

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MCDONALD, PENNSYLVANIA

JUNE 30, 2023

AUDIT REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Fort Cherry School District
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fort Cherry School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fort Cherry School District as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, other post-employment benefits and pension information on pages i–ix, 46–48 and 49–50, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Fort Cherry School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 22, 2024 on our consideration of the Fort Cherry School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fort Cherry School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Fort Cherry School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

J. Martin and Associates, LLC

J. Martin & Associates, LLC
Beaver, PA 15009
February 22, 2024

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

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Required Supplementary Information (RSI)

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

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total liabilities of the District exceeded its assets at June 30, 2023 by (\$15,416,537) resulting in a negative net position. Of this amount, the District has a negative unrestricted net position of (\$21,341,717).
- The District's total net position increased from the 2022 net position by \$2,395,062 or 13.45%.
- The unrestricted net position increased by \$2,394,768 in 2023.
- Net investment in capital assets was \$1,222,588 at June 30, 2023, a decrease of \$672,013.
- The District's real property tax rate increased from 13.4347 in 2021-2022 to 14.0258 in 2022-2023.
- At June 30, 2023, the District had \$9,985,000 of bond debt outstanding, compared to \$10,230,000 at June 30, 2022.
- The total fund balance of the General Fund at June 30, 2023 was \$8,518,101, of which \$1,747,575 was unassigned.

USING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual financial report consists of two distinct series of financial statements: district-wide and fund statements.

The first two statements are government-wide (district-wide):

- Statement of Net Position
- Statement of Activities

These two statements provide both long-term and short-term information regarding the District's overall financial position.

The remaining statements (fund) focus on individual sections of the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The fund statements provide information on how

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general District services were financed in the short-term as well as the funds that remain for future spending. Proprietary fund statements give the reader short and long-term information on the financial activities of the business-like activities of the District. The Fort Cherry School District operates its Food Service Fund as a proprietary fund. Fiduciary fund statements outline financial relationships where the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, the owners of the financial resources (Student Activity Funds, Private Purpose Trust Fund). The financial notes included with the financial statements provide more detailed information.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District they represent and the type of information contained.

Figure A-1
Major Features of the Fort Cherry School District's
Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-Wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District, which are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as education and community services.	Activities the District operates similar to private business – Food Services	Instances in which the District is the trustee or agent to someone else's resources – Student Activity, Private Purpose
Required Financial Statements	Statement of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	Statement of Net Position Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Statement of Cash Flows	Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting Basis and Measurement Tools	Accrual accounting and economic resource focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resource focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resource focus
Type of Asset/Liability Information	All assets and liabilities shown as financial and capital as well as short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used and liabilities due to be paid during the upcoming fiscal year or shortly thereafter	All assets and liabilities shown as financial and capital as well as short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, short-term and long-term
Type of inflow and outflow information	All revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or spent	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the fiscal year and expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the fiscal year or shortly thereafter	All revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or spent	All revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or spent

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OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide (district-wide) statements report information on Fort Cherry School District, as a whole, using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenditures are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed from the previous fiscal year. Net position is the difference between the District's assets and liabilities. This is one way to measure the District's current financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are indications of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

To assess the overall health of the District, non-financial factors must be considered. These factors include changes in the District's tax base and the performance of students.

The government-wide financial statements of the District are divided into two categories:

- Governmental (District) activities – The District's basic services are included. These services include instruction, administration, and community services. Property and earned income taxes, State and Federal subsidies, and local grants finance most of these activities.
- Business type activities – The District operates a food service program. Fees charged to staff and students as well as State and Federal funding are used to cover the costs related to the food service operations.

Fund Financial Statements

The District's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the major funds. State Law requires certain funds be included.

Governmental funds – Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. They are reported using a modified accrual accounting method. This method measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services the District provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's instructional programs. A reconciliation (explanation of differences) of the government-wide statements and governmental funds statements is provided.

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Proprietary funds – These funds are used to account for the District's business-type activities. Reporting focuses on determining net income, financial position, changes in financial position, and user charges. When fees are charged for services, these operations are generally reported in proprietary funds. More detail is provided in the Statement of Cash Flows. The Food Service Fund is the Fort Cherry School District's sole proprietary fund.

Fiduciary funds – The Fort Cherry School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for agency funds. All District fiduciary activities are reported in the separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. These activities are excluded from the District's other financial statements due to the fact that the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Student Activities Fund and Private Purpose Trust Fund are Fiduciary Funds.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The District's total net position at June 30, 2023 was (\$15,416,537), an increase of \$2,395,062 from the June 30, 2022 net position.

**Table 1 – Net Position
Fiscal Year Ended June 30**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Current & Other Assets	\$ 12,680,026	\$ 194,204	\$ 12,874,230	\$ 11,630,905	\$ 73,379	\$ 11,704,284
Capital Assets	9,610,502	147,918	9,758,420	9,954,101	112,318	10,066,419
Total Assets	<u>\$ 22,290,528</u>	<u>\$ 342,122</u>	<u>\$ 22,632,650</u>	<u>\$ 21,585,006</u>	<u>\$ 185,697</u>	<u>\$ 21,770,703</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 4,055,442	\$ 149,673	\$ 4,205,115	\$ 4,419,014	\$ 155,730	\$ 4,574,744
Current & Other Liabilities	\$ 5,541,509	\$ 169,773	\$ 5,711,282	\$ 5,299,798	\$ 125,320	\$ 5,425,118
Long-Term Liabilities	33,965,342	894,360	34,859,702	33,148,241	805,603	33,953,844
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 39,506,851</u>	<u>\$ 1,064,133</u>	<u>\$ 40,570,984</u>	<u>\$ 38,448,039</u>	<u>\$ 930,923</u>	<u>\$ 39,378,962</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,655,023	\$ 28,295	\$ 1,683,318	\$ 4,615,658	\$ 162,426	\$ 4,778,084
Net Position						
Net Investment						
in Capital Assets	\$ 1,074,670	\$ 147,918	\$ 1,222,588	\$ 1,782,283	\$ 112,318	\$ 1,894,601
Restricted:						
Capital Projects	1,444,337	0	1,444,337	2,038,030	0	2,038,030
Capital Reserve	3,258,255	0	3,258,255	1,792,255	0	1,792,255
Unrestricted	(20,593,166)	(748,551)	(21,341,717)	(22,672,245)	(864,240)	(23,536,485)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (14,815,904)</u>	<u>\$ (600,633)</u>	<u>\$ (15,416,537)</u>	<u>\$ (17,059,677)</u>	<u>\$ (751,922)</u>	<u>\$ (17,811,599)</u>

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Most of the District's net position is invested in capital assets (buildings, land, and equipment). The restricted balance represents the amount reserved for a specific purpose to be used for future capital expenditures. The remaining unrestricted fund balance is available for general purposes.

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. All expenditures are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues, and subsidies that directly relate to specific expenditure categories are represented to determine the final amount of the District's activities that are supported by other general revenues. The three largest general revenues are the Basic Education Subsidy provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Real Estate, and Earned Income Taxes assessed to the taxpayers of the District.

The following table, Table 2, slightly rearranges the information provided in the Statement of Activities so that revenues for the fiscal year can be shown in total for the current fiscal year. The tables below present the expenditures of both the Governmental Activities and the Business-type Activities of the District.

**Table 2 – Changes in Net Position
Statement of Activities**

	2023			2022		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
REVENUES						
<u>Program Revenues</u>						
Charges for Services	\$ 337,582	\$ 248,890	\$ 586,472	\$ 283,044	\$ 85,600	\$ 368,644
Operating Grants	5,324,414	611,531	5,935,945	4,848,831	691,895	5,540,726
Capital Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>\$ 5,661,996</u>	<u>\$ 860,421</u>	<u>\$ 6,522,417</u>	<u>\$ 5,131,875</u>	<u>\$ 777,495</u>	<u>\$ 5,909,370</u>
<u>General Revenues</u>						
Property Taxes	\$ 7,683,680	\$ 0	\$ 7,683,680	\$ 7,377,223	\$ 0	\$ 7,377,223
Other Taxes	1,485,958	0	1,485,958	1,390,956	0	1,390,956
Grants and Subsidies	6,836,643	0	6,836,643	6,719,540	0	6,719,540
Investment Earnings	360,100	5,086	365,186	14,431	80	14,511
Other Revenues	(18,640)	0	(18,640)	70,760	0	70,760
Total	<u>\$ 16,347,741</u>	<u>\$ 5,086</u>	<u>\$ 16,352,827</u>	<u>\$ 15,572,910</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 15,572,990</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 22,009,737</u>	<u>\$ 865,507</u>	<u>\$ 22,875,244</u>	<u>\$ 20,704,785</u>	<u>\$ 777,575</u>	<u>\$ 21,482,360</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Instructional	\$ 11,876,947	\$ 0	\$ 11,876,947	\$ 10,895,523	\$ 0	\$ 10,895,523
Student Support	1,171,421	0	1,171,421	1,002,291	0	1,002,291
Admin & Financial Support	1,851,265	0	1,851,265	2,074,015	0	2,074,015
Operation & Plant Maint.	2,207,092	0	2,207,092	2,131,731	0	2,131,731
Pupil Transportation	1,587,567	0	1,587,567	1,481,849	0	1,481,849
Student Activities	507,462	0	507,462	466,915	0	466,915
Interest on Long-Term Debt	301,623	0	301,623	286,384	0	286,384
Community Services	0	0	0	5,500	0	5,500
Cap. Outlay (not subject to depreciation)	1,149	0	1,149	181,694	0	181,694
Unallocated Depreciation	33,189	0	33,189	32,601	0	32,601
Food Services	0	942,467	942,467	0	979,517	979,517
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 19,537,715</u>	<u>\$ 942,467</u>	<u>\$ 20,480,182</u>	<u>\$ 18,558,503</u>	<u>\$ 979,517</u>	<u>\$ 19,538,020</u>
Increase(Decrease) in net position before transfers	\$ 2,472,022	\$ (76,960)	\$ 2,395,062	\$ 2,146,282	\$ (201,942)	\$ 1,944,340
Transfers	(228,249)	228,249	0	(136,665)	136,665	0
Increase(Decrease) in net position	<u>\$ 2,243,773</u>	<u>\$ 151,289</u>	<u>\$ 2,395,062</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,617</u>	<u>\$ (65,277)</u>	<u>\$ 1,944,340</u>
Net Position, July 1st	<u>(17,059,677)</u>	<u>(751,922)</u>	<u>(17,811,599)</u>	<u>(19,069,294)</u>	<u>(686,645)</u>	<u>(19,755,939)</u>
Net Position, June 30th	<u>\$ (14,815,904)</u>	<u>\$ (600,633)</u>	<u>\$ (15,416,537)</u>	<u>\$ (17,059,677)</u>	<u>\$ (751,922)</u>	<u>\$ (17,811,599)</u>

