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**DESOTO COUNTY
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2021



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Board Members and Superintendent

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, Dr. Bobby Bennett served as Superintendent of the DeSoto County Schools from November 17, 2020, Adrian H. Cline served before that date, and the following individuals served as School Board Members:

	<u>District No.</u>
Danny B. Via, Chair from 11-17-20, Vice Chair through 11-16-20	1
Karen K. Chancey, Chair through 11-16-20	2
Asena Mott	3
Judy M. Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair from 11-17-20	4
Ronny R. Allen ^a	5

^a Member resigned 12-31-20, and position remained vacant through fiscal year end.

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The team leader was Sehrish Ladhani, CPA, and the audit was supervised by Rachel P. Sellers, CPA.

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SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit disclosed that the basic financial statements of the DeSoto County District School Board (District) were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with prescribed financial reporting standards.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

Our audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FEDERAL AWARDS

We audited the District's compliance with applicable Federal awards requirements. The Child Nutrition Cluster and Education Stabilization Fund were audited as major Federal programs. The results of our audit indicated that the District materially complied with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs.

AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

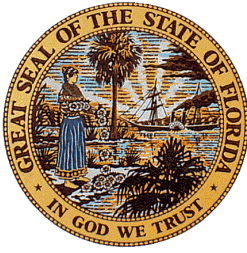
Our audit objectives were to determine whether the School Board and its officers with administrative and stewardship responsibilities for District operations:

- Presented the District's basic financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- Established and implemented internal control over financial reporting and compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on the District's major Federal programs; and
- Complied with the various provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that are material to the financial statements, and those applicable to the District's major Federal programs.

The scope of this audit included an examination of the District's basic financial statements and the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We obtained an understanding of the District's environment, including its internal control, and assessed the risk of material misstatement necessary to plan the audit of the basic financial statements and Federal awards. We also examined various transactions to determine whether they were executed, in both manner and substance, in accordance with governing provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

AUDIT METHODOLOGY

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.



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House of Representatives, and the
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the DeSoto County District School Board, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the school internal funds, which represent 21 percent, 0 percent, 21 percent, 11 percent, and 10 percent, respectively, of the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures of the aggregate remaining fund information. Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the school internal funds, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the DeSoto County District School Board, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note II. to the financial statements, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which is a change in accounting principle that addresses accounting and financial reporting for fiduciary activities. This affects the comparability of amounts reported for the 2020-21 fiscal year with amounts reported for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**, the **Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General and Major Special Revenue Funds**, **Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**, **Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of District Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, **Schedule of District Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, and **Notes to Required Supplementary Information**, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 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.

The accompanying **SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS** 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. Such 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 accompanying **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 January 27, 2022, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters included under the heading **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**. 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 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Tallahassee, Florida
January 27, 2022

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The management of the DeSoto County District School Board has prepared the following discussion and analysis to provide an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions and should be considered in conjunction with the District's financial statements and notes to financial statements found immediately following the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2020-21 fiscal year are as follows:

- As of June 30, 2021, the assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$20.2 million.
- In total, net position decreased \$2.6 million, which represents a 11.5 percent decrease from the 2019-20 fiscal year.
- General revenues total \$52.2 million, or 94.4 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions total \$3.1 million, or 5.6 percent of all revenues.
- Expenses total \$58 million. Only \$3.1 million of these expenses was offset by program specific revenues.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance of the General Fund totals \$10.3 million, which is \$0.2 million more than the prior fiscal year balance. The General Fund assigned and unassigned fund balances totaled \$8.2 million, or 20.2 percent of total General Fund revenues.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements; (2) fund financial statements; and (3) notes to financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional details to support the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the District presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the District's financial position, its assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, using an economic resources measurement focus. Assets plus deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, equals net position, which is a measure of the District's financial health. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the District's net position, the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating.

All of the District's activities and services are reported in the government-wide financial statements as governmental activities. The District's governmental activities include instruction, student support

services, instructional support services, administrative support services, facility maintenance, transportation, and food services. Property taxes and State revenues finance most of these activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported as governmental activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements and prudent fiscal management. Certain funds are established by law while others are created by legal agreements, such as bond covenants. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's financial activities, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity wide perspective contained in the government-wide statements. All of the District's funds are classified as governmental funds.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the District's most significant funds. The District's major funds are the General Fund, Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs Fund, Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund, Debt Service – Other Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General and major Special Revenue Funds to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information concerning the District's total other postemployment benefits (OPEB) and net pension liabilities.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial health. The following is a summary of the District's net position as of June 30, 2021, compared to net position as of June 30, 2020.

	Governmental	
	Activities	
	6-30-21	6-30-20
Current and Other Assets	\$21,891,690.16	\$20,236,481.26
Capital Assets	31,898,918.98	32,612,130.41
Total Assets	53,790,609.14	52,848,611.67
Deferred Outflows of Resources	11,334,497.00	9,618,363.00
Long-Term Liabilities	40,990,957.32	34,893,646.78
Other Liabilities	1,773,124.59	1,434,226.27
Total Liabilities	42,764,081.91	36,327,873.05
Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,129,621.00	3,861,460.00
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,029,129.98	29,657,141.41
Restricted	11,294,900.77	10,035,962.24
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(20,092,627.52)	(17,415,462.03)
Total Net Position	\$ 20,231,403.23	\$ 22,277,641.62

The largest portion of the District's net position is investment in capital assets (e.g., land; buildings; furniture, fixtures, and equipment), less any related debt still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, the resources used to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The deficit unrestricted net position was the result, in part, of accruing \$1.7 million in compensated absences payable, \$2.8 million in other postemployment benefit obligations, and \$33.6 million in net pension liability.

The key elements of the changes in the District's net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2020, are as follows:

Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ended

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-21	6-30-20
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 73,175.30	\$ 149,871.46
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,900,953.37	2,494,154.41
Capital Grants and Contributions	153,913.64	180,154.51
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes	9,091,114.39	8,904,690.18
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects	3,073,086.65	2,935,809.28
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	37,826,267.66	37,185,134.01
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	135,647.72	172,178.86
Miscellaneous	2,110,722.47	1,535,059.54
Total Revenues	55,364,881.20	53,557,052.25
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	29,466,967.37	28,328,843.99
Student Support Services	2,594,643.04	2,814,891.47
Instructional Media Services	549,007.19	570,855.70
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	2,064,923.92	2,042,751.36
Instructional Staff Training Services	571,988.65	812,874.23
Instruction-Related Technology	490,018.58	688,882.07
Board	397,369.75	405,098.09
General Administration	985,404.28	776,523.35
School Administration	3,365,470.56	3,070,385.76
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	242,190.31	478,714.12
Fiscal Services	667,309.08	686,034.53
Food Services	3,402,984.00	2,925,209.89
Central Services	1,088,666.48	869,069.46
Student Transportation Services	2,253,648.28	2,352,039.22
Operation of Plant	4,348,583.23	3,621,970.33
Maintenance of Plant	1,544,557.84	2,165,482.67
Administrative Technology Services	938,600.60	914,889.90
Community Services	391,025.67	10,755.87
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	9,610.95	11,518.46
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	2,605,972.46	2,535,299.10
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	5,576.35	752.08
Total Functions/Program Expenses	57,984,518.59	56,082,841.65
Change in Net Position	(2,619,637.39)	(2,525,789.40)
Net Position - Beginning	22,277,641.62	24,803,431.02
Adjustment to Beginning Net Position (1)	573,399.00	-
Net Position - Beginning, as Restated	22,851,040.62	24,803,431.02
Net Position - Ending	\$ 20,231,403.23	\$ 22,277,641.62

(1) In the 2020-21 fiscal year, the adjustment to beginning net position is due to the District implementing GASB Statement No. 84 and reporting the school internal funds as part of governmental activities.

The largest revenue source is the State of Florida (54.2 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP funding formula utilizes student enrollment data, and is designed to maintain equity in funding across all Florida school districts, taking into consideration the District's funding ability based on the local property tax base.

There were no significant changes in any revenue category from the prior year.

Instruction expenses represent 50.8 percent of total governmental expenses in the 2020-21 fiscal year. Instruction expenses increased by \$1.1 million, or 4 percent, from the previous fiscal year mainly due to increases in pension expenses and required teacher salary increases.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as it represents the portion of fund balance that has not been limited to a particular purpose by an external party, the District, or a group or individual delegated authority by the Board to assign resources for particular purposes.

