CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Education Caverna Independent School District Cave City, Kentucky 42127

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Caverna Independent School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Caverna Independent School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Caverna Independent School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits in the *Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit Contract and Requirements*. 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 Caverna Independent School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

• Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

• Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Caverna Independent School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

• Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

• Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Caverna Independent School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4-10 and page 52-53 and the pension and OPEB liability and contribution information on pages 54-61 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Caverna Independent School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and 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*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 23, 2025 on our consideration of the Caverna Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Caverna Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Caverna Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Campbell, Myers & Rutledge, PLLC

**Certified Public Accountants** 

Glasgow, Kentucky January 23, 2025

The discussion and analysis of the Caverna Independent School District's financial condition provides an overall view of the financial activities of the district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the audit.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's General Fund beginning balance for Fiscal Year 2024 was \$3,982,895, with total revenues of \$8,520,029 including \$2,174,408 of behalf payments from the state. The on-behalf amount shows as revenue as well as an expenditure. The District's revenue primarily consisted of local sources (ad valorem taxes, investments, and contributions/donations) and the state program (SEEK).
- The General Fund's expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 totaled \$8,625,188 with instruction being the largest expense at \$4,297,650 and plant operations and maintenance had expenditures of \$940,776.
- The Caverna Board approved to decrease the tax rate from 86.4 to 78.4 cents for fiscal year 2024. Caverna does not access a utility tax unlike other districts that have 3% utility taxes.
- Caverna received a second COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program grant to fund improvement of school security. Federal funds totaled \$493,710 with the district match amount being \$164,570. \$342,986 of these funds were expended toward CIS security improvement goals in fiscal year 2024. To meet our security improvement goal, Caverna Independent Schools allocated this grant to purchase and install the following items: weapons detection equipment, push buttons for classroom entry, exterior lighting for our campus, indoor and outdoor security camera system. This security improvement project will extend into fiscal year 2025.
- Caverna Elementary School's aging hallway floor tiles were replaced and its gym received an update with paint and new cushion pads.
- Caverna High School's cafeteria received all new furniture as well as tile to replace broken and cracked tile. Repair and maintenance was completed on the sinks, tiles, and broken stall doors/locks in the gym bathrooms.

### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the district is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation and operation of non-instructional services. Capital assets and related debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 11-12 of this report.

**Fund 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. There is a state mandated uniform system and chart of accounts for all Kentucky public school districts utilizing MUNIS administrative software. The district uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: Governmental and proprietary. The only proprietary fund is the food service operations. All other activities of the district are included in the governmental funds.

The governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 13-19 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 20-51 of this report.

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Caverna's assets and deferred outflows exceed liabilities and deferred inflows by \$5,311,305 as of June 30, 2024 compared to \$4,215,087 as of June 30, 2023.

Pension and OPEB liability is required to be on the Statement of Net Position, although the district is not liable for these funds.

Apart from the pensions, the largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture, and equipment), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital asset is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay this debt must be provided from other sources.

The District's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

	Governmental Activities		Busine Activ		Total Primary Government		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	2023	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets Noncurrent assets	\$ 5,500,479 6,876,189 58,676	\$ 5,200,823 6,634,302 -	\$ 250,426 196,482 7,074	\$ 273,700 134,714 -	\$ 5,750,905 7,072,671 <u>65,750</u>	\$ 5,474,523 6,769,016	
Total Assets	12,435,344	11,835,125	453,982	408,414	12,889,326	12,243,539	
Deferred Outflows	1,887,993	2,289,684	152,442	174,684	2,040,435	2,464,368	
Long-term Debt Other Liabilities	5,887,220 1,164,051	7,495,096 995,367	328,787 2,211	493,943	6,216,007 1,166,262	7,989,039 995,367	
Total Liabilities	7,051,271	8,490,463	330,998	493,943	7,382,269	8,984,406	
Deferred Inflows	2,058,934	1,406,612	177,254	101,802	2,236,188	1,508,414	
Net Position							
Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	5,185,999 679,267 (652,134)	4,768,186 460,539 (1,000,991)	196,482 - (98,310)	134,714 - (147,361)	5,382,481 679,267 (750,444)	4,902,900 460,539 (1,148,352)	
Total Net Position	\$ 5,213,132	\$ 4,227,734	\$ 98,172	<u>\$ (12,647</u> )	\$ 5,311,304	\$ 4,215,087	