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Table 2 – Changes in Net Position
Statement of Activities – Continued

Table 3 shows the District's six largest functions: instruction, student support, administrative, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, and interest on long-term debt as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). This table also shows the net costs offset by the other unrestricted grants, subsidies, and unrestricted contributions to show the remaining financial needs supported by local tax efforts and other miscellaneous revenues.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
Instructional	\$ 11,876,947	\$ 7,338,873	\$ 10,895,523	\$ 6,891,657
Student Support	1,171,421	1,025,166	1,002,291	842,938
Admin. & Financial Support	1,851,265	1,684,984	2,074,015	1,912,114
Operation & Maint. Of Plant	2,207,092	1,901,288	2,131,731	1,872,556
Pupil Transportation	1,587,567	1,173,965	1,481,849	1,011,917
Student Activities	507,462	415,482	466,915	389,267
Interest on Long-Term Debt	301,623	301,623	286,384	286,384
Capital Outlay (not subject to capitalization)	1,149	1,149	181,694	181,694
Unallocated Depreciation	33,189	33,189	32,601	32,601
Community Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 19,537,715</u>	<u>\$ 13,875,719</u>	<u>\$ 18,558,503</u>	<u>\$ 13,426,628</u>
Less:				
Unrestricted Grants, Subsidies, & Unrestricted Contributions		<u>6,836,643</u>		<u>6,719,540</u>
Total Needs from Local Taxes and Other Revenues		<u>\$ 7,039,076</u>		<u>\$ 6,707,088</u>

Table 4 reflects the activities of the Food Service program, the District's business-type activity.

Table 4
Business Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
Food Services	<u>\$ 942,467</u>	<u>\$ 82,046</u>	<u>\$ 979,517</u>	<u>\$ 202,022</u>

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DISTRICT FUNDS

At June 30, 2023, the District governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$9,962,438, which is an increase of \$984,177 from 2022.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

During the fiscal year, the Board of School Directors authorizes revisions to the original budget to accommodate changes in actual revenues and expenditures of the District. All adjustments are reconfirmed when the annual audit report is accepted, which is after the end of the fiscal year and is not prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This detailed information is presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund.

Revenue budgets can change for a variety of reasons including Federal, State, and Local Grants awarded after the beginning of the fiscal year. Expenditures funded by these grants will also be reflected as increases from the adopted budget. In addition, transfers between specific categories of expenditures and financing uses occur during the fiscal year. Most significant transfers occur between the budgetary reserve and areas in the budget where unforeseen expenditures occur.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2023, the District had a total of \$9,758,420 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, furniture, and equipment. This amount represents a net decrease (including additions, deletions, and depreciation) of \$307,999 from last year. The main reason for the decrease in capital assets is due to the depreciation of existing capital assets. More detailed information regarding the District's capital assets is included in Note 5 to the financial statements.

Debt Administration

As of June 30, 2023 the District's Governmental Activities had total outstanding bond principal of \$9,985,000. There were also obligations in the amounts of \$3,806,376, \$313,219, and \$20,115,747 for post-employment benefits, compensated absences, and net pension liability, respectively.

More detailed information on the District's pension and long-term liabilities is shown in Notes 7 and 8 to the financial statements.

FUTURE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Capital Improvement Plan (Future Projects)

The District is continually monitoring our buildings and grounds to be proactive in any needed repairs or maintenance. The District issued new debt in 2022 to help finance the next three-year capital improvement plan. The Administration and the Fort Cherry School Board of Directors identified

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needs in the next three years that need to be fixed. These projects would be included in the three-year capital improvement plan: LED lighting upgrades in all classrooms, exterior masonry repairs to both buildings, construction of a maintenance building, replacement of air handlers district-wide, and repairs to the locker rooms at the High School. There are several smaller projects that the District will fund through the Capital Project Fund.

Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS)

The extended volatility in the stock market resulted in continued minimal returns on investment for the retirement system. Despite a reduction in the PSERS Employer share rate to 34.00% for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, projections from PSERS have indicated that the rates charged to Districts will increase over the next several years, reaching a projected peak of over 38% within seven years.

Technology

The technology team, along with the support of the School Board and the Superintendent, continues to make strides in providing new and updated technology to our faculty and students. In utilizing E-rate, Federal Funding, and District technology funds, the addition of network security, network switches, servers, and overall network development has taken place and enhanced our technology implementation and utilization. The District has developed a strategy to retire the Grades K-3 iPads, replacing them with touchscreen Chromebooks and implementing touchscreens for grades 4-12 as those Chromebooks are retired on a rotating basis. The District technology team has also identified the need to upgrade the wiring and network cabling on campus to take full advantage of the speed and capabilities of new switches and access points that need to be replaced utilizing E-rate funds.

Economic Factors

Act 1 limits the District's ability to increase real estate taxes above a state-imposed index. This restricts the school district's ability to raise revenues lost from state funding cuts. The school district will have to consider options in the upcoming years to fill those state unfunded voids. The School District remains majority funded by the state at 51% while the local level funding grew to 45%. Federal funding, which has become almost obsolete, accounted for just 4% of the District's annual funding, a slight increase over historical levels due to the ESSER funding.

Curriculum and Instruction

As time changes in the educational arena, so must school organizations' attention to curriculum and instruction. Fort Cherry is working to remain competitive in the educational servicing market through providing our students with innovative, enriching, and relevant classes and courses to become career ready. Planning and preparation continue to take place through the continuation of current curricular programming, enhancements to the STEM/innovation programming, and expansion of dual enrollment/blended/AP integration. The District, in partnership with two neighboring districts, was awarded a PAsmart grant to advance multiple layers of enriching instruction. In conjunction with this effort, the District has applied to the state Department of Education and received approval for a horticultural program to operate alongside the Freight Farm, which was procured with the PAsmart grant.

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

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Increase in Student Needs

An ongoing concern in the District relates to the growing needs of our student body. The District continues to face an increase in special education needs, an increase in poverty-stricken families, and an increase in student/family mental health issues along with the continued growth of our ESL student population. The Administration, along with faculty members, outside agencies, and community support are working to combat these growing needs that are not only found within the school environment but may impact the health and stability of the local communities.

Decreasing Enrollment

Over the past ten years, enrollment has decreased significantly but the District is beginning to see small signs of stabilization. The Administration team continues to work collaboratively with District staff to develop a plan to increase student enrollment. The Fort Cherry community has some potential growth with the new highway, and we look forward to working with community developers to increase industrial growth within the District.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT

This Management’s Discussion and Analysis is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District’s financial position and to show the School Board’s accountability for the funds the District receives. If you have questions regarding financial aspects of this report, please contact the business office at Fort Cherry School District, 110 Fort Cherry Road, McDonald, PA 15057 or by phone at (724)796-1551.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,921,262	\$ 107,687	\$ 11,028,949
Taxes Receivable, net			
Property Taxes	305,949	0	305,949
Earned Income Taxes	228,775	0	228,775
Due From Other Governments	932,237	0	932,237
Other Accounts Receivable	74,118	52,600	126,718
Inventories	0	33,917	33,917
Prepaid Expenses	217,685	0	217,685
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 12,680,026</u>	<u>\$ 194,204</u>	<u>\$ 12,874,230</u>
Noncurrent Assets			
Land	\$ 57,429	\$ 0	\$ 57,429
Site Improvements (net of depreciation)	417,262	0	417,262
Building & Building Improvements (net of depreciation)	7,813,398	0	7,813,398
Furniture & Equipment (net of depreciation)	1,322,413	147,918	1,470,331
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ 9,610,502</u>	<u>\$ 147,918</u>	<u>\$ 9,758,420</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 22,290,528</u>	<u>\$ 342,122</u>	<u>\$ 22,632,650</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 3,463,219	\$ 149,673	\$ 3,612,892
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	592,223	0	592,223
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 4,055,442</u>	<u>\$ 149,673</u>	<u>\$ 4,205,115</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 464,834	\$ 26,062	\$ 490,896
Current Portion of LT Debt	255,000	0	255,000
Short-Term Payables	23,744	0	23,744
Unearned Revenue	11,388	24,032	35,420
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	2,017,329	0	2,017,329
Current Portion of Net Pension Liability	2,769,214	119,679	2,888,893
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,541,509</u>	<u>\$ 169,773</u>	<u>\$ 5,711,282</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities			
LT Portion of Debt	\$ 9,730,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,730,000
LT Portion of Other Post-Employment Benefits	3,806,376	0	3,806,376
LT Portion of Net Pension Liability	20,115,747	869,360	20,985,107
LT Portion of Compensated Absences	313,219	25,000	338,219
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$ 33,965,342</u>	<u>\$ 894,360</u>	<u>\$ 34,859,702</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 39,506,851</u>	<u>\$ 1,064,133</u>	<u>\$ 40,570,984</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 654,705	\$ 28,295	\$ 683,000
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	1,000,318	0	1,000,318
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 1,655,023</u>	<u>\$ 28,295</u>	<u>\$ 1,683,318</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in capital assets	\$ 1,074,670	\$ 147,918	\$ 1,222,588
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	1,444,337	0	1,444,337
Capital Reserve	3,258,255	0	3,258,255
Unrestricted (deficit)	(20,593,166)	(748,551)	(21,341,717)
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ (14,815,904)</u>	<u>\$ (600,633)</u>	<u>\$ (15,416,537)</u>