The total fund balances of governmental funds increased by \$0.7 million during the fiscal year to \$20 million at June 30, 2021. Of the total fund balance, \$6.5 million, or 32.3 percent, is unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion; \$0.036 million is nonspendable; \$11.2 million is restricted; and \$2.3 million is assigned.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the District's chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, assigned fund balance is \$1.8 million and unassigned fund balance is \$6.5 million, while the total fund balance is \$10.3 million. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the total assigned and unassigned fund balances to General Fund total revenues. The total assigned and unassigned fund balance of \$8.2 million is 20.2 percent of the total General Fund revenues, while total fund balance represents 25.3 percent of total General Fund revenues. Total fund balance increased by \$0.2 million during the fiscal year primarily due to an increase in property values resulting in an increase in tax revenues.

The Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs Fund has total revenues and expenditures of \$5.3 million each and the funding was mainly used for salaries and related benefits for instructional staff. Because grant revenues are not recognized until expenditures are incurred, this fund generally does not accumulate a fund balance.

The Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund has total revenues and expenditures of \$2 million each and the funding was mainly used for salaries and related benefits for instructional staff. Because grant revenues are not recognized until expenditures are incurred, this fund generally does not accumulate a fund balance.

Debt Service – Other Debt Service Fund has a total fund balance of \$2.4 million, which is restricted for future debt service payments to be applied to the District’s Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) at maturity.

The Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund has a total fund balance of \$4.4 million, which is restricted for educational capital outlay needs, including new construction, renovations, and remodeling projects.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the District amended its General Fund budget several times, which resulted in an increase in total budgeted revenues of \$0.6 million, or 1.5 percent. At the same time, final appropriations decreased \$4.2 million, or 8.5 percent from the original budgeted amounts.

Actual revenues are in line with the final budgeted amounts while actual expenditures are \$3.8 million, or 8.4 percent, less than final budget amounts. The decrease in expenditures was primarily due to unrealized expectations of filling vacancies; unspent funds in maintenance of plant for repairs, paving, services, and supplies; and some cost containment measures implemented by the District. The actual ending fund balance exceeded the estimated fund balance contained in the final amended budget by \$3.8 million.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Assets

The District’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2021, is \$31.9 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land; construction in progress; improvements other than buildings; buildings and fixed equipment; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; motor vehicles; and audio visual materials and computer software. The total decrease in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 2.2 percent.

Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in the Notes I.F.4. and III.C. to the financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2021, the District has total long-term debt outstanding of \$2.9 million, composed of \$2.5 million of QZAB payable and \$0.4 million of bonds payable. The revenue bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds; whereas, the District’s QZABs are not secured by specified revenue sources.

Additional information on the District’s long-term debt can be found in the Notes I.F.6. and III.H. to the financial statements.

OTHER MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the District’s Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students has been stable with no real growth or reduction. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the District realized a shortfall of 280 Unweighted FTE students from the second to the fourth calculation. This is a significant impact to a small district. Districts were held harmless for student shortfalls for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the District expects expenditures to increase and expects to offset those with Federal grants.

Employer's Florida Retirement System contribution rates will increase for regular employees from 10 percent for the 2020-21 fiscal year to 10.82 percent for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning information provided in the MD&A or other required supplementary information, and financial statements and notes thereto, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, DeSoto County District School Board, 530 LaSolona Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DeSoto County District School Board
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 18,822,759.63
Due from Other Agencies	654,613.17
Inventories	36,358.93
Restricted Investments	2,377,958.43
Capital Assets:	
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	637,870.88
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	31,261,048.10
TOTAL ASSETS	53,790,609.14
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	11,221,867.00
OPEB	112,630.00
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	11,334,497.00
LIABILITIES	
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	1,569,592.93
Accounts Payable	203,351.66
Due to Other Agencies	180.00
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Portion Due Within 1 Year:	3,078,056.62
Portion Due After 1 Year:	37,912,900.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,764,081.91
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	1,845,382.00
OPEB	284,239.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2,129,621.00
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,029,129.98
Restricted for:	
State Required Carryover Programs	1,423,583.20
Debt Service	2,377,958.43
Capital Projects	4,993,977.06
Food Service	1,248,510.11
Career and Adult Education	279,223.22
Student Groups	613,739.00
Other Purposes	357,909.75
Unrestricted	(20,092,627.52)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 20,231,403.23

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**DeSoto County District School Board
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions
Governmental Activities:			
Instruction	\$ 29,466,967.37	\$ 55,442.31	\$ -
Student Support Services	2,594,643.04	-	-
Instructional Media Services	549,007.19	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	2,064,923.92	-	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	571,988.65	-	-
Instruction-Related Technology	490,018.58	-	-
Board	397,369.75	-	-
General Administration	985,404.28	-	-
School Administration	3,365,470.56	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	242,190.31	-	-
Fiscal Services	667,309.08	-	-
Food Services	3,402,984.00	13,925.95	2,900,953.37
Central Services	1,088,666.48	-	-
Student Transportation Services	2,253,648.28	3,807.04	-
Operation of Plant	4,348,583.23	-	-
Maintenance of Plant	1,544,557.84	-	-
Administrative Technology Services	938,600.60	-	-
Community Services	391,025.67	-	-
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	9,610.95	-	-
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	2,605,972.46	-	-
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	5,576.35	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 57,984,518.59	\$ 73,175.30	\$ 2,900,953.37

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes

Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects

Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs

Unrestricted Investment Earnings

Miscellaneous

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning

Adjustment to Beginning Net Position

Net Position - Beginning, as Restated

Net Position - Ending

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities	
\$	-	\$	(29,411,525.06)
	-		(2,594,643.04)
	-		(549,007.19)
	-		(2,064,923.92)
	-		(571,988.65)
	-		(490,018.58)
	-		(397,369.75)
	-		(985,404.28)
	-		(3,365,470.56)
	153,913.64		(88,276.67)
	-		(667,309.08)
	-		(488,104.68)
	-		(1,088,666.48)
	-		(2,249,841.24)
	-		(4,348,583.23)
	-		(1,544,557.84)
	-		(938,600.60)
	-		(391,025.67)
	-		(9,610.95)
	-		(2,605,972.46)
	-		(5,576.35)
\$	153,913.64		(54,856,476.28)

9,091,114.39
3,073,086.65
37,826,267.66
135,647.72
<u>2,110,722.47</u>
52,236,838.89
(2,619,637.39)
22,277,641.62
<u>573,399.00</u>
<u>22,851,040.62</u>
\$ 20,231,403.23

**DeSoto County District School Board
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Other Federal Programs Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 11,596,876.11	\$ -	\$ -
Due from Other Funds	243,587.23	-	-
Due from Other Agencies	171,392.69	180,189.16	106,361.48
Inventories	9,918.04	-	-
Restricted Investments	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 12,021,774.07</u>	<u>\$ 180,189.16</u>	<u>\$ 106,361.48</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	\$ 1,569,592.93	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Payable	138,181.59	28,963.41	14,000.00
Due to Other Funds	-	151,225.75	92,361.48
Due to Other Agencies	180.00	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>1,707,954.52</u>	<u>180,189.16</u>	<u>106,361.48</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Revenue - State Capital Outlay Funding	-	-	-
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Inventories	9,918.04	-	-
Restricted for:			
State Required Carryover Programs	1,423,583.20	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	-
Food Service	-	-	-
Career and Adult Education	279,223.22	-	-
Student Groups	-	-	-
Other Purposes	357,909.75	-	-
Total Restricted Fund Balance	<u>2,060,716.17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Assigned for:			
Debt Service	-	-	-
Purchases on Order	191,265.68	-	-
Other Purposes	1,568,677.17	-	-
Total Assigned Fund Balance	<u>1,759,942.85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>6,483,242.49</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>10,313,819.55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 12,021,774.07</u>	<u>\$ 180,189.16</u>	<u>\$ 106,361.48</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

