report and additional information may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSTRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report which can be found on the System's website at [www.nystrs.org](http://www.nystrs.org).

Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

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

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

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

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	ERS	TRS
2022-2023		
2021-2022		
2020-2021		

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

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

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

	ERS	TRS
Actuarial valuation date		
Net pension asset/(liability)	\$	\$
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension asset/(liability)	%	%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized its proportionate share of pension expense of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for ERS and the actuarial value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for TRS. At June 30, 2023 the District’s reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflow of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$		\$	
Changes of assumptions				
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments				
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions				
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date				
Total	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset/(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>NYSERS</u>	<u>NYSTRS</u>
Year ended:		
2024		
2025		
2026		
2027		
2028		
Thereafter		

Actuarial Assumptions

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

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	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Measurement date		
Actuarial valuation date		
Interest Rate		
Salary Scale		
Decrement tables		
Inflation rate		
Projected Cost of Living Adjustments		

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2014. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2014.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

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<u>ERS</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term expected Real rate of return*</u>
Asset class:		
Domestic equities	%	%
International equities		
Private equity		
Real estate		
Absolute return strategies (1)		
Opportunistic portfolio		
Real assets		
Bonds and mortgages		
Cash		
Inflation-Indexed bonds		
Total	100%	

\* Real rates of return are net of the long-term inflation assumption of \_\_\_% for TRS and \_\_\_% for ERS.

(1)

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

<u>TRS</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term expected Real rate of return*</u>
Asset class:		
Domestic equities	%	%
International equities		
Global equities		
Real estate		
Private equities		
Domestic fixed income securities		
Global fixed income securities		
Private debt		
Real estate debt		
High-yield fixed income securities		
Short-term		
Total	<u>100%</u>	

\* Real rates of return are net of the long-term inflation assumption of \_\_\_% for TRS and \_\_\_% for ERS.

Discount Rate

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

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate of XX% for ERS and XX% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (XX% for ERS and XX% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (XX% for ERS and XX% for TRS) than the current rate:

ERS	1% Decrease (XX%)	Current Assumption (XX%)	1% Increase (XX%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability)	\$	\$	\$
TRS	1% Decrease (XX%)	Current Assumption (XX%)	1% Increase (XX%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability)	\$	\$	\$

*Changes of Assumptions*

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

*Collective Pension Expense*

Collective pension expense includes certain current period changes in the collective net pension asset/(liability), projected earnings on pension plan investments, and the amortization of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for the current period. The collective pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for ERS and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for TRS.

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Payables to the Pension Plan

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

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

Q) Unearned credits

The District reports unearned credits on its statement of net position and its balance sheet. On the statement of net position, unearned credits arise when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned credits is removed and revenue is recorded.

R) Vested employee benefits:

Compensated absences

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

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

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

Consistent with GASB Statement No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the district-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

In the fund statements only, the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you go basis.

S) Other benefits:

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



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

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

T) Short-term debt:

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

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

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

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

Interest paid	\$
Less interest accrued in the prior year	
Plus interest accrued in the current year	
Total Expense	\$

Bond Anticipation Notes

The following is a summary of changes in short-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Balance, July 1	\$
Increases	
Decreases	
Balance, June 30	\$

U) Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations:

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

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

V) Equity classifications:

District-wide statements:

In the district-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

**Net investment in capital assets** - consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) and intangible lease and subscriptions assets (present value of future payments remaining on the term less accumulated amortization) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

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

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

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

**Non-spendable** - Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes inventory recorded in the School Food Service Fund of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and \$\_\_\_\_\_ in prepaid expense in the General Fund.

**Restricted** - includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

*Only include the reserves that the District is currently using. An election may also be made to include those available to the District but not currently being used.*

**Debt Service Reserve Fund**

According to General Municipal Law §6-l, the Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service must be established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of sale. The funding of the reserve is from the proceeds of the sale of District property or capital improvement. This reserve is accounted for in the Debt Service Fund.

**Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund**

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

**Retirement Contributions Reserve Fund**

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

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Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund

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

Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve Fund

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

Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund

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

Capital Reserve Fund

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

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments of expenditures are recorded for budgetary control purposes in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing over-expenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances are reported as restricted fund balance in all funds other than the General Fund since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year.