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
Function/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:							
Instruction:							
Regular Instruction	\$ 8,634,678	\$ 189,091	\$ 2,823,443	\$ 0	\$ (5,622,144)	\$ 0	\$ (5,622,144)
Special Instruction	2,749,351	0	1,374,762	0	(1,374,589)	0	(1,374,589)
Vocational Instruction	486,070	0	130,698	0	(355,372)	0	(355,372)
Other Instructional Programs	6,848	8,696	11,384	0	13,232	0	13,232
Total Instructional Services	<u>\$ 11,876,947</u>	<u>\$ 197,787</u>	<u>\$ 4,340,287</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (7,338,873)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (7,338,873)</u>
Support Services:							
Pupil Personnel	\$ 655,538	\$ 0	\$ 68,074	\$ 0	\$ (587,464)	\$ 0	\$ (587,464)
Instructional Staff	330,240	0	37,818	0	(292,422)	0	(292,422)
Administration	1,215,513	0	115,595	0	(1,099,918)	0	(1,099,918)
Pupil Health	185,643	0	40,363	0	(145,280)	0	(145,280)
Business Services	352,248	0	42,413	0	(309,835)	0	(309,835)
Operation of Plant and Maintenance Services	2,207,092	100,618	205,186	0	(1,901,288)	0	(1,901,288)
Student Transportation Services	1,587,567	0	413,602	0	(1,173,965)	0	(1,173,965)
Central	271,816	0	8,273	0	(263,543)	0	(263,543)
Other Support Services	11,688	0	0	0	(11,688)	0	(11,688)
Total Support Services	<u>\$ 6,817,345</u>	<u>\$ 100,618</u>	<u>\$ 931,324</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (5,785,403)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (5,785,403)</u>
Non-Instructional Services:							
Student Activities	\$ 507,462	\$ 39,177	\$ 52,803	\$ 0	\$ (415,482)	\$ 0	\$ (415,482)
Community Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest on Long-Term Debt	301,623	0	0	0	(301,623)	0	(301,623)
Capital Outlay (Not subject to capitalization)	1,149	0	0	0	(1,149)	0	(1,149)
Unallocated Depreciation	33,189	0	0	0	(33,189)	0	(33,189)
Total Non-Instructional Services	<u>\$ 843,423</u>	<u>\$ 39,177</u>	<u>\$ 52,803</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (751,443)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (751,443)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 19,537,715	\$ 337,582	\$ 5,324,414	\$ 0	\$ (13,875,719)	\$ 0	\$ (13,875,719)
Business-Type Activities:							
Food Services	942,467	248,890	611,531	0	0	(82,046)	(82,046)
Total Primary Government	\$ 20,480,182	\$ 586,472	\$ 5,935,945	\$ 0	\$ (13,875,719)	\$ (82,046)	\$ (13,957,765)

General Revenues:

Taxes:			
Property taxes, levied for general purposes, net	\$ 7,683,680	\$ 0	\$ 7,683,680
Other taxes levied for general purposes, net	1,485,958	0	1,485,958
Refunds of prior year receipts	(57,445)	0	(57,445)
Refunds of prior year expenditures	21,152	0	21,152
Grants, subsidies & contributions not restricted	6,836,643	0	6,836,643
Investment earnings	360,100	5,086	365,186
Miscellaneous income	17,653	0	17,653
Transfers	<u>(228,249)</u>	<u>228,249</u>	<u>0</u>
Total general revenues and transfers	\$ 16,119,492	\$ 233,335	\$ 16,352,827
Change in Net Position	\$ 2,243,773	\$ 151,289	\$ 2,395,062
Net Position - Beginning	(17,059,677)	(751,922)	(17,811,599)
Net Position - Ending	\$ (14,815,904)	\$ (600,633)	\$ (15,416,537)

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 9,472,094	\$ 1,449,168	\$ 10,921,262
Taxes Receivable:			
Property Taxes	311,765	0	311,765
Earned Income Taxes	228,775	0	228,775
Intergovernmental Receivables	926,421	0	926,421
Prepaid Expenditures	217,685	0	217,685
Other Receivables	164,454	0	164,454
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,321,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,449,168</u>	<u>\$ 12,770,362</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 460,003	\$ 4,831	\$ 464,834
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	2,107,665	0	2,107,665
Unearned Revenue	11,388	0	11,388
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 2,579,056</u>	<u>\$ 4,831</u>	<u>\$ 2,583,887</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	<u>\$ 224,037</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 224,037</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Non-Spendable	\$ 217,685	\$ 0	\$ 217,685
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	0	1,444,337	1,444,337
Assigned for:			
Capital Projects	3,258,255	0	3,258,255
PSERS Rate Increases	1,603,000	0	1,603,000
Technology	1,348,508	0	1,348,508
Next Year's Budget - ESSER Loss	286,539	0	286,539
Next Year's Budget	56,539	0	56,539
Unassigned	1,747,575	0	1,747,575
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 8,518,101</u>	<u>\$ 1,444,337</u>	<u>\$ 9,962,438</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 11,321,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,449,168</u>	<u>\$ 12,770,362</u>

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 9,962,438
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities that are not financial and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

Add: Capital Assets	34,907,463
Deduct: Accumulated Depreciation	(25,296,961)

Certain tax revenues are recognized in the period for which levied than when "available." A portion of the certain deferred tax revenues are not available.

Add: Property Taxes	224,037
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Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not report in the funds

Net Pension Liability	(22,884,961)
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 4,055,442	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(1,655,023)</u>	
		2,400,419

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Deduct: Notes Payable	\$ (9,985,000)	
Deduct: Accrued Interest on Debt	(23,744)	
Deduct: Compensated Absences and Other Post-Employment Benefit	<u>(4,119,595)</u>	
		<u>(14,128,339)</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>(14,815,904)</u>
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FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Local Sources	\$ 10,138,065	\$ 57,452	\$ 10,195,517
State Sources	11,159,488	0	11,159,488
Federal Sources	<u>779,013</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>779,013</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 22,076,566</u>	<u>\$ 57,452</u>	<u>\$ 22,134,018</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	\$ 12,101,782	\$ 0	\$ 12,101,782
Support Services	6,903,493	0	6,903,493
Non-Instructional Services	546,665	0	546,665
Capital Outlay	111,043	651,145	762,188
Debt Services	<u>550,019</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>550,019</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 20,213,002</u>	<u>\$ 651,145</u>	<u>\$ 20,864,147</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,863,564</u>	<u>\$ (593,693)</u>	<u>\$ 1,269,871</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interfund Transfers Out	\$ (228,249)	\$ 0	\$ (228,249)
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	<u>(57,445)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(57,445)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>\$ (285,694)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (285,694)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,577,870	\$ (593,693)	\$ 984,177
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2022	<u>6,940,231</u>	<u>2,038,030</u>	<u>8,978,261</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023	<u>\$ 8,518,101</u>	<u>\$ 1,444,337</u>	<u>\$ 9,962,438</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS **\$ 984,177**

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeds depreciation in the period.

Capital Outlays	\$	894,155	
Less: Depreciation Expense		<u>(1,237,754)</u>	
			(343,599)

Because some property and earned income taxes will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds. Deferred tax revenues increased by this amount this year.

(66,835)

Governmental funds report district pension contributions and expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense

District pension contributions	\$	2,769,213	
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions		<u>(1,487,228)</u>	
			1,281,985

The governmental funds report proceeds from debt as an other financing source, while the repayment of debt principal is reported as an expenditure. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs and premiums when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. Interest is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. In the Statement of Activities, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is due. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of bonds and leases is as follows:

Repayment of Bond Principal	\$	245,000	
Interest Expense		<u>3,396</u>	
Total			248,396

In the Statement of Activities, certain operating expenses-compensated absences and other post-employment benefits-are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). During this year, the total amount of the liability decreased by this amount.