<u>Debt Service - Other Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 4,461,428.11	\$ 2,764,455.41	\$ 18,822,759.63
-	-	-	243,587.23
-	-	196,669.84	654,613.17
-	-	26,440.89	36,358.93
<u>2,377,958.43</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,377,958.43</u>
<u>2,377,958.43</u>	<u>\$ 4,461,428.11</u>	<u>\$ 2,987,566.14</u>	<u>\$ 22,135,277.39</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,569,592.93
-	14,588.40	7,618.26	203,351.66
-	-	-	243,587.23
-	-	-	180.00
<u>-</u>	<u>14,588.40</u>	<u>7,618.26</u>	<u>2,016,711.82</u>
-	-	71,981.00	71,981.00
-	-	26,440.89	36,358.93
-	-	-	1,423,583.20
2,377,958.43	-	-	2,377,958.43
-	4,446,839.71	475,156.35	4,921,996.06
-	-	1,222,069.22	1,222,069.22
-	-	-	279,223.22
-	-	613,739.00	613,739.00
-	-	-	357,909.75
<u>2,377,958.43</u>	<u>4,446,839.71</u>	<u>2,310,964.57</u>	<u>11,196,478.88</u>
-	-	570,561.42	570,561.42
-	-	-	191,265.68
-	-	-	1,568,677.17
-	-	570,561.42	2,330,504.27
-	-	-	6,483,242.49
<u>2,377,958.43</u>	<u>4,446,839.71</u>	<u>2,907,966.88</u>	<u>20,046,584.57</u>
<u>\$ 2,377,958.43</u>	<u>\$ 4,461,428.11</u>	<u>\$ 2,987,566.14</u>	<u>\$ 22,135,277.39</u>

**DeSoto County District School Board
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 20,046,584.57

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

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. 31,898,918.98

Certain funding is not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, is reported as unavailable revenue on the governmental fund statements. However, under full accrual, this amount increases net position in the statement of net position. 71,981.00

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	\$ 11,221,867.00	
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	112,630.00	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	(1,845,382.00)	
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	<u>(284,239.00)</u>	9,204,876.00

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the fiscal year and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Payable	\$ (2,510,551.00)	
Bonds Payable	(359,238.00)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(1,730,746.32)	
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	(2,835,237.00)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(33,555,185.00)</u>	<u>(40,990,957.32)</u>

Net Position - Governmental Activities **\$ 20,231,403.23**

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**DeSoto County District School Board
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Special Revenue - Other Federal Programs Fund	Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund
Revenues			
Intergovernmental:			
Federal Direct	\$ 50,914.84	\$ -	\$ 7,168.30
Federal Through State and Local State	429,749.65 29,592,360.06	5,295,933.66 -	1,966,124.07 -
Local:			
Property Taxes	9,091,114.39	-	-
Charges for Services - Food Service	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,641,338.18	2,788.88	-
Total Local Revenues	<u>10,732,452.57</u>	<u>2,788.88</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>40,805,477.12</u>	<u>5,298,722.54</u>	<u>1,973,292.37</u>
Expenditures			
Current - Education:			
Instruction	23,886,984.95	2,934,959.09	1,341,021.45
Student Support Services	2,151,604.02	259,155.25	7,654.92
Instructional Media Services	515,522.23	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	763,354.65	1,097,301.22	23,978.67
Instructional Staff Training Services	67,614.44	460,508.33	33,242.15
Instruction-Related Technology Board	411,858.78 341,877.78	52,475.76 -	1,402.00 -
General Administration	467,859.23	384,603.08	68,044.08
School Administration	3,118,160.88	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-
Fiscal Services	614,935.56	-	-
Food Services	8,931.74	-	-
Central Services	942,416.98	50,116.42	41,404.11
Student Transportation Services	2,003,732.80	56,653.17	77,224.06
Operation of Plant	3,891,662.96	-	312,693.86
Maintenance of Plant	1,474,443.37	-	-
Administrative Technology Services	869,218.65	-	-
Community Services	4,550.00	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,378.88	-	-
Other Capital Outlay	37,784.73	2,950.22	66,627.07
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>41,574,892.63</u>	<u>5,298,722.54</u>	<u>1,973,292.37</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(769,415.51)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In	1,000,000.00	-	-
Loss Recoveries	2,336.76	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,002,336.76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	232,921.25	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning	10,075,790.02	-	-
Adjustment to Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning, as Restated	<u>10,075,790.02</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in Nonspendable Inventories	5,108.28	-	-
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 10,313,819.55</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

<u>Debt Service - Other Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,083.14
-	-	3,146,573.92	10,838,381.30
-	-	320,329.17	29,912,689.23
-	3,073,086.65	-	12,164,201.04
-	-	13,925.95	13,925.95
<u>75,915.71</u>	<u>44,854.87</u>	<u>488,847.14</u>	<u>2,253,744.78</u>
<u>75,915.71</u>	<u>3,117,941.52</u>	<u>502,773.09</u>	<u>14,431,871.77</u>
<u>75,915.71</u>	<u>3,117,941.52</u>	<u>3,969,676.18</u>	<u>55,241,025.44</u>
-	-	-	28,162,965.49
-	-	-	2,418,414.19
-	-	-	515,522.23
-	-	-	1,884,634.54
-	-	-	561,364.92
-	-	-	465,736.54
-	-	-	341,877.78
-	-	-	920,506.39
-	-	-	3,118,160.88
-	151,451.87	58,600.48	210,052.35
-	-	-	614,935.56
-	-	3,269,936.49	3,278,868.23
-	-	-	1,033,937.51
-	-	-	2,137,610.03
-	-	-	4,204,356.82
-	-	-	1,474,443.37
-	-	-	869,218.65
-	-	386,704.00	391,254.00
-	1,318,715.98	17,047.46	1,338,142.32
-	403,295.04	-	510,657.06
-	-	84,664.00	84,664.00
-	-	10,146.95	10,146.95
<u>-</u>	<u>1,873,462.89</u>	<u>3,827,099.38</u>	<u>54,547,469.81</u>
<u>75,915.71</u>	<u>1,244,478.63</u>	<u>142,576.80</u>	<u>693,555.63</u>
132,287.00	-	-	1,132,287.00
-	-	-	2,336.76
<u>-</u>	<u>(1,132,287.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,132,287.00)</u>
<u>132,287.00</u>	<u>(1,132,287.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,336.76</u>
208,202.71	112,191.63	142,576.80	695,892.39
2,169,755.72	4,334,648.08	2,222,061.17	18,802,254.99
-	-	573,399.00	573,399.00
<u>2,169,755.72</u>	<u>4,334,648.08</u>	<u>2,795,460.17</u>	<u>19,375,653.99</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,070.09)</u>	<u>(24,961.81)</u>
<u>2,377,958.43</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,839.71</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,966.88</u>	<u>\$ 20,046,584.57</u>

DeSoto County District School Board
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 695,892.39

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

Capital outlays are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as a depreciation expense. This is the amount of depreciation expense in excess of capital outlays and donated assets in the current fiscal year. (707,635.08)

The loss on the disposal of capital assets during the current fiscal year is reported in the statement of activities. In the governmental funds, the cost of these assets was recognized as an expenditure in the fiscal year purchased. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the undepreciated cost of the disposed assets. (5,576.35)

Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Premiums are reported in the governmental funds in the year the debt is issued, but are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt in the government-wide statement. This is the amount of repayments and the changes in the amortization of premiums in the current fiscal year.

Debt Repayments	\$	84,664.00	
Prior Year Unamortized Premiums		536.00	85,200.00

The purchases method is used to account for inventories, except for donated foods which are reported under the consumption method in the governmental funds, while in the government-wide statements, inventories are accounted for under the consumption method. (24,961.81)

In the statement of activities, the cost of compensated absences is measured by the amounts earned during the year, while in the governmental funds, expenditures are recognized based on the amounts actually paid for compensated absences. This is the net amount of compensated absences used in excess of the amount earned in the current fiscal year. 107,133.46

Governmental funds report District OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions, as determined through an actuarial valuation, is reported as an OPEB expense.

Increase in Total OPEB Liability	\$	(91,604.00)	
Increase in Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB		4,281.00	
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB		1,244.00	(86,079.00)

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

Increase Pension Liability	\$	(6,198,040.00)	
Increase in Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension		1,711,853.00	
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension		1,730,595.00	(2,755,592.00)

Certain funds due from other agencies were not available and, therefore, not recognized as revenue in the governmental fund statements in the current fiscal year. However, these funds were recognized as revenue under the full accrual basis of accounting in the statement of activities in the current fiscal year. 71,981.00

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities **\$ (2,619,637.39)**

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the DeSoto County School District (District). Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function. Depreciation expense is not readily associated with a particular function and is reported as unallocated.