### Net Position for the period ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023

The following Table 2 presents a summary of changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Governr Activi		Busines Activ		Total Primary Government		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
REVENUES							
Program revenues							
Charges for services	\$-	\$-	\$ 25,539	\$ 14,682	\$ 25,539	\$ 14,682	
Operating grants and contributions	3,246,921	5,914,248	758,230	771,812	4,005,151	6,686,060	
Capital grants and contributions	160,188	199,876	-	-	160,188	199,876	
General revenues					-	-	
Property taxes	3,189,041	3,052,458	-	-	3,189,041	3,052,458	
Motor vehicle taxes	180,991	242,415	-	-	180,991	242,415	
Other	234,421	508,977	-	-	234,421	508,977	
Investment earnings	215,121	151,205	10,524	10,696	225,645	161,901	
State and formula grants	4,346,773	5,009,638	-	-	4,346,773	5,009,638	
Miscellaneous	439,662	288,781			439,662	288,781	
Total revenues	12,013,118	15,367,598	<u>\$ 794,293</u>	<u>\$ 797,190</u>	<u>\$12,807,411</u>	<u>\$ 16,164,788</u>	
EXPENSES							
Program Activities							
Instruction	6,189,442	8,815,364	-	-	6,189,442	8,815,364	
Student support	957,350	1,050,850	-	-	957,350	1,050,850	
Instructional staff support	503,021	476,379	-	-	503,021	476,379	
District administrative support	864,073	756,506	-	-	864,073	756,506	
School administrative support	642,843	644,106	-	-	642,843	644,106	
Business support	89,424	95,225	-	-	89,424	95,225	
Plant operation and maintenance	373,280	800,290	-	-	373,280	800,290	
Student transportation	554,305	500,248	-	-	554,305	500,248	
Community service activities	108,916	97,630	-	-	108,916	97,630	
Facilities acquisition and construction	234,440	4,350	-	-	234,440	4,350	
Interest costs	20,498	24,040	-	-	20,498	24,040	
Depreciation, unallocated	470,614	372,511	-	-	470,614	372,511	
Business-type Activities							
Food service	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	722,958	869,359	722,958	869,359	
Total expenses	11,008,206	13,637,499	722,958	869,359	11,731,164	14,506,858	
Excess before transfers	1,004,912	1,730,099	71,335	(72,169)	1,076,247	1,657,930	
Transfers	(19,514)		39,484		19,970	<u> </u>	
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ 985,398	<u>\$ 1,730,099</u>	\$ 110,819	<u>\$ (72,169</u> )	\$ 1,096,217	<u>\$ 1,657,930</u>	

### **Governmental Activities**

Instruction comprises 57% of governmental program expenses. Support services expenses make up 38% of government expenses. The remaining expense for community services, interest and other expenses accounts for the remaining 5% of total government expenses.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

	Cost of Services			Net Cost of Service		
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Instruction	\$	6,189,442	\$ 8,815,364	\$ 2,942,521	\$2,901,116	
Support Services		3,984,296	4,323,604	3,984,296	4,323,604	
Community Services & Other		108,916	97,630	108,916	97,630	
Facilities acquisition and construction		234,440	4,350	143,224	(126,554)	
Interest costs		20,498	24,040	(48,474)	(44,932)	
Total expenses	<u>\$</u>	10,537,592	\$13,264,988	<u>\$ 7,130,483</u>	\$7,150,864	

### **Business-Type Activities**

Food service operation is the only business-type activity Caverna Independent Schools has. This program had total revenues of \$794,293 and expenses of \$722,958 for fiscal year 2024. Of the revenues, \$25,539 was charges for services, \$758,230 was from State and Federal grants and \$10,524 was from investment earnings. Business activities receive no support from tax revenues. The School District will continue to monitor the charges and costs of this activity. If it becomes necessary, the School District will increase the charges for these activities.

