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SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit disclosed that the basic financial statements of the Walton 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 was audited as the major Federal program. The results of our audit indicated that the District materially complied with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Child Nutrition Cluster.

AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

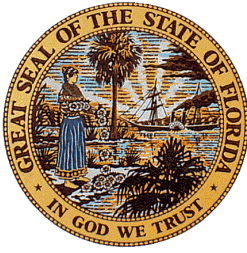
Our audit objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole were free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that included our opinions. Our audit objectives were also to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with applicable Federal awards requirements occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. In doing so, we:

- Exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and material noncompliance with Federal awards requirements, whether due to fraud or error, and designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks.
- Obtained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements and accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
- Concluded whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

- 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Walton County District School Board, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Walton County District School Board, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the school internal funds, which represent 22 percent, 3 percent, 28 percent, 14 percent, and 11 percent, respectively, of the assets, liabilities, net position and fund balance, additions and revenues, and deductions and expenditures of the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2024. In addition, we did not audit the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units, which represent 100 percent of the transactions and account balances of the aggregate discretely presented component units columns as of June 30, 2024. The financial statements of the school internal funds and the aggregate discretely presented component units were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included for the financial statements of the school internal funds and the aggregate discretely presented component units, are based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that **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** be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, 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. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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 13, 2025, 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 13, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The management of the Walton 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, 2024. 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 2023-24 fiscal year are as follows:

- As of June 30, 2024, the assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$358,903,402.40.
- In total, net position increased \$42,624,502.23, which represents a 13.5 percent increase over the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- General revenues total \$240,940,530.15, or 92.8 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions total \$18,580,154.58, or 7.2 percent of all revenues.
- Expenses total \$216,896,182.50. Only \$18,580,154.58 of these expenses was offset by program specific revenues, with the remainder paid from general revenues.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance of the General Fund totals \$75,342,933.76, which is \$2,724,545.64 more than the prior fiscal year balance. The General Fund assigned and unassigned fund balances total \$74,629,218.76, or 47.2 percent of total General Fund revenues, while restricted and nonspendable fund balances total \$713,715.

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.

The government-wide statements present the District's activities in the following categories:

- Governmental activities – This represents most of the District's services, including its educational programs such as basic, vocational, adult, and exceptional education. Support functions such as transportation and administration are also included. Local property taxes and the State's education finance program provide most of the resources that support these activities.
- Component units – The District presents three separate legal entities in this report. The Seaside School, Inc. and Walton Academy, a division of Walton Academy, Inc. are legally separate organizations and component units that are included in this report because they meet the criteria for inclusion provided by generally accepted accounting principles. Financial information for these component units is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government.

The Walton County Public Education Finance Authority, Inc. (Authority) is also a legally separate entity and was formed to facilitate financing for the acquisition of facilities and equipment for the District. Due to the substantive economic relationship between the District and the Authority, the Authority has been included as an integral part of the primary government.

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 entitywide perspective contained in the government-wide statements. All of the District's funds may be classified within one of the broad categories discussed below.

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 – Federal Education Stabilization Fund, Capital Projects – Public Education Capital Outlay Fund, Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund,

and Capital Projects – Other 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.

Proprietary Fund: Proprietary funds may be established to account for activities in which a fee is charged for services. The internal service fund is the only proprietary fund maintained by the District. The internal service fund is used to report activities that provide goods and services to support the District's other programs and functions through user charges. The District uses the internal service fund to account for the District's Employee Health Self-Insurance Program. Since these services predominately benefit governmental rather than business-type activities, the internal service fund has been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or fiduciary capacity for the benefit of external parties, such as student activity funds. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide statements because the resources are not available to support the District's own programs. In its fiduciary capacity, the District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes.

The District uses custodial funds to account for resources held for student activities and groups.

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, 2024, compared to net position as of June 30, 2023:

Net Position, End of Fiscal Year

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-24	6-30-23
Current and Other Assets	\$ 198,258,500.23	\$ 206,022,278.35
Capital Assets	379,455,705.69	313,883,937.81
Total Assets	577,714,205.92	519,906,216.16
Deferred Outflows of Resources	31,635,480.00	31,682,012.00
Long-Term Liabilities	230,514,200.87	217,457,690.85
Other Liabilities	15,839,496.65	13,273,939.14
Total Liabilities	246,353,697.52	230,731,629.99
Deferred Inflows of Resources	4,092,586.00	4,577,698.00
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	274,631,623.17	252,968,494.11
Restricted	78,599,417.56	46,713,505.00
Unrestricted	5,672,361.67	16,596,901.06
Total Net Position	\$ 358,903,402.40	\$ 316,278,900.17

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.

Current and other assets decreased while capital assets increased primarily due to the expenditure of the Certificates of Participation Series 2022 for the new Freeport Middle School at Hammock Bay. Long-term liabilities increased primarily due to the District recognizing its proportionate share of the Florida Retirement System's net pension liability.

The key elements of the changes in the District's net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ended

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-24	6-30-23
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 3,043,537.50	\$ 2,978,901.23
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,993,079.91	5,358,802.90
Capital Grants and Contributions	10,543,537.17	817,681.41
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes	128,141,706.92	111,265,412.20
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects	62,397,295.25	51,806,671.13
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	35,486,713.77	43,201,370.57
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	8,738,050.80	6,290,431.39
Miscellaneous	6,176,763.41	1,925,675.90
Total Revenues	259,520,684.73	223,644,946.73
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	119,824,851.83	95,951,289.31
Student Support Services	7,908,203.29	5,857,348.53
Instructional Media Services	1,380,994.61	1,176,511.40
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	4,378,703.56	3,684,784.42
Instructional Staff Training Services	2,596,810.34	2,388,466.95
Instruction-Related Technology	1,674,533.13	1,332,671.45
Board	893,662.01	820,869.96
General Administration	1,158,306.55	1,399,331.58
School Administration	10,608,125.15	8,875,370.75
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	6,932,452.28	4,185,170.90
Fiscal Services	1,198,072.32	1,029,713.89
Food Services	7,207,418.04	6,859,856.24
Central Services	1,405,268.85	1,086,309.16
Student Transportation Services	8,788,267.49	7,502,493.61
Operation of Plant	15,577,013.36	13,057,024.64
Maintenance of Plant	3,894,894.73	3,414,155.38
Administrative Technology Services	1,365,897.36	1,102,401.43
Community Services	1,477,485.40	1,334,684.94
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	5,330,838.87	4,379,832.00
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	260,705.21	141,467.28
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	13,033,678.12	11,639,815.43
Total Functions/Program Expenses	216,896,182.50	177,219,569.25
Change in Net Position	42,624,502.23	46,425,377.48
Net Position - Beginning	316,278,900.17	269,853,522.69
Net Position - Ending	\$ 358,903,402.40	\$ 316,278,900.17

The District's results of operations showed an increase in net position of \$42,624,502.23 for the 2023-24 fiscal year, compared to an increase of \$46,425,377.48 for the preceding fiscal year. Total revenues increased by \$35,875,738, or 16 percent for the 2023-24 fiscal year. This change is attributed, in part, to an increase in property tax collections for operations and capital projects due to a significant

increase in property values. In addition, there was a significant increase in program revenues in the form of capital grants and contributions due to a State appropriation of capital outlay funds for the Seacoast High School. The decrease in grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs is due to a significant decrease in Federal Education Stabilization funds awarded in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Total expenses increased by \$39,676,613.25, or 22.4 percent for the 2023-24 fiscal year. This change is attributed, in part, to an increase in instructional expenses that primarily resulted from increases in full-time equivalent students throughout the District, pension expense, and instructional personnel compensation.

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 decreased by \$22,847,617.30 during the fiscal year to \$169,863,231.83 at June 30, 2024. Of the total fund balance, \$62,876,981.05, or 37 percent, is unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion; \$383,931.37 is nonspendable; \$94,850,081.70 is restricted; and \$11,752,237.71 is assigned.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the District's chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance is \$62,876,981.05, while the total fund balance is \$75,342,933.76. 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 is 47.2 percent of the total General Fund revenues, while total fund balance represents 47.6 percent of total General Fund revenues. Total fund balance increased by \$2,724,545.64 during the fiscal year.

The Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund has total revenues and expenditures of \$7,092,872.73 each. Expenditures were primarily for salaries and benefits, capitalized assets, and technology and supplies related to instruction. Because grant revenues are not recognized until expenditures are incurred, this fund generally does not accumulate a fund balance.

The Capital Projects – Public Education Capital Outlay Fund is used to account for State capital outlay funding and has a total fund balance of \$38,759.37. As of June 30, 2024, the District reported assets totaling \$4,850,000 and deferred inflows of resources totaling \$4,811,240.63 of which \$4,350,000 is related to the Seacoast High School project at the Seaside School, Inc. charter school.

The Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund has a total fund balance of \$71,801,121.31. These funds are restricted, in part, for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of capital assets. Of the total fund balance, \$36,236,624.19 has been encumbered for various projects. The fund balance

increased by \$28,624,183.31 during the fiscal year. Key factors impacting the increase in fund balance included an increase in property values, which resulted in increased property tax revenues of \$10,590,624.12.

The Capital Projects – Other Fund has a total fund balance of \$20,953,946.28. These funds are restricted for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of capital assets. Of the total fund balance, \$15,597,439.24 has been encumbered for various projects. The fund balance decreased by \$53,741,632.23 during the fiscal year primarily as a result of expenditures related to the construction of the new Freeport Middle School at Hammock Bay.

Proprietary Fund

The District's proprietary fund provides the same type of information reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The Internal Service Fund was established during the 2023-24 fiscal year to account for the District's Employee Health Insurance Program and resulted in an unrestricted net position of \$4,426,130.91 at June 30, 2024.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2023-24 fiscal year, the District amended its General Fund budget several times primarily from changes in estimated funding levels and corresponding adjustments to planned expenditures to ensure maintenance of an adequate fund balance. Actual revenues were not significantly different than final budgeted revenues. Actual expenditures were \$16,575,968.29, or 9.5 percent, less than final budgeted expenditures, primarily because instructional costs incurred were significantly less than budgeted as the District budgeted more due to inflation, uncertainties over goods and services, and salaries and benefits for unfilled positions.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, is \$379,455,705.69 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land; land improvements; construction in progress; improvements other than buildings; buildings and fixed equipment; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; motor vehicles; and computer software. The net increase in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$65,571,767.88 while depreciation totaled \$14,155,608.44.

Major capital asset events during the 2023-24 fiscal year included new construction and the continuation of ongoing construction in progress which, at June 30, 2024, included such projects as the South Walton High School Athletics, Paxton School, Freeport Elementary School Addition and Remodeling, and Freeport Middle School at Hammock Bay.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in the notes to financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2024, the District had total long-term debt outstanding of \$129,522,361.30, composed solely of certificates of participation payable.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in the notes to financial statements.

OTHER MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The latest enrollment projections for the District indicate a slight increase in unweighted full-time equivalent students during the 2024-25 fiscal year, which will increase State revenue. Due to the growth in the student population, the District will continue to monitor building and construction needs.

Housing prices are expected to increase the taxable assessed value for the 2024-25 fiscal year, continuing a recovery trend consistent with the State of Florida.

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 Chief Financial Officer, Walton County District School Board, 145 Park Street, Suite 3, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Walton County District School Board Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Units
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 145,220,486.99	\$ 2,630,897.00
Investments	-	1,251,480.00
Cash with Fiscal Agent	30,159,507.35	-
Investments with Fiscal Agent	5,154,690.85	-
Accounts Receivable	396,561.12	-
Due from Other Agencies	10,573,960.13	1,663,655.00
Due from Fiscal Agent	6,335,132.35	-
Deposits Receivable	-	1,804.00
Leased Asset Receivable	-	746,392.00
Prepaid Items	-	95,847.00
Inventories	383,931.37	-
Prepaid Insurance Costs	34,230.07	-
Capital Assets:		
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	126,852,366.20	4,199,317.00
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	252,603,339.49	3,463,736.00
TOTAL ASSETS	577,714,205.92	14,053,128.00
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pensions	31,075,131.00	1,007,502.00
OPEB	560,349.00	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	31,635,480.00	1,007,502.00
LIABILITIES		
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	276,688.37	208,057.00
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	778,897.41	-
Accounts Payable	6,050,986.60	1,001,096.00
Construction Contracts Payable	4,231,387.93	-
Construction Contracts Payable - Retained Percentage	3,099,256.12	-
Due to Other Agencies	304,063.28	-
Unearned Revenue	103,171.94	15,988.00
Estimated Insurance Claims Payable	995,045.00	-
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Portion Due Within 1 Year	6,158,113.07	167,846.00
Portion Due After 1 Year	224,356,087.80	4,768,324.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	246,353,697.52	6,161,311.00
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pensions	2,835,536.00	294,688.00
OPEB	1,257,050.00	-
Lease	-	746,392.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	4,092,586.00	1,041,080.00
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	274,631,623.17	6,345,996.00
Restricted for:		
State Required Carryover Programs	647,757.43	-
Capital Projects	76,240,406.04	239,926.00
Food Service	1,711,254.09	-
Unrestricted	5,672,361.67	1,272,317.00
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 358,903,402.40	\$ 7,858,239.00

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

**Walton County District School Board
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction	\$ 119,824,851.83	\$ 1,731,490.02	\$ -	\$ -
Student Support Services	7,908,203.29	-	-	-
Instructional Media Services	1,380,994.61	-	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	4,378,703.56	-	-	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	2,596,810.34	-	-	-
Instruction-Related Technology	1,674,533.13	-	-	-
Board	893,662.01	-	-	-
General Administration	1,158,306.55	-	-	-
School Administration	10,608,125.15	-	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	6,932,452.28	-	-	10,543,537.17
Fiscal Services	1,198,072.32	-	-	-
Food Services	7,207,418.04	1,312,047.48	4,993,079.91	-
Central Services	1,405,268.85	-	-	-
Student Transportation Services	8,788,267.49	-	-	-
Operation of Plant	15,577,013.36	-	-	-
Maintenance of Plant	3,894,894.73	-	-	-
Administrative Technology Services	1,365,897.36	-	-	-
Community Services	1,477,485.40	-	-	-
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	5,330,838.87	-	-	-
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	260,705.21	-	-	-
Unallocated Depreciation Expense*	13,033,678.12	-	-	-
Total Primary Government	\$ 216,896,182.50	\$ 3,043,537.50	\$ 4,993,079.91	\$ 10,543,537.17
Component Units				
Charter Schools	\$ 10,942,076.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 737,675.00	\$ 848,677.00

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

Net Position - Ending

* This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various functions.

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

**Net (Expense) Revenue and
Changes in Net Position**

Primary Government	
Governmental Activities	Component Units
\$ (118,093,361.81)	\$ -
(7,908,203.29)	-
(1,380,994.61)	-
(4,378,703.56)	-
(2,596,810.34)	-
(1,674,533.13)	-
(893,662.01)	-
(1,158,306.55)	-
(10,608,125.15)	-
3,611,084.89	-
(1,198,072.32)	-
(902,290.65)	-
(1,405,268.85)	-
(8,788,267.49)	-
(15,577,013.36)	-
(3,894,894.73)	-
(1,365,897.36)	-
(1,477,485.40)	-
(5,330,838.87)	-
(260,705.21)	-
<u>(13,033,678.12)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(198,316,027.92)</u>	<u>-</u>
-	<u>(9,355,724.00)</u>
128,141,706.92	-
62,397,295.25	-
35,486,713.77	11,176,418.00
8,738,050.80	111,829.00
<u>6,176,763.41</u>	<u>518,965.00</u>
<u>240,940,530.15</u>	<u>11,807,212.00</u>
42,624,502.23	2,451,488.00
<u>316,278,900.17</u>	<u>5,406,751.00</u>
<u>\$ 358,903,402.40</u>	<u>\$ 7,858,239.00</u>