B. Reporting Entity

The DeSoto County District School Board (Board) has direct responsibility for operation, control, and supervision of District schools and is considered a primary government for financial reporting. The District is considered part of the Florida system of public education, operates under the general direction of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), and is governed by State law and State Board of Education (SBE) rules. The governing body of the District is the Board, which is composed of five elected members. The elected Superintendent of Schools is the executive officer of the Board. Geographic boundaries of the District correspond with those of DeSoto County.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units that should be reported within the District's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any legally separate entities for which the Board is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Board are such that exclusion would cause the District's basic financial statements to be misleading. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the District's reporting entity.

C. Basis of Presentation: Government-Wide Financial Statements

While separate government wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

The effects of interfund activity have been eliminated from the government wide financial statements except for interfund services provided and used.

D. Basis of Presentation: Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. Separate statements for each governmental fund category are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on

major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund – to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund and for certain revenues from the State that are legally restricted to be expended for specific current operating purposes.
- Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs Fund – to account for certain Federal grant program resources.
- Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund – to account for Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding provided through the State as emergency relief to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.
- Debt Service – Other Debt Service Fund – to account for the lease purchase agreement, structured to qualify as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), which the District secured to finance certain equipment and improvements.
- Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund – to account for the financial resources generated by the local capital improvement tax levy to be used for educational capital outlay needs, including new construction, renovation and remodeling projects.

During the course of operations the District has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as due from/to other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government wide financial statements. Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in and out. While reported in fund financial statements, transfers between funds are eliminated in the preparation of the government wide financial statements.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant 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 30 days of the end of the current fiscal year. When grant

terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 30 days of year end). Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, claims and judgments, pension benefits, other postemployment benefits, and compensated absences, are only recorded when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

F. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term liquid investments with original maturities of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition.

Cash deposits are held by banks qualified as public depositories under Florida law. All deposits are insured by Federal depository insurance, up to specified limits, or collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

2. Investments

Investments consist of a Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB) discount note, held by a trustee in connection with a QZAB financing agreement, reported at fair market value, and is described in a subsequent note.

3. Inventories

Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption in the course of District operations. Inventories are stated at cost on the first-in, first-out basis, except that United States Department of Agriculture donated foods are stated at their fair value as determined at the time of donation to the District's food service program by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Food Distribution. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased, except that United States Department of Agriculture donated foods are reported as expenditures at the time the individual items are requisitioned for consumption.

4. Capital Assets

Expenditures for capital assets acquired or constructed for general District purposes are reported in the governmental fund that financed the acquisition or construction. The capital assets so acquired are reported at cost in the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District

as those costing more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Improvements Other Than Buildings	5 - 35 years
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	10 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	3 - 15 years
Motor Vehicles	5 - 10 years
Audio Visual Materials and Computer Software	3 - 5 years

Current year information relative to changes in capital assets is described in a subsequent note.

5. Pensions

In the government-wide statement of net position, liabilities are recognized for the District's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. 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 Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan and additions to/deductions from the FRS and the HIS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and the HIS plans. 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.

The District's retirement plans and related amounts are described in a subsequent note.

6. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term obligations that will be financed from resources to be received in the future by governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net position. Debt premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bond payables are reported net of the applicable premiums.

In the governmental fund financial statements, bonds and other long-term obligations are not recognized as liabilities until due.

Changes in long-term liabilities for the current year are reported in a subsequent note.

7. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The District has two items that qualify

for reporting in this category. The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) are discussed in subsequent notes.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet reports 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 future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first two items, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, are reported in the statement of net position and discussed in subsequent notes. The remaining item is reported in the governmental funds balance sheet as unavailable revenue related to State capital outlay funding and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that it becomes available.

8. Net Position Flow Assumption

The District occasionally funds outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. To calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. Consequently, it is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

9. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

The District may fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). To calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

10. Fund Balance Policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The District itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption

of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation. The District reported no committed fund balances at June 30, 2021.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. As authorized in Board Policy 6235, the Superintendent has the authority to assign fund balance. The Board may assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

G. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

1. Program Revenues

Amounts reported as program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

2. State Revenue Sources

Significant revenues from State sources for current operations include the Florida Education Finance Program administered by the FDOE under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes. In accordance with this law, the District determines and reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the FDOE. The FDOE performs certain edit checks on the reported number of FTE and related data and calculates the allocation of funds to the District. The District is permitted to amend its original reporting during specified time periods following the date of the original reporting. The FDOE may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based upon an audit of the District's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenue in the fiscal year when the adjustments are made.

The State provides financial assistance to administer certain educational programs. SBE rules require that revenue earmarked for certain programs be expended only for the program for which the money is provided, and require that the money not expended as of the close of the fiscal year be carried forward into the following fiscal year to be expended for the same educational programs. The FDOE generally requires that these educational program revenues be accounted for in the General Fund. A portion of the fund balance of the General Fund is restricted in the governmental fund financial statements for the balance of categorical and earmarked educational program resources.

The District received an allocation from the State under the Education Facilities Security Grant Program. The District is authorized to expend these funds only upon applying for and receiving an encumbrance authorization from the FDOE.

A schedule of revenue from State sources for the current year is presented in a subsequent note.

3. District Property Taxes

The Board is authorized by State law to levy property taxes for district school operations, capital improvements, and debt service.

Property taxes consist of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property within the District. Property values are determined by the DeSoto County Property Appraiser, and property taxes are collected by the DeSoto County Tax Collector.

The Board adopted the 2020 tax levy on September 8, 2020. Tax bills are mailed in October and taxes are payable between November 1 of the year assessed and March 31 of the following year at discounts of up to 4 percent for early payment.

Taxes become a lien on the property on January 1, and are delinquent on April 1, of the year following the year of assessment. State law provides for enforcement of collection of personal property taxes by seizure of the property to satisfy unpaid taxes, and for enforcement of collection of real property taxes by the sale of interest-bearing tax certificates to satisfy unpaid taxes. The procedures result in the collection of essentially all taxes prior to June 30 of the year following the year of assessment.

Property tax revenues are recognized in the government-wide financial statements when the Board adopts the tax levy. Property tax revenues are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements when taxes are received by the District, except that revenue is accrued for taxes collected by the DeSoto County Tax Collector at fiscal year-end but not yet remitted to the District.

Millages and taxes levied for the current year are presented in a subsequent note.

4. Federal Revenue Sources

The District receives Federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. Federal awards are generally received based on applications submitted to, and approved by, various granting agencies. For Federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. The FDOE may require adjustments to subsequent fiscal period expenditures and related revenues based upon an audit of the District's compliance with applicable federal awards requirements. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of expenditures and related revenues in the fiscal year when the adjustments are made.

5. Compensated Absences

In the government-wide financial statements, compensated absences (i.e., paid absences for employee vacation leave and sick leave) are accrued as liabilities to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. A liability for these amounts is reported in

the governmental fund financial statements only if it has matured, such as for occurrences of employee resignations and retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

II. ACCOUNTING CHANGE

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which establishes criteria for identifying and reporting fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Governments with activities meeting the criteria should present a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The District does not consider the school internal funds to meet the criteria for reporting as fiduciary activities due to the District's administrative involvement with those funds. As such, the beginning net position and fund balance of the statement of activities and nonmajor governmental funds were each increased by \$573,399.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

A. Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. All bank balances of the District are fully insured or collateralized as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

B. Investments

Fair Value Measurement

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. The District's investment in Obligations of United States Government Instrumentalities: FHLB discount note, totaling \$2,377,958.43, is valued using Level 1 fair value measurement.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District's investment policy requires investment maturities longer than 3 years must be disclosed to the Board. The FHLB discount note matures on September 28, 2021.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District's investment in the FHLB discount note is authorized under a forward delivery agreement with the QZAB paying agent. The agreement authorizes the investment of available fund amounts in certain eligible securities, including, without limitation, the Federal Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, and FHLB. This investment is rated A-1+ by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the District will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Section 218.415(18), Florida Statutes, requires the District to earmark all investments and (1) if registered with the issuer or its agents, the investment must be immediately placed for safekeeping in a location that protects the governing body's interest in the security; (2) if in book-entry form, the investment must be held for the credit of the governing body by a depository chartered by the Federal Government, the State, or any other state or territory of the United States which has a branch or principal place of business in this State, or by a national association organized and existing under the laws of the United States which is authorized to accept and execute trusts and which is doing business in this State, and must be kept by the depository in an account separate and apart from the assets of the financial institution; or (3) if physically issued to the holder but not registered with the issuer or its agents, the investment must be immediately placed for safekeeping in a secured vault. The District's investment policy addresses custodial credit risk in that all securities would be held with a third-party custodian as evidenced by safekeeping receipts, and all securities purchased by, and all collateral obtained by, the District should be properly designated as an asset of the District.