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Liability Claims and Property Loss Reserve Funds

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

Insurance Reserve Fund

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

Repair Reserve Funds

According to General Municipal Law §6-d, expenditures made from the repair reserve fund must be used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education, without voter approval, may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve (Opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Uncollected Taxes in a City School District Reserve Fund

According to Education Law §3651[1-b], expenditures made from the uncollected tax in a city school district reserve fund must be used to cover uncollected real property taxes for a given tax fiscal year in city school districts provided the city or county is not required to pay to the treasurer of a city school district the amount of unpaid taxes during the fiscal year for which they are levied. This reserve fund is created by resolution of the governing board, without voter approval, provided that the ratio of the amount of such reserve to the total principal amount of the district's tax levy for the fiscal year is not less than the ratio of the principal amount of the District taxes as levied for the last completed fiscal year but not received by the district before the end of that fiscal year, to the total principal amount of the tax levy for the last completed fiscal year. Source of funds generally is through budgetary appropriations. If the city or county is not required to pay to the treasurer of a city school district unpaid taxes pursuant to §1332 of the Real Property Tax Law, the board of education of the city school district shall establish a reserve pursuant to this subdivision, provided that such reserve shall not be less than the amount of taxes for the fiscal year for which the budget is being prepared which are estimated to be unpaid during such fiscal year under the Real Property Tax Law. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

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General Fund:

Workers' compensation	\$
Unemployment insurance	
Retirement contribution - NYSERS	
Retirement contribution - NYSTRS	
Property loss	
Liability	
Insurance	
Tax certiorari	
Employee benefit accrued liability	
Capital	
Repairs	
Debt service	
Uncollected taxes in a city school district	

Special Aid Fund\*

School Lunch Program\*

Debt Service Fund

Capital Projects Fund\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*includes remaining fund balance in these funds not otherwise classified as non-spendable, committed, or assigned*

**Committed** - Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2023.

**Assigned** - Includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The purpose of the constraint must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund, and in funds other than the General Fund. Assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance also includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year's budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the General Fund. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$\_\_\_\_\_. Appropriated fund balance in the General Fund amounted to \$\_\_\_\_\_. Any remaining fund balance in other funds is considered assigned. The school lunch fund also reports assigned fund balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_. As of June 30, 2023, the District's General Fund encumbrances were classified as follows:

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

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NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds, excluding the reserve for tax reduction, a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Non-spendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year, encumbrances and amounts reserved for insurance recoveries are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

**Net Position/Fund Balance**

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

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

**Order of Use of Fund Balance:**

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications (e.g., expenditures related to reserves) the expenditure is to be spent first from the restricted fund balance to the extent appropriated by either budget vote or board approved budget revision and then from the unrestricted fund balance. Expenditures incurred in the unrestricted fund balances shall be applied first to the assigned fund balance to the extent that there is an assignment and then to the unassigned fund balance.

**W) Implementation of New Accounting Standards**

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

GASB has issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2023.

GASB has issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2023.

GASB has issued Statement No. 96 - *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2023. This Statement defines a subscription-based technology arrangement as a contract that conveys control of the right to use a vendor's software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets requiring governments to recognize a right-to-use subscription asset and a corresponding subscription liability. The District has adopted and implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, in 2023. See Note xx for further consideration.

**X) Future Changes in Accounting Standards (Optional section – can be included if a district would like to)**

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GASB has issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – An amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2024. 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.

GASB has issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated absences*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2025. This Statement requires that a liability for certain types of compensated absences – including parental leave, military leave, and jury duty leave – not be recognized until the leave commences. This Statement also requires that a liability for specific types of compensated absences not be recognized until the leave is used.

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

**Note 2 - Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statements and District-Wide Statements: (if applicable; depends on format elected for financial statements)**

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

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

Total fund balance of the District's governmental funds differs from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets, as applied to the reporting of long-term assets and long-term liabilities.

B) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances vs. Statement of Activities:

Differences between the funds' Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities fall into one of five broad categories. The amounts shown below represent:

i) Long-term revenue and expense differences:

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

ii) Capital related differences:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of

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Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items or financing of intangible lease and subscriptions assets in the fund statements and depreciation or amortization expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

iii) Long-term debt transaction differences:

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

iv) Pension differences:

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

v) OPEB differences:

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

**Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principles:**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 20XX, the District implemented GASB Statement No. XX, *Pronouncement Title*. The implementation of the statement establishes criteria for identifying activities of all school districts. See note \_\_\_\_ for the financial statement impact of the implementation of the statement.