**Walton County District School Board
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund	Capital Projects - Public Education Capital Outlay Fund
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 68,981,589.18	\$ -	\$ 38,759.37
Cash with Fiscal Agent	-	-	-
Investments with Fiscal Agent	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	302,732.22	-	-
Due from Other Funds	8,576,967.77	-	-
Due from Other Agencies	430.19	1,746,724.87	4,811,240.63
Inventories	65,957.57	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 77,927,676.93	\$ 1,746,724.87	\$ 4,850,000.00
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	\$ 15,149.23	\$ 254,782.08	\$ -
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	738,601.76	15,622.58	-
Accounts Payable	1,423,756.96	266,892.94	-
Construction Contracts Payable	-	-	-
Construction Contracts Payable - Retained Percentage	-	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	1,209,427.27	-
Due to Other Agencies	304,063.28	-	-
Unearned Revenue	103,171.94	-	-
Total Liabilities	2,584,743.17	1,746,724.87	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Revenue - State Capital Outlay	-	-	4,811,240.63
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Inventories	65,957.57	-	-
Restricted for:			
State Required Carryover Programs	647,757.43	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	38,759.37
Food Service	-	-	-
Total Restricted Fund Balance	647,757.43	-	38,759.37
Assigned for:			
Unforeseen Contingencies	11,752,237.71	-	-
Unassigned Fund Balance	62,876,981.05	-	-
Total Fund Balances	75,342,933.76	-	38,759.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 77,927,676.93	\$ 1,746,724.87	\$ 4,850,000.00

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

Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Projects - Other Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 74,805,508.53	\$ -	\$ 1,394,629.91	\$ 145,220,486.99
-	30,159,507.35	-	30,159,507.35
-	5,154,690.85	-	5,154,690.85
7,636.66	8,029.96	69,692.28	388,091.12
-	-	-	8,576,967.77
-	3,284,170.14	731,394.30	10,573,960.13
-	-	317,973.80	383,931.37
<u>\$ 74,813,145.19</u>	<u>\$ 38,606,398.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,513,690.29</u>	<u>\$ 200,457,635.58</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,757.06	\$ 276,688.37
-	-	24,673.07	778,897.41
2,152,391.13	1,114,612.57	179,376.56	5,137,030.16
498,082.60	3,733,305.33	-	4,231,387.93
361,550.15	2,737,705.97	-	3,099,256.12
-	6,782,658.01	576,412.49	8,568,497.77
-	-	-	304,063.28
-	-	-	103,171.94
<u>3,012,023.88</u>	<u>14,368,281.88</u>	<u>787,219.18</u>	<u>22,498,992.98</u>
-	3,284,170.14	-	8,095,410.77
-	-	317,973.80	383,931.37
-	-	-	647,757.43
71,801,121.31	20,953,946.28	15,217.02	92,809,043.98
-	-	1,393,280.29	1,393,280.29
<u>71,801,121.31</u>	<u>20,953,946.28</u>	<u>1,408,497.31</u>	<u>94,850,081.70</u>
-	-	-	11,752,237.71
-	-	-	62,876,981.05
<u>71,801,121.31</u>	<u>20,953,946.28</u>	<u>1,726,471.11</u>	<u>169,863,231.83</u>
<u>\$ 74,813,145.19</u>	<u>\$ 38,606,398.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,513,690.29</u>	<u>\$ 200,457,635.58</u>

**Walton County District School Board
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 169,863,231.83

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. 379,455,705.69

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. 8,095,410.77

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. 4,426,130.91

Prepaid insurance costs associated with the issuance of debt are not expensed on the government-wide statements but are reported as prepaid items and amortized over the life of the debt. 34,230.07

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	\$	31,075,131.00	
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB		560,349.00	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions		(2,835,536.00)	
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB		<u>(1,257,050.00)</u>	27,542,894.00

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 fiscal year end consist of:

Certificates of Participation Payable	\$	(129,522,361.30)	
Compensated Absences Payable		(8,460,827.57)	
Net Pension Liability		(89,080,720.00)	
Total OPEB Liability		<u>(3,450,292.00)</u>	<u>(230,514,200.87)</u>

Net Position - Governmental Activities **\$ 358,903,402.40**

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

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Walton County District School Board
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects - Public Education Capital Outlay Fund</u>
Revenues			
Intergovernmental:			
Federal Direct	\$ 670,124.17	\$ 30,990.18	\$ -
Federal Through State and Local	63,716.15	7,061,882.55	-
State	20,674,557.52	-	38,759.37
Local:			
Property Taxes	128,141,706.92	-	-
Charges for Services - Food Service	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	8,596,007.19	-	-
Total Local Revenues	<u>136,737,714.11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>158,146,111.95</u>	<u>7,092,872.73</u>	<u>38,759.37</u>
Expenditures			
Current - Education:			
Instruction	102,883,086.11	4,250,733.97	-
Student Support Services	6,412,827.83	707,784.19	-
Instructional Media Services	1,247,515.90	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	1,734,860.75	352,879.57	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	1,311,557.06	351,929.52	-
Instruction-Related Technology	1,473,181.88	132,767.76	-
Board	856,868.23	-	-
General Administration	928,660.42	21,552.31	-
School Administration	9,648,291.84	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,420,610.28	-	-
Fiscal Services	1,104,713.26	-	-
Food Services	245,441.03	42,688.74	-
Central Services	1,280,939.67	-	-
Student Transportation Services	7,062,120.30	66,420.29	-
Operation of Plant	14,721,731.86	168,288.81	-
Maintenance of Plant	3,574,559.02	-	-
Administrative Technology Services	1,260,134.66	-	-
Community Services	898,320.76	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	851,206.13	-
Other Capital Outlay	622,858.35	146,621.44	-
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>158,688,279.21</u>	<u>7,092,872.73</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(542,167.26)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,759.37</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In	3,253,464.00	-	-
Loss Recoveries	13,248.90	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>3,266,712.90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,724,545.64	-	38,759.37
Fund Balances, Beginning	72,618,388.12	-	-
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 75,342,933.76</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,759.37</u>

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

Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Projects - Other Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 539,911.08	\$ 1,241,025.43
-	-	11,390,805.03	18,516,403.73
-	1,962,301.86	494,872.17	23,170,490.92
62,397,295.25	-	-	190,539,002.17
-	-	1,312,047.48	1,312,047.48
4,534,824.76	3,500,531.77	77,735.55	16,709,099.27
<u>66,932,120.01</u>	<u>3,500,531.77</u>	<u>1,389,783.03</u>	<u>208,560,148.92</u>
<u>66,932,120.01</u>	<u>5,462,833.63</u>	<u>13,815,371.31</u>	<u>251,488,069.00</u>
-	-	3,173,874.14	110,307,694.22
-	-	108,317.68	7,228,929.70
-	-	-	1,247,515.90
-	-	2,098,425.04	4,186,165.36
-	-	842,679.77	2,506,166.35
-	-	-	1,605,949.64
-	-	-	856,868.23
-	-	121,131.71	1,071,344.44
-	-	-	9,648,291.84
2,384,619.57	3,096,063.04	-	6,901,292.89
-	-	-	1,104,713.26
-	-	6,890,891.43	7,179,021.20
-	-	-	1,280,939.67
-	-	-	7,128,540.59
-	-	-	14,890,020.67
-	-	-	3,574,559.02
-	-	-	1,260,134.66
-	-	541,036.08	1,439,356.84
14,466,371.77	55,754,938.82	431,984.02	71,504,500.74
7,909,233.71	-	99,978.78	8,778,692.28
-	-	4,680,000.00	4,680,000.00
-	-	6,046,416.70	6,046,416.70
<u>24,760,225.05</u>	<u>58,851,001.86</u>	<u>25,034,735.35</u>	<u>274,427,114.20</u>
<u>42,171,894.96</u>	<u>(53,388,168.23)</u>	<u>(11,219,364.04)</u>	<u>(22,939,045.20)</u>
-	-	10,725,890.65	13,979,354.65
78,179.00	-	-	91,427.90
<u>(13,625,890.65)</u>	<u>(353,464.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,979,354.65)</u>
<u>(13,547,711.65)</u>	<u>(353,464.00)</u>	<u>10,725,890.65</u>	<u>91,427.90</u>
28,624,183.31	(53,741,632.23)	(493,473.39)	(22,847,617.30)
43,176,938.00	74,695,578.51	2,219,944.50	192,710,849.13
<u>\$ 71,801,121.31</u>	<u>\$ 20,953,946.28</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,471.11</u>	<u>\$ 169,863,231.83</u>

**Walton 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, 2024**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ (22,847,617.30)

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 depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital outlays in excess of depreciation expense in the current fiscal year. 66,127,584.58

Certain miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets are not reported in the governmental funds. (295,111.49)

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. (260,705.21)

In the statement of activities, the cost of compensated absences is measured by the amounts earned during the fiscal 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 earned in excess of the amount paid in the current fiscal year. (1,316,472.86)

Certain funding is not available to pay for current fiscal year expenditures and, therefore, is reported as unavailable revenue on the governmental funds statements. However, under the full accrual, this amount increases net position in the government-wide statements. 8,095,410.77

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Debt premiums and prepaid insurance costs are recognized in the governmental funds in the fiscal year debt is issued but are amortized over the life of the debt in the government-wide statements. This is the debt activity in the current fiscal year:

Debt Payments	\$	4,680,000.00	
Amortized Charge of Debt Premiums		718,837.84	
Amortized Charge of Prepaid Insurance		<u>(3,260.01)</u>	5,395,577.83

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 OPEB Liability	\$	(92,637.00)	
Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB		(61,013.00)	
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB		<u>144,649.00</u>	(9,001.00)

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.