The District's investments in FHLB discount note is held by the trustee in the name of the District.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer. The risk and diversification characteristics of the investments in the Board's managed investment portfolio shall be structured so as to provide sufficient liquidity to meet obligations of the Board in a timely manner, meet the investment objectives, and meet the standards of care. Portfolio diversification requires approval of the Superintendent and Board.

The FHLB discount note comprises 100 percent of the District's total investments and 100 percent of the investments in the Debt Service – Other Debt Service Fund.

C. Changes in Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets are presented in the table below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 331,142.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 331,142.20
Construction in Progress	-	1,022,413.44	715,684.76	306,728.68
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>331,142.20</u>	<u>1,022,413.44</u>	<u>715,684.76</u>	<u>637,870.88</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	2,890,846.89	1,175.00	-	2,892,021.89
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	63,783,387.25	1,030,238.64	-	64,813,625.89
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	4,791,535.78	162,029.06	65,081.77	4,888,483.07
Motor Vehicles	4,500,131.41	387,171.00	398,291.00	4,489,011.41
Audio Visual Materials and Computer Software	<u>1,483,823.41</u>	<u>10,995.00</u>	<u>26,073.88</u>	<u>1,468,744.53</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>77,449,724.74</u>	<u>1,591,608.70</u>	<u>489,446.65</u>	<u>78,551,886.79</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	1,910,724.47	114,327.02	-	2,025,051.49
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	35,172,404.11	1,810,404.52	-	36,982,808.63
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	3,679,997.19	322,602.20	60,829.09	3,941,770.30
Motor Vehicles	3,013,639.24	339,728.29	398,291.00	2,955,076.53
Audio Visual Materials and Computer Software	<u>1,391,971.52</u>	<u>18,910.43</u>	<u>24,750.21</u>	<u>1,386,131.74</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>45,168,736.53</u>	<u>2,605,972.46</u>	<u>483,870.30</u>	<u>47,290,838.69</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>32,280,988.21</u>	<u>(1,014,363.76)</u>	<u>5,576.35</u>	<u>31,261,048.10</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 32,612,130.41</u>	<u>\$ 8,049.68</u>	<u>\$ 721,261.11</u>	<u>\$ 31,898,918.98</u>

The District's capital assets serve multiple functions; however, depreciation expense is not allocated to the various functions on the statement of activities but is shown as unallocated depreciation expense.

D. Retirement Plans

1. FRS – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

General Information about the FRS

The FRS was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree HIS Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the District are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and

122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of the two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services Web site (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The District's FRS and HIS pension expense totaled \$5,497,885 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

FRS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The FRS Pension Plan (Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a DROP for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are:

- *Regular* – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *Elected County Officers* – Members who hold specified elective offices in local government.
- *Senior Management Service* – Members in senior management level positions.

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service. Employees enrolled in the Plan may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

The DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 96 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

Benefits Provided. Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is

expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 5 highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 8 highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following table shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned:

<u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service</u>	<u>Percent Value</u>
Regular members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
Regular members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
Elected County Officers	3.00
Senior Management Service	2.00

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions. The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the 2020-21 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Salary</u>	
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer (1)</u>
FRS, Regular	3.00	10.00
FRS, Elected County Officers	3.00	49.18
FRS, Senior Management Service	3.00	27.29
DROP – Applicable to Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	16.98
FRS, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	(2)

(1) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the postemployment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include 0.06 percent for administrative costs of the Investment Plan.

(2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.

The District's contributions to the Plan totaled \$2,286,538 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$24,102,294 for its proportionate share of the Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2019-20 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2019-20 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportionate share was 0.055610231 percent, which was an increase of 0.0009282 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized the Plan pension expense of \$4,813,775. In addition, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 922,444	\$ -
Change of Assumptions	4,363,282	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on FRS Pension Plan Investments	1,435,074	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District FRS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	212,559	819,435
District FRS Contributions Subsequent to the measurement date	2,286,538	-
Total	\$ 9,219,897	\$ 819,435

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$2,286,538, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 1,067,906
2023	1,932,808
2024	1,762,738
2025	1,084,457
2026	266,015
Total	\$ 6,113,924

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.80 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2020, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation (1)</u>	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	2.2%	2.2%	1.2%
Fixed Income	19.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.5%
Global Equity	54.2%	8.0%	6.7%	17.1%
Real Estate (Property)	10.3%	6.4%	5.8%	11.7%
Private Equity	11.1%	10.8%	8.1%	25.7%
Strategic Investments	4.4%	5.5%	5.3%	6.9%
Total	<u>100%</u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.7%

Note: (1) As outlined in the Plan's investment policy.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.8 percent. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return. The discount rate used in the 2020 valuation was updated from 6.9 percent to 6.8 percent.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.8 percent, as well as what the 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 (5.8 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (7.8 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.8%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.8%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.8%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 38,487,312	\$ 24,102,294	\$ 12,087,863

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

HIS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The HIS Pension Plan (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time

of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Federal Medicare.

Contributions. The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the contribution rate was 1.66 percent of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The District contributed 100 percent of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding 3 years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled.

The District's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$455,240 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2021, the District reported a net pension liability of \$9,452,891 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The current portion of the net pension liability is the District's proportionate share of benefit payments expected to be paid within 1 year, net of the District's proportionate share of the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position available to pay that amount. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2019-20 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2019-20 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportionate share was 0.077420290 percent, which was an increase of 0.001225678 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized the HIS Plan pension expense of \$684,110. In addition, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 386,681	\$ 7,292
Change of assumptions	1,016,455	549,649
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on HIS pension plan investments	7,547	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District HIS contributions and proportionate share of contributions	136,047	469,006
District HIS contributions subsequent to the measurement date	455,240	-
Total	\$ 2,001,970	\$ 1,025,947

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$455,240, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 121,380
2023	43,051
2024	(48,182)
2025	93,969
2026	158,864
Thereafter	151,701
Total	\$ 520,783

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary Increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal bond rate	2.21 percent

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018. This is a change from prior year mortality assumption which was based on the Generational RP 2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

While an experience study had not been completed for the HIS Plan, the actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Plan were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Plan.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 2.21 percent. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate

equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate changed from 3.5 percent to 2.21 percent.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 2.21 percent, as well as what the 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 (1.21 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (3.21 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>Decrease (1.21%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (2.21%)</u>	<u>Increase (3.21%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 10,927,120	\$ 9,452,891	\$ 8,246,239

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

2. FRS – Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. District employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Retirement benefits are based upon the value of the member's account upon retirement. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of Investment Plan members. Allocations to the Investment Plan member accounts during the 2020-21 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Compensation</u>
FRS, Regular	6.30
FRS, Elected County Officers	11.34
FRS, Senior Management Service	7.67

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings, regardless of membership class. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the District.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided in which the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The District's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$625,271 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

E. Other Postemployment Benefit Obligations

Plan Description. The Other Postemployment Benefits Plan (OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit plan administered by the District that provides OPEB for all employees who satisfy the District's retirement eligibility provisions. Pursuant to Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, former employees who retire from the District are eligible to participate in the District's health and hospitalization plan for medical and prescription drug coverage. The District subsidizes the premium rates paid by retirees by allowing them to participate in the OPEB Plan at reduced or blended group (implicitly subsidized) premium rates for both active and retired employees. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because retiree healthcare costs are generally greater than active employee healthcare costs. The OPEB Plan contribution requirements and benefit terms of the District and the OPEB Plan members are established and may be amended through action from the Board and the Insurance Committee. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Benefits Provided. The OPEB Plan provides healthcare and prescription drug benefits for retirees and their dependents. In addition to the implicit subsidy above, for retirees who accrue 20 years with no break in service with the District, the District pays the first year of premiums for the full amount of single coverage or 50 percent of the family coverage in the plan option selected. Retirees are not required to enroll in the Federal Medicare program in order to remain covered under the program; however, since the membership in Medicare Part A is automatic, the OPEB Plan pays as secondary for all eligible retirees, including eligible retirees that enroll in Medicare Part B. Retirees who change coverage to a Group Medicare option offered by the District (or other Medicare Advantage plan) upon first becoming eligible for the Medicare benefits may be eligible for a reimbursement of the Medicare Part B premium for that year.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	14
Active Employees	<u>563</u>
Total	<u><u>577</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability. The District’s total OPEB liability of \$2,835,237 was measured as of June 30, 2020, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, and update procedures were used to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020.