*Describe those instances when a new accounting principle is adopted that is different from one used previously, and the impact of the new principle on the financial statements.*

**Note 4 – Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability:**

**Budgets**

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted:

*If budget is approved by the voters*

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

*If budget is defeated by the voters*

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The voters of the District defeated the proposed appropriation budget; consequently, the Board of Education adopted a contingency budget, which includes appropriations for teachers' salaries and other ordinary contingent expenses. Under a contingency budget, the District's tax levy may not be greater than the tax levied for the prior school year. However, the administrative component of a contingency budget, exclusive of the capital component, may not comprise a greater percentage of the budget than the lesser of that percentage of the prior year's budget, or that percentage in the last defeated budget.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. "No supplemental appropriations occurred during the year." Or "The following supplemental appropriations occurred during the year":

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the aggregate encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

The \_\_\_\_ Fund(s) is/are the only fund(s) with a legally approved budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

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

Encumbrances

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

*Disclose events such as the following examples approved by the voters*

The portion of the District's fund balance subject to the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit exceeded the amount allowable, which is 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year. Actions the District plans to pursue to address this issue include \_\_\_\_\_.

The Capital Projects Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This will be funded when the District obtains permanent financing for its current construction project.

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The Special Aid Fund shows an unassigned fund balance deficit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This deficit results from revenues that are due and expected to be received in no later than \_\_\_\_ days. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, this amount does not meet the availability criteria for recognition as revenue in the current period.

The District did not make transfers among functional units in accordance with §170.2(l) of the New York State Commissioner of Education’s Regulations, which provide that the Board shall have the power and duty to make transfers between and within functional unit appropriations for teachers’ salaries and ordinary contingent expenses. Actions the District plans to pursue to address this issue include \_\_\_\_\_.

The following funds had an excess of actual expenditures over budget for the year:

The District directed the temporary use of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of bond proceeds to finance general operating expenditures, and thus avoid the need to borrow on tax and revenue anticipation notes. The law limits the use of bond proceeds to the specific purposes for which they were borrowed. Actions the District plans to pursue to address this issue include \_\_\_\_\_.

Tax anticipation notes of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ were authorized and issued within the last ten days of the year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes to be levied in the following year. A major portion of the proceeds was used to fund expenditures of the current year. The law restricts the use of such tax anticipation note proceeds to the purpose for which the taxes will be levied. Actions the District plans to pursue to address this issue include \_\_\_\_\_.

The District made interfund transfers during the year, which exceeded amounts provided in the District’s budget.

The District failed to comply with §436 budget cap requirements, in that \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note 5 – Cash (and Cash Equivalents) – Custodial credit, concentration of credit, interest rate, and foreign currency risks:**

**Cash and Investments**

The District’s aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Uncollateralized	\$	-
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name		-

Restricted cash and investments represent cash where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ restricted for various fund balance reserves in the general fund, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ restricted for the voter approved capital project in the capital projects fund, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ restricted for extraclassroom in the fiduciary fund and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ restricted for scholarships in the fiduciary funds.

**Deposits**

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

Investment and Deposit Policy

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

Interest Rate Risk

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

Credit Risk

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

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

Custodial Credit Risk

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

The District restricts the securities to the following eligible items:

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

Investments

U.S. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the

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lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Foundation has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
  - If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

All of the District's investments are valued based on Level 1 of the hierarchy.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value:

*Cash and cash equivalents:* Valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair market value.

*Common stocks and mutual funds:* Valued at the net assets value (NAV) of shares held at year end. The NAV is the closing price reported on the open market on which the securities are traded.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

	Cost	Fair Value
Stock	\$	\$

The District does not typically purchase investments for long enough duration to cause it to believe that it is exposed to any material interest rate risk.

The District does not typically purchase investments denominated in a foreign currency and is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

At year-end, the District held \$\_\_\_\_\_ in investments consisting of various investments in securities issued by the United States and its agencies.