FRS Pension Contribution	\$	7,995,035.00	
HIS Pension Contribution		1,894,689.00	
FRS Pension Expense		(13,775,822.00)	
HIS Pension Expense		<u>(12,805,196.00)</u>	(16,691,294.00)

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the cost of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service fund is reported with governmental activities. 4,426,130.91

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 42,624,502.23

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

**Walton County District School Board
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2024**

	Internal Service Fund
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Due from Fiscal Agent	\$ 6,335,132.35
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	913,956.44
Estimated Insurance Claims Payable	995,045.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,909,001.44
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	\$ 4,426,130.91

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

**Walton County District School Board
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund
Net Position – Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Internal Service Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	
Premiums	\$ 14,491,876.51
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Purchased Services	43,766.73
Insurance Claims	9,124,717.20
Excess Insurance Premiums	666,466.84
Service Agent Fees	371,683.38
Total Operating Expenses	10,206,634.15
Operating Income	4,285,242.36
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Investment Income	140,888.55
Change in Net Position	4,426,130.91
Total Net Position - Beginning	-
Total Net Position - Ending	\$ 4,426,130.91

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

**Walton County District School Board
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Internal Service Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Board Funds and Participants	\$ 14,491,876.51
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(167,960.51)
Cash Payments for Insurance Claims	(8,129,672.20)
Cash Payments for Other Operating Activities	(6,335,132.35)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(140,888.55)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest Income	140,888.55
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	\$ 0.00
 Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$ 4,285,242.36
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Due from Fiscal Agent	(6,335,132.35)
Accounts Payable	913,956.44
Estimated Insurance Claims Payable	995,045.00
Total Adjustments	(4,426,130.91)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (140,888.55)

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

**Walton County District School Board
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024**

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,405,389
Investments	27,513
Accounts Receivable	37,504
Inventory	37,106
TOTAL ASSETS	2,507,512
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	65,488
Due to Other Funds	8,470
TOTAL LIABILITIES	73,958
NET POSITION	
Restricted for Student Organizations	\$ 2,433,554

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

**Walton County District School Board
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Charges for Services	\$ 4,792,265
DEDUCTIONS	
Instruction and Student Services	3,817,125
General and Central Services	661,099
Total Deductions	4,478,224
Change in Net Position	314,041
Net Position - Beginning	2,119,513
Net Position - Ending	\$ 2,433,554

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 nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. Governmental activities are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the Walton County School District's (District) 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 associated with the District's transportation department is allocated to the student transportation services function, while remaining depreciation expense is not readily associated with a particular function and is reported as unallocated.

B. Reporting Entity

The Walton 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 Walton 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 the application of these criteria, the following component units are included within the District's reporting entity:

Blended Component Unit. Blended component units are, in substance, part of the District's operations, even though they are legally separate entities. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the District. The Walton County Public Education Finance Authority, Inc. (Authority) was formed to facilitate financing for the acquisition of facilities and equipment as further discussed in Note II.H.1. Due to the substantive economic relationship between

the District and the Authority, the financial activities of the Authority are included in the accompanying basic financial statements. Separate financial statements for the Authority are not published.

Discretely Presented Component Units. The component units columns in the government-wide financial statements include the financial data of the District's other component units. A separate column is used to emphasize that they are legally separate from the District.

The Seaside School, Inc. and Walton Academy, a division of Walton Academy, Inc. (charter schools) are separate not-for-profit corporations organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The charter schools operate under a charter approved by their sponsor, the Walton County District School Board. The charter schools are considered to be component units of the District because the District is financially accountable for the charter schools as the District established the charter schools by approval of the charter, which is tantamount to the initial appointment of the charter schools, and there is the potential for the charter schools to impose specific financial burdens on the District. In addition, pursuant to the Florida Constitution, the charter schools are public schools and the District is responsible for the operation, control, and supervision of public schools within the District.

The financial data reported on the accompanying statements was derived from the charter schools' audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The audit reports are filed in the District's administrative offices at 145 Park Street, Suite 3, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

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 and the internal service fund. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

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, including the fiduciary funds and blended component unit. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as 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 – Federal Education Stabilization Fund – to account for certain Federal grant program resources provided as emergency relief to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.

- Capital Projects – Public Education Capital Outlay Fund – to account for the financial resources received from gross receipts tax and distributed to finance capital projects.
- 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 land, new construction, maintenance, renovation and remodeling projects, new and replacement equipment, motor vehicle purchases, and payments for educational facilities and sites under a lease-purchase agreement.
- Capital Projects – Other Fund – to account for the various financial resources to be used for educational capital outlay needs including those generated by the issuance of Certificates of Participation Series 2022 to be used for construction of the new Freeport Middle School at Hammock Bay and those related to certain State appropriations.

Additionally, the District reports the following proprietary and fiduciary fund types:

- Internal Service Fund – to account for the District’s Employee Health Self-Insurance Program.
- Custodial Funds – to account for resources of the school internal funds, which are used to administer moneys collected at schools in connection with school, student athletic, class, and club activities.

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 fiscal 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, certain eliminations are made 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 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 available if they are collected within 45 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 45 days of fiscal 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.

The proprietary and fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The charter schools are accounted for as governmental organizations and follow the same accounting model as the District's governmental activities.

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. Investments classified as cash equivalents include amounts placed with the State Board of Administration (SBA) in Florida PRIME, a money market fund, and short-term U.S. Treasury obligations.

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 amounts placed with the SBA for participation in the Florida PRIME investment pool created by Section 218.405, Florida Statutes, those held by a fiscal agent in connection with Certificates of Participation financing agreements, and those made locally. The investment pool operates under investment guidelines established by Section 215.47, Florida Statutes.

The District's investment in Florida PRIME, which the SBA indicates is a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a7-like external investment pool, is similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. This investment is reported at fair value, which is amortized cost.

Investments held by a fiscal agent consist of U.S. Treasury Obligations and a money market fund. Investments made locally consist of certificates of deposit.

Types and amounts of investments held at fiscal year-end are 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 used rather than purchased.

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 \$500. 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. Interest costs incurred during construction of capital assets are not considered material and are not capitalized as part of the cost of construction.

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 - 50 years
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	7 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	3 - 25 years
Motor Vehicles	5 - 10 years
Computer Software	3 - 5 years

Current fiscal 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 and discounts on refinancing, as well as prepaid insurance related to issuances, are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt. Certificates of participation payable are reported net of the applicable premium or discount.

In the governmental fund financial statements, long-term obligations are not recognized as liabilities until due. Governmental fund types recognize debt premiums and discounts during the current fiscal year. The face amount of the debt issued, as well as premiums on debt issues, are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issues are reported as other financing uses.

Changes in long-term liabilities for the current fiscal 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 assets 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 OPEB are discussed in subsequent notes.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets 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 the amounts become 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, 2024.

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. The Board has adopted Board Policy 7.105 whereby the Board may assign fund balance when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent fiscal 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.

