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June 30, 2025



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SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit disclosed that the basic financial statements of the Hendry 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; however, we noted a certain additional matter as summarized below.

Additional Matter

Finding AM 2025-001: District procedures did not always limit expenditures to budgeted amounts, contrary to State law and State Board of Education rules.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FEDERAL AWARDS

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

AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

Our audit objectives were to 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hendry County District School Board, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, 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 report 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hendry County District School Board, as of June 30, 2025, 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 7 percent, 1 percent, 8 percent, 6 percent, and 5 percent, respectively, of the assets, liabilities, net position and fund balance, revenues, and expenses and expenditures of the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2025. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the school internal funds, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

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 March 27, 2026, 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
March 27, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The management of the Hendry 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, 2025. 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 2024-25 fiscal year are as follows:

- As of June 30, 2025, the assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$83.2 million.
- In total, net position increased \$34.4 million, which represents a 70.5 percent increase from the 2023-24 fiscal year. The increase in net position is primarily due to recognizing the 2024-25 fiscal year State allocation of Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Special Facilities funding to be used for the construction of the new LaBelle High School.
- General revenues total \$138.6 million, or 78.5 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions total \$37.9 million, or 21.5 percent of all revenues.
- Expenses total \$142.1 million. Only \$37.9 million 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 \$32.7 million, which is \$1.9 million more than the prior fiscal year balance. The General Fund total assigned and unassigned fund balances total \$27 million, or 24.2 percent of total General Fund revenues.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

All of the District's activities and services are reported in the government-wide financial statements as governmental activities. The District's governmental activities include instruction, student support services, instructional support services, administrative support services, facility maintenance, transportation, and food services. Property taxes and State revenues finance most of these activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported as governmental activities.

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

Proprietary Fund: Proprietary funds may be established to account for activities in which a fee is charged for services. The internal service funds are 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 self-insurance activities for dental and medical health employee

benefits. Since these services predominantly benefit governmental functions, the internal service fund has been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

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, 2025, compared to net position as of June 30, 2024:

Net Position, End of Year

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-25	6-30-24
Current and Other Assets	\$ 84,252,380	\$ 54,617,247
Capital Assets	52,211,509	48,377,016
Total Assets	136,463,889	102,994,263
Deferred Outflows of Resources	15,568,055	16,165,892
Long-Term Liabilities	59,539,075	63,329,480
Other Liabilities	1,409,588	1,765,930
Total Liabilities	60,948,663	65,095,410
Deferred Inflows of Resources	7,887,847	5,266,500
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	48,095,630	43,922,956
Restricted	52,151,160	30,736,580
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(17,051,356)	(25,861,291)
Total Net Position	\$ 83,195,434	\$ 48,798,245

The largest portion of the District’s net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used (e.g., debt service, food service, and capital projects). The increase in restricted net position is primarily due to an increase in restricted for capital projects.

Investment in capital assets (e.g., land; buildings; furniture, fixtures, and equipment), less any related debt still outstanding is the second largest portion of the District’s net position. 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 deficit unrestricted net position was the result, in part, of accruing \$5.4 million in compensated absences payable, \$1.6 million in total OPEB liability, and \$48.4 million in net pension liability.

The key elements of the changes in the District's net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ended

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-25	6-30-24
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 791,451	\$ 541,047
Operating Grants and Contributions	6,525,073	5,990,133
Capital Grants and Contributions	30,541,107	312,968
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes	17,819,077	16,372,786
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects	7,132,549	6,538,964
Local Sales Tax	3,247,044	3,317,392
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	104,849,638	104,179,744
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	2,251,399	2,245,664
Miscellaneous	3,294,648	2,935,634
Total Revenues	176,451,986	142,434,332
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	85,608,532	81,152,451
Student Support Services	7,322,917	9,142,225
Instructional Media Services	752,569	1,106,097
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	2,544,614	2,900,773
Instructional Staff Training Services	1,256,922	1,313,547
Instruction-Related Technology	84,929	596,313
Board	471,260	537,985
General Administration	1,192,853	1,642,522
School Administration	6,218,354	6,710,501
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	8,817,907	6,048,212
Fiscal Services	1,036,861	1,115,347
Food Services	6,327,360	5,668,916
Central Services	1,968,245	3,571,312
Student Transportation Services	3,875,893	4,139,500
Operation of Plant	6,978,234	6,818,235
Maintenance of Plant	1,392,594	1,530,039
Administrative Technology Services	1,817,880	1,829,150
Community Services	21,040	-
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	150,452	-
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	161,456
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	4,215,381	4,613,861
Total Functions/Program Expenses	142,054,797	140,598,442
Change in Net Position	34,397,189	1,835,890
Net Position - Beginning	48,798,245	46,962,355
Net Position - Ending	\$ 83,195,434	\$ 48,798,245

The largest revenue source is the State of Florida (68.9 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP funding formula utilizes student enrollment data and is designed to maintain equity in funding across all Florida school districts, taking into consideration the District's funding ability based on the local property tax base.

Capital grants and contributions revenue increased by \$30.2 million due to the PECO Special Facilities funding.

Instruction expenses represent 60.2 percent of total governmental expenses in the 2024-25 fiscal year. Instruction expenses increased by \$4.5 million, or 5.5 percent.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

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

The total fund balances of governmental funds increased by \$13.6 million during the fiscal year to \$64.6 million at June 30, 2025. Of the total fund balance, \$21.3 million, or 33 percent, is unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion; \$0.3 million is nonspendable; \$37.4 million is restricted for specific purposes; and \$5.6 million 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 \$21.3 million, while the total fund balance is \$32.7 million. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the total assigned and unassigned fund balances to General Fund total revenues. The total assigned and unassigned fund balance is 24.2 percent of the total General Fund revenues. Total fund balance increased by \$1.9 million primarily due to an increase in property tax revenues and an increase in State revenue, offset by an increase in instruction expenditures.

The Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund has total revenues and expenditures of \$3.2 million each and the funding was mainly used for activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because grant revenues attributed to the grants accounted for in this fund are not recognized until expenditures are incurred, this fund generally does not accumulate a fund balance.

The Capital Projects – Public Education Capital Outlay Fund has a total fund balance of \$9.3 million. These funds are restricted for the construction of the new LaBelle High School.

The Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund is used to account for the financial resources generated by the local capital improvement tax to be used for educational capital outlay needs, including new construction, renovation, and remodeling projects, new and replacement equipment, motor vehicle purchases, and debt service payments. As of June 30, 2025, the District had a fund balance of

\$10.2 million, an increase of \$2 million. Of the total fund balance, \$0.3 million has been encumbered for various projects.

Proprietary Funds

The District's proprietary funds provide the same type of information reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Internal Service Fund increased by \$1.7 million during the 2024-25 fiscal year to \$3.5 million at June 30, 2025. This increase occurred primarily because 2024-25 fiscal year was the first full year for medical insurance collections.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2024-25 fiscal year, the District amended its General Fund budget several times, which resulted in an increase in total budgeted expenditures of \$30.3 million, or 26.8 percent. Budget revisions occurred primarily due to additional operating expenses.