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*If applicable, disclose securities underlying repurchase agreements held by the District.*

*If applicable, disclose the nature of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions.*

*If applicable, disclose that the District is committed to resell securities under yield maintenance repurchase agreements, including carrying amount, market value, and description of terms of the agreement, including settlement price, agreed upon yields and maturity dates.*

*If applicable, disclose that during the year the District had material under-collateralized deposits, or uninsured, unregistered securities held by the financial institution, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.*

The District participates in the New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF), a multi-municipal cooperative investment pool agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 5-G, §119-O, whereby it holds a portion of the investments in cooperation with other participants. At June 30, 2022, the District held \$\_\_\_\_\_ in these investments consisting of various investments in securities issued by the United States and its agencies. The following valuation inputs are included as investments:

Total investments of the cooperative as of year-end are \$\_\_\_\_\_, which consisted of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in repurchase agreements, \$\_\_\_\_\_ in U. S. Treasury Securities, \$\_\_\_\_\_ in U.S. Government Guaranteed Securities and \$\_\_\_\_\_ in collateralized bank deposits. They also maintain fixed rate funds of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which are purchased in the participant's name.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the District believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instructions could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

<u>Investments in Securities at Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Valuation Inputs Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$	\$	\$	\$
School Food Service Fund				
Capital Projects Fund				
Fiduciary Fund				
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

The above amounts represent the fair value of the investment pool shares the District invested in. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the portfolio did not have significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) used in determining fair value. Thus, a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) which were used in determining fair value is not applicable.

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There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy during the period. The portfolio recognizes transfers between the levels as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

**Risks and Uncertainties with Investments**

The District invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net position.

**Note 6 – Receivables:**

*Disclose if the details are not already disclosed in the financial statements*

**Commented [BN3]:** Should put lease receivable footnote section here after receivables (to be consistent with order on BS / SONP)

Receivables at year-end for individual funds are as follows:

Description	General	School Food Service	Special Aid	Total
Accounts receivable	\$	\$	\$	\$
Due from State and Federal				
Due from other governments				
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

District management has deemed the amounts to be fully collectible.

**Note 7 – Capital Assets and Intangible Lease and Subscription Assets:**

**A) Capital Assets**

Capital asset balances for the year ended June 30 are as follows:

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	7/1/2022 Balance	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	6/30/23 Balance
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$	\$	\$	\$
Construction in progress				
Total nondepreciable				
Capital assets being depreciated				
Land improvements				
Buildings				
Furniture and equipment				
Vehicles				
Total depreciable assets				
Intangible Lease Assets:				
Equipment				
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements				
Buildings				
Furniture and equipment				
Vehicles				
Total accumulated depreciation				
Total depreciated assets, net				

**B) Intangible Lease Assets**

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No 87, *Leases*, the District has recognized a lease liability obligation and an intangible lease asset for agreements whereby the District obtains the right to the present service capacity of an underlying asset and the right to determine the nature and manner of an underlying asset's use for a period of one year or greater. The District has entered into such lease agreements for various items and other equipment with implicit interest rates ranging from XX% to XX%.

The following schedule summarizes the District's intangible lease asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:



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	Balance 7/1/2022	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Balance 6/30/2023
Governmental activities:				
Intangible lease assets				
Furniture & equipment			\$ -	\$ -
Total intangible lease assets being amortized	0	-	-	0
Less accumulated amortization:				
Furniture & equipment	-		-	0
Total accumulated amortization	-	0	-	0
Total intangible lease assets, net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General support	-
	\$ -

**C) Intangible Subscription Assets**

In 2023, the District adopted and implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. As such, the District recognized a liability obligation and an intangible right to use asset for agreements whereby the District obtains the right to use another party's information technology software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets for a period of one year or greater. The District has entered into such information technology software agreements for various software with implicit interest rates ranging from XX% to XX%.

The following schedule summarizes the district's subscription-based information technology arrangement activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance 7/1/2022	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Balance 6/30/2023
Governmental activities:				
Intangible subscription assets				
Software subscriptions			\$ -	\$ -
Total intangible subscriptions assets being amortized	0	-	-	0
Less accumulated amortization:				
Software subscriptions	-		-	0
Total accumulated amortization	-	0	-	0
Total intangible subscription assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Note 8 – Lease Receivable:**

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the District has recognized a lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources – leases, for an agreement whereby the District leases building space to another

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entity, with an interest rate of XX%, and an annual payment escalation of XX%. The lease receivable and associated deferred inflow of resources will be reduced as the lease revenue is earned in future periods.