Board Policy 7.105 also provides that the Board shall strive to maintain an ending fund balance not classified as restricted, committed, or nonspendable in its approved operating budget, i.e., unrestricted fund balance, of at least 5 percent of the annual revenues in the General Fund. Absent a declaration by the Board of a financial emergency, these funds shall not be spent.

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 State capital outlay funding including an educational facilities security grant and gross receipts taxes known as Public Education Capital Outlay moneys. 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 fiscal 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 Walton County Property Appraiser, and property taxes are collected by the Walton County Tax Collector.

The Board adopted the 2023 tax levy on September 18, 2023. 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 Walton 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.

6. Proprietary Fund Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's internal service fund are charges for employee health insurance premiums. Operating expenses include insurance claims, excess coverage premiums, service agent fees, and other purchased services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

II. 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 a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to the District. 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

The District's investments at June 30, 2024, are reported as follows:

Investments	Maturities	Fair Value
Florida PRIME (1)	45 Days	\$ 137,800,052.48
Money Market Fund (1)(2)	31 Days	19,998,986.80
U.S. Treasury Obligations (2)(3)	July 2024	15,315,211.40
Certificates of Deposit	July 2024 - February 2025	27,513.00
Total Investments		\$ 173,141,763.68

- (1) These investments are reported as cash equivalents for financial statement reporting purposes.
- (2) These investments are held by a fiscal agent in connection with certificates of participation financing agreements (see Note II.H.1.).
- (3) These investments include \$10,160,520.55 reported as cash equivalents for financial statement reporting purposes.

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; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

	Amount	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments by Fair Value Level				
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 15,315,211.40	\$ 15,315,211.40	\$ -	\$ -
Investments Measured at Amortized Cost				
Florida PRIME	137,800,052.48			
Money Market Fund	19,998,986.80			
Certificates of Deposit	27,513.00			
Total Investments Measured at Amortized Cost	157,826,552.28			
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	\$ 173,141,763.68			

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 limits investment maturities to 5.5 years and the investment of current operating funds to no longer than 2 years.

Florida PRIME and the money market fund use a weighted average days to maturity (WAM). A portfolio's WAM reflects the average maturity in days based on final maturity or reset date, in the case of floating rate instruments. WAM measures the sensitivity of the portfolio to interest rate changes.

For Florida PRIME, with regard to redemption gates, Section 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, states, "The principal, and any part thereof, of each account constituting the trust fund is subject to payment at any time from the moneys in the trust fund. However, the executive director may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the board [State Board of Administration] can invest moneys entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, and the Investment Advisory Council. The trustees shall convene an emergency meeting as soon as practicable from the time the executive director has instituted such measures and review the necessity of those measures. If the trustees are unable to convene an emergency meeting before the expiration of the 48-hour moratorium on contributions and withdrawals, the moratorium may be extended by the executive director until the trustees are able to meet to review the necessity for the moratorium. If the trustees agree with such measures, the trustees shall vote to continue the measures for up to an additional 15 days. The trustees must convene and vote to continue any such measures before the expiration of the time limit set, but in no case may the time limit set by the trustees exceed 15 days." As of June 30, 2024, there were no redemption fees, maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100 percent of their account value.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes, limits investments to the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund [Florida PRIME], or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes; Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency; interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes; and direct obligations of the United States Treasury. The District's investment policy does not further limit its investment choices.

The District's investment in Florida PRIME and the money market fund are rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

C. Changes in Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets are presented in the following table:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 14,877,904.55	\$ 46,216.75	\$ -	\$ 14,924,121.30
Land Improvements	483,602.06	-	-	483,602.06
Construction in Progress	61,208,194.45	65,307,703.02	15,071,254.63	111,444,642.84
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	76,569,701.06	65,353,919.77	15,071,254.63	126,852,366.20
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	11,445,092.04	1,733,817.32	-	13,178,909.36
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	300,449,024.30	21,031,642.11	-	321,480,666.41
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	38,539,237.59	4,471,015.25	2,264,354.63	40,745,898.21
Motor Vehicles	13,054,251.58	2,384,177.22	24,700.00	15,413,728.80
Computer Software	464,083.29	84,764.49	1,529.27	547,318.51
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	363,951,688.80	29,705,416.39	2,290,583.90	391,366,521.29
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	7,043,604.90	444,182.43	-	7,487,787.33
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	90,393,412.16	7,316,334.76	-	97,709,746.92
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	20,885,899.74	5,229,979.91	2,004,183.69	24,111,695.96
Motor Vehicles	7,993,741.28	1,121,930.32	24,700.00	9,090,971.60
Computer Software	320,793.97	43,181.02	995.00	362,979.99
Total Accumulated Depreciation	126,637,452.05	14,155,608.44	2,029,878.69	138,763,181.80
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	237,314,236.75	15,549,807.95	260,705.21	252,603,339.49
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 313,883,937.81</u>	<u>\$ 80,903,727.72</u>	<u>\$ 15,331,959.84</u>	<u>\$ 379,455,705.69</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

<u>Function</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
Student Transportation Services	\$ 1,121,930.32
Unallocated	13,033,678.12
Total Depreciation Expense – Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 14,155,608.44</u>

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. An annual comprehensive 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 \$26,581,018 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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.

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 96 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 120 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

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member was initially enrolled in the Plan 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 was 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 2023-24 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	13.57
FRS, Elected County Officers	3.00	58.68
DROP – Applicable to Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	21.13
FRS, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	(2)

(1) Employer rates include 2 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 \$7,995,035 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$57,220,954 for its proportionate share of the Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was 0.143602255 percent, which was an increase of 0.003653636 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized a Plan pension expense of \$13,775,822. In addition, the District reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 5,372,554
Change of Assumptions	3,730,136
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on FRS Pension Plan Investments	2,389,701
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District FRS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	5,146,395
District FRS Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>7,995,035</u>
Total	<u>\$ 24,633,821</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$7,995,035, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. 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>
2025	\$ 3,348,689
2026	1,040,154
2027	10,668,055
2028	1,267,551
2029	<u>314,337</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,638,786</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023, 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	6.70 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, 2023, 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%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed Income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global Equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real Estate	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private Equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic Investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Total	100%			
Assumed inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.4%

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

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.7 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 2023 valuation was unchanged from the previous valuation.

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 6.7 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 (5.7 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (7.7 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.7%)	Current Discount Rate (6.7%)	1% Increase (7.7%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 97,745,041	\$ 57,220,954	\$ 23,317,706

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 Annual Comprehensive 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, 2024, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$7.50 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$45 and a maximum HIS payment of \$225 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, 2024, the contribution rate was 2 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 \$1,894,689 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net pension liability of \$31,859,766 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, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was

determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, and update procedures were used to determine the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was 0.200611401 percent, which was an increase of 0.012137946 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized the HIS Plan pension expense of \$12,805,196. 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	\$ 466,405	\$ 74,779
Change of Assumptions	837,584	2,760,757
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on HIS Pension Plan Investments	16,453	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District HIS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	3,226,179	-
District HIS Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,894,689	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,441,310</u>	<u>\$ 2,835,536</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$1,894,689, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. 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>
2025	\$ 600,676
2026	629,668
2027	446,596
2028	(24,292)
2029	14,501
Thereafter	43,936
Total	<u>\$ 1,711,085</u>

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

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary Increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.65 percent

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

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 3.65 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 3.54 percent to 3.65 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 3.65 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 (2.65 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	Current Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 36,347,021	\$ 31,859,766	\$ 28,140,133

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 Annual Comprehensive 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 Annual Comprehensive 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 2023-24 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Compensation</u>
FRS, Regular	11.30
FRS, Elected County Officers	16.34

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, 2024, 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 \$4,082,964 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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, prescription drug, and life insurance coverage. Retirees and their eligible dependents shall be offered the same health and hospitalization insurance coverage as is offered to active employees at a premium cost of no more than the premium cost applicable to active

employees. 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 by the Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Benefits Provided. The OPEB Plan provides healthcare and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The OPEB Plan only provides an implicit subsidy as described above.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2023, the measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	164
Active Employees	<u>1,379</u>
Total	<u>1,543</u>

Total OPEB Liability. The District’s total OPEB liability of \$3,450,292 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, and update procedures were used to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

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	2.5 percent
Salary Increases	3.4 percent – 7.8 percent, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.86 percent
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Based on the Getzen Model, with trend rates starting at 10.78 percent (to reflect actual premium increases), followed by 7.50 percent for 2023 and then gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.00 percent in 2050.
Aging 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 the OPEB Plan actuarial valuation, the municipal bond rate of 3.86 percent was based on the daily rate of Fidelity’s “20-Year Municipal 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, 2022, 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

termination, 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, 2022, actuarial valuation of the 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, 2023	\$ 3,357,655
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	164,323
Interest	127,615
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(72,154)
Benefit Payments	<u>(127,147)</u>
Net Changes	<u>92,637</u>
Balance at June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,450,292</u>

The changes of assumptions or other inputs were based on the discount rate changing from 3.69 percent as of the beginning of the measurement period to 3.86 percent as of June 30, 2023.