Actual revenues are in line with the final budgeted amounts while actual expenditures are \$31.9 million, or 22.3 percent, less than final budgeted amounts. The decrease in expenditures was primarily due to continued cost containment measures implemented by the District. The actual ending fund balance exceeded the estimated fund balance contained in the final amended budget by \$32.7 million.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2025, is \$52.2 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land; improvements other than buildings; buildings and fixed equipment; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; motor vehicles; and audio visual materials and computer software.

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

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2025, the District had total long-term debt outstanding of \$4.1 million, composed of \$0.9 million of bonds payable and \$3.2 million of installment-purchase payable. The retirement of debt was \$0.3 million.

Revenue bonds of \$0.9 million are secured by pari-mutuel tax proceeds.

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

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning information provided in the MD&A or other required supplementary information, and financial statements and notes thereto, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Superintendent, Hendry County District School Board, 300 W. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Hendry County District School Board Statement of Net Position June 30, 2025

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 57,553,597
Accounts Receivable	84,491
Due from Other Agencies	23,504,007
Cash with Fiscal Agent	2,853,586
Prepaid Items	401
Inventories	256,298
Capital Assets:	
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	8,112,334
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>44,099,175</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>136,463,889</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	15,078,276
OPEB	<u>489,779</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>15,568,055</u>
LIABILITIES	
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	444,459
Accounts Payable	206,928
Estimated Liability for Self-Insurance Program	758,201
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Portion Due Within 1 Year	1,907,380
Portion Due After 1 Year	<u>57,631,695</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>60,948,663</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	6,327,596
OPEB	<u>1,560,251</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>7,887,847</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	48,095,630
Restricted for:	
State Required Carryover Programs	5,439,888
Debt Service	576,618
Capital Projects	39,112,325
Food Service	5,667,096
Other Purposes	1,355,233
Unrestricted	<u>(17,051,356)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 83,195,434</u>

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

**Hendry County District School Board
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions
Governmental Activities:			
Instruction	\$ 85,608,532	\$ 541,357	\$ -
Student Support Services	7,322,917	-	-
Instructional Media Services	752,569	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	2,544,614	-	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	1,256,922	-	-
Instruction-Related Technology	84,929	-	-
Board	471,260	-	-
General Administration	1,192,853	-	-
School Administration	6,218,354	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	8,817,907	-	-
Fiscal Services	1,036,861	-	-
Food Services	6,327,360	198,423	6,525,073
Central Services	1,968,245	-	-
Student Transportation Services	3,875,893	51,671	-
Operation of Plant	6,978,234	-	-
Maintenance of Plant	1,392,594	-	-
Administrative Technology Services	1,817,880	-	-
Community Services	21,040	-	-
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	150,452	-	-
Unallocated Depreciation Expense*	4,215,381	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 142,054,797	\$ 791,451	\$ 6,525,073

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes

Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects

Local Sales Taxes

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
Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities
\$	-	\$ (85,067,175)
	-	(7,322,917)
	-	(752,569)
	-	(2,544,614)
	-	(1,256,922)
	-	(84,929)
	-	(471,260)
	-	(1,192,853)
	-	(6,218,354)
	30,541,107	21,723,200
	-	(1,036,861)
	-	396,136
	-	(1,968,245)
	-	(3,824,222)
	-	(6,978,234)
	-	(1,392,594)
	-	(1,817,880)
	-	(21,040)
	-	(150,452)
	-	(4,215,381)
<u>\$</u>	<u>30,541,107</u>	<u>(104,197,166)</u>

17,819,077
7,132,549
3,247,045
104,849,638
2,251,399
<u>3,294,647</u>
<u>138,594,355</u>
34,397,189
<u>48,798,245</u>
<u>\$ 83,195,434</u>

**Hendry County District School Board
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects - Public Education Capital Outlay Fund</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 31,581,769	\$ -	\$ 1,852,379
Accounts Receivable	70,538	-	-
Due from Other Funds	1,587,321	1,232,969	-
Due from Other Agencies	115,563	-	22,185,267
Prepaid Items	-	-	-
Inventories	256,298	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 33,611,489	\$ 1,232,969	\$ 24,037,646
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	\$ 433,892	\$ 88	\$ -
Accounts Payable	78,580	52	-
Due to Other Funds	433,602	1,232,829	-
Total Liabilities	946,074	1,232,969	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable Revenue - State Capital Outlay	-	-	14,760,267
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Inventory	256,298	-	-
Restricted for:			
State Required Carryover Programs	5,439,888	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	9,277,379
Food Service	-	-	-
Other Purposes	-	-	-
Total Restricted Fund Balance	5,439,888	-	9,277,379
Assigned for:			
Purchases on Order	5,629,827	-	-
Unassigned Fund Balance	21,339,402	-	-
Total Fund Balances	32,665,415	-	9,277,379
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 33,611,489	\$ 1,232,969	\$ 24,037,646

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

Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 10,064,702	\$ 12,684,027	\$ 56,182,877
-	13,953	84,491
155,661	285,363	3,261,314
-	1,203,177	23,504,007
-	401	401
-	-	256,298
<u>\$ 10,220,363</u>	<u>\$ 14,186,921</u>	<u>\$ 83,289,388</u>
\$ 2	\$ 10,477	\$ 444,459
18,094	110,202	206,928
-	1,594,883	3,261,314
<u>18,096</u>	<u>1,715,562</u>	<u>3,912,701</u>
-	-	14,760,267
-	-	256,298
-	-	5,439,888
-	576,619	576,619
10,202,267	4,872,411	24,352,057
-	5,667,096	5,667,096
-	1,355,233	1,355,233
<u>10,202,267</u>	<u>12,471,359</u>	<u>37,390,893</u>
-	-	5,629,827
-	-	21,339,402
<u>10,202,267</u>	<u>12,471,359</u>	<u>64,616,420</u>
<u>\$ 10,220,363</u>	<u>\$ 14,186,921</u>	<u>\$ 83,289,388</u>

**Hendry County District School Board
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2025**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 64,616,420

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. 52,211,509

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 funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. 3,466,105

Certain funds due from other agencies were not available and, therefore, not recognized as revenue in the governmental fund statements. However, under the full accrual basis of accounting this amount is accrued and reported as revenue on the statement of activities in the current fiscal year. 14,760,267

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	\$ 15,078,276	
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	489,779	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	(6,327,596)	
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	<u>(1,560,251)</u>	7,680,208

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

Installment-Purchase Payable	\$ (3,175,196)	
Bonds Payable	(940,683)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(5,361,032)	
Net Pension Liability	(48,429,151)	
Total OPEB Liability	<u>(1,633,013)</u>	<u>(59,539,075)</u>