Principal and interest income received for the District's lease receivable amounted to \$ and \$ , respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The following is a summary of the principal and interest requirements to maturity for the District's lease receivable:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principle	Interest	Total
2024	\$	\$	\$
2025			
2026			
2027			
2028			
2029-2033			
2034-2038			
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

District management has deemed the amounts to be fully collectible.

**Note 9 - Short-Term Debt:**

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

<u>Maturity</u>	Stated Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Ending Balance
RAN	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
TAN	%				
BAN	%				
Budget Note	%				
Deficiency Note	%				
		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

*If applicable, disclose the amount of interest that has been included in direct expenses for a particular function in the Statement of Activities, for example, relating to expenditures for a new program, or for borrowing for installment payments.*

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

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Interest paid	\$
Less: Interest accrued in the prior year	
Plus: Interest accrued in the current year	_____
 Total interest on short-term debt	 \$

**Note 10 - Long-Term Obligations:**

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

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

Serial Bonds

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

Noncurrent liability balances and activity are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Long-Term Liabilities:					
Bonds payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
General obligation debt					
_____					
_____					
Lease purchase obligations					
Contractual obligations	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Long-Term Liabilities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other long-term liabilities					
Lease liability					
Subscription liability*					
Compensated absences payable					
Judgments and claims payable					
Other postemployment benefits obligation					
Net pension liability - proportionate share	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Other Long-Term Liabilities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	 \$	 \$	 \$	 \$	 \$

\*Beginning balance as restated. See Note xx for further details.

The General Fund has typically been used to liquidate long-term liabilities such as compensated absences.

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Bonds payable is comprised of the following:

Description	Date	Issue Date	Maturity	Rate	Balance
					\$
					\$

The following is a summary of debt service requirements for bonds payable:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principle	Interest	Premium	Total
2023	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024				
2025				
2026				
2027				
2028-2032				
2033-2038	\$	\$	\$	\$

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

Interest Paid	\$
Less interest accrued in the prior year	
Plus interest accrued in the current year	
Less amortization of premiums/discounts	_____
 Interest Expense	 \$ _____

Defeased Debt

On December X, 2022, the School District issued \$\_\_\_\_\_ in general obligation bonds with an average interest rate of X.X% to X.X% to advance refund \$\_\_\_\_\_ of outstanding 20XX serial bonds with an average interest rate of X.X% to X.X%. The net proceeds of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (after payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in underwriting fees, insurance, and other issuance costs) were used to purchase United States government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the bonds. As a result, a portion of the 20XX serial bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the School District's financial statements. At June 30, 2022, the balance of the advance refunded bonds was \$\_\_\_\_\_. The economic gain (loss) on the transaction (the difference between

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the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) is approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_. The aggregate budgetary savings will be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

The deferred gain on the advance refunding of a portion of the 20XX Series Bonds will be amortized on the district-wide financial statements using the straight-line method over X years, the remaining time to maturity of the refunded bonds. Amortization in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ was recorded for the year ending June 30, 2022.

Defeased debt – Years subsequent to Defeasance

In prior years, the District defeased certain obligations and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District’s financial statements.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ of bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

Refunded Debt- Debt Financing

During 20XX the debt worth \$\_\_\_\_\_ was refinanced at an interest rate of \_\_\_\_%. A new savings of \$\_\_\_\_\_ occurred as a result of the debt refinancing. The outstanding amount of this debt at June 30, 2022 was \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Lease Liability**

The District recognizes a lease liability obligation and an intangible lease asset for agreements whereby the District obtains the right to the present service capacity of an underlying asset and the right to determine the nature and manner of an underlying asset’s use for a period of one year or greater. The District has entered into such lease agreements for various items and other equipment with implicit interest rates ranging from % to %.

Principal and interest expense paid on the District’s lease liability amounted to \$ and \$ , respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The following is a summary of the principal and interest requirements to maturity for the District’s leases:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principle	Interest	Total
2024	\$	\$	\$
2025			
2026			
2027			
2028			
2029-2033			
2034-2038			
	\$	\$	\$

**Subscription Liability**

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In 2023, the District adopted and implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. As such, the District recognized a subscription-based information technology arrangement liability obligation and a right to use software asset for agreements whereby the District obtains the right to use another party's information technology software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets for a period of one year or greater. The District has entered into such lease agreements for various items and other equipment with implicit interest rates ranging from % to %.