### **General Fund-Budget Highlights**

The School District's budget is prepared according to Kentucky law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. The State Department of Education requires a zero-based budget with any budgeted remaining fund balance shown as a contingency expense in the budget process.

	-	overnmental Activities		ess-type vities	Total Primary Government			
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		
Land and land improvements	\$ 121,6	36 \$ 121,636	\$-	\$-	\$ 121,636	\$ 121,636		
Buildings and improvements	5,638,0	5,921,654	-	-	5,638,080	5,921,654		
Technology	101,9	91,757	-	-	101,937	91,757		
Vehicles	259,9	205,087	-	-	259,935	205,087		
General Equipment	384,7	294,168	196,482	134,714	581,245	428,882		
Total	6,506,3	6,634,302	196,482	134,714	6,702,833	6,769,016		
Construction in progress	369,8				369,838			
Total	<u>\$ 6,876,1</u>	89 \$ 6,634,302	\$ 196,482	\$ 134,714	\$ 7,072,671	\$ 6,769,016		

	Governi Activi			ss-type vities	Total Primary Government		
	2024	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	2024	2023	
Beginning balance Additions Retirements Depreciation	\$ 6,634,302 712,501 - (470,614)	\$ 5,103,029 1,907,775 (3,991) (372,511)	\$ 134,714 81,251 - (19,483)	\$ 66,708 78,770 (10,764)	\$ 6,769,016 793,752 - (490,097)	\$ 5,169,737 1,986,545 (3,991) (383,275)	
Ending balance	\$ 6,876,189	\$ 6,634,302	<u>\$ 196,482</u>	<u>\$ 134,714</u>	\$ 7,072,671	\$ 6,769,016	

Net Capital Assets will continue to decrease as we no longer depreciate tablets and laptops. We now expense them in the year purchased.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

- Although Covid-19 is currently not considered an ongoing pandemic, the impact on student learning and emotional wellbeing continues to be one of the largest current concerns of the district. Learning loss is still a major issue when comparing test scores throughout the state. Covid-19 will continue to affect school finances as many of the programs and personnel will not have to come out of the general fund or will not be an option. Since the pandemic, many parents chose to homeschool their children or have moved to virtual options. The district will have to think outside the box in the coming years to accommodate these students so that enrollment does not decline. Student attendance is major concern and has declined since the pandemic.
- The provision of pay increases annually for all employees in order that we stay competitive with surrounding districts, as well as rising employer costs for personnel, is always a necessary budget item to consider that heavily impacts our district's budget. Caverna is no different from most schools across the state in having difficulty filling academic areas with highly qualified candidates and struggling to keep bus drivers, custodians and cooks as well as other classified personnel. After no raise was given for Fiscal Year 2023, Caverna Board strategically reviewed and allocated the budget efficiently for Fiscal Year 2024 to give an across the board 3% raise. Caverna reviews and compares salaries to the census and local neighboring districts to stay competitive with our pay scales to encourage retainage of staff and remain academically viable.
- We have in the past contracted with each city in our district for Resource Officers in each building. Because of the large increase in prices, the district has chosen to contract for one Resource office throughout the district. This works for the district as the schools are less than a mile apart. The State awarded Caverna Independent Schools a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 to help our district cover the expense of our School Resource Officer.
- The absence of federal funds from ESSER in the next few years will bring challenges of being able to fund programs and personnel that are integral to instruction. Federal grants have allowed the district to add several positions and an array of resources to address the academic and emotional needs of the students and staff occurring since the pandemic. The remaining OCIS- American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER III) and several other federal grants provided because of the pandemic funding ended this fiscal year of 2024. Moving forward, the district will have to be very strategic in deciding what programs and positions have been successful and look for ways the district can continue to fund them.