Net Position - Governmental Activities **\$ 83,195,434**

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

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**Hendry County District School Board
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	General Fund	Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund	Capital Projects - Public Education Capital Outlay Fund
Revenues			
Intergovernmental:			
Federal Through State and Local State	\$ 115,792	\$ 3,202,796	\$ -
	90,139,985	-	15,450,000
Local:			
Property Taxes	17,819,077	-	-
Local Sales Taxes	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	3,282,080	945	-
Total Local Revenues	21,101,157	945	-
Total Revenues	111,356,934	3,203,741	15,450,000
Expenditures			
Current - Education:			
Instruction	78,122,916	1,062,383	-
Student Support Services	4,773,462	47,929	-
Instructional Media Services	728,597	16,119	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	1,315,435	48,162	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	773,884	47,534	-
Instruction-Related Technology Board	72,693	16,561	-
General Administration	483,648	-	-
School Administration	852,994	58,835	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	6,325,454	30,051	-
Fiscal Services	231,664	1,068,443	-
Food Services	1,082,545	-	-
Central Services	-	-	-
Student Transportation Services	1,950,324	70,943	-
Operation of Plant	3,964,127	39	-
Maintenance of Plant	7,066,028	44,069	-
Administrative Technology Services	1,450,486	-	-
Community Services	1,727,353	153,919	-
Community Services	22,194	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	101,379	268,834	6,172,621
Other Capital Outlay	333,614	269,920	-
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	111,378,797	3,203,741	6,172,621
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(21,863)	-	9,277,379
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In	1,897,019	-	-
Loss Recoveries	23,381	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,920,400	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,898,537	-	9,277,379
Fund Balances, Beginning	30,766,878	-	-
Adjustments to Fund Balances	-	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning as Restated	30,766,878	-	-
Fund Balances, Ending	\$ 32,665,415	\$ -	\$ 9,277,379

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

Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund	Special Revenue - Food Service Fund (Former Major Fund)	Special Revenue - Other Fund (Former Major Fund)	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,995,883	\$ 20,314,471
-	-	-	1,250,151	106,840,136
7,132,549	-	-	-	24,951,626
-	-	-	3,247,045	3,247,045
-	-	-	198,423	198,423
470,385	-	-	2,363,226	6,116,636
<u>7,602,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,808,694</u>	<u>34,513,730</u>
<u>7,602,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,054,728</u>	<u>161,668,337</u>
-	-	-	6,917,175	86,102,474
-	-	-	2,775,356	7,596,747
-	-	-	43,621	788,337
-	-	-	1,308,774	2,672,371
-	-	-	484,942	1,306,360
-	-	-	-	89,254
-	-	-	-	483,648
-	-	-	315,259	1,227,088
-	-	-	167,127	6,522,632
2,153,217	-	-	1,802,207	5,255,531
-	-	-	932	1,083,477
-	-	-	6,334,505	6,334,505
-	-	-	30,783	2,052,050
-	-	-	80,946	4,045,112
-	-	-	2,171	7,112,268
-	-	-	-	1,450,486
-	-	-	-	1,881,272
-	-	-	-	22,194
311,684	-	-	1,390,851	8,245,369
1,286,787	-	-	1,476,560	3,366,881
267,856	-	-	70,327	338,183
120,300	-	-	30,152	150,452
<u>4,139,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,231,688</u>	<u>148,126,691</u>
<u>3,463,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>823,040</u>	<u>13,541,646</u>
-	-	-	-	1,897,019
-	-	-	-	23,381
<u>(1,495,480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(401,539)</u>	<u>(1,897,019)</u>
<u>(1,495,480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(401,539)</u>	<u>23,381</u>
<u>1,967,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>421,501</u>	<u>13,565,027</u>
8,234,657	6,044,511	28,865	5,976,482	51,051,393
-	(6,044,511)	(28,865)	6,073,376	-
<u>8,234,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,049,858</u>	<u>51,051,393</u>
<u>\$ 10,202,267</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,471,359</u>	<u>\$ 64,616,420</u>

Hendry 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, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 13,565,027

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. 6,784,224

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. (2,949,732)

Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount of repayments in the current fiscal year. 338,183

In the statement of activities, the cost of compensated absences is measured by the amounts earned during the year, while in the governmental funds, expenditures are recognized based on the amounts actually paid for compensated absences. This is the net amount of compensated absences used in excess of the amount earned (paid) in the current fiscal year. 100,407

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

Increase in Total OPEB Liability	\$	(35,754)	
Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB		(96,428)	
Decrease in Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB		314,365	182,183

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	\$	4,560,882	
HIS Pension Contribution		975,857	
FRS Pension Expense		(4,820,344)	
HIS Pension Expense		(765,947)	(49,552)

Governmental funds recognize revenues when they are measurable and available to pay liabilities in the current period. However, in the statement of activities, revenue is recognized as soon as it is earned regardless of availability. This is the effect of the timing difference between the two methods of revenue recognition. 14,760,267

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the cost of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The change in net position of the internal service funds is reported with governmental activities. 1,666,182

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities **\$ 34,397,189**

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

**Hendry County District School Board
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2025**

	Internal Service Funds
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,370,720
Cash with Fiscal Agent	2,853,586
TOTAL ASSETS	4,224,306
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Estimated Liability for Self-Insurance Program	758,201
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	\$ 3,466,105

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

**Hendry County District School Board
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund
Net Position – Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES	
Premium Revenue	\$ 7,750,688
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Purchased Services	1,173,847
Insurance Claims	5,597,134
Total Operating Expenses	6,770,981
Operating Income	979,707
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Interest	6,237
Other Miscellaneous Local Sources	680,238
Total Nonoperating Revenues	686,475
Change in Net Position	1,666,182
Total Net Position - Beginning	1,799,923
Total Net Position - Ending	\$ 3,466,105

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

**Hendry County District School Board
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Board and Participant's Funds	\$ 7,750,688
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,173,847)
Cash Payments for Insurance Claims	(5,336,321)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,240,520
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Other Receipts	680,238
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest Income	6,237
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,926,995
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning	2,297,311
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	\$ 4,224,306
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$ 979,707
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Estimated Liability for Self-Insurance Program	260,813
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 1,240,520

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the Hendry 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 is not readily associated with a particular function and is reported as unallocated.

B. Reporting Entity

The Hendry 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 Hendry County.

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

C. Basis of Presentation: Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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 blended component unit. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – 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 State Public Education Capital Outlay Special Facilities allocation to be used for the construction of the new LaBelle High School.
- Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund – to account for the financial resources generated by the local capital improvement tax levy to be used for educational capital outlay needs, including new construction, renovation and remodeling projects.

Additionally, the District reports the following proprietary fund type:

- Internal Service Fund – to account for the District's employee medical and dental benefit programs.

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. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental and internal service funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in and out. While reported in fund financial statements, transfers between the funds are eliminated in the preparation of the government-wide financial statement.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property

taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 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 60 days of year end). Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. 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. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under installment purchase are reported as other financing sources. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

The proprietary fund is reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

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 State Board of Administration (SBA) in Florida PRIME.

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, 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, are similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. These investments are reported at fair value, which is amortized cost.