Principal and interest expense paid on the District's subscription-based information technology arrangement liability amounted to \$ and \$ , respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The following is a summary of the principal and interest requirements to maturity for the District's subscription-based information technology arrangements:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principle	Interest	Total
2024	\$	\$	\$
2025			
2026			
2027			
2028			
2029-2033			
2034-2038			
	\$	\$	\$

**Note 11 - Pension Plans:**

General information:

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability. See Note 12 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for further plan details.

**Note 12 – Unrestricted Net Position:**

Unrestricted net position in the general fund consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	\$
Reserve for encumbrances	
Unreserved	_____
Total unrestricted net position general fund	_____

**Note 13 - Interfund Transactions - Governmental Funds:**

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Interfund transactions and balances are as follows:

Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds, are eliminated on the statement of net position. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues. All interfund payables are expected to be repaid within one year.

Fund:	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivable	Payable	Revenues	Expenditures
General	\$	\$	\$	\$
School Food Service				
Federal				
Capital Projects				
Total Governmental Funds				
Fiduciary				
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

*Describe the nature of interfund transfer revenues and expenditures*

During 2021-22 the General Fund transferred \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Capital Projects Fund for various capital projects. The General Fund also made a transfer of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Special Aid Fund for the District's share of the special education summer school programs its students attended.

**Note 14 – Risk Management:**

General

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

Self-Insured Plans

Dental Insurance

The District has chosen to establish a self-funded dental benefit program for some of its employees starting on July 1, 20XX. The benefit programs administrator, Delta Dental of New York, is responsible for the approval, processing and payment of claims, after which they bill the District for reimbursement. The District is also responsible for a monthly administrative fee. The benefit program reports on a fiscal year ending June 30. The program is accounted for in the General Fund of the District. At year-end, the District has a liability of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which represents reported and unreported claims which were incurred on or before year-end, but which were not paid by the District as of that date. Claims activity is summarized below for the past two fiscal years:

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	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Claims and Administration Fees		
Claim Payments		
Estimated Incurred but not reported as of June 30	\$ _____	\$ _____
Balance at End of Year	\$ _____	\$ _____

Workers' Compensation Insurance

The District is self-insured for workers compensation benefits on a cost-reimbursement basis. Under the program, the District is responsible for claim payments.

All known claims filed and an estimate of all incurred but unreported claims existing at June 30, 2022 have been recorded as other liabilities. The District establishes workers compensation claims liabilities based on estimates of the ultimate cost of claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled, and of claims that have been incurred but not reported. The length of time for which such costs must be estimated varies depending on the coverage involved. Because actual claims costs depend on such complex factors as inflation, changes in doctrines of legal liability, and damage awards, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Claims liabilities are recomputed periodically using a variety of actuarial and statistical techniques to produce current estimates that reflect recent settlements, claims frequency, and other economic and social factors. A provision for inflation in the calculation of estimated future claims costs is implicit in the calculation because reliance is placed both on actual historical data that reflect past inflation and on other factors that are considered to be appropriate modifiers of past experience. Adjustments to claims liabilities are charged or credited to the liability in the periods in which they are made.

As discussed above, the District establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses. The following represents changes in those aggregate liabilities for the District during the past two years:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at beginning of year	\$ _____	\$ _____
Incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses:		
Provision for incurred claims expenditures for events of the current year	_____	_____
Increase (decrease) in provision for incurred events of prior years	_____	_____
Total incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses	_____	_____
Payments made for claims during the current year	_____	_____
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses at end of year	\$ _____	\$ _____



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Other Insurance Coverage

The District has subscribed to the New York School Insurance Reciprocal (the Reciprocal). The Reciprocal is a self-insured risk pool from which the District purchases the following insurance: general liability, commercial inland marine, boiler and machinery, commercial property, auto, school board liability and excess catastrophe. The District retains the risk of its percentage share of the net deficit the reciprocal has at the end of its operating year. As of June 30, 2022, the District had no liabilities.