139,649

CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES **\$ 2,243,773**

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Food Service</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 107,687
Accounts Receivable	52,600
Inventories	<u>33,917</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 194,204</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Machinery & Equipment (net)	<u>\$ 147,918</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ 147,918</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 342,122</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Related to Pension	<u>\$ 149,673</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 491,795</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 26,062
Unearned Revenue	24,032
Current Portion of Net Pension Liability	<u>119,679</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 169,773</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated Absences Payable	\$ 25,000
Net Pension Liability	<u>869,360</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$ 894,360</u>
TOTAL LIABILITES	<u>\$ 1,064,133</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Related to Pension	<u>\$ 28,295</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 147,918
Unrestricted	<u>(748,551)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ (600,633)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 491,795</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Food Service</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Food Service Revenue	\$ 248,890
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>\$ 248,890</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Salaries	\$ 350,017
Employee Benefits	205,900
Professional Services	2,183
Repairs and Maintenance	14,427
Supplies	349,653
Depreciation	17,000
Other Operating expenditures	<u>3,287</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 942,467</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (693,577)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Earnings on Investments	\$ 5,086
State Sources	197,762
Federal Sources	<u>413,769</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>\$ 616,617</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS	\$ (76,960)
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>228,249</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$ 151,289
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>(751,922)</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u><u>\$ (600,633)</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Food Service</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Users	\$ 248,890
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(587,485)
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(371,532)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (710,127)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State Sources	\$ 197,762
Federal Sources	413,769
Interfund Transfer	<u>228,249</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 839,780</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	<u>\$ (52,600)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (52,600)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Earnings on Investments	<u>\$ 5,086</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 5,086</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 82,139
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>25,548</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 107,687</u>
 <u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</u>	
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (693,577)</u>
Depreciation and Net Amortization	\$ 17,000
Change in Assets and Liabilities	
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	13,914
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources	6,057
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(52,600)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	26,062
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	10,642
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources	(134,131)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	98,980
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	<u>(2,474)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>\$ (16,550)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (710,127)</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Student Activities Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 26,636	\$ 140,807
Accounts Receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>277</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 26,636</u>	<u>\$ 141,084</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,643</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,643</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 26,636</u>	<u>\$ 139,441</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 26,636</u>	<u>\$ 141,084</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Student Activities Fund
ADDITIONS		
Interest Revenue	\$ 73	\$ 0
Student Activities Revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>154,777</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u><u>\$ 73</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 154,777</u></u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Scholarships & Other Deductions	\$ 750	\$ 0
Student Activities Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>121,064</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u><u>\$ 750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 121,064</u></u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$ (677)	\$ 33,713
NET POSITION THE BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>27,313</u>	<u>105,728</u>
NET POSITION END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 26,636</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 139,441</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with	Budget to	Actual
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	and Positive (Negative)	GAAP Difference	Amounts GAAP Basis
REVENUES						
Local revenues	\$ 9,198,997	\$ 9,198,997	\$ 10,138,065	\$ 939,068	\$ 0	\$ 10,138,065
State program revenues	10,826,320	10,826,320	11,159,488	333,168	0	11,159,488
Federal program revenues	732,896	732,896	779,013	46,117	0	779,013
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 20,758,213	\$ 20,758,213	\$ 22,076,566	\$ 1,318,353	\$ 0	\$ 22,076,566
EXPENDITURES						
Regular Programs	\$ 8,659,059	\$ 8,659,059	\$ 8,602,238	\$ 56,821	\$ 0	\$ 8,602,238
Special Programs	3,265,744	3,265,744	2,976,244	289,500	0	2,976,244
Vocational Programs	516,861	516,861	516,020	841	0	516,020
Other Instructional Programs	500	500	3,594	(3,094)	0	3,594
Non-Public Services	0	0	3,685	(3,685)	0	3,685
Pupil Personnel Services	571,105	571,105	708,396	(137,291)	0	708,396
Instructional Staff Services	420,956	420,956	359,588	61,368	0	359,588
Administrative Services	1,158,528	1,158,528	1,092,480	66,048	0	1,092,480
Pupil Health	208,208	208,208	200,803	7,405	0	200,803
Business Services	536,105	536,105	385,139	150,966	0	385,139
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	2,533,020	2,533,020	2,276,237	256,783	0	2,276,237
Student Transportation Services	1,321,387	1,321,387	1,457,869	(136,482)	0	1,457,869
Central	281,934	281,934	411,294	(129,360)	0	411,294
Other Support Services	11,330	11,330	11,688	(358)	0	11,688
Student Activities	550,711	550,711	546,665	4,046	0	546,665
Community Services	5,500	5,500	0	5,500	0	0
Facilities Acquisition, Construction and Improvement Services	0	0	111,043	(111,043)	0	111,043
Debt Services	553,119	553,119	550,019	3,100	0	550,019
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 20,594,067	\$ 20,594,067	\$ 20,213,002	\$ 381,065	\$ 0	\$ 20,213,002
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 164,146	\$ 164,146	\$ 1,863,564	\$ 1,699,418	\$ 0	\$ 1,863,564
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	0	0	(57,445)	(57,445)	0	(57,445)
Interfund Transfer Out	(200,000)	(200,000)	(228,249)	(28,249)	0	(228,249)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (285,694)	\$ (85,694)	\$ 0	\$ (285,694)
Net change in fund balances	\$ (35,854)	\$ (35,854)	\$ 1,577,870	\$ 1,613,724	\$ 0	\$ 1,577,870
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2022	407,169	407,169	6,940,231	6,533,062	0	6,940,231
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023	\$ 371,315	\$ 371,315	\$ 8,518,101	\$ 8,146,786	\$ 0	\$ 8,518,101

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

The Fort Cherry School District is organized under Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Statutes. The School District provides educational services as authorized by State statute and/or federal guidelines.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the School District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For the Fort Cherry School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The Fort Cherry School District does not have any component units.

The Western Area Career and Technology Center and Intermediate Unit One were considered as possible component units but were excluded based on the above criteria.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Fort Cherry School District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School District also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989 to its governmental and business-type activities and to its proprietary funds provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies of the District are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide financial statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the School District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the School District's governmental and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants, and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business activity or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund financial statements – During the year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds, if applicable, are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, early retirement, arbitrage rebates, and post-employment healthcare benefits, are recorded only when payment is due. Property taxes and interest associated with past and current fiscal periods are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. All other property taxes associated with past and current fiscal periods are deferred in the Governmental fund financial statements.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: The General Fund is the operating fund of the School District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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Capital Projects Fund: The Capital Projects Fund accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for the acquisition and improvement of sites, construction and remodel of facilities, and procurement of equipment necessary for providing educational programs for all students within the District.

Proprietary funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. Operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

The District reports the following major proprietary funds:

Food Service Fund: This fund accounts for the financial transactions related to the food service operations of the School District.

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governments. These include private-purpose trust and agency funds. Private-purpose trust funds account for resources, including both principal and earnings, which must be expended according to the provision of a trust agreement and are accounted for in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds. Major fund reporting does not apply to Fiduciary Funds.

The District reports the following fiduciary funds:

Student Activity Fund: This fund is used to account for net position held in a purely custodial capacity for specific other persons or organizations or governments.

Private Purpose Trust Fund: This fund is used to account for a trust fund established to issue scholarships according to stated guidelines.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

C. Budgetary Process

The District passed an appropriated budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 with revenues totaling \$20,758,213 and expenditures totaling \$20,794,067.

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The District is required by state law to adopt an annual budget for the General Fund only. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”).

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

Preliminary Budget: The preliminary budget for each year must be adopted (via Board vote) 90 days prior to the Primary Election unless the District adopts a Resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its index. The Resolution must be adopted 110 days prior to the Primary Election, and the District must adopt a Resolution that follows traditional budget guidelines.

A *proposed* version must be prepared at least 20 days before adoption; this work-in-progress budget, defined as the *proposed preliminary budget*, must be made available for public inspection no later than 110 days prior to the Primary Election. Public notice of the intent to adopt the preliminary budget must be published no later than 10 days before adoption of the preliminary budget (100 days before Primary Election).

Final Budget: The final budget for each year must be adopted (via Board vote) by June 30 of the preceding school fiscal year.

A *proposed* version must be prepared and adopted (via Board vote) no later than May 30 of the preceding school fiscal year (at least 30 days before adoption); this work-in-progress budget, defined as the *proposed final budget*, must be made available for public inspection no later than June 10 of the preceding school fiscal year (20 days before adoption on June 30). Public notice of the intent to adopt the final budget must be published no later than June 20 of the preceding school fiscal year (10 days before adoption on June 30).

Note: For the adopted preliminary budget to become the proposed final budget, the school board must take action.

Once the budget is approved, it can be amended at the Function and Fund level only by approval of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Amendments are presented to the Board at their regular meetings. Each amendment must have Board approval. Such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board, and are not made after fiscal year-end as dictated by law.

Each budget is prepared and controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board of Directors. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end unless the District chooses to utilize encumbrance accounting. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders and contracts) outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be re-appropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

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D. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

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

The District's general policy is to report money market investments and short-term participating interest-earning investment contracts at amortized cost and to report nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts using a cost-based measure. However, if the fair value of an investment is significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors, it is reported at fair value. All other investments are reported at fair value unless a legal contract exists that guarantees a higher value. The term "short-term" refers to investments that have a remaining term of one year or less at the time of purchase. The term "nonparticipating" means that the investment's value does not vary with market interest rate changes.

E. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are offset against each other in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net position, except for amounts due to/from other funds that are not presented in the statement of net position.

F. Inventories

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are stated at cost using the purchase method. The purchase method means that food products, materials, and supplies are charged as expenditures when acquired. Inventory on hand at the end of the period is then recorded as an asset by offsetting the appropriate expense account. Due to a change in inventory controls and purchasing at the District, the inventory for Governmental Activities at June 30, 2023 was insignificant and not recorded. Inventory is currently ordered when needed.

The inventory for Business-type Activities at June 30, 2023 is \$33,917.

On fund financial statements, inventories are stated at cost using the purchase method for enterprise funds. Inventories are not maintained in governmental funds for fund financial statement reporting.

G. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the enterprise funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

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All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 per single item.

Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except land and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives	Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives
Site Improvements	20 years	N/A
Buildings and Improvements	20-50 years	20-50 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-15 years	5-15 years

H. Compensated Absences/Retirement Incentives

Compensated Absences

District employees accrue sick days annually to an unlimited maximum. The liability recorded for compensated absences for governmental activities is based on the employee's contract rate, years of service, position, and accumulated days as of the end of the year. The District's governmental liability is as follows:

Compensated absence liability at June 30, 2022	\$ 288,353
Increase(Decrease) in liability	<u>24,866</u>
Compensated absence liability at June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 313,219</u></u>

Business-type District employees also accrue sick days annually to an unlimited maximum. The liability recorded for compensated absences for the business-type activities is based on the employee's contract rate and accumulated days as of the end of the year. The District's liability is as follows:

Compensated absence liability at June 30, 2022	\$ 27,474
Increase(Decrease) in liability	<u>(2,474)</u>
Compensated absence liability at June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 25,000</u></u>

Retirement Incentives

As of June 30, 2023, the School District measured and recognized an "other post-employment benefit" (OPEB) liability in accordance with provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-employment*

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Benefits Other Than Pensions. This statement provides guidance on accounting and financial reporting for “other post-employment benefits” accounted for in financial statements of plan sponsors and employers. OPEB refers to non-pension benefits provided after the termination of employment. One example of this type of benefit is healthcare insurance premiums paid by employers on behalf of former employees. Governmental entities have traditionally accounted for OPEB on a pay-as-you-go basis. The guidance in this statement rests on the assumption that OPEB should be accrued as service is provided by employees. More information on these liabilities is included later in these notes.

The liabilities for the above items are reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental funds, the current portion of the liabilities is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable financial resources. In enterprise funds, the entire amount of the liabilities is reported as a fund liability.

I. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements; and all payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in-full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

J. Net Position

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

The School District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Net Investment in Capital Assets – The component of net position that reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, excluding unspent proceeds, that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these capital assets.

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K. Fund Balance

The GASB issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54), effective for reporting periods after June 15, 2010. The School has adopted GASB 54 as part of its fiscal year reporting. The intention of the GASB is to provide a more structured classification of fund balance and to improve the usefulness of fund balance reporting to the users of the School's financial statements. The reporting standard establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances: non-spendable and spendable. Non-spendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Examples of this classification are prepaid items and inventories.

In addition to the non-spendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

Restricted – Fund balances that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

Committed – Fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government from its highest level of decision-making authority, the Fort Cherry School District Board of Directors, through board action.

Assigned – Fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government to be used for a particular purpose. The Board of Directors has given authority to assign portions of the fund balance to the Superintendent or designee.

Unassigned – Fund balance of the general fund that is not constrained for any particular purpose.

According to District policy, the District will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance of not less than five percent and no more than eight percent of budgeted expenses for that fiscal year.

The School District applies resources in the following order when an expense is incurred for purposes for which multiple fund balances are available: restricted, committed, assigned, unassigned.

L. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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M. Bond Premium and Discount

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and accreted over the term of the bonds. Bond premiums and discounts are presented as an addition or subtraction to the face amount of the bonds.

N. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet includes a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District reported \$3,463,219 in the Governmental Activities and \$149,673 in the Business-type Activities as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions. Additionally, the District reported \$592,223 in deferred outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and/or the 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 that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District had \$224,037 in deferred inflows of resources reported on the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds from unavailable property tax revenue, \$1,000,318 in deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits and \$654,705 in deferred inflows of resources related to pensions in the Governmental Activities reported on the statement of net position. Additionally, the District had \$28,295 of deferred inflows of resources related to pension in Business-type Activities reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2023.

O. Pensions

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

NOTE 3 – CASH / INVESTMENTS

A. Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2023, \$2,857,101 of the District's bank balance of \$3,357,101 was exposed to custodial credit risk as:

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Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$	0
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution	\$	0
Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name	\$	2,857,101

B. Other Deposits

As of June 30, 2023, the School District had the following other deposits in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), which were established as common law trusts organized under laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Shares of the fund are offered to certain Pennsylvania school districts, intermediate units, area vocational-technical schools, and municipalities. The purpose of the fund is to enable such governmental units to pool their available funds for investments authorized by Section 440.1 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended. These funds have the characteristics of open-end mutual funds and are not subject to credit risk classification. PLGIT is governed by an elected board of trustees who are responsible for the overall management of the funds. The trustees are elected from the several classes of local governments participating in them. Each fund is audited annually by independent auditors. The Funds operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2(a)7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The funds use amortized cost to report net position to compute share prices. The Funds maintain net asset value of \$1 per share. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in PLGIT is the same as the value of PLGIT shares.

C. Credit Risk

The value of the funds as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Standard & Poor's Rating</u>
PA Local Government Investment Trust	\$ 7,917,915	AAAm
Total	<u>\$ 7,917,915</u>	

D. Reconciliation to Financial Statements

Uncollateralized Amount Above	\$ 2,857,101
Collateralized Amount Above	500,000
Other Deposits Above	<u>7,917,915</u>
Carrying Amount - Bank Balances	\$ 11,275,016
Less: Outstanding Items	(78,625)
Less: Fiduciary Funds	<u>(167,442)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,028,949</u>

E. Statutory Authority

School Districts are to adopt local investment policies. The local investment policy must be written; primarily emphasize the safety of principal and liquidity; and address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management. Each District should

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customize its policies to meet board and administrative objectives as defined. Districts should review their investment policies and investment strategies annually.

Section 440.1(c) of the Pennsylvania School Code authorizes the types of investments school districts may have are as follows:

- United States Treasury bills
- Short-term obligations of the United States Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. *Short-term obligations* usually refer to investments of less than 13 months.
- Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by:
 - The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or
 - The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or
 - The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund to the extent that such accounts are so insured, and for any amounts above maximum, provided that approved collateral as provided by law therefore shall be pledged by the depository
- Obligations of the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities. *Full faith and credit* means the obligation is backed by the government's ability to levy taxes to repay debt. These investments include any bonds issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any municipality or school district carrying the backing of the taxation powers of the governmental unit issuing the debt. Some investments of the Federal government do not have full faith and credit backing. Fannie-Mae (FNMA) and Freddie-Mac (FNMC) bonds do not. Ginnie-Mae (GNMA) bonds do have full faith and credit backing
- Shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 whose shares are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 provided that the following are met:
 - Only investments of that company are in the authorized investments for school district funds listed in the categories above and repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such investments
 - The investment company is managed so as to maintain its shares as a constant net asset value in accordance with 17 CFR 270 2a-7 (relating to money market funds)
 - The investment company is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized rating agency. This classification includes pooled investments such as the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, and the Pennsylvania State Treasurer's Invest Program

NOTE 4 – TAXES

A. Property Taxes

Based upon assessed valuations provided by the County, the municipal tax collector bills and collects property taxes on behalf of the District.

The schedule for property taxes levied for 2022-2023 is as follows:

July 1, 2022 - tax levy date
Through August 31, 2022 - 2% discount period
Through October 31, 2022 - face payment period

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Beginning November 1, 2022 - 10% penalty period
January 10, 2023 - lien date

The District tax rate for all purposes in 2022-2023 was 14.0258 mills (\$14.03 per \$1,000 assessed valuation). Collections for the 2022-2023 year were \$7,327,162.

As of June 30, 2023, property taxes receivable by the District includes uncollected taxes assessed as of July 1, 2022 or earlier. It is estimated that 90% of all assessed taxes (including delinquencies plus accrued interest and penalties) will be collected; therefore, property taxes receivable reflect this estimate. Delinquent property tax receivable is recognized as revenue in the government-wide financial statements. Only the portion of property taxes receivable that meets the revenue recognition criteria is reported as revenue in the fund financial statements.

B. Income Taxes

The School District levied a vote continuing tax of 0.50% for general operations on the income of residents. Employers within the School District who employ School District residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the local tax collector. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The collector makes periodic distributions to the District after withholding amounts for administrative fees. Income tax receipts are credited to the general fund.

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NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 57,429	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 57,429
Construction in Progress	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>\$ 57,429</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 57,429</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Site Improvements	\$ 1,786,195	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,786,195
Building and Building Improvements	28,421,909	581,940	0	29,003,849
Furniture and Equipment	<u>3,747,775</u>	<u>312,215</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,059,990</u>
Total Capital assets, being depreciated	<u>\$ 33,955,879</u>	<u>\$ 894,155</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 34,850,034</u>
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Site Improvements	\$ (1,283,782)	\$ (85,151)	\$ 0	\$ (1,368,933)
Building and Building Improvements	(20,209,142)	(981,309)	0	(21,190,451)
Furniture and Equipment	<u>(2,566,283)</u>	<u>(171,294)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,737,577)</u>
Total Accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ (24,059,207)</u>	<u>\$ (1,237,754)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (25,296,961)</u>
Total Capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 9,896,672</u>	<u>\$ (343,599)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 9,553,073</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net:	<u>\$ 9,954,101</u>	<u>\$ (343,599)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 9,610,502</u>
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Furniture and Equipment	<u>\$ 527,454</u>	<u>\$ 52,600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 580,054</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>\$ 527,454</u>	<u>\$ 52,600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 580,054</u>
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture and Equipment	<u>\$ (415,136)</u>	<u>\$ (17,000)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (432,136)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ (415,136)</u>	<u>\$ (17,000)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (432,136)</u>
Total Capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 112,318</u>	<u>\$ 35,600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 147,918</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net:	<u>\$ 112,318</u>	<u>\$ 35,600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 147,918</u>
Total Governmental and Business-type activities, net	<u><u>\$ 10,066,419</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (307,999)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,758,420</u></u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the District as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction	
Regular Instruction	\$ 774,339
Support Services	
Administration	210,539
Operation of Plant and Maintenance Services	89,132
Student Transportation Services	130,555
Unallocated	<u>33,189</u>
Total Depreciation Expense, Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,237,754</u>

Business-Type Activities:

Food Services	<u>\$ 17,000</u>
Total Depreciation Expense, Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 17,000</u>
Total Depreciation Expense, Governmental and Business-Type Activities	<u><u>\$ 1,254,754</u></u>

NOTE 6 – RISK MANAGEMENT

Fort Cherry School District is a member of the Allegheny County Health Consortium (The Consortium) for Health Insurance. This Consortium was formed in 1987 in order to purchase health benefits on behalf of participating public school districts in Pennsylvania. The School District pays an annual premium to the Consortium for its health and medical insurance coverage. The formation agreement of the Consortium provides that the Consortium will be self-sustaining through annually determined member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for excess claims of amounts as defined in the insurance contract. Additionally, during the fiscal year of 2005, the Consortium designated a portion of the net assets for rate stabilization and catastrophic claims. The Net Assets Designated for rate stabilization were \$18,531,000 as of June 30, 2023, while the Net Assets Designated for Catastrophic Claims was \$14,413,000.

The School District's agreement permits withdrawal from the Consortium only as of the last day of a fiscal year and after having given all participating entities and the Trustees written notice by April 30th of such fiscal year. If Fort Cherry School District were to withdraw, the School District would be entitled to receive a pro rata share of the net assets or would be required to reimburse the Consortium for their pro rata share of any deficiency in net assets.

The Consortium fund balance attributable to Fort Cherry School District was \$193,629 as of June 30, 2023 (audited), and at this time Fort Cherry School District has no plans to withdraw from the Consortium. The financial statements of the Consortium for the year ended June 30, 2023 are on file with Fort Cherry School District.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION PLAN

Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS)

Plan Description: The Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) is a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

Benefits Provided: PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service; or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age. Act 120 of 2010 (Act 120) preserves the benefits of existing members and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2011. Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E (Class T-E) and Membership Class T-F (Class T-F). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of 3 years of service or attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of service.