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. Central warehouse, maintenance, and transportation inventories are stated at cost on the moving average basis. 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 \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Improvements Other Than Buildings	10 - 20 years
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	20 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5 - 10 years
Motor Vehicles	4 - 10 years
Computer Software	3 years

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

5. Pensions

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

purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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

6. Long-Term Liabilities

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

In the governmental fund financial statements, bonds and other long-term obligations are not recognized as liabilities until due. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

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

7. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net 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 the 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 revenues related to State capital outlay 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 and proprietary fund 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, 2025.

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 may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

In addition, the District has adopted Board Policy 6220 which provides for a minimum fund balance of at least 6 percent of the General Fund's annual revenues, less Florida Education Finance Program revenues generated by the District's contracted virtual instruction provider, known as K12 or Digital Academy of Florida (DAOF).

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.

Pursuant to Section 1013.64, Florida Statutes, the District received special allocations in the 2024-25 fiscal year for specific construction needs through the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund - Special Facility Construction Account. As a condition for receiving these funds, other construction funding must be pledged for the project, including the capital outlay millage levied pursuant to Section 1011.71(2), Florida Statutes, for the total amount of 3 fiscal years' maximum millage. The District is required to budget no more than the value of 1 mill per year to the project until the District's participation requirement is satisfied. Collections of the pledged revenues that are subsequently paid to the State will be reported as debt service principal expenditures in the governmental funds and reduce the liability in the government-wide statements.

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

3. District Property Taxes

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

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

The Board adopted the 2024 tax levy on September 3, 2024. 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 Hendry 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. Capital Outlay Surtax

On November 8, 2022, the voters of Hendry County approved a one-half cent school capital outlay surtax on sales in the County for 20 years, effective January 1, 2023. The surtax proceeds are to be used in upgrading and modernizing school facilities through renovation, repair, remodeling, and replacement. The proceeds are also to be used in acquiring land and constructing new school facilities, demolishing reconstructing, and improving school facilities; acquiring technology hardware, software and safety and security equipment; reducing portable classrooms; purchasing or leasing buses; making the lease payments under lease purchase agreements, and servicing bond indebtedness used to finance capital improvements in accordance with Section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes.

5. 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.

6. Compensated Absences

A compensated absence is leave (e.g., employee vacation leave and sick leave) for which employees may receive one or more (a) cash payments when the leave is used for time off; (b) other cash payments, such as payment for unused leave upon termination of employment; or (c) noncash settlements, such as conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits. In the government-wide financial statements, compensated absences are estimated and accrued as liabilities to the extent that it is more likely than not that the leave will be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. 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.

7. 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 Board contributions for dental and medical insurance premiums. Operating expenses include insurance claims and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

II. ACCOUNTING CHANGES

A. Changes to or within the Financial Reporting Entity

Change from Major to Nonmajor Fund. The Special Revenue – Food Service Fund and Special Revenue – Other Fund met the quantitative requirements for reporting as a major fund in the previous fiscal year. The fund did not meet those requirements for reporting as a major fund in the current fiscal year and as such is reported as a nonmajor fund. The effect of this change to or within the financial reporting entity is shown in the table below.

	Reporting Units Affected by Restatements of Beginning Balances		
	Funds		
	Special Revenue - Food Service	Special Revenue - Other	Nonmajor Governmental
Beginning Balances, as previously reported	\$ 6,044,511	\$ 28,865	\$ 5,976,482
Change from major to nonmajor fund	(6,044,511)	(28,865)	6,073,376
Beginning Balances, as restated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,049,858

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

A. Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to

recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. All bank balances of the District are fully insured or collateralized as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

B. Investments

The District's investments at June 30, 2025, are reported as follows:

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
SBA:		
Florida PRIME (1)	47 Days	<u>\$ 10,972,304</u>

(1) This investment is reported as a cash equivalent for financial statement reporting purposes.

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 does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates.

Florida PRIME uses 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, 2025, 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 does not have a formal investment policy that limits its investment choices.

The District's investment in Florida PRIME is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

C. Changes in Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets are presented in the following table:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions (1)</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,461,983	\$ 3,634,745	\$ -	\$ 5,096,728
Construction in Progress	2,128,091	3,558,486	2,670,971	3,015,606
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>3,590,074</u>	<u>7,193,231</u>	<u>2,670,971</u>	<u>8,112,334</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	5,974,771	304,740	907,248	5,372,263
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	87,829,119	2,202,966	-	90,032,085
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	16,005,643	2,258,450	4,172,585	14,091,508
Motor Vehicles	8,868,320	1,630,086	647,121	9,851,285
Computer Software	253,869	81,103	6,300	328,672
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>118,931,722</u>	<u>6,477,345</u>	<u>5,733,254</u>	<u>119,675,813</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	4,601,816	145,649	286,686	4,460,779
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	55,526,333	1,826,808	1,531,795	55,821,346
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	8,016,778	1,394,680	-	9,411,458
Motor Vehicles	5,745,983	828,790	958,110	5,616,663
Computer Software	253,869	19,454	6,931	266,392
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>74,144,779</u>	<u>4,215,381</u>	<u>2,783,522</u>	<u>75,576,638</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>44,786,943</u>	<u>2,261,964</u>	<u>2,949,732</u>	<u>44,099,175</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 48,377,017</u>	<u>\$ 9,455,195</u>	<u>\$ 5,620,703</u>	<u>\$ 52,211,509</u>

(1) The District increased its capitalization threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000, resulting in a significant increase in deletions.

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

D. Retirement Plans

1. FRS – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

General Information about the FRS

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

Essentially all regular employees of the District are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of the two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. 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 \$5,586,291 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

FRS Pension Plan

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

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

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service. Employees enrolled in the Plan may include up to 4 years of credit

for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

The DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 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
Senior Management Service	2.00

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 2024-25 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	13.63
FRS, Elected County Officers	3.00	58.68
FRS, Senior Management Service	3.00	34.52
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 \$4,560,882 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$31,328,067 for its proportionate share of the Plan’s net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024. The District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District’s 2023-24 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2023-24 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2024, the District’s proportionate share was 0.080983088 percent, which was a decrease of 0.003381424 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District recognized a Plan pension expense of \$4,820,344. 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	\$ 3,164,976	\$ -
Change of Assumptions	4,293,798	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on FRS Pension Plan Investments	-	2,082,226
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District FRS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,196,428	1,920,670
District FRS Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	4,560,882	-
Total	\$ 13,216,084	\$ 4,002,896

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$4,560,882, will be recognized as a reduction

of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. 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>
2026	\$ (348,991)
2027	5,168,243
2028	(116,648)
2029	(273,365)
2030	223,067
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,652,306</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary Increases	3.50 percent, average, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.70 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Salary increases were changed from 3.25 percent in the previous valuation to 3.50 percent.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021. This is a change from the previous valuation in which the mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