- The cost of Preschool to the district. The district continued to provide all day preschool for 2023-2024. The total cost of Preschool was \$336,122 with the state Preschool grant covering \$167,130 of the cost leaving \$168,992 to be paid from the general fund. The district also pays the costs of transportation and technology for preschool. Most educators agree all day preschool and kindergarten are the best steps to giving our students the chance to succeed.
- Another area of concern is the continued cost of Special Education. Funding is based on the number of Special Education students on December 1, not an average throughout the year. This makes it difficult for a small district to adjust the number of teachers required as the numbers go up and down. The number of teachers required is determined by the caseload allowed by the state, so we must staff according to these rules regardless of how much the state funds.
- State mandates that are not fully funded bring challenges to the district.
- The cost of maintenance and facility repairs for aging buildings continue to increase and the elementary school is in need of a new roof.

### **Contacting the School District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions about this report or additional information needed should be directed to Lisa Austin, Director of Finance (270) 773-2350, 1102 N. Dixie Highway, Cave City, Kentucky, 42127.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024

-		-	Business		
	(	Governmental	Туре		
		Activities	Activities		Total
Assets:					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,210,205	\$ 153,215	\$	4,363,420
Inventory		-	44,177		44,177
Accounts receivable					
Taxes - current		25,749	-		25,749
Intergovernmental - indirect federal		1,220,407	42,362		1,262,769
Prepaids	_	44,118	10,672		54,790
Total current assets	_	5,500,479	250,426		5,750,905
Noncurrent Assets:					
Capital assets		15,179,068	311,350		15,490,418
Less: accumulated depreciation		(8,302,879)	(114,868)		(8,417,747)
Net OPEB asset		58,676	7,074		65,750
Total noncurrent assets	_	6,934,865	203,556		7,138,421
Total assets	_	12,435,344	453,982		12,889,326
Deferred Outflows of Resources:					
Outflows relating to net pension and OPEB lia	ability	1,887,993	152,442		2,040,435
Total deferred outflows	-	1,887,993	152,442		2,040,435
Liabilities:					
<u>Current Liabilities</u> :					
Accounts payable		478,263	2,211		480,474
Deferred revenue		421,512	_,		421,512
Current portion of bond obligations, net		176,966	-		176,966
Current portion of accrued sick leave		81,670	-		81,670
Interest payable		5,640	-		5,640
Total current liabilities		1,164,051	2,211		1,166,262
Noncurrent Liabilities:		.,			.,
Noncurrent portion of bond obligations, net		1,507,584	_		1,507,584
Noncurrent portion of CERS net pension liab	ilitv	2,727,011	328,787		3,055,798
Noncurrent portion of KTRS net OPEB liabilit	-	1,381,000	-		1,381,000
Noncurrent portion of accrued sick leave	,	271,625	-		271,625
Total noncurrent liabilities	_	5,887,220	328,787	_	6,216,007
Total liabilities		7,051,271	330,998		7,382,269
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Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Inflows relating to net pension and OPEB liab	oility	2,058,934	177,254		2,236,188
Net Position:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		5,185,999	196,482		5,382,481
Restricted		679,267	-		679,267
Unrestricted		(652,134)	(98,310)		(750,444)
Total net position	\$	5,213,132	\$ 98,172	\$	5,311,304
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See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