**Note 15 – Commitments and Contingencies:**

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

Several tax certiorari actions are pending against the District for reductions in the assessment value of various properties. Management believes that the likelihood of a reduction is probable. Provisions for losses for those cases are recorded as long-term liabilities. The District plans on funding any settlements from the Tax Certiorari Reserve, and/or future appropriations.

**Note 16 – Post-Employment Benefits Obligation Payable:**

*Plan Description*

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

*Funding Policy*

The obligations of the Plan members and employers are established by action of the District pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and other employment agreements. Employees contribute varying percentages of the premiums, depending on when retired and their applicable agreement. Employees are required to reach age 55 and have 3 to 15 years of service to qualify for other post-employment benefits. The District currently funds the Plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis. During the year ended June 30, 2022 approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_ was paid on behalf of \_\_\_ retirees.

*Benefits Provided*

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

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*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms* – At June 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	
Active plan members	_____
<b>Total plan members</b>	<b>_____ -</b>

*If the plan is closed to new entrants, then the District should disclose this fact.*

**Net OPEB Liability**

The District’s total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022; the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

*If a full valuation was not performed in the current year: - replace the above with the following:*  
The District’s total OPEB liability of \$\_\_\_\_\_ was measured as of \_\_\_\_\_, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The total OPEB liability at June 30, 2022 was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	X.XX% (Based on CPI)
Salary Increases	Varied by years of service and retirement system
Discount Rate	X.XX% (INSERT SOURCE)
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:	
Medical	X.XX% for 20XX decrease to an ultimate rate of X.XX% by 20XX
Part B Reimbursement	X.XX% for 20XX decrease to an ultimate rate of X.XX% by 20XX
Excise Tax Limits	X.XX% for 20XX-20XX, X.XX% for 20XX and all subsequent years

Mortality rates were based on the (NAME OF MORTALITY TABLE), as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on \_\_\_\_\_.

Retirement participation rate assumed that 85% of eligible Teachers and Instructional Administrators and 75% of participants other than Teachers and Instructional Administrators will elect medical coverage at retirement

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age, and 48% of active member's spouses will elect medical coverage. Additionally, a tiered approach based on age and years of service was used to determine retirement rate assumption.

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

The discount rate was based on the (NAME OF THE INDEX).

*Changes in the Total OPEB Liability*

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

	Total OPEB Liability [a]	Plan Fiduciary Net Position [b]	Total OPEB Liability [a]
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Balances at June 30, 2022	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Changes for the year:			
Service cost			
Interest			
Difference between expected and actual experience			
Contributions – employer			
Net investment income			
Changes of assumptions or other inputs			
Benefit payments			
Administrative expense			
Net changes	_____	_____	_____

Changes of benefit terms reflect changes in assumptions and other inputs including a change in the discount rate from \_\_\_\_% in 2022 to a \_\_\_\_% in 2023.

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following presents the District's total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (\_\_\_\_%) or 1 percentage point higher (\_\_\_\_%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (____%)	Discount Rate (____%)	1% Increase (____%)
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total OPEB Liability	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (\_\_\_\_%) or 1 percentage point higher (\_\_\_\_%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease (____%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (____%)	1% Increase (____%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$	\$	\$

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

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$\_\_\_\_\_. 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	\$	\$
Amounts recognized in OPEB expense		
Changes of assumptions		
Contributions subsequent to the measurement period		
Total	\$ -	\$ -

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

<u>For the year ended:</u>		
2024	\$	-
2025		-
2026		-
2027		-
2028		-
Thereafter		-

**Note 16 - Tax Abatements:**

*If the District has agreements directly with taxpayers, then use this note.*

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The District negotiates property tax abatement agreements on an individual basis. The District has tax abatement agreements with \_\_\_\_ entities as of June 30, 2023:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Percentage of Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount of taxes abated during the Fiscal year</u>
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Each agreement was negotiated under \_\_\_\_ law, allowing localities to abate property taxes for a variety of development purposes, including business relocation, retention and expansion. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to a local government’s geographic area. Localities may grant abatements up to 50% of annual property taxes through a direct reduction of the entity’s property tax bill. The \_\_\_\_ law does not provide for the recapture of abated taxes in the event an abatement recipient does not fulfill the commitment it makes in return for the tax abatement.

The District has not made any commitments as part of the agreements other than to reduce property taxes. The District is not subject to any tax abatement agreements entered into by other governmental entities. The District has chosen to disclose information about its tax abatement agreements by purpose. It established a quantitative threshold of 10 percent of the total dollar amount of taxes abated during the year.