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%	3.3%	3.3%	1.1%
Fixed Income	29.0%	5.7%	5.6%	3.9%
Global Equity	45.0%	8.6%	7.0%	18.2%
Real Estate	12.0%	8.1%	6.8%	16.6%
Private Equity	11.0%	12.4%	8.8%	28.4%
Strategic Investments	2.0%	6.6%	6.2%	8.7%
Total	<u><u>100%</u></u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.5%

(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 2024 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	\$ 55,104,973	\$ 31,328,067	\$ 11,409,865

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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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 \$975,857 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2025, the District reported a net pension liability of \$17,101,084 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, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2023-24 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2023-24 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportionate share was 0.113999815 percent, which was a decrease of 0.000600969 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District recognized the HIS Plan pension expense of \$765,947. 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	\$ 165,124	\$ 32,837
Change of Assumptions	302,649	2,024,549
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on HIS Pension Plan Investments	-	6,185
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District HIS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	418,562	261,129
District HIS Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	975,857	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,862,192</u>	<u>\$ 2,324,700</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$975,857, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. 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>
2026	\$ (131,634)
2027	(220,579)
2028	(461,377)
2029	(370,446)
2030	(200,062)
Thereafter	(54,267)
Total	<u>\$ (1,438,365)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary Increases	3.50 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.93 percent

Salary increases were changed from 3.25 percent in the previous valuation to 3.50 percent.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021. This is a change from the previous valuation in which the 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 3.93 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 3.65 percent to 3.93 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 3.93 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 (2.93 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.93 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1% Increase (4.93%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 19,467,388	\$ 17,101,084	\$ 15,136,672

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 2024-25 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Compensation</u>
FRS, Regular	11.30
FRS, Elected County Officers	16.34
FRS, Senior Management Service	12.67

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings, regardless of membership class. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, 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 \$2,877,811.30 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

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 as well as its self-insured dental plan. 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 through action from 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 hospitalization plans for medical and prescription drug benefits as well as its self-insured dental plan coverage benefits for retirees and their dependents. The OPEB Plan only provides an implicit subsidy as described above. The OPEB Plan only provides an implicit subsidy as described above. Retirees are required to enroll in the Florida Medicare program for their primary coverage as soon as they are eligible.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	23
Active Employees	859
Total	<u>882</u>

Total OPEB Liability. The District's total OPEB liability of \$1,633,013 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, and update procedures were used to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024.

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 – 8.2 percent, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.93 percent
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Based on the Getzen Model, with trend starting at 0 percent for 2024, followed by 6.4 percent for 2025 and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4 percent after 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.

The discount rate was based on the daily rate of Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2024	\$ 1,597,259
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	91,028
Interest	62,999
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(5,878)
Benefit Payments	<u>(112,395)</u>
Net Changes	<u>35,754</u>
Balance at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 1,633,013</u>

The changes of assumptions or other inputs was based on an increase in the discount rate from 3.86 percent to 3.93 percent.

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 (2.93 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.93 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.93%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.93%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.93%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,719,946	\$ 1,633,013	\$ 1,542,265

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	\$ 1,443,091	\$ 1,633,013	\$ 1,856,531

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$68,745. At June 30, 2025, 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	\$ 203,220	\$ -
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	173,121	1,560,251
Benefits Paid Subsequent to the Measurement Date	113,438	-
Total	<u>\$ 489,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,560,251</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from benefits paid subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$113,438, will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. 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>
2026	\$ (196,748)
2027	(194,630)
2028	(134,088)
2029	(127,368)
2030	(170,646)
Thereafter	(360,430)
Total	<u>\$ (1,183,910)</u>

F. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

Construction Contracts. The following is a schedule of major construction contract commitments at June 30, 2025:

Project	Contract Amount	Completed to Date	Balance Committed
LaBelle High School:			
Architect	\$ 5,022,000	\$ 2,507,048	\$ 2,514,952
Pre-Construction	265,000	127,848	137,152
Total	\$ 5,287,000	\$ 2,634,896	\$ 2,652,104

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

The following is a schedule of encumbrances at June 30, 2025:

Major Funds			
General	Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 229,150	\$ 280,706	\$ 1,315,353	\$ 1,825,209

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; third-party injuries and/or property damage; and natural disasters. The District is a member of the South Central Educational Risk Management Program (SCERMP), a consortium under which seven district school boards have established a public entity risk sharing pool for property protection, general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, governmental crime, and other coverage deemed necessary by the members of the SCERMP. Section 1001.42(12)(k), Florida Statutes, provides the authority for the District to enter into such a risk management program. The interlocal agreement and bylaws of SCERMP provide that risk of loss is transferred to the consortium. SCERMP is self-sustaining through member contributions (premiums), and purchases coverage through commercial companies for claims in excess of specified amounts. Member school boards are also subject to supplemental contributions in the event of a deficiency, except to the extent that the deficiency results from a specific claim against a member school board in excess of the coverage available, then such deficiency is solely the responsibility of that member school board.

The Board of Directors for SCERMP is composed of superintendents, finance directors or authorized representatives of all participating districts. Relation Insurance Services serves as the third-party administrator, insurance broker, and fiscal agent for SCERMP.

Property damage coverage is managed by SCERMP by purchase of excess property coverage through commercial insurance carriers for property loss claims in excess of \$100,000 (except named wind and flood). The named windstorm and hurricane deductible is 5 percent of replacement cost value with a minimum of \$100,000 per occurrence and a maximum of \$100 million per occurrence. The deductible for all other windstorm and hail events is \$100,000. Special hazard flood area deductibles are \$500,000 per building and \$500,000 contents plus \$100,000 time element per occurrence. The flood deductible outside a special flood hazard area is \$100,000. The SCERMP's purchased excess property loss limit during the 2024-25 fiscal year was \$100 million.

Workers' compensation claims are limited based on a per occurrence self-insured retention. The self-insured retention for the 2024-25 fiscal year was \$1 million. SCERMP purchases excess liability coverage through a commercial insurance carrier, which covers workers' compensation losses in excess of the self-insured retention. Employers' liability is included subject to \$2 million per occurrence.

The District is protected by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity, as it is now written, as it may be amended by the Legislature in the future, which effectively limits the amount of liability of governmental entities for tort claims to \$200,000 per claim and \$300,000 per occurrence.

The District provides dental coverage on a self-insurance basis for eligible employees. Based on records maintained by the fiscal agent of premiums received for and claims (and other expenses) paid on behalf of Board employees and their dependents, the District reports this activity in an internal service fund, including an estimated incurred, but not reported, insurance claims payable at June 30, 2025.

The District's health insurance program for its employees is provided on a self-insured basis. The District participates in the Florida School Health Insurance Program, created by the Florida School Board Insurance Trust (FSBIT) which was established so school districts in the State of Florida are able to pool their financial and administrative resources to provide a vehicle for risk management, risk sharing, loss prevention, insurance and related services for various areas of liability and insurability. The District has not entered the risk sharing phase as of June 30, 2025, but the long-term plan is to do this for economies of scale savings. Currently, the District has a hybrid premium model in which premium rates were established for employee medical coverage, and the District pays an aggregated monthly premium to FSBIT, which holds an account in the District's name, to fund claims.