			Program Revenues								e) Revenue and Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services		Charges Operating		Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities		Business - Type Activities		Total	
Functions / Programs													
Governmental Activities:													
Instruction	\$ 6,189,442	\$	-	\$	3,246,921	\$ -		\$	(2,942,521)	\$	- \$	(2,942,521)	
Support Services									<i></i>			<i>(</i> <b></b> )	
Student	957,350		-		-	-			(957,350)		-	(957,350)	
Instruction staff	503,021		-		-	-			(503,021)		-	(503,021)	
District administrative	864,073		-		-	-			(864,073)		-	(864,073)	
School administrative	642,843		-		-	-			(642,843)		-	(642,843)	
Business	89,424		-		-	-			(89,424)		-	(89,424)	
Plant operations and maintenance	373,280		-		-	-			(373,280)		-	(373,280)	
Student transportation	554,305		-		-				(554,305)		-	(554,305)	
Facilities acquisition and construction	234,440		-		-	91,216			(143,224)		-	(143,224)	
Community service activities	108,916		-		-				(108,916)		-	(108,916)	
Interest on long-term debt	20,498		-		-	68,972			48,474		-	48,474	
Depreciation (unallocated)	 470,614				-	<u> </u>			(470,614)		<u> </u>	(470,614)	
Total governmental activities	 11,008,206				3,246,921	160,188			(7,601,097)			(7,601,097)	
Business-Type Activities													
Food Service	 722,958		25,539		758,230	<u> </u>					60,811	60,811	
Total business-type activities	 722,958		25,539		758,230						60,811	60,811	
Total primary government	\$ 11,731,164	\$	25,539	\$	4,005,151	\$ 160,188			(7,601,097)		60,811	(7,540,286)	
						General Revenues: Taxes:							
						Property taxes			3,189,041		-	3,189,041	
						Motor vehicle taxes			180,991		-	180,991	
						Other			234,421		-	234,421	
						Investments earnings			215,121		10,524	225,645	
						Other local revenues			439,662		-	439,662	
						State and formula grants			4,346,773		-	4,346,773	
						Transfers			(19,514)		39,484	19,970	
						Total general revenues			8,586,495		50,008	8,636,503	
						Change in net position			985,398		110,819	1,096,217	
						Net position - beginning			4,227,734		(12,647)	4,215,087	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

Net position - ending

5,213,132 \$

\$

98,172 \$

5,311,304

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Assets and resources:	<b>*</b> • <b>5</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•	<b>*</b> 070 007	<b>A</b> 4 0 4 0 00 F	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,530,938	\$-	\$ 679,267	\$ 4,210,205	
Accounts receivable:	05 740			05 740	
Taxes-current	25,749	-	-	25,749	
Intergovernmental - indirect federal	-	1,220,407	-	1,220,407	
Prepaid expenses	417	43,701	-	44,118	
Interfund receivable	413,190	-	-	413,190	
Total assets and resources	\$ 3,970,294	\$ 1,264,108	\$ 679,267	\$ 5,913,669	
Liabilities and fund balance:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 92,558	\$ 385,705	\$-	\$ 478,263	
Interfund payable	-	413,190	-	413,190	
Deferred revenue	-	421,512	-	421,512	
Total liabilities	92,558	1,220,407		1,312,965	
Fund balances:					
Restricted:					
Building	-	-	386,941	386,941	
Capital Outlay	-	-	192,555	192,555	
Construction	-	-	33,169	33,169	
School Activity	-	-	66,602	66,602	
Nonspendable	417	43,701	-	44,118	
Committed	50,000	-	-	50,000	
Unassigned	3,827,319	<u> </u>		3,827,319	
Total fund balances	3,877,736	43,701	679,267	4,600,704	
Total liabilities and					
fund balances	<u>\$ 3,970,294</u>	\$ 1,264,108	\$ 679,267	\$ 5,913,669	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024

Total fund balance per fund financial statements	\$ 4,600,704
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets are not reported in this fund financial statement because they are not current financial resources, but they are reported in the	
statement of net position.	6,876,189
Net pension and OPEB liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current	
period and therefore not recorded in the funds.	(6,108,269)
Deferred outflows of resources are not current financial resources and not reported in the funds.	1,887,993
Certain liabilities (such as bonds payable, the long-term portion of accrued sick leave, and accrued interest) are not reported in this fund financial statement because they are not due and payable in the current period, but they are	
presented in the statement of net position.	 (2,043,485)
Net position for governmental activities	\$ 5,213,132