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

Inflation	2.25 percent
Salary Increases	3.4 percent to 7.8 percent, including inflation
Discount Rate	2.45 percent
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Starting at 10.66 percent (to reflect actual premium increase for 10/1/2019 over 10/1/2018), followed by rates based on the Getzen Model: 6.5 percent for 2020 and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 3.99 percent in 2040.
Ageing factors	Based on the 2013 SOA study “Health Care Costs – From Birth to Death.”
Expenses	Administrative Expenses are included in the per capita health costs.

For plans that do not have formal assets, the discount rate should equal the tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA rating as of the measurement date. For the purpose of this OPEB Plan actuarial roll-forward, the municipal bond rate is 2.45 percent (based on the daily rate of Fidelity Investments’ “20-Year Municipal Bond GO AA Index” closest to but not later than the measurement date).

Demographic assumptions employed in the actuarial valuation were the same as those employed in the July 1, 2019, actuarial valuation of the FRS Defined Benefit Pension Plan. These demographic

assumptions were developed by FRS from an actuarial experience study, and therefore are appropriate for use in the OPEB Plan actuarial valuation. These include assumed rates of future terminations, mortality, disability, and retirement. In addition, salary increase assumptions (for development of the pattern of the normal cost increases) were the same as those used in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation of FRS Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Assumptions used in valuation of benefits for participants of the FRS Investment Plan are the same as for similarly situated participants of the FRS Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability.

	<u>Amount</u>
Balance at June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 2,743,633</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	144,431
Interest	88,701
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(33,179)
Benefit Payments	<u>(108,349)</u>
Net Changes	<u>91,604</u>
Balance at June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 2,835,237</u>

The changes of assumptions or other inputs was based on the following:

- The discount rate was changed from 3.13 percent as of the beginning of the measurement period to 2.45 percent as of June 30, 2020.
- Rates of salary increases were changed to be based on revised inflation and individual member pay increases used in the July 1, 2020, FRS Actuarial Valuation.
- The assumed load to model the excise tax was removed, as it was repealed in December 2019.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.45 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (3.45 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (1.45%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (2.45%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (3.45%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,029,889	\$ 2,835,237	\$ 2,642,733

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates. The following table presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (9.66 percent decreasing to 2.99 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (11.66 percent decreasing to 4.99 percent) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (9.66% decreasing to 2.99%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate Assumption (10.66% decreasing to 3.99%)	1% Increase (11.66% decreasing to 4.99%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,438,416	\$ 2,835,237	\$ 3,318,316

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$198,709. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 32,369
Change of Assumptions or Other Inputs	-	251,870
Benefits Paid Subsequent to the Measurement Date	112,630	-
Total	<u>\$ 112,630</u>	<u>\$ 284,239</u>

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, totaling \$112,630 resulting from benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ (34,423)
2023	(34,423)
2024	(34,423)
2025	(34,423)
2026	(34,423)
Thereafter	(112,124)
Total	<u>\$ (284,239)</u>

F. Other Significant Commitments

Encumbrances. Appropriations in governmental funds are encumbered upon issuance of purchase orders for goods and services. Even though appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year, unfilled purchase orders of the current year are carried forward and the next fiscal year's appropriations are likewise encumbered.

The following is a schedule of encumbrances at June 30, 2021:

Major Funds					
General	Special Revenue - Other Federal Programs	Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization	Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 202,762.93	\$ 22,101.75	\$ 296,713.12	\$ 366,710.15	\$ 21,135.51	\$ 909,423.46

G. Risk Management Programs

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District is a member of the Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust (Trust) under which local governmental entities have established a combined limited self-insurance program for property protection, general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, money and securities, employee fidelity and faithful performance, and other coverage deemed necessary by the participating members of the Trust. Section 1001.42(12)(k), Florida Statutes, provides the authority for the District to enter into such a risk management program. The Board of Trustees for the Trust is composed of elected or appointed officials from the participating members. The Trust is administered by Public Risk Underwriters.

The District makes premium contributions to the Trust to pay for its coverage. The inter-local agreement which establishes the Trust is not intended to create a partnership or other legal entity whereby one member assumes the obligations of another member or the obligations of the Trust in general, except for payment of premiums. Should a deficit develop in the Trust, after excess reinsurance recoveries, whereby claims or other expenses cannot be paid, each individual member shall assume liability for the costs of claims brought against that member as if such member were individually self-insured. Each member shall thereafter be responsible for its individual costs, including, but not limited to, claims administration without an obligation to, or right of contribution from, other members.

Health and hospitalization coverage is being provided through purchased commercial insurance with minimum deductibles for each line of coverage.

Settled claims resulting from these risks described above have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past 3 fiscal years.

H. Long-Term Liabilities

1. Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Payable

The District entered into a financing agreement on September 28, 2006, under the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) Program. The QZAB Program provides no interest cost financing to purchase certain goods and services for schools located in eligible District areas (zones). The District received financing of \$2,510,551 from a local bank on September 28, 2006, (direct borrowing). Interest on the debt is "paid" by the United States Government through the issuance of Federal Income tax credits to the holder of the QZAB debt (the bank). The rate of return to the bank was established by the United States Government at the time of the sale. Repayment of

the original \$2,510,551 financing proceeds is due in full on September 28, 2021. In connection with the financing, the District entered into a forward delivery agreement requiring annual deposits to a sinking fund of \$132,287 for 15 consecutive years beginning September 28, 2007. The forward delivery agreement provides a guaranteed investment return whereby the required deposits, along with the accrued interest, will be sufficient to repay the debt at maturity. The invested assets accumulated pursuant to the forward delivery agreement are held under a custodial agreement until the debt matures. The financing proceeds were designated for capital outlay maintenance and renovations projects at 4 qualifying schools (DeSoto Middle School, Nocatee Elementary School, West Elementary School, and Memorial Elementary School). The financing agreement contains a provision that in the event of default, outstanding amounts become immediately due if the District is unable to make payment.

2. Bonds Payable

Bonds payable at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Bond Type</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rate (Percent)</u>	<u>Annual Maturity To</u>
District Revenue Bonds: Series 2012, Refunding	<u>\$ 359,238</u>	2.36	2025

The bonds were issued to finance capital outlay projects of the District. The following is a description of the bonded debt issues:

District Revenue Bonds

These bonds are authorized by Chapter 78-947, Laws of Florida, Section 212.20, Florida Statutes, and a resolution adopted by the Board on July 10, 2012. These bonds are secured by pari-mutuel replacement (sales-tax) revenues distributed annually to DeSoto County from the State pursuant to Section 212.20(6)(d)6.a., Florida Statutes, as a replacement for moneys distributed under Section 550.135, Florida Statutes, prior to July 1, 2000.

The District has pledged a total of \$378,575 of sales tax revenues in connection with the District Revenue Bonds of 2012, described above. During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the District recognized sales tax revenues totaling \$132,166.66 and expended \$94,643.49 of these revenues for debt service directly collateralized by these revenues. The pledged sales tax revenues are committed until final maturity of the debt or on June 1, 2025. Approximately 72 percent of this revenue stream has been pledged in connection with debt service on the revenue bonds. The financing agreement contains a provision that in the event of default, outstanding amounts become immediately due if the District is unable to make a payment.