Act 5 of 2017 (Act 5) introduced a hybrid benefit with two membership classes and a separate defined contribution plan for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2019. Act 5 created two new hybrid membership classes, Membership Class T-G (Class T-G) and membership Class T-H (Class T-H) and the separate defined contribution membership class, Membership Class DC (Class DC). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-G and Class T-H members must work until age 67 with a minimum of 3 years of credited service. Class T-G may also qualify for normal retirement by attaining a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 97 with a minimum of 35 years of credited service.

Benefits are generally equal to 1% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. For Class T-E and Class T-F members, the right to benefits is vested after ten years of service.

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 with at least one year of credited service (age 65 with at least three years of credited service for Class T-E and

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Class T-F members) or who has at least five years of credited service (ten years for Class T-E and Class T-F members). Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

B. Contributions

Member Contributions

The contribution rates based on qualified member compensation for virtually all members are presented below:

Member Contribution Rates				
Membership Class	Continuous Employment Since	Defined Benefit (DB) Contribution Rate	DC Contribution Rate	Total Contribution Rate
T-C	Prior to July 22, 1983	5.25%	N/A	5.25%
				6.25%
T-C	On or after July 22, 1983	6.25%	N/A	6.25%
T-D	Prior to July 22, 1983	6.50%	N/A	6.50%
T-D	On or after July 22, 1983	7.50%	N/A	7.50%
T-E	On or after July 1, 2011	7.50% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.00%
T-F	On or after July 1, 2011	10.30% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 10.30% After 7/1/21: 10.80%
T-G	On or after July 1, 2019	5.50% base rate with shared risk provision	2.75%	Prior to 7/1/21: 8.25% After 7/1/21: 9.00%
T-H	On or after July 1, 2019	4.50% base rate with shared risk provision	3.00%	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.25%
DC	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	7.50%	7.50%

Shared Risk Program Summary				
Membership Class	Defined Benefit (DB) Base Rate	Shared Risk Increment	Minimum	Maximum
T-E	7.50%	+/-0.50%	5.50%	9.50%
T-F	10.30%	+/-0.50%	8.30%	12.30%
T-G	5.50%	+/-0.75%	2.50%	8.50%
T-H	4.50%	+/-0.75%	1.50%	7.50%

Employer Contributions

The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 34.31% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$2,888,892 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$23,874,000 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's 1-year reported covered payroll as it related to the total 1-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2022, the District's

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proportion was 0.0537%, which was a decrease of 0.0001% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,484,000. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 11,000	\$ 206,000
Changes in assumptions	713,000	0
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	0	406,000
Changes in proportions	0	71,000
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,888,893</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,612,893</u>	<u>\$ 683,000</u>

The District reported \$2,888,893 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expenses as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2023	\$ 48,000
2024	62,000
2025	(634,000)
2026	<u>565,000</u>
	<u>\$ 41,000</u>

Actuarial Assumptions: The total pension liability at June 30, 2022 was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability at June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Valuation Date – June 30, 2021
- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return - 7.00%, includes inflation at 2.75%.
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.

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- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PbuT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.
- The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability decreased from 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 and as of June 30, 2022.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the Board for use effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation:
 - Salary growth rate – decreased from 5.00% to 4.50%
 - Real wage growth and merit or seniority increases (components for salary growth) – decreased from 2.75% and 2.25% and 2.00%, respectively.
 - Mortality rates – Previously based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale. Effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, mortality rates are based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five year the period ending June 30, 2022.

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

The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Plan assets are managed with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension.

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global public equity	28.0%	5.3%
Private equity	12.0%	8.0%
Fixed income	33.0%	2.3%
Commodities	9.0%	2.3%
Absolute return	6.0%	3.5%
Infrastructure/MLPs	9.0%	5.4%
Real estate	11.0%	4.6%
Cash	3.0%	0.5%
Leverage	-11.0%	0.5%
	<u>100.0%</u>	

The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2022.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan'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 liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00% as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease 6.00%</u>	<u>Discount Rate 7.00%</u>	<u>1% Increase 8.00%</u>
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 30,880,000	\$ 23,874,000	\$ 17,968,000

Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM DEBT

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

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Bonds Payable:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 10,230,000	\$ 0	\$ (245,000)	\$ 9,985,000	\$ 255,000
	<u>\$ 10,230,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (245,000)</u>	<u>\$ 9,985,000</u>	<u>\$ 255,000</u>
Compensated Absences Payable	288,353	24,866	0	313,219	0
Net Pension Liability	21,198,943	1,686,018	0	22,884,961	2,769,214
Other Post Emp Benefit					
Obligation payable	<u>4,341,831</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(535,455)</u>	<u>3,806,376</u>	<u>0</u>
Total governmental activity long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 36,059,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,710,884</u>	<u>\$ (780,455)</u>	<u>\$ 36,989,556</u>	<u>\$ 3,024,214</u>
Business-Type Activities:					
Net Pension Liability	\$ 890,058	\$ 98,981	\$ 0	\$ 989,039	\$ 119,679
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>27,474</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,474)</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 917,532</u>	<u>\$ 98,981</u>	<u>\$ (2,474)</u>	<u>\$ 1,014,039</u>	<u>\$ 119,679</u>

General Obligation Bonds

Payments on general obligation bonds are made by the General Fund.

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments, are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 255,000	\$ 297,156	\$ 552,156
2025	260,000	291,944	551,944
2026	265,000	286,519	551,519
2027	265,000	280,962	545,962
2028	275,000	275,125	550,125
2029-2033	1,465,000	1,273,181	2,738,181
2034-2038	1,700,000	1,042,591	2,742,591
2039-2043	1,985,000	755,788	2,740,788
2044-2048	2,340,000	403,459	2,743,459
2049-2051	<u>1,175,000</u>	<u>47,578</u>	<u>1,222,578</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,985,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,954,303</u>	<u>\$ 14,939,303</u>

General obligation bonds payable at June 30, 2023 with their outstanding balance are as follows:

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\$3,305,000 general obligation refunding bonds, due in annual installments of \$40,000 to \$250,000, beginning December 1, 2016 through December 1, 2033, interest from 2.00 to 3.00%	\$ 2,420,000
\$5,485,000 general obligation refunding bonds, due in annual installments of \$5,000 to \$420,000, beginning December 1, 2019 through December 1, 2050, interest from 2.00 to 3.25%	5,455,000
\$2,155,000 general obligation refunding bonds, due in annual installments of \$45,000 to \$120,000, beginning December 1, 2022 through December 1, 2050, interest from 2.00 to 3.875%	2,110,000
	<u>\$ 9,985,000</u>

NOTE 9 – INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers made during the year ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
Proprietary Fund	\$ 0	\$ 228,249
General Fund	<u>228,249</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 228,249</u>	<u>\$ 228,249</u>

Interfund transfers were made to fulfill a portion of all current interfund payables.

NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

The District is potentially liable for any expenditure that may be disallowed pursuant to the terms of grant programs. Management is not aware of any material items of noncompliance that would result in the disallowance of program expenditures.

B. Grants

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 11 – SCHOOL DISTRICT OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description

Teachers and administrators who are fifty (50) years of age or older and who have completed thirty (30) years of credited service with PSERS qualify for participation in the Early Retirement Incentive Program. During the period between retirement and attaining age 65, the eligible

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retired employee may continue participation in the District's hospitalization program, with the District paying up to \$650 (\$600 for administrators) per month and the retired employee paying the remainder of the premium.

In addition, in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, a retirement incentive was offered to teachers that provided full retiree medical coverage to age 65 with no copay.

Support personnel retiring prior to being Medicare eligible shall have the right to remain in the medical insurance group, at no cost to the District, until such time as they become eligible for Medicare benefits.

Membership in the plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2020, the date of the last actuarial valuation.

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	19
Active plan members	<u>100</u>
Total	<u><u>119</u></u>

The OPEB liability is calculated as follows:

	Total OPEB
	<u>Liability</u>
Balance at 6/30/2022	<u>\$ 3,065,831</u>
Changes for the year:	
Interest	\$ 106,300
Service cost	72,354
Changes in Assumptions	
Differences between expected and actual experience	(157,382)
Benefit payments	<u>(270,727)</u>
Net Changes	<u>\$ (249,455)</u>
Balance at 6/30/2023	<u><u>\$ 2,816,376</u></u>

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

The following is the total OPEB liability to the District as well as the total OPEB liability using a discount rate that 1-percentage-point lower and 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>(2.65%)</u>	<u>(3.65%)</u>	<u>(4.65%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 3,066,389	\$ 2,816,376	\$ 2,591,988

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

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The following is the total OPEB liability to the District as well as the total OPEB liability using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Medical Inflation Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,523,182	\$ 2,816,376	\$ 3,159,963

Actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

Valuation date:	July 1, 2022 projected to June 30, 2023
Investment Return	The assumed rates used to discount obligations are as follows: 3.65% as of 6/30/2023 and 3.54% as of 6/30/2022. These rates are reflective of Bond Buyer Municipal Bond Index AA.
Salary Scale	3% per annum, was assumed.
Retirement Rates	The earlier of age 57 and the completion of 30 years of service or age 62 and the completion of 20 years of service.
Termination	Sarason T-3
Pre-retirement Mortality	RP-2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females with generational improvement using Scale BB.
Post-retirement Mortality	RP-2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females with generational improvement using Scale BB.
Rates of Disablement	1964 IASDI disability rates were used.
Administrative Expenses	None assumed.
Percent Married	20% of retirees were assumed to elect married coverage. Overall, a 90% utilization rate was used for teachers and administrators. Support employees were assumed to buy single coverage at a 15% utilization.
Age of Spouse:	The female spouse was assumed to be three years younger than the male spouse for future retirees.
Medical Inflation:	6.5% in the first year, 6% in the second year, gradually decreasing by 0.5% per year, to an ultimate rate of 5%.
Value of Obligations:	Entry Age Normal Method (level percentage of pay) was used.
Valuation of Assets:	Market value of assets was used.