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 (2.86 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.86 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.86%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.86%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.86%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,907,479	\$ 3,450,292	\$ 3,065,837

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 or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,970,208	\$ 3,450,292	\$ 4,060,571

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$139,142. At June 30, 2024, 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	\$ 153,778	\$ 173,217
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	276,430	1,083,833
Benefits Paid Subsequent to the Measurement Date	130,141	-
Total	\$ 560,349	\$ 1,257,050

The deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$130,141, will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ (152,796)
2026	(152,796)
2027	(146,779)
2028	(122,712)
2029	(22,352)
Thereafter	(229,407)
Total	\$ (826,842)

F. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

Construction Contracts. The following is a schedule of major construction contract commitments at June 30, 2024:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Completed to Date</u>	<u>Balance Committed</u>
Freeport Middle School at Hammock Bay	\$ 83,177,599.52	\$ 70,470,337.44	\$ 12,707,262.08
Freeport Elementary School Addition and Remodeling	33,335,632.30	32,400,296.43	935,335.87
South Walton High School Athletics	16,428,840.00	1,960,919.42	14,467,920.58
WISE Center MEP	5,944,976.28	2,423,344.63	3,521,631.65
STEAM/Magnet Innovation Center	7,890,316.89	1,867,011.94	6,023,304.95
Paxton School	4,830,304.29	3,640,065.10	1,190,239.19
ECTC Medical Training Space	3,286,977.53	341,716.71	2,945,260.82
Emerald Coast Middle School Concession	990,344.70	446,492.51	543,852.19
Total	\$ 155,884,991.51	\$ 113,550,184.18	\$ 42,334,807.33

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 fiscal year are carried forward and the next fiscal year's appropriations are likewise encumbered.

The following is a schedule of encumbrances at June 30, 2024:

Major Funds			
General	Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement	Capital Projects - Other	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 149,449.59	\$ 36,236,624.19	\$ 15,597,439.24	\$ 51,983,513.02

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 Walton County District School Board is a member of the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium – Risk Management Consortium (Consortium) under which several district school boards have established a combined limited self-insurance program for property protection, sabotage and terrorism, cyber liability, general liability, automobile liability, workers’ compensation, employee dishonesty, equipment breakdown, and other coverage deemed necessary by the members of the Consortium. Section 1001.42(12)(k), Florida Statutes, provides the authority for the District to enter into such a risk management program. The Consortium is self-sustaining through member assessments (premiums), and purchases coverage through commercial companies for claims in excess of specified amounts. The Board of Directors for the Consortium is composed of superintendents of all participating districts. The Washington County District School Board serves as fiscal agent for the Consortium.

From July 2023 to September 2023, the District’s health and hospitalization coverage were provided through commercial insurance with minimum deductibles for each line of coverage.

In October 2023, the District began participating in an employee group health insurance program administered through the Consortium. Premiums charged to the districts are based on each individual district’s claims experience, and the program operates as an individually-funded plan by each participating district with shared administrative costs and a pooling of plan assets for working capital.

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

A liability in the amount of \$995,045 was actuarially determined to cover estimated incurred, but not reported, District health insurance claims payable at June 30, 2024. The actuarial basis used for estimating the liability for unpaid claims of the District’s health plan was a combination of the development method and the claims projection method. Under the development method, the historical claim data was recorded by incurred month and paid month. The resulting loss development pattern (as claims mature) was used to estimate the future development of existing claims as of their valuation (accounting) date on June 30, 2024. The claim projection method used historical claim experience to estimate the ultimate level of incurred claims in a specific incurral month. This incurred claim estimated was utilized to estimate a claims reserve. The claims development method was used to estimate the incurred but unpaid claims liability for all incurral months prior to April 2024. The claim projection method was used to estimate the level of incurred but unpaid claims for the incurral months

of April 2024 to June 2024. However, to be conservative, a 10 percent increase to the incurred but not paid (IBNP) reserve amount has been added to provide a margin of experience less favorable than expected. The paid claims data has not been adjusted for any excess recoveries, which would otherwise tend to overstate the IBNP reserves. In this instance, the effect is not significant and adds a slight amount of conservatism.

Because of the relatively short payment pattern of the claims, there was no discounting for present value other than that inherent in the claims data.

The following schedule represents the changes in the claims liability for the first year of the District's self-insurance program:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Beginning-of-Fiscal-Year Liability</u>	<u>Current Fiscal Year Claims and Changes in Estimates</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Balance at Fiscal Year End</u>
2023-24	\$ -	\$ 9,124,717.20	\$ 8,129,672.20	\$ 995,045.00

H. Long-Term Liabilities

1. Certificates of Participation

The District entered into a financing arrangement on June 1, 1999, which was characterized as a master lease-purchase agreement, with the Walton County Public Education Finance Authority, Inc. (Authority) to issue certificates of participation (certificates) and to provide a vehicle for future certificate financings. Through such arrangements, the District secured financing of various educational facilities. Such financings are repaid from the proceeds of rents paid by the District.

Certificates of participation at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Principal</u>		<u>Refunded by Series</u>	<u>Balance at June 30, 2024</u>
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Refunded</u>		
Series 2010	\$10,075,000	\$ 6,710,000	\$ 3,365,000	2017	\$ -
Series 2015	26,100,000	8,725,000	-	-	17,375,000
Series 2017	36,580,000	9,775,000	-	-	26,805,000
Series 2022	77,745,000	5,735,000	-	-	72,010,000

As a condition of the financing arrangements, the District gave ground leases on District property to the Authority with a rental fee of \$10 per year. The term of the ground lease for the Series 2015 Certificates ends on the earlier of the date on which all the Series 2015 Certificates and any refunding certificates have been paid in full, or 10 years from the final maturity date of the Series 2015 Certificates and any refunding certificates. The term of the ground lease for the Series 1010 and Series 2017 Certificates ends on the earlier of the date on which all the Series 2017 Certificates and any refunding certificates have been paid in full, or 10 years from the final maturity date of the Series 2017 Certificates and any refunding certificates. The term of the ground lease for the Series 2022 Certificates ends on the earlier of the date on which the Series 2022 Certificates and any refunding certificates have been paid in full, or June 30, 2045.

The properties covered by the ground lease are, together with the improvements constructed thereon from the financing proceeds, leased back to the District. If the District fails to renew the lease and to provide for the rent payments through to term, the District may be required to surrender the sites included under the Ground Lease Agreement for the benefit of the securers of the Certificates for a period of time specified by the arrangements.

The District properties included in the various ground leases under these arrangements include properties at Emerald Coast Middle School, Walton Middle School, Dune Lakes Elementary School, and the new Freeport Middle School.

The lease payments are payable by the District semiannually on July 1 and January 1, for all Certificates at an interest rate of 5 percent.