Annual requirements to amortize all bonded debt outstanding as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
District Revenue Bonds:			
2022	\$ 94,644	\$ 86,674	\$ 7,970
2023	94,644	88,732	5,912
2024	94,644	90,838	3,806
2025	94,643	92,994	1,649
Total	<u>\$ 378,575</u>	<u>\$ 359,238</u>	<u>\$ 19,337</u>

3. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due In One Year</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Payable	\$ 2,510,551.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,510,551.00	\$ 2,510,551.00
Bonds Payable	444,438.00	-	85,200.00	359,238.00	86,674.00
Compensated Absences Payable	1,837,879.78	179,212.82	286,346.28	1,730,746.32	269,654.62
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	2,743,633.00	233,132.00	141,528.00	2,835,237.00	112,630.00
Net Pension Liability	27,357,145.00	17,387,733.00	11,189,693.00	33,555,185.00	98,547.00
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 34,893,646.78</u>	<u>\$ 17,800,077.82</u>	<u>\$ 11,702,767.28</u>	<u>\$ 40,990,957.32</u>	<u>\$ 3,078,056.62</u>

For the governmental activities, compensated absences, pensions, and other postemployment benefits are generally liquidated with resources of the General Fund.

I. Fund Balance Reporting

In addition to committed and assigned fund balance categories discussed in Note 1.F.10., fund balances may be classified as follows:

- **Nonspendable Fund Balance.** Nonspendable fund balance is the net current financial resources that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Generally, not in spendable form means that an item is not expected to be converted to cash.
- **Restricted Fund Balance.** Restricted fund balance is the portion of fund balance on which constraints have been placed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation. Restricted fund balance places the most binding level of constraint on the use of fund balance.
- **Unassigned Fund Balance.** The unassigned fund balance is the portion of fund balance that is the residual classification for the General Fund. This balance represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned for specific purposes.

J. Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following is a summary of interfund receivables and payables reported in the fund financial statements:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Interfund</u>	
	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
Major:		
General	\$ 243,587.23	\$ -
Special Revenue:		
Other Federal Programs	-	151,225.75
Federal Education Stabilization	-	92,361.48
Total	\$ 243,587.23	\$ 243,587.23

Interfund amounts represent temporary loans from one fund to another fund incurring expenditures and the subsequent reimbursement by the other fund and are expected to be repaid within 13 months.

K. Revenues

1. Schedule of State Revenue Sources

The following is a schedule of the District’s State revenue sources for the 2020-21 fiscal year:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Florida Education Finance Program	\$23,638,277.00
Categorical Educational Program - Class Size Reduction	5,176,438.00
Workforce Development Program	609,940.00
Motor Vehicle License Tax (Capital Outlay & Debt Service)	153,913.64
Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	92,505.19
Miscellaneous	241,615.40
Total	\$ 29,912,689.23

Accounting policies relating to certain State revenue sources are described in Note 1.G.2.

2. Property Taxes

The following is a summary of millages and taxes levied on the 2020 tax roll for the 2020-21 fiscal year:

	<u>Millages</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>
General Fund		
Nonvoted School Tax:		
Required Local Effort	3.686	\$ 7,722,328
Basic Discretionary Local Effort	0.748	1,567,092
Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund		
Nonvoted Tax:		
Local Capital Improvements	1.500	3,142,564
Total	5.934	\$ 12,431,984

L. Interfund Transfers

The following is a summary of interfund transfers reported in the fund financial statements:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Interfund</u>	
	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major:		
General	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -
Debt Service:		
Other Debt Service	132,287.00	-
Capital Projects:		
Local Capital Improvement	-	1,132,287.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,132,287.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,287.00</u>

In general, interfund transfers were made for the debt service repayments, allocations of maintenance and repair costs, and payment of property casualty insurance premiums.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General and Major Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues				
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Direct	\$ 62,267.00	\$ 50,914.84	\$ 50,914.84	\$ -
Federal Through State and Local	333,757.95	429,749.65	429,749.65	-
State	30,239,895.00	29,592,360.06	29,592,360.06	-
Local:				
Property Taxes	8,689,539.00	9,091,114.39	9,091,114.39	-
Miscellaneous	867,604.53	1,641,338.18	1,641,338.18	-
Total Local Revenues	<u>9,557,143.53</u>	<u>10,732,452.57</u>	<u>10,732,452.57</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>40,193,063.48</u>	<u>40,805,477.12</u>	<u>40,805,477.12</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	28,670,738.29	25,354,324.57	23,886,984.95	1,467,339.62
Student Support Services	2,657,338.73	2,288,585.26	2,151,604.02	136,981.24
Instructional Media Services	516,724.43	522,293.54	515,522.23	6,771.31
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	1,064,270.73	1,002,325.70	763,354.65	238,971.05
Instructional Staff Training Services	426,219.58	302,577.09	67,614.44	234,962.65
Instruction-Related Technology	606,498.53	607,047.76	411,858.78	195,188.98
Board	407,047.09	341,877.78	341,877.78	-
General Administration	812,793.73	499,818.24	467,859.23	31,959.01
School Administration	3,033,021.53	3,132,157.73	3,118,160.88	13,996.85
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	31,494.40	29,920.16	-	29,920.16
Fiscal Services	648,139.73	625,749.44	614,935.56	10,813.88
Food Services	-	8,931.74	8,931.74	-
Central Services	909,181.36	1,103,044.34	942,416.98	160,627.36
Student Transportation Services	2,212,899.08	2,013,097.74	2,003,732.80	9,364.94
Operation of Plant	4,133,718.01	4,094,091.35	3,891,662.96	202,428.39
Maintenance of Plant	2,540,506.00	2,526,246.19	1,474,443.37	1,051,802.82
Administrative Technology Services	914,327.50	894,027.93	869,218.65	24,809.28
Community Services	3,400.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	2,378.88	2,378.88	-
Other Capital Outlay	-	37,784.73	37,784.73	-
Total Expenditures	<u>49,588,318.72</u>	<u>45,390,830.17</u>	<u>41,574,892.63</u>	<u>3,815,937.54</u>
Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(9,395,255.24)</u>	<u>(4,585,353.05)</u>	<u>(769,415.51)</u>	<u>3,815,937.54</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers In	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Loss Recoveries	-	2,336.76	2,336.76	-
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>1,002,336.76</u>	<u>1,002,336.76</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(8,395,255.24)</u>	<u>(3,583,016.29)</u>	<u>232,921.25</u>	<u>3,815,937.54</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning	10,075,790.02	10,075,790.02	10,075,790.02	-
Changes in Nonspendable Inventories	-	-	5,108.28	5,108.28
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 1,680,534.78</u>	<u>\$ 6,492,773.73</u>	<u>\$ 10,313,819.55</u>	<u>\$ 3,821,045.82</u>

Special Revenue - Other Federal Programs Fund				Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund			
Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,168.30	\$ 7,168.30	\$ -
5,555,583.25	6,979,487.34	5,295,933.66	(1,683,553.68)	2,238,838.15	2,708,825.50	1,966,124.07	(742,701.43)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	2,788.88	2,788.88	-	-	-	-	-
-	2,788.88	2,788.88	-	-	-	-	-
5,555,583.25	6,982,276.22	5,298,722.54	(1,683,553.68)	2,238,838.15	2,715,993.80	1,973,292.37	(742,701.43)
3,239,929.45	3,984,743.98	2,934,959.09	1,049,784.89	1,447,956.24	1,743,247.07	1,341,021.45	402,225.62
471,432.65	369,631.71	259,155.25	110,476.46	97,999.88	225,931.88	7,654.92	218,276.96
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,046,635.56	1,213,467.41	1,097,301.22	116,166.19	-	57,241.79	23,978.67	33,263.12
358,678.19	601,738.83	460,508.33	141,230.50	-	71,812.21	33,242.15	38,570.06
53,428.91	84,096.26	52,475.76	31,620.50	-	6,594.00	1,402.00	5,192.00
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
211,447.35	504,664.54	384,603.08	120,061.46	89,928.12	81,176.26	68,044.08	13,132.18
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132,103.18	94,799.81	50,116.42	44,683.39	-	46,321.01	41,404.11	4,916.90
41,927.96	126,183.46	56,653.17	69,530.29	94,176.15	83,993.63	77,224.06	6,769.57
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-	2,950.22	2,950.22	-	-	66,627.07	66,627.07	-
5,555,583.25	6,982,276.22	5,298,722.54	1,683,553.68	2,238,838.15	2,715,993.80	1,973,292.37	742,701.43
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\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**Schedule of Changes in the District's
Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability				
Service Cost	\$ 144,431	\$ 146,572	\$ 164,569	\$ 177,540
Interest	88,701	103,577	115,634	99,254
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	(459,942)	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(39,561)	-	-
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(33,179)	(103,395)	(17,836)	(192,413)
Benefit Payments	<u>(108,349)</u>	<u>(156,462)</u>	<u>(186,197)</u>	<u>(258,585)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>91,604</u>	<u>(49,269)</u>	<u>(383,772)</u>	<u>(174,204)</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>2,743,633</u>	<u>2,792,902</u>	<u>3,176,674</u>	<u>3,350,878</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u><u>\$ 2,835,237</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,743,633</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,792,902</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,176,674</u></u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 21,510,123	\$ 20,883,615	\$ 21,986,884	\$ 21,346,489
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	13.18%	13.14%	12.70%	14.88%