The OPEB expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was:

Service Cost	\$ 72,354
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	106,300
Recognition of Assumption Changes	(21,867)
Recognition of Experience Changes	<u>(2,575)</u>
Total GASB75 OPEB Expense recognized	<u>\$ 154,212</u>

At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 470,223	\$ 614,852
Changes of assumptions	<u>0</u>	<u>113,466</u>
	<u>\$ 470,223</u>	<u>\$ 728,318</u>

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

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	<u>Dollar Amounts in Thousands</u>
2024	\$ (24,442)
2025	(24,442)
2026	(24,442)
2027	(21,832)
2028	(7,043)
Thereafter	<u>(155,891)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (258,092)</u>

NOTE 12 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – PSERS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Other Post-employment Benefits

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

General Information about the Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

The System provides Premium Assistance, which is a governmental cost sharing, multiple-employer other post-employment benefit plan (OPEB) for all eligible retirees who qualify and elect to participate. Employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Effective January 1, 2002 under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium.

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To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program. As of June 30, 2020, there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Premium Assistance Eligibility Criteria

Retirees of the System can participate in the Premium Assistance program if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 ½ or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age, and
- Participate in the HOP or employer-sponsored health insurance program.

Pension Plan description

PSERS is a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

Benefits Provided

Participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program.

Employer Contributions: The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 0.75% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$97,604 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$990,000 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.0538%, which was a 0.0001 decrease from the proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

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For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Districted recognized OPEB expense of \$14,000. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,000
Changes in assumptions	110,000	234,000
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	3,000	0
Changes in proportion	<u>0</u>	<u>33,000</u>
	<u>\$ 122,000</u>	<u>\$ 272,000</u>

There were no amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date and recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	Dollar Amounts <u>in Thousands</u>
2023	\$ (40,000)
2024	(30,000)
2025	(26,000)
2026	(26,000)
2027	(30,000)

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by rolling forward the System's Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return – 4.09% - S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Premium Assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year.
- Assumed Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.
- Participation rate:

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- Eligible retirees will elect to participate Pre age 65 at 50%
- Eligible retirees will elect to participate Post age 65 at 70%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five year period ending June 30, 2020.

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2022.
- Cost Method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset valuation method: Market Value.
- Participation rate: The actual data for retirees under the Plan as of June 30, 2021 was used in lieu of the 63% utilization assumption for eligible retirees.
- Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

Investments consist primarily of short-term assets designed to protect the principal of the plan assets. The expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the OPEB asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each asset class.

The OPEB plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Under the program and as defined in the retirement code, employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

OPEB-Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	100.0%	0.5%

The above table was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2022.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 4.09%. Under the plan's funding policy, contributions are structured for short term funding of Premium Assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date.

The Premium Assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Due to the short-term funding policy, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to meet projected future benefit payments; therefore, the plan is considered a "pay-as-you-go" plan. A discount rate of

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4.09%, which represents the S&P 20-year Municipal Bond Rate at June 30, 2022, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the System Net OPEB Liability to Change in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2022, retirees' Premium Assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The annual Premium Assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of \$1,200. As of June 30, 2022, 93,392 retirees were receiving the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year, and 582 members were receiving less than the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. The actual number of retirees receiving less than the \$1,200 per year cap is a small percentage of the total population and has a minimal impact on Healthcare Cost Trends as depicted below.

The following presents the System net OPEB liability for June 30, 2022 calculated using current Healthcare cost trends as well as what the System net OPEB liability would be if it health cost trends were 1-percentage point lower or 1- percentage point higher than the current rate:

		Current	
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
System net OPEB liability	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 2.79%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (1.79%) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.79%) than the current rate:

		Current	
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
	<u>3.09%</u>	<u>4.09%</u>	<u>5.09%</u>
District proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 882,000

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

NOTE 13 – RECENT/FUTURE GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes

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and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023 and all reporting periods thereafter. The primary objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences.

The effects of implementing GASB Statements No. 100-101 on the District's financial statements have not yet been determined.

NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The School District evaluated its June 30, 2023 financial statements for subsequent events through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, the date the statements were available to be issued. The School District is not aware of additional subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF THE CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT'S NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

The schedule below reports the funding progress made by the School District.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB liability - beginning	\$ 3,065,831	\$ 3,428,316	\$ 3,805,939	\$ 3,444,679	\$ 2,923,665	\$ 2,998,784
Interest	\$ 106,300	\$ 73,616	\$ 82,684	\$ 121,892	\$ 114,622	\$ 108,716
Service cost	72,354	90,106	90,279	88,453	82,632	88,383
Changes of benefit terms	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	(157,382)	(305,645)	(240,827)	251,900	635,520	(171,378)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	0	0	0	0	(222,800)	0
Benefit payments	(270,727)	(220,562)	(309,759)	(100,985)	(88,960)	(100,840)
Net change in total OPEB liability	\$ (249,455)	\$ (362,485)	\$ (377,623)	\$ 361,260	\$ 521,014	\$ (75,119)
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 2,816,376	\$ 3,065,831	\$ 3,428,316	\$ 3,805,939	\$ 3,444,679	\$ 2,923,665
Covered payroll	\$ 5,939,993	\$ 6,407,614	\$ 5,962,744	\$ 7,316,797	\$ 6,795,538	\$ 5,698,668
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	47.41%	47.85%	57.50%	52.02%	50.69%	51.30%

The above schedule is presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend has been compiled, information is presented only for the years for which the required supplementary information is available.

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**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM (PSERS) NET OPEB LIABILITY**

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
District's Portion of the						
PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.0538%	0.0539%	0.0539%	0.0540%	0.0554%	0.0580%
District's Proportionate Share of the						
PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 990,000	\$ 1,276,000	\$ 1,165,000	\$ 1,148,000	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 1,182,000
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 7,907,526	\$ 7,634,396	\$ 7,570,362	\$ 7,447,356	\$ 7,461,954	\$ 7,719,493
District's Proportionate Share of the						
PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a						
Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	12.52%	16.71%	15.39%	15.41%	15.48%	15.31%
PSERS Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a						
Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	6.86%	5.30%	5.69%	5.56%	5.56%	5.73%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is June 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year. This schedule is intended to illustrate information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the School District is presenting information for those years only for which information is available.

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**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE**

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 61,448	\$ 63,601	\$ 64,518	\$ 63,835	\$ 62,224	\$ 61,708
Contributions in Relation to						
Contractually Required Contribution	(61,448)	(63,601)	(64,518)	(63,835)	(62,224)	(61,708)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
District's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 7,907,526	\$ 7,634,396	\$ 7,570,362	\$ 7,447,356	\$ 7,461,954	\$ 7,719,493
Contribution as a Percentage						
of Covered Employee Payroll	0.78%	0.83%	0.85%	0.86%	0.83%	0.80%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the fiscal year-end date. This schedule is intended to illustrate information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the School District is presenting information for those years only for which information is available.

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SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

The schedule below reports the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability.

The Public School Employees' Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years (As of years ended 6/30)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's Portion of the									
PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.0537%	0.0538%	0.0539%	0.0540%	0.0544%	0.0580%	0.0586%	0.0586%	0.0585%
District's Proportionate Share of the									
PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 23,874,000	\$ 22,089,002	\$ 26,540,000	\$ 25,263,000	\$ 26,595,000	\$ 28,645,000	\$ 29,040,000	\$ 25,383,000	\$ 23,154,999
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 7,907,526	\$ 7,634,396	\$ 7,570,362	\$ 7,447,356	\$ 7,461,954	\$ 7,719,493	\$ 7,590,418	\$ 7,537,585	\$ 7,470,092
District's Proportionate Share of the									
PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a									
Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	301.91%	289.34%	350.58%	339.22%	356.41%	371.07%	382.59%	336.75%	309.97%
PSERS Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a									
Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	63.67%	63.67%	54.32%	55.66%	54.00%	51.84%	50.14%	54.36%	57.24%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year are determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year. This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to disclose information for 10 years; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments are required to present information for those years for which information is available.

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SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

The schedule below reports the School District's annual contributions to the Public School Employees' Retirement System as of the June 30 year end.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 2,888,892	\$ 2,777,815	\$ 2,650,605	\$ 2,637,219	\$ 2,506,199	\$ 2,421,469	\$ 2,330,622	\$ 1,996,923	\$ 1,633,347
Contributions in Relation to									
Contractually Required Contribution	(2,888,892)	(2,777,815)	(2,650,605)	(2,637,219)	(2,506,199)	(2,421,469)	(2,330,622)	(1,996,923)	(1,633,347)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
District's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 7,907,526	\$ 7,634,396	\$ 7,570,362	\$ 7,447,356	\$ 7,461,954	\$ 7,719,493	\$ 7,590,418	\$ 7,537,585	\$ 7,470,092
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	36.53%	36.39%	35.01%	35.41%	33.59%	31.37%	30.70%	26.49%	21.87%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to disclose information for 10 years; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments are required to present information for those years for which information is available.

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SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – FACTORS AND TRENDS USED IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS

A. District's Other Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension Benefits (OPEBs)

Changes of benefit terms

There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Changes of assumptions

- Interest rate changed from 3.54% to 3.65%.
- Medical inflation rate changed from 3.0% to 6.5% in the first year.

A. PSERS Pension Benefits

Changes of benefit terms

- There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Changes of assumptions

- The valuation date was changed to June 30, 2022.

B. PSERS Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension Benefits (OPEBs)

Changes of benefit terms

- There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Changes of assumptions

- The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB liability increased from 2.18% as of June 30, 2021 to 4.09% as of June 30, 2022.