The following schedule represents the changes in claims liability for the past 2 fiscal years for the District's self-insurance program:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Fiscal Year Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Payments	Balance at Fiscal Year End
2023-24	\$ 72,055	\$ 3,770,525	\$ (3,345,192)	\$ 497,388
2024-25	497,388	5,597,134	(5,336,321)	758,201

Life insurance is purchased by the District for eligible employees. These transactions are accounted for in the governmental funds rather than the internal service fund.

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

H. Installment-Purchase Payable

The District entered into an energy savings lease-purchase (installment-purchase) agreement for the acquisition of energy services and equipment. Future minimum installment-purchase payments and the present value of the minimum installment-purchase payments as of June 30 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 399,846	\$ 288,904	\$ 110,942
2027	411,886	311,039	100,847
2028	424,287	334,308	89,979
2029	438,061	358,763	79,298
2030	414,928	349,165	65,763
2031-2034	1,665,226	1,533,017	132,209
Total	\$ 3,754,234	\$ 3,175,196	\$ 579,038

The stated interest rate is 3.494 percent.

I. Long-Term Liabilities

1. Bonds Payable

Bonds payable at June 30, 2025, are as follows:

<u>Bond Type</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rate (Percent)</u>	<u>Annual Maturity To</u>
District Revenue Bonds: Series 2015	<u>\$ 940,683</u>	3.06	2025

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

District Revenue Bonds

These bonds are authorized by Chapter 69-1094, Laws of Florida, which provides that the bonds be secured from the pari-mutuel tax proceeds distributed annually to Hendry County from the State's Pari-Mutuel Tax Collection Trust Fund pursuant to Chapter 550, Florida Statutes (effective July 1, 2000, tax proceeds are distributed pursuant to Section 212.20(6)(d)7.a., Florida Statutes, (2001), now Section 212.20(6)(d)6.a., Florida Statutes.) The annual distribution is remitted by the Florida Department of Financial Services to the District. As required by the bond resolution, the District has established the sinking fund and reserve account and has accumulated and maintained adequate resources in the sinking fund and reserve account.

The District has pledged a total of \$955,075 of pari-mutuel tax revenues in connection with the District Revenue Bonds of 2015, described above. During the 2024-25 fiscal year, the District

recognized pari-mutuel tax revenues totaling \$143,300 and expended \$100,122 of these revenues for debt service directly collateralized by these revenues. The pledged pari-mutuel tax revenues are committed until final maturity of the debt on November 2025. Assuming a normal growth rate of 0 percent in the collection of pari-mutuel tax funds, 70 percent of this revenue stream has been pledged in connection with debt service on the revenue bonds. A balloon payment of \$955,075 is due on November 1, 2025.

Annual requirements to amortize all bonded debt outstanding as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
District Revenue Bonds:			
2026	\$ 955,075	\$ 940,683	\$ 14,392

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					
Bonds Payable	\$ 1,011,010	\$ -	\$ 70,327	\$ 940,683	\$ 940,683
Installment-Purchase Payable	3,443,052	-	267,856	3,175,196	288,904
Compensated Absences Payable (1)	5,461,439	-	100,407	5,361,032	504,834
Net Pension Liability	51,816,720	15,996,907	19,384,476	48,429,151	59,521
Total OPEB Liability	1,597,259	154,027	118,273	1,633,013	113,438
Total Governmental Activities	\$63,329,480	\$16,150,934	\$19,941,339	\$59,539,075	\$1,907,380

(1) The change in compensated absences payable is presented as a net change.

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

J. 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.

K. Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

Funds	Interfund	
	Receivables	Payables
Major:		
General	\$ 1,587,321	\$ 433,602
Special Revenue:		
Federal Education Stabilization	1,232,969	1,232,829
Capital Projects:		
Local Capital Improvement	155,661	-
Nonmajor Governmental	285,363	1,594,883
Total	\$ 3,261,314	\$ 3,261,314

The interfund receivables and payables represent temporary loans between funds to cover expenditures incurred prior to reimbursement from outside parties. All balances are expected to be repaid within 1 year.

L. Revenues

1. Schedule of State Revenue Sources

The following is a schedule of the District's State revenue sources for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 80,956,853
PECO Special Facility Construction Account	15,450,000
Categorical Educational Program - Class Size Reduction	7,153,308
Workforce Development Program	1,005,816
Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	712,996
Motor Vehicle License Tax (Capital Outlay and Debt Service)	335,686
School Recognition	150,031
Motor Home License Tax	143,300
Food Service Supplement	60,634
State License Tax	38,935
Miscellaneous	832,577
Total	\$ 106,840,136

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 2024 tax roll for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

	<u>Millages</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>
General Fund		
Nonvoted School Tax:		
Required Local Effort	2.999	\$ 14,668,965
Basic Discretionary Local Effort	0.748	3,658,681
Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund		
Nonvoted Tax:		
Local Capital Improvements	1.500	7,336,928
Total	<u>5.247</u>	<u>\$ 25,664,574</u>

M. Interfund Transfers

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

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Interfund</u>	
	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major:		
General	\$ 1,897,019	\$ -
Capital Projects:		
Local Capital Improvement	-	1,495,480
Nonmajor Governmental	-	401,539
Total	<u>\$ 1,897,019</u>	<u>\$ 1,897,019</u>

Capital outlay ad valorem tax moneys were transferred to the General Fund to fund the District's property casualty insurance and maintenance payroll expenditures. The transfers out of the nonmajor governmental funds to the General Fund was for reimbursement to the General Fund for expenses incurred on behalf of school accounts.

IV. INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

The following is a summary of financial information as reported in the internal service funds for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Employee Dental Insurance</u>	<u>Employee Health Insurance</u>
Total Assets	\$ 4,224,306	\$ 236,310	\$ 3,987,996
Liabilities and Net Position:			
Estimated Liability for			
Self-Insurance Program	\$ 758,201	\$ 45,637	\$ 712,564
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>3,466,105</u>	<u>190,673</u>	<u>3,275,432</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 4,224,306</u>	<u>\$ 236,310</u>	<u>\$ 3,987,996</u>
Revenues:			
Premium Contributions	\$ 7,750,688	\$ 635,989	\$ 7,114,699
Interest	6,237	896	5,341
Other	<u>680,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>680,238</u>
Total Revenues	8,437,163	636,885	7,800,278
Total Expenses	<u>(6,770,981)</u>	<u>(593,231)</u>	<u>(6,177,750)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 1,666,182</u>	<u>\$ 43,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,622,528</u>