**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share
of the Net Pension Liability –
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	District's Proportion of the FRS Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the FRS Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the FRS Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	FRS Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2013	0.064332539%	\$ 11,074,493	\$ 24,471,803	45.25%	88.54%
2014	0.068168861%	4,159,303	25,647,878	16.22%	96.09%
2015	0.070345059%	9,086,008	26,594,697	34.16%	92.00%
2016	0.062089697%	15,677,697	25,906,517	60.52%	84.88%
2017	0.056527164%	16,720,356	24,709,326	67.67%	83.89%
2018	0.056212549%	16,931,511	25,110,588	67.43%	84.26%
2019	0.054682031%	18,831,730	25,486,761	73.89%	82.61%
2020	0.055610231%	24,102,294	26,875,862	89.68%	78.85%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**Schedule of District Contributions –
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Contractually Required FRS Contribution	FRS Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	FRS Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	FRS Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 1,493,187	\$ (1,493,187)	-	\$ 25,647,878	5.82%
2015	1,715,072	(1,715,072)	-	26,594,697	6.45%
2016	1,514,156	(1,514,156)	-	25,906,517	5.84%
2017	1,471,541	(1,471,541)	-	24,709,326	5.96%
2018	1,545,118	(1,545,118)	-	25,110,588	6.15%
2019	1,695,538	(1,695,538)	-	25,486,761	6.65%
2020	1,847,682	(1,847,682)	-	26,875,862	6.87%
2021	2,286,538	(2,286,538)	-	27,421,746	8.34%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share
of the Net Pension Liability –
Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	District's Proportion of the HIS Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the HIS Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the HIS Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	HIS Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2013	0.084154714%	\$ 7,326,774	\$ 24,471,803	29.94%	1.78%
2014	0.086330210%	8,072,085	25,647,878	31.47%	0.99%
2015	0.087533775%	8,927,068	26,594,697	33.57%	0.50%
2016	0.083781222%	9,764,354	25,906,517	37.69%	0.97%
2017	0.077470118%	8,283,464	24,709,326	33.52%	1.64%
2018	0.076811655%	8,129,832	25,110,588	32.38%	2.15%
2019	0.076194612%	8,525,415	25,486,761	33.45%	2.63%
2020	0.077420290%	9,452,891	26,875,862	35.17%	3.00%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**Schedule of District Contributions –
Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Contractually Required HIS Contribution	HIS Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	HIS Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	HIS Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 295,738	\$ (295,738)	\$ -	\$ 25,647,878	1.15%
2015	334,609	(334,609)	-	26,594,697	1.26%
2016	429,432	(429,432)	-	25,906,517	1.66%
2017	409,994	(409,994)	-	24,709,326	1.66%
2018	430,493	(430,493)	-	25,110,588	1.71%
2019	423,101	(423,101)	-	25,486,761	1.66%
2020	446,137	(446,137)	-	26,875,862	1.66%
2021	455,240	(455,240)	-	27,421,746	1.66%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

1. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The Board follows procedures established by State law and State Board of Education (SBE) rules in establishing budget balances for governmental funds, as described below:

- Budgets are prepared, public hearings are held, and original budgets are adopted annually for all governmental fund types in accordance with procedures and time intervals prescribed by law and SBE rules.
- Appropriations are controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g., instruction, student transportation services, and school administration) and may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the due date for the annual financial report.
- Budgets are prepared using the same modified accrual basis as is used to account for governmental funds.
- Budgetary information is integrated into the accounting system and, to facilitate budget control, budget balances are encumbered when purchase orders are issued. Appropriations lapse at fiscal year end and encumbrances outstanding are honored from the subsequent year's appropriations.

2. Schedule of Changes in the District's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits. For the 2020-21 fiscal year, changes to assumptions are discussed below:

- The discount rate was changed from 3.13 percent as of the beginning of the measurement period to 2.45 percent as of June 30, 2020.
- Rates of salary increases were changed to be based on revised inflation and individual member pay increases used in the July 1, 2020, FRS Actuarial Valuation.
- The assumed load to model the excise tax was removed, as it was repealed in December 2019.

3. Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions. In 2020, the long-term expected rate of return was decreased from 6.9 percent to 6.8 percent.

4. Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions. In 2020, the municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability was decreased from 3.5 percent to 2.21 percent, and the mortality assumption was updated.

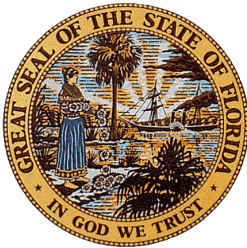
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

DeSoto County District School Board Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass - Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Expenditures
Clustered			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
United States Department of Agriculture:			
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	21002	\$ 509,451.46
National School Lunch Program	10.555	21001, 21003	2,118,799.11
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	COVID-19, 10.555	21001	282,232.55
Total National School Lunch Program			<u>2,401,031.66</u>
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	20006, 20007, 21006, 21007	174,782.87
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>3,085,265.99</u>
Special Education Cluster			
United States Department of Education:			
Special Education - Grants to States:			
Florida Department of Education	84.027	263	1,254,575.48
Highlands County District School Board		None	82,704.43
Total Special Education - Grants to States	84.027		<u>1,337,279.91</u>
Special Education - Preschool Grants:			
Florida Department of Education	84.173	267	59,125.96
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>1,396,405.87</u>
Child Care and Development Fund Cluster:			
United States Department of Health and Human Services:			
Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc.:			
Child Care and Development Block Grant	COVID-19, 93.575	None	52,538.30
Not Clustered			
United States Department of Agriculture			
Florida Department of Health:			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	A5585	69,170.74
United States Department of Defense			
Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps	12.UNK	N/A	50,914.84
United States Department of Education			
Florida Department of Education:			
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	191, 193	200,384.00
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	212	2,162,531.47
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	217	458,368.47
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	161	135,062.05
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	127	56,265.73
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	244	404,770.67
Rural Education	84.358	110	79,565.17
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	102	65,787.17
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	224	254,831.64
School Improvement Grants	84.377	126	43,314.33
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	241	121,351.52
Education Stabilization Fund:			
Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425C	123	254,785.02
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425D	124	1,665,969.05
Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		<u>1,920,754.07</u>
Florida Gulf Coast University:			
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	None	26,958.30
Total United States Department of Education			<u>5,929,944.59</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 10,584,240.33</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

- Notes: (1) Basis of Presentation. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the Federal award activity of the DeSoto County District School Board under programs of the Federal Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.
- (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- (3) Indirect Cost Rate. The District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- (4) Noncash Assistance: National School Lunch Program. Includes \$466,928.31 of donated food used during the fiscal year. Donated foods are valued at fair market value as determined at the time of donation.
- (5) COVID-19 National School Lunch Program. The District incurred \$282,232.55 in expenditures for the National School Lunch Program grant in the 2019-20 fiscal year.



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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*

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the DeSoto County District School Board as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 27, 2022, included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the school internal funds as described in our report on the District's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a

timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, 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 disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

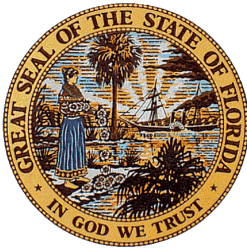
Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



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

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the DeSoto County District School Board'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 District's major Federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The District's major Federal programs are identified in **SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS** of the accompanying **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its Federal awards applicable to its Federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major Federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major Federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the 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 fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

District management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major Federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major Federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



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Tallahassee, Florida
January 27, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor’s report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major Federal programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major Federal programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major Federal programs:	
Assistance Listing Numbers:	Name of Federal Program or Cluster:
10.553, 10.555, and 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.425	Education Stabilization Fund
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?	Yes

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters are reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters are reported.

PRIOR AUDIT FOLLOW-UP

There were no prior financial statement or Federal award findings requiring follow-up.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The District did not have prior audit findings required to be reported under 2 CFR 200.511.