SINGLE AUDIT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

<u>Federal Grantor/Project Title</u>	<u>Source Code</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Grant Period From-To</u>	<u>Program or Award Amount</u>	<u>Total Received For Year</u>	<u>Accrued (Deferred) Revenue @ 7/1/22</u>	<u>Revenue Recognized</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Accrued (Deferred) Revenue @ 6/30/23</u>	<u>Passed Through to Subrecipients</u>
U.S. Department of Education Passed through the PA Department of Education:											
Title I Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-200152	07/01/19-09/30/20	\$ 149,398	\$ 9,111	\$ 9,111	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Title I Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-220152	07/01/21-09/30/22	146,803	59,094	41,946	17,148	17,148	0	0
Title I Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-230152	07/01/22-09/30/23	164,176	125,984	0	164,176	164,176	38,192	0
Total CFDA 84.010					<u>\$ 460,377</u>	<u>\$ 194,189</u>	<u>\$ 51,057</u>	<u>\$ 181,324</u>	<u>\$ 181,324</u>	<u>\$ 38,192</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality	I	84.367	020-220399	07/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 27,252	\$ 7,483	\$ 7,483	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality	I	84.367	020-230399	07/01/22-09/30/23	29,125	22,754	0	29,125	29,125	6,371	0
Total CFDA 84.367					<u>\$ 56,377</u>	<u>\$ 30,237</u>	<u>\$ 7,483</u>	<u>\$ 29,125</u>	<u>\$ 29,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,371</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment	I	84.424	144-220152	07/01/21-09/30/22	\$ 11,008	\$ 5,140	\$ 5,140	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment	I	84.424	144-230152	07/01/22-09/30/23	11,415	8,699	0	11,415	11,415	2,716	0
Total CFDA 84.367					<u>\$ 22,423</u>	<u>\$ 13,839</u>	<u>\$ 5,140</u>	<u>\$ 11,415</u>	<u>\$ 11,415</u>	<u>\$ 2,716</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - II	I	84.425D	200-210152	03/13/20-09/30/23	\$ 540,551	\$ 427,412	\$ 300,121	\$ 127,291	\$ 127,291	\$ 0	\$ 0
American Rescue Plan - ESSER III	I	84.425U	223-210152	03/13/20-09/30/24	1,093,378	278,314	75,620	387,109	387,109	184,415	0
ARP - ESSER 7% - Learning Loss Set Aside	I	84.425U	225-210020	03/13/20-09/30/24	60,700	14,347	(6,622)	29,750	29,750	8,781	0
ARP - ESSER 7% - Summer School Set Aside	I	84.425U	225-210020	03/13/20-09/30/24	12,140	2,869	(1,324)	0	0	(4,193)	0
ARP - ESSER 7% - After School Set Aside	I	84.425U	225-210020	03/13/20-09/30/24	12,140	2,869	(1,324)	0	0	(4,193)	0
Total CFDA 84.425					<u>\$ 1,718,909</u>	<u>\$ 725,811</u>	<u>\$ 366,471</u>	<u>\$ 544,150</u>	<u>\$ 544,150</u>	<u>\$ 184,810</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Passed through the Intermediate Unit #1											
IDEA - Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	N/A	07/01/21-06/30/22	\$ 200,232	\$ 53,815	\$ 53,815	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
IDEA - Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	207,533	207,533	0	207,533	207,533	0	0
Total CFDA 84.027					<u>\$ 407,765</u>	<u>\$ 261,348</u>	<u>\$ 53,815</u>	<u>\$ 207,533</u>	<u>\$ 207,533</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Passed through the Intermediate Unit #1											
IDEA 619B Special Education Preschool Grants	I	84.173	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	\$ 1,998	\$ 1,998	\$ 0	\$ 1,998	\$ 1,998	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)					<u>\$ 409,763</u>	<u>\$ 263,346</u>	<u>\$ 53,815</u>	<u>\$ 209,531</u>	<u>\$ 209,531</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total PA Department of Education					<u>\$ 2,258,086</u>	<u>\$ 964,076</u>	<u>\$ 430,151</u>	<u>\$ 766,014</u>	<u>\$ 766,014</u>	<u>\$ 232,089</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Intermediate Unit #1					<u>\$ 409,763</u>	<u>\$ 263,346</u>	<u>\$ 53,815</u>	<u>\$ 209,531</u>	<u>\$ 209,531</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Total US Department of Education					<u>\$ 2,667,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,227,422</u>	<u>\$ 483,966</u>	<u>\$ 975,545</u>	<u>\$ 975,545</u>	<u>\$ 232,089</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 U.S. Department of Agriculture: Passed through the PA Department of Education:											
P-EBT Local Admin Funds	I	10.649	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	628	0	628	628	0	0
Total CFDA 10.649						<u>\$ 628</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 628</u>	<u>\$ 628</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	\$ 249,449	\$ 0	\$ 249,449	\$ 249,449	\$ 0	\$ 0
Supply Chain Assistance	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	31,754	0	31,754	31,754	0	0
 Passed through the PA Department of Agriculture											
NLSP - Donated Commodities	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/21-06/30/22	N/A	0	(4,904)	4,904	4,904	0	0
NLSP - Donated Commodities	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	48,493	0	33,896	33,896	(14,597)	0
Total CFDA 10.555						<u>\$ 329,696</u>	<u>\$ (4,904)</u>	<u>\$ 320,003</u>	<u>\$ 320,003</u>	<u>\$ (14,597)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
 Passed through the PA Department of Education											
National School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	98,042	0	98,042	98,042	0	0
Total CFDA 10.553					<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$ 98,042</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 98,042</u>	<u>\$ 98,042</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster					<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$ 427,738</u>	<u>\$ (4,904)</u>	<u>\$ 418,045</u>	<u>\$ 418,045</u>	<u>\$ (14,597)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total US Department of Agriculture					<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$ 428,366</u>	<u>\$ (4,904)</u>	<u>\$ 418,673</u>	<u>\$ 418,673</u>	<u>\$ (14,597)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
 Total Federal Assistance					<u>\$ 2,667,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,655,788</u>	<u>\$ 479,062</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,218</u>	<u>\$ 217,492</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Source Codes:

I=Indirect Funding

Footnotes:

- a) Total amount of commodities received from Department of Agriculture
- b) Beginning inventory at July 1
- c) Total amount of commodities used
- d) Ending inventory at June 30
- * Selected for testing

Test of 40% rule:

Total Expenditures per above \$ 1,394,218

IDEA Cluster	\$ 209,531		
ESSER Cluster	<u>544,150</u>	=	<u>54.06%</u> (High risk auditee 40% required)
Total Federal Expenditures Tested	<u>\$ 753,681</u>		

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Fort Cherry School District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 – BUDGETARY DATA

The School District passed and had approved by the appropriate agency budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for all federal programs.

NOTE 3 – DE MINIMUS RATE FOR INDIRECT COSTS

Fort Cherry School District has elected to not use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



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

To the Board of Directors
Fort Cherry School District
110 Fort Cherry Road
McDonald, PA 15057-2975

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fort Cherry School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Fort Cherry School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-1 to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fort Cherry School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests did not disclose instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Fort Cherry School District's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

J. Martin and Associates, LLC

J. Martin & Associates, LLC
Beaver, PA 15009
February 22, 2024



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE
UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Directors
Fort Cherry School District
110 Fort Cherry Road
McDonald, PA 15057-2975

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

J. Martin and Associates, LLC

J. Martin & Associates, LLC

Beaver, PA 15009

February 22, 2024

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness identified:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:		
Material weakness identified:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for the major programs:		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Identification of the major programs:		

CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Program
	ESSER Cluster:
84.425D	ESSER II
84.425U	ARP ESSER
84.425U	ARP Learning Loss
84.425U	ARP Summer School
84.425U	ARP After School
	Special Education Cluster:
84.027	Spec Education Grants to States
84.173	Spec Education Preschool

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$ 750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

2023-1 Segregation of Duties

Criteria: The small size of the School District's business office staff limits the extent of separation of duties. The basic premise in an ideal accounting office is that no one employee should have

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction. Some examples of lack of segregation of duties at the School District are as follows:

The individual who receives checks on a routine basis also prepares the deposit. The same individual also reviews the receivables aging trial balance, investigates receivable discrepancies, and maintains or authorizes receivables adjustments as well as investigates discrepancies or issues related to revenue. For the cafeteria, one person receives the cash receipts, enters the deposit into the accounting system, and makes the deposit at the financial institution.

One employee initiates checks for expenditures, edits the vendor master file, and investigates discrepancies or issues related to expenditures.

Condition: The School District has a limited number of staff responsible for or access to various stages of the accounting processes.

Cause: The District does not have the number of employees necessary in the business office to properly segregate all duties.

Recommendation: Ideally, the District would hire the number of staff necessary to segregate all duties. However, we realize segregation of duties is not practical, if not impossible. Because of this internal control situation, the responsibility of the Business Manager is greatly increased because the Board must rely on her knowledge of the everyday operations to discover any material changes in the School District's financial position.

Effect: A lack in separation of duties makes the School District more susceptible to misappropriation of District Assets.

Views of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action: See corrective action plan included in this report package.

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD AUDIT

None noted.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

A. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

2022-1 Segregation of Duties

Criteria: The small size of the School District's business office staff limits the extent of separation of duties. The basic premise in an ideal accounting office is that no one employee should have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction. Some examples of lack of segregation of duties at the School District are as follows:

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Views of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action: See corrective action plan included in this report package.

B. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD AUDIT

None noted.



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Department of Education:

The Fort Cherry School District respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Name and address of the independent public accounting firm:

J. Martin and Associates, LLC
P.O. Box 498
Beaver, PA 15009

Audit period: June 30, 2023

The findings for the year ended June 30, 2023 schedule of findings are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

Section B – Financial Statement Findings

2023-1 Segregation of Duties

Recommendation: Ideally, the District would hire the number of staff necessary to segregate all duties. However, we realize segregation of duties is not practical, if not impossible. Because of this internal control situation, the responsibility of the Business Manager is greatly increased because the Board must rely on her knowledge of the everyday operations to discover any material changes in the School District's financial position.

Management's Response: The School District recognizes that the limited number of staff adds to the risk associated with the daily operations. To mitigate this risk, the Business Manager has to take an active role in the day-to-day operations of the Business Unit. She actively reviews all reconciliations and receipts to ensure they are posted to the accounting system properly. In addition, she approves all check disbursements and is reviewing the general ledger on a consistent basis.

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Ms. Mary Burford, Business Manager at:

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