*For taxes abated by others use this note*

The County of \_\_\_\_\_, enters various property tax and sales tax (if applicable) abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The School District property tax revenue was reduced \$\_\_\_\_\_. The District received Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) payment totaling \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note 17 – Overpayments:**

Due to a change in financial data used to compute State Aid in a prior year, the District received an overpayment of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This is recorded in the General Fund as a liability in the amount owed back to the State. The overpayment is being recovered through reductions in State Aid payments. As of the end of the year the total amount due to the State over the next \_\_\_\_ (months, years) is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note 18 - Related Party Transactions:**

If applicable, disclose the nature of the relationship, a description of the transactions, including transactions to which no amounts or nominal amounts were ascribed, for each of the periods in which an operating statement is presented, and such other information as is deemed necessary for an understanding of the effects of transactions on the financial statements. Also disclose the dollar amounts of transactions for each of the periods for which operating statements are presented, and the effects of any change in the method of establishing the terms from that used in the preceding period. Also disclose amounts due from or to related parties as of the balance sheet date, and their terms and manner of settlement.

**Note 19 - Discretely Presented Component Units:**

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If applicable, include disclosures about significant transactions between discretely presented component units with the primary government, condensed financial statements for major discretely presented component units (when required), and the nature and amount of inconsistencies in financial statements caused by transactions between component units having different fiscal years, or changes in component unit fiscal years.

**Note 20 - Derivatives not reported at fair value on the Statement of Net Position:**

*Refer to GASB Technical Bulletin 2003-1, for additional guidance on disclosures required under this heading.*

**Note 21 - Impairment Losses and Insurance Recoveries:**

Program expenses in the Statement of Activities include an impairment loss of \$\_\_\_\_\_ due to the change in the use of the\_\_\_\_\_ school building from education to storage.

An impairment gain of \$\_\_\_\_\_ realized through an insurance recovery of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on a damaged school building with a gross impairment loss of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is reported as an extraordinary item in the Statement of Activities. The fund financial statements report an insurance recovery as another financing source and restoration costs as expenditures.

*There are a variety of considerations to be assessed for disclosure in this regard, many of which are identified in GASB Statement No. 42, such as whether capital asset impairment was considered unusual or infrequent by management (as outlined in APB Opinion #30). The specific disclosures required in the Notes and financial statements will be different, depending on those assessments. For example, the specific prior use vs. future use to which the asset is put could influence the wording of the disclosure, and the type of valuation that is used.*

**Note 22 – Restatement of Net Position (if applicable for GASB 96):**

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The adoption and implementation of this Statement resulted in the restatement of opening balances of non-current assets and long-term liabilities. These changes have been restated as follows:

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	Statement of Net Position (Deficit)
Net position (deficit), beginning of year, as reported	_____
Non-current assets	
	_____
Total non-current assets	-
Long-term liabilities	
Total long-term liabilities	-
Deferred inflows of resources	_____
Net position (deficit), beginning of year, as restated	\$ -

**Note 23 - Subsequent Events:**

The District has signed contracts for the construction of \_\_\_\_\_. The total anticipated cost of this project is \$\_\_\_\_\_, of which \$\_\_\_\_\_ has been expended through the end of this fiscal year.

On (date), the District issued \$\_\_\_\_\_ in revenue anticipation notes at \_\_\_\_\_% maturing \_\_\_\_\_.

On (date), the District issued \$\_\_\_\_\_ in serial bonds with interest rates ranging from \_\_\_ to \_\_\_% over the life of the bonds. Final maturity is in \_\_\_\_\_.

List other events, as applicable.

**Note 23 - Real Estate Held as Investments by Endowments:**

*This Note applies to real estate held as an endowment investment, not to other real estate. Changes made from cost to fair value to comply with the reporting should be treated as an adjustment of prior periods, with restatement of financial statements presented for the affected periods. If restatement is not practical, the cumulative effect should be reported as a restatement of beginning net position, equity or fund balance for the current period.*

The District reports land and other real estate held by endowments at fair value at year-end. Changes in fair value during the period are reported as investment income. The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair value are \_\_\_\_\_.

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No investments are reported at amortized cost. No income from the investments is assigned to another fund.