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OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General and Major Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues				
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Through State and Local	\$ 300,000	\$ 115,792	\$ 115,792	\$ -
State	88,042,615	90,319,337	90,139,985	(179,352)
Local:				
Property Taxes	17,807,438	17,807,438	17,819,077	11,639
Miscellaneous	2,438,221	3,162,371	3,282,080	119,709
Total Local Revenues	20,245,659	20,969,809	21,101,157	131,348
Total Revenues	108,588,274	111,404,938	111,356,934	(48,004)
Expenditures				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	80,245,659	106,420,750	78,122,916	28,297,834
Student Support Services	5,175,481	5,234,296	4,773,462	460,834
Instructional Media Services	817,165	932,970	728,597	204,373
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	1,257,454	1,594,645	1,315,435	279,210
Instructional Staff Training Services	236,394	830,513	773,884	56,629
Instruction-Related Technology	6,984	9,476	72,693	(63,217)
Board	526,296	566,296	483,648	82,648
General Administration	789,296	831,660	852,994	(21,334)
School Administration	6,285,289	6,438,640	6,325,454	113,186
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	20,650	372,542	231,664	140,878
Fiscal Services	1,089,979	1,198,695	1,082,545	116,150
Central Services	1,905,470	2,751,983	1,950,324	801,659
Student Transportation Services	3,878,462	3,973,379	3,964,127	9,252
Operation of Plant	7,430,945	8,045,756	7,066,028	979,728
Maintenance of Plant	1,513,570	1,525,775	1,450,486	75,289
Administrative Technology Services	1,797,831	1,864,760	1,727,353	137,407
Community Services	-	-	22,194	(22,194)
Fixed Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	211,228	101,379	109,849
Other Capital Outlay	-	468,639	333,614	135,025
Total Expenditures	112,976,925	143,272,003	111,378,797	31,893,206
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(4,388,651)	(31,867,065)	(21,863)	31,845,202
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	1,057,386	1,094,777	1,897,019	802,242
Loss Recoveries	-	6,316	23,381	17,065
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,057,386	1,101,093	1,920,400	819,307
Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,331,265)	(30,765,972)	1,898,537	32,664,509
Fund Balances, Beginning	30,766,878	30,766,878	30,766,878	-
Fund Balances, Ending	\$ 27,435,613	\$ 906	\$ 32,665,415	\$ 32,664,509

Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund

Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
\$ 3,510,719	\$ 3,202,796	\$ 3,202,796	\$ -
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	945	945	-
-	945	945	-
<u>3,510,719</u>	<u>3,203,741</u>	<u>3,203,741</u>	<u>-</u>
792,672	1,062,383	1,062,383	-
268,279	47,929	47,929	-
37,064	16,119	16,119	-
136,345	48,162	48,162	-
215,649	47,534	47,534	-
48,768	16,561	16,561	-
-	-	-	-
287,905	58,835	58,835	-
121,891	30,051	30,051	-
983,568	1,068,443	1,068,443	-
-	-	-	-
81,304	70,943	70,943	-
44,907	39	39	-
72,398	44,069	44,069	-
-	-	-	-
139,745	153,919	153,919	-
-	-	-	-
274,912	268,834	268,834	-
5,312	269,920	269,920	-
<u>3,510,719</u>	<u>3,203,741</u>	<u>3,203,741</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total OPEB Liability					
Service Cost	\$ 91,028	\$ 172,157	\$ 241,994	\$ 219,117	\$ 188,091
Interest	62,999	171,086	107,761	143,744	170,311
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	(2,642,183)	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	41,229	-	178,778	-
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(5,878)	(479,197)	(973,894)	(480,052)	389,526
Benefit Payments	<u>(112,395)</u>	<u>(260,316)</u>	<u>(303,831)</u>	<u>(374,263)</u>	<u>(331,923)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>35,754</u>	<u>(2,997,224)</u>	<u>(927,970)</u>	<u>(312,676)</u>	<u>416,005</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>1,597,259</u>	<u>4,594,483</u>	<u>5,522,453</u>	<u>5,835,129</u>	<u>5,419,124</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 1,633,013</u>	<u>\$ 1,597,259</u>	<u>\$ 4,594,483</u>	<u>\$ 5,522,453</u>	<u>\$ 5,835,129</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 40,641,609	\$ 39,457,873	\$ 35,795,133	\$ 34,752,556	\$ 36,534,957
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	4.02%	4.05%	12.84%	15.89%	15.97%

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 207,774	\$ 204,336	\$ 223,878
Interest	214,624	209,822	182,316
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	256,099	-	-
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(800,942)	(36,313)	(399,269)
Benefit Payments	<u>(358,971)</u>	<u>(333,675)</u>	<u>(340,772)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>(481,416)</u>	<u>44,170</u>	<u>(333,847)</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>5,900,540</u>	<u>5,856,370</u>	<u>6,190,217</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 5,419,124</u>	<u>\$ 5,900,540</u>	<u>\$ 5,856,370</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 30,154,255	\$ 28,830,227	\$ 27,990,512
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	17.97%	20.47%	20.92%

**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 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
2015	0.091690263%	\$ 11,843,027	\$ 34,662,040	34.17%	92.00%
2016	0.085224087%	21,519,149	34,525,827	62.33%	84.88%
2017	0.083535842%	24,709,342	34,923,905	70.75%	83.89%
2018	0.078834793%	23,745,448	34,315,119	69.20%	84.26%
2019	0.079104310%	27,242,423	36,321,082	75.00%	82.61%
2020	0.077080765%	33,407,940	37,589,074	88.88%	78.85%
2021	0.089727890%	6,777,922	41,376,758	16.38%	96.40%
2022	0.089840729%	33,427,971	42,272,681	79.08%	82.89%
2023	0.084364512%	33,616,588	45,423,174	74.01%	82.38%
2024	0.080983088%	31,328,067	48,265,339	64.91%	83.70%

(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
2016	\$ 2,078,325	\$ (2,078,325)	\$ -	\$ 34,525,827	6.02%
2017	2,714,644	(2,714,644)	-	34,923,905	7.77%
2018	2,246,728	(2,246,728)	-	34,315,119	6.55%
2019	2,452,804	(2,452,804)	-	36,321,082	6.75%
2020	2,561,052	(2,561,052)	-	37,589,074	6.81%
2021	3,418,245	(3,418,245)	-	41,376,758	8.26%
2022	3,833,667	(3,833,667)	-	42,272,681	9.07%
2023	4,058,476	(4,058,476)	-	45,423,171	8.93%
2024	4,585,775	(4,585,775)	-	48,265,339	9.50%
2025	4,560,882	(4,560,882)	-	48,873,269	9.33%

(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
2015	0.114249769%	\$ 11,651,679	\$ 34,662,040	33.62%	0.50%
2016	0.011834983%	13,033,904	34,525,827	37.75%	0.97%
2017	0.109565891%	11,715,291	34,923,905	33.55%	1.64%
2018	0.104991905%	11,112,461	34,315,119	32.38%	2.15%
2019	0.108571959%	12,148,116	36,321,082	33.45%	2.63%
2020	0.108185662%	13,209,293	37,589,074	35.14%	3.00%
2021	0.116748428%	14,320,950	41,376,758	34.61%	3.56%
2022	0.115882772%	12,273,836	42,272,681	29.03%	4.81%
2023	0.114600784%	18,200,132	45,423,174	40.07%	4.12%
2024	0.113999815%	17,101,084	48,265,339	35.43%	4.80%

(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
2016	\$ 573,226	\$ (573,226)	\$ -	\$ 34,525,827	1.66%
2017	579,854	(579,854)	-	34,923,905	1.66%
2018	569,374	(569,374)	-	34,315,119	1.66%
2019	602,890	(602,890)	-	36,321,082	1.66%
2020	623,423	(623,423)	-	37,589,074	1.66%
2021	686,248	(686,248)	-	41,376,758	1.66%
2022	701,188	(701,188)	-	42,272,681	1.66%
2023	753,864	(753,864)	-	45,423,174	1.66%
2024	965,156	(965,156)	-	48,265,339	2.00%
2025	975,857	(975,857)	-	48,873,269	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 year's appropriations.

2. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Individual Funds

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, expenditures exceeded appropriations by function (the legal level of budgetary control) for the following individual fund:

Fund/Activity	Expenditures		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
General:			
Current Education:			
Instruction-Related Technology	\$ 9,476	\$ 72,693	\$ (63,217)
General Administration	831,660	852,994	(21,334)
Community Services	-	22,194	(22,194)

The District will implement new procedures, including a detailed monthly review of budget-to-actual expenditures, to detect and prevent budgetary overexpenditures going forward.

3. 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 2025, the discount rate was changed from 3.86 percent to 3.93 percent.

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

Changes of Assumptions. In 2024, salary increases including inflation increased from 3.25 percent to 3.5 percent and the mortality assumptions were updated.

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

Changes of Assumptions. In 2024, the municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability was increased from 3.65 percent to 3.93 percent and the demographic and coverage election assumptions were updated.

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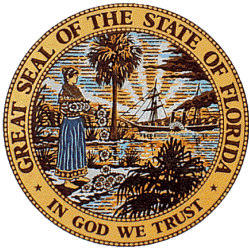
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Hendry County District School Board Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

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	25002	\$ 1,210,916
National School Lunch Program	10.555	25001, 25003	4,710,731
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	24006, 24007, 25006, 25007	460,801
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			6,382,448
Special Education Cluster			
United States Department of Education:			
Florida Department of Education:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	263	2,938,850
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	267	69,516
Total Special Education Cluster			3,008,366
Not Clustered			
United States Department of Agriculture			
Florida Department of Health:			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	None	81,990
United States Department of Education			
Florida Department of Education:			
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	191, 193	278,864
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	212, 226	4,052,150
Migrant Education - State Grant Program	84.011	217	1,056,219
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	161	190,775
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	127	107,506
Rural Education	84.358	110	664,314
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	102	173,644
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	224	581,673
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	241, 242	417,931
Education Stabilization Fund:	84.425		
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425U	121	3,164,342
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - Homeless Children & Youth Fund	COVID-19, 84.425W	122	38,454
Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		3,202,796
Total United States Department of Education			10,725,872
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 20,198,676

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 Hendry County District School Board under programs of the Federal Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. 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 \$211,709 of donated food received during the fiscal year. Donated foods are valued at fair value as determined at the time of donation.



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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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hendry County District School Board as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2026, included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the school internal funds, as described in our report on the District's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

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*.

We identified a certain additional matter which is described as Finding AM 2025-001 on page 70.

District's Response to Finding

The District's response to the additional matter identified in our audit is included as the District Response on pages 70 and 71 in Finding AM 2025-001. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

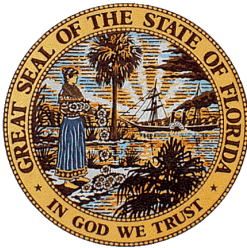
Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



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March 27, 2026



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

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Hendry 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 each of the District's major Federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The District's major Federal programs are identified in **SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS** of the accompanying **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**.

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 each of its major Federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (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 each

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 each 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
March 27, 2026

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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

Federal Awards

Internal control over major Federal programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major Federal programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major Federal programs:	
Assistance Listing Numbers:	Name of Federal Program or Cluster:
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.027 and 84.173	Special Education 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.

ADDITIONAL MATTER

BUDGETARY CONTROLS

Finding	AM 2025-001
Opinion Unit	Major Fund: General Fund
Financial Statements Account Title	Not Applicable
Fund Name	General Fund
Adjustment Amounts	Not Applicable
Prior Year Finding	Not Applicable
Finding	District procedures did not always limit expenditures to budgeted amounts, contrary to State law and State Board of Education (SBE) rules.
Criteria	<p>Section 1011.05, Florida Statutes, provides that the official budget shall not be altered, amended, or exceeded except as authorized. In addition, SBE Rule 6A-1.007(2), Florida Administrative Code, provides that no expenditure shall be authorized or obligation incurred that is in excess of budgetary appropriation and requires that the Board approve amendments to the budget whenever the function amounts are changed from the original budget.</p> <p>The process for adopting and amending the budget provides the District with a mechanism to plan a level of expenditures to meet obligations and remain within available financial resources.</p>
Condition	Contrary to established requirements, District expenditures were not always limited to budgeted amounts. As of June 30, 2025, expenditures exceeded the budgeted amounts in three functional categories of the General Fund by \$21,334 to \$63,217 or a total of \$106,745. Moreover, the Board did not amend the budget for the over-expended amounts by the next scheduled Board meeting.
Cause	District personnel indicated that, due to oversights, certain budget amounts were not increased during the preparation of the budget schedule for the 2024-25 fiscal year annual financial report. In addition, budget amendments to authorize the over-expended amounts were not presented to the Board for approval.
Effect	Without properly monitoring and amending the budget to meet changing financial circumstances, the District's ability to meet future financial obligations could be further hindered.
Recommendation	District personnel should enhance budgetary procedures by closely monitoring financial activities to ensure that expenditures are limited to budgeted amounts as required by State law and SBE rules.
District Response	The District Finance Department acknowledges that expenditures in three functional categories of the General Fund exceeded budgeted amounts by a total of \$106,745 as of June 30, 2025. This discrepancy was primarily due to administrative oversights during the preparation of the budget schedule for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

To resolve this finding and ensure future compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules, the District will implement the following corrective measures:

1. Tracking of Budget Revisions and additional funding requests: A tracking spreadsheet will be created and shared with the Assistant Director of Finance and the Assistant Supervisor of Finance to track any budget revisions and additional funding requests to identify if approval of these revisions and requests will result in the need for an amendment to the budget and further Board Approval.
2. Timely Amendments: If the tracking sheet indicates an amendment is needed, the Finance Department will ensure that any necessary adjustments are presented to the Board for approval no later than the next scheduled Board meeting following the identified need.
3. Personnel Training: District personnel responsible for budget preparation will receive additional training to ensure all budget amounts are accurately updated during the annual financial report preparation process to prevent similar oversights.

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2026 (Ongoing monitoring to begin immediately).

Responsible Party: Chief Financial Officer, Hendry County District School Board.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The District did not have prior audit findings required to be reported under Title 2, Section 200.511, Code of Federal Regulations.