The following is a schedule by fiscal years of future minimum lease payments together with the present value of minimum lease payments as of June 30:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 10,719,500.00	\$ 4,910,000.00	\$ 5,809,500.00
2026	10,724,000.00	5,160,000.00	5,564,000.00
2027	10,721,000.00	5,415,000.00	5,306,000.00
2028	10,720,250.00	5,685,000.00	5,035,250.00
2029	10,721,000.00	5,970,000.00	4,751,000.00
2030-2034	53,602,750.00	34,635,000.00	18,967,750.00
2035-2039	53,603,750.00	44,205,000.00	9,398,750.00
2040	10,720,500.00	10,210,000.00	510,500.00
Total Minimum Lease Payments	171,532,750.00	116,190,000.00	55,342,750.00
Plus: Unamortized Premium	13,332,361.30	13,332,361.30	-
Total Certificates of Participation	\$ 184,865,111.30	\$ 129,522,361.30	\$ 55,342,750.00

2. 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					
Certificates of Participation Payable	\$ 120,870,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,680,000.00	\$ 116,190,000.00	\$ 4,910,000.00
Unamortized Premium	14,051,199.14	-	718,837.84	13,332,361.30	732,899.81
Total Certificates of Participation Payable	134,921,199.14	-	5,398,837.84	129,522,361.30	5,642,899.81
Compensated Absences Payable	7,144,354.71	1,601,433.52	284,960.66	8,460,827.57	385,072.26
Net Pension Liability	72,034,482.00	50,942,717.00	33,896,479.00	89,080,720.00	-
Total OPEB Liability	3,357,655.00	291,938.00	199,301.00	3,450,292.00	130,141.00
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 217,457,690.85	\$ 52,836,088.52	\$ 39,779,578.50	\$ 230,514,200.87	\$ 6,158,113.07

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 I.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	\$ 8,576,967.77	\$ -
Special Revenue:		
Federal Education Stabilization	-	1,209,427.27
Capital Projects:		
Other	-	6,782,658.01
Nonmajor Governmental	-	576,412.49
Fiduciary	-	8,470.00
Total	\$ 8,576,967.77	\$ 8,576,967.77

The interfund receivables and payables represent temporary loans between funds. All balances are expected to be repaid within 1 year.

K. Revenues

1. Schedule of State Revenue Sources

The following is a schedule of the District's State revenue sources for the 2023-24 fiscal year:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Categorical Educational Program - Class Size Reduction	\$ 10,991,718.00
Florida Education Finance Program	3,555,438.00
Workforce Development Program	1,798,068.00
Seacoast High School Appropriations	1,568,046.21
School Recognition	1,563,254.00
Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	800,856.36
Motor Vehicle License Tax (Capital Outlay and Debt Service)	447,065.17
Charter School Capital Outlay	353,464.00
Sales Tax Distribution	222,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,870,081.18
Total	\$ 23,170,490.92

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

2. Property Taxes

The following is a summary of millages and taxes levied on the 2023 tax roll for the 2023-24 fiscal year:

	<u>Millages</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>
<u>General Fund</u>		
Nonvoted School Tax:		
Required Local Effort	1.612	\$ 74,391,671
Basic Discretionary Local Effort	0.748	34,519,212
Voted School Tax:		
Additional Operating	0.500	23,074,340
<u>Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund</u>		
Nonvoted Tax:		
Local Capital Improvements	1.393	64,285,111
Total	4.253	\$ 196,270,334

L. Interfund Transfers

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

Funds	Interfund	
	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major:		
General	\$ 3,253,464.00	\$ -
Capital Projects:		
Local Capital Improvement	-	13,625,890.65
Other	-	353,464.00
Nonmajor Governmental	10,725,890.65	-
Total	\$ 13,979,354.65	\$ 13,979,354.65

The District made transfers from the Capital Projects – LCI Fund to the General Fund to supplement maintenance operations and pay for other advertised projects and property and casualty insurance premiums and to the Nonmajor Governmental Funds to fund annual debt service payments. The District made transfers from the Capital Projects – Other Fund to the General Fund to transfer charter school capital outlay moneys for subsequent disbursement to the charter schools.

III. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On November 19, 2024, the Board authorized the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs), Series 2024, in the amount of \$15,980,000 to fully refund the COPs, Series 2015. The COPs, Series 2024 certificates have a final maturity date of July 1, 2035. The refunding resulted in a \$1.5 million net present value economic savings, and the District will pay a true interest cost of 3.19 percent.

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OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General and Major Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues				
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Direct	\$ 377,000.00	\$ 377,000.00	\$ 670,124.17	\$ 293,124.17
Federal Through State and Local	200,000.00	200,000.00	63,716.15	(136,283.85)
State	19,447,991.00	23,037,108.00	20,674,557.52	(2,362,550.48)
Local:				
Property Taxes	127,357,295.00	127,357,295.00	128,141,706.92	784,411.92
Miscellaneous	8,344,881.57	8,750,766.18	8,596,007.19	(154,758.99)
Total Local Revenues	<u>135,702,176.57</u>	<u>136,108,061.18</u>	<u>136,737,714.11</u>	<u>629,652.93</u>
Total Revenues	<u>155,727,167.57</u>	<u>159,722,169.18</u>	<u>158,146,111.95</u>	<u>(1,576,057.23)</u>
Expenditures				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	116,238,924.95	115,983,633.13	102,883,086.11	13,100,547.02
Student Support Services	6,648,889.71	6,469,336.94	6,412,827.83	56,509.11
Instructional Media Services	1,300,246.05	1,256,722.02	1,247,515.90	9,206.12
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	1,947,776.23	1,749,160.13	1,734,860.75	14,299.38
Instructional Staff Training Services	1,979,499.32	1,717,335.07	1,311,557.06	405,778.01
Instruction-Related Technology	2,245,160.75	2,395,619.57	1,473,181.88	922,437.69
Board	897,094.05	901,149.02	856,868.23	44,280.79
General Administration	1,024,786.74	922,422.89	928,660.42	(6,237.53)
School Administration	9,063,341.26	9,761,859.61	9,648,291.84	113,567.77
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	779,594.99	1,564,489.79	1,420,610.28	143,879.51
Fiscal Services	1,280,100.09	1,219,860.14	1,104,713.26	115,146.88
Food Services	89,660.67	245,462.75	245,441.03	21.72
Central Services	1,393,624.73	1,402,041.59	1,280,939.67	121,101.92
Student Transportation Services	6,559,440.83	7,143,996.83	7,062,120.30	81,876.53
Operation of Plant	15,099,701.71	16,014,401.96	14,721,731.86	1,292,670.10
Maintenance of Plant	3,570,969.12	3,713,250.58	3,574,559.02	138,691.56
Administrative Technology Services	1,095,243.13	1,262,913.97	1,260,134.66	2,779.31
Community Services	966,684.97	917,733.16	898,320.76	19,412.40
Fixed Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	-
Other Capital Outlay	-	622,858.35	622,858.35	-
Total Expenditures	<u>172,180,739.30</u>	<u>175,264,247.50</u>	<u>158,688,279.21</u>	<u>16,575,968.29</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(16,453,571.73)</u>	<u>(15,542,078.32)</u>	<u>(542,167.26)</u>	<u>14,999,911.06</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers In	-	3,253,464.00	3,253,464.00	-
Loss Recoveries	-	-	13,248.90	13,248.90
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>-</u>	<u>3,253,464.00</u>	<u>3,266,712.90</u>	<u>13,248.90</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(16,453,571.73)</u>	<u>(12,288,614.32)</u>	<u>2,724,545.64</u>	<u>15,013,159.96</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning	72,618,388.12	72,618,388.12	72,618,388.12	-
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 56,164,816.39</u>	<u>\$ 60,329,773.80</u>	<u>\$ 75,342,933.76</u>	<u>\$ 15,013,159.96</u>

Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund

Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
\$ 89,588.48	\$ 92,064.06	\$ 30,990.18	\$ (61,073.88)
8,757,255.24	8,165,662.71	7,061,882.55	(1,103,780.16)
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
8,846,843.72	8,257,726.77	7,092,872.73	(1,164,854.04)
5,266,111.42	5,163,059.79	4,250,733.97	912,325.82
891,875.00	718,196.29	707,784.19	10,412.10
-	-	-	-
169,248.13	502,095.49	352,879.57	149,215.92
457,910.61	388,616.25	351,929.52	36,686.73
122,205.76	132,767.76	132,767.76	-
-	-	-	-
697,095.17	42,457.73	21,552.31	20,905.42
-	-	-	-
851,206.13	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
56,180.56	54,388.28	42,688.74	11,699.54
-	-	-	-
184,845.05	90,028.80	66,420.29	23,608.51
150,165.89	168,288.81	168,288.81	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	851,206.13	851,206.13	-
-	146,621.44	146,621.44	-
8,846,843.72	8,257,726.77	7,092,872.73	1,164,854.04
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total OPEB Liability					
Service Cost	\$ 164,323	\$ 240,521	\$ 205,782	\$ 182,666	\$ 150,335
Interest	127,615	76,823	87,119	106,765	112,669
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(17,161)	-	245,586	-
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(72,154)	(638,449)	249,040	(258,483)	188,193
Benefit Payments	<u>(127,147)</u>	<u>(129,486)</u>	<u>(133,250)</u>	<u>(176,370)</u>	<u>(193,453)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>92,637</u>	<u>(467,752)</u>	<u>408,691</u>	<u>100,164</u>	<u>257,744</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>3,357,655</u>	<u>3,825,407</u>	<u>3,416,716</u>	<u>3,316,552</u>	<u>3,058,808</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 3,450,292</u>	<u>\$ 3,357,655</u>	<u>\$ 3,825,407</u>	<u>\$ 3,416,716</u>	<u>\$ 3,316,552</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 72,764,350	\$ 68,685,365	\$ 59,286,048	\$ 57,559,270	\$ 53,120,065
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	4.74%	4.89%	6.45%	5.94%	6.24%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>			
Total OPEB Liability					
Service Cost	\$ 176,916	\$ 191,024			
Interest	143,613	124,596			
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(397,478)	-			
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(606,118)	(294,820)			
Benefit Payments	<u>(230,548)</u>	<u>(248,676)</u>			
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>(913,615)</u>	<u>(227,876)</u>			
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>3,972,423</u>	<u>4,200,299</u>			
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 3,058,808</u>	<u>\$ 3,972,423</u>			
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 51,572,879	\$ 41,282,874			
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	5.93%	9.62%			

**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
2014	0.113022439%	\$ 6,896,031	\$ 44,557,617	15.48%	96.09%
2015	0.109342583%	14,123,061	44,207,768	31.95%	92.00%
2016	0.103704208%	26,185,394	45,717,550	57.28%	84.88%
2017	0.103840192%	30,715,232	47,295,095	64.94%	83.89%
2018	0.110469066%	33,273,855	50,620,301	65.73%	84.26%
2019	0.112670526%	38,802,161	53,532,982	72.48%	82.61%
2020	0.114121910%	49,462,118	58,041,275	85.22%	78.85%
2021	0.132774069%	10,029,572	63,069,366	15.90%	96.40%
2022	0.139948619%	52,072,133	68,685,365	75.81%	82.89%
2023	0.143602255%	57,220,954	79,479,862	71.99%	82.38%

(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
2015	\$ 2,665,865	\$ (2,665,865)	\$ -	\$ 44,207,768	6.03%
2016	2,528,992	(2,528,992)	-	45,717,550	5.53%
2017	2,703,216	(2,703,216)	-	47,295,095	5.72%
2018	3,148,280	(3,148,280)	-	50,620,301	6.22%
2019	3,493,599	(3,493,599)	-	53,532,982	6.53%
2020	3,868,231	(3,868,231)	-	58,041,275	6.66%
2021	5,058,118	(5,058,118)	-	63,069,366	8.02%
2022	6,111,592	(6,111,592)	-	68,685,365	8.90%
2023	6,908,192	(6,908,192)	-	79,479,862	8.69%
2024	7,995,035	(7,995,035)	-	94,734,430	8.44%

(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
2014	0.149957201%	\$ 14,021,364	\$ 44,557,617	31.47%	0.99%
2015	0.145565285%	14,845,369	44,207,768	33.58%	0.50%
2016	0.147974974%	17,245,870	45,717,550	37.72%	0.97%
2017	0.148353171%	15,862,606	47,295,095	33.54%	1.64%
2018	0.154945045%	16,399,558	50,620,301	32.40%	2.15%
2019	0.159974336%	17,899,527	53,532,982	33.44%	2.63%
2020	0.167251619%	20,421,150	58,041,275	35.18%	3.00%
2021	0.178132434%	21,850,621	63,069,366	34.65%	3.56%
2022	0.188473455%	19,962,349	68,685,365	29.06%	4.81%
2023	0.200611401%	31,859,766	79,479,862	40.09%	4.12%

(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
2015	\$ 556,441	\$ (556,441)	-	\$ 44,207,768	1.26%
2016	758,466	(758,466)	-	45,717,550	1.66%
2017	785,128	(785,128)	-	47,295,095	1.66%
2018	840,271	(840,271)	-	50,620,301	1.66%
2019	888,322	(888,322)	-	53,532,982	1.66%
2020	963,485	(963,485)	-	58,041,275	1.66%
2021	1,047,064	(1,047,064)	-	63,069,366	1.66%
2022	1,140,177	(1,140,177)	-	68,685,365	1.66%
2023	1,319,364	(1,319,364)	-	79,479,862	1.66%
2024	1,894,689	(1,894,689)	-	94,734,430	2.00%

(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 State 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 fiscal 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.

Changes of Assumptions. In 2024, the discount rate was changed from 3.69 percent as of the beginning of the measurement period to 3.86 percent as of June 30, 2023.

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

Changes of Assumptions. In 2023, the municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability was increased from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent and the level of monthly benefits increased from \$5 times years of service to \$7.50, with an increased minimum of \$45 and maximum of \$225.

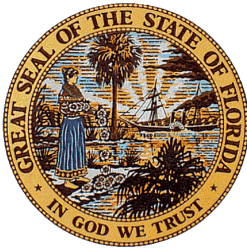
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Walton County District School Board Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	24002	\$ 918,973.85
National School Lunch Program	10.555	24001, 24003	3,736,861.55
COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	COVID-19, 10.555	22020	289,437.51
Total National School Lunch Program			4,026,299.06
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			4,945,272.91
Student Financial Assistance Cluster			
United States Department of Education:			
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	N/A	539,911.08
Special Education Cluster			
United States Department of Education:			
Florida Department of Education:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	263	2,144,951.77
COVID-19 Special Education - Grants to States	COVID-19, 84.027	263	178,506.17
Total Special Education - Grants to States	84.027		2,323,457.94
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	267	73,135.04
COVID-19 Special Education - Preschool Grants	COVID-19, 84.173	267	8,780.72
Total Special Education - Preschool Grants			81,915.76
Total Special Education Cluster			2,405,373.70
Not Clustered			
United States Department of Defense			
Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps	12.UNK	N/A	68,783.17
United States Department of Education			
Impact Aid	84.041	N/A	601,341.00
Education Stabilization Fund:			
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Institutional Portion	84.425	N/A	30,990.18
Florida Department of Education:			
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425D	124, 128	135,659.06
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425U	121	6,712,109.52
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - Homeless Children & Youth Fund	COVID-19, 84.425W	122	26,827.08
Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		6,905,585.84
Florida Department of Education:			
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	191	113,155.19
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	212, 223, 226	3,007,569.35
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	161	197,481.63
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	127	122,303.87
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	102	126,218.61
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	224	455,788.55
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	241	204,928.11
Total United States Department of Education			11,734,372.15
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 19,693,713.01

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 Walton County District School Board under programs of the Federal Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. 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, changes in net position, or cash flows 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 \$187,022.86 of donated food received during the fiscal year. Donated foods are valued at fair value as determined at the time of donation.
- (5) Impact Aid. Expenditures include \$122,669 for grant number/program S041A221272, \$131,700 for grant number/program S041A231272, and \$346,972 for grant number/program S041A241272.



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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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Walton County District School Board as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 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 13, 2025, 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 and the aggregate discretely presented component units, 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.

Report on 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on 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*.

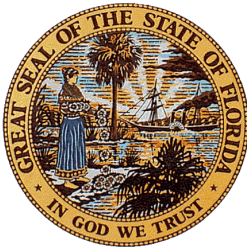
Purpose of this Report

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,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Tallahassee, Florida
January 13, 2025



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

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Walton County District School Board's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the District's major Federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major Federal program is identified in **SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS** of the accompanying **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major Federal program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the

major Federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a

Federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance*** section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Tallahassee, Florida
January 13, 2025

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 program:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major Federal program:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major Federal program:	
Assistance Listing Numbers: 10.553 and 10.555	Name of Federal Program or Cluster: Child Nutrition Cluster
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.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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