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
From local sources:				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 3,189,041	\$-	\$-	\$ 3,189,041
Motor vehicle	180,991	-	-	180,991
Other	234,421	-	-	234,421
Earnings on investments	215,121	-	-	215,121
Other local revenues	12,982	9,405	417,275	439,662
Intergovernmental-state	4,346,773	604,096	160,188	5,111,057
Intergovernmental-indirect federal	-	2,380,505	-	2,380,505
Intergovernmental-direct federal	66,640	195,680		262,320
Total revenues	8,245,969	3,189,686	577,463	12,013,118
Expenditures:				
Instruction	4,297,650	2,117,788	184,318	6,599,756
Support services:				
Student	772,748	180,946	3,656	957,350
Instructional staff	297,849	205,172	-	503,021
District administration	814,337	49,736	-	864,073
School administration	642,843	-	-	642,843
Business	89,424	-	-	89,424
Plant operations and maintenance	940,776	341,430	-	1,282,206
Student transportation	554,305	-	-	554,305
Community service activities	-	108,916	-	108,916
Other	39,552	4,157	190,731	234,440
Total expenditures	8,449,484	3,008,145	378,705	11,836,334
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(203,515)	181,541	198,758	176,784
Other financing sources (uses):	/			
Interest income	-	-	19,970	19,970
Operating transfers in	274,060	175,704	121,759	571,523
Operating transfers out	(175,704)	(313,544)	(121,759)	(611,007)
Total other financing sources (uses)	98,356	(137,840)	19,970	(19,514)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(105,159)	43,701	218,728	157,270
Fund balance, July 1, 2023	3,982,895		460,539	4,443,434
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	\$ 3,877,736	\$ 43,701	<u>\$679,267</u>	\$ 4,600,704

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net change in total fund balances per fund financial statements	\$ 157,270
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in this fund financial statement because they use current financial financial resources, but they are presented as assets in the government wide statements and depreciated over their estimated economic lives. The difference is the amount by which	
capital outlay exceeds depreciation expense for the year.	241,887
Bond and finanacing lease payments are recognized as expenditures of current financial resources in the fund financial statement but are reductions of liabilities in the statement of net position.	175,693
Excess of pension expense reported over pension benefits paid in governmental activities.	503,172
Generally, expenditures recognized in this fund financial statement are limited to only those that use current financial resources, but expenses are recognized in the statement of activities when	
they are incurred.	 (92,624)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 985,398

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS June 30, 2024

	Food Service Fund		
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 153,215		
Accounts receivable	42,362		
Inventory	44,177		
Prepaid expenses	10,672		
Total current assets	250,426		
Noncurrent			
Capital assets	311,350		
Less: accumulated depreciation	(114,868)		
Net OPEB asset	7,074		
Total noncurrent assets	203,556		
Total assets	453,982		
<u>Deferred Outflows of resources:</u> Outflows relating to net pension and OPEB liability	152,442		
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	2,211		
Total current liabilities	2,211		
Noncurrent Liabilities	000 707		
Noncurrent portion of CERS net pension liability	328,787		
Total noncurrent liabilities	328,787		
Total liabilities	330,998		
Deferred Inflows of resources:			
Inflows relating to net pension and OPEB liability	177,254		
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	196,482		
Unrestricted	(98,310)		
Total net position	\$ 98,172		
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### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Food Service Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Lunchroom sales	\$ 15,516
Other operating revenues	10,023
Total operating revenues	25,539
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	323,830
Material and supplies	378,347
Depreciation	19,483
Other operating expenses	1,298
Total operating expenses	722,958
Operating loss	(697,419)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):	
Federal grants	676,252
Donated commodities	28,793
On behalf payments	53,185
Interest income	10,524
Total non-operating revenues	768,754
Transfers in	73,346
Transfers out	(33,862)
	39,484
	53,404
Change in net position	110,819
Net position, July 1, 2023	(12,647)
Net position, June 30, 2024	\$ 98,172

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash Flows From Operating Activities: Cash received from: Lunchroom sales Other activities Cash paid to/for: Employees Supplies	\$	15,516 10,023 (402,331) (271,065)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		(647,857)
Cash Flows from NonCapital Financing Activities: Cash received for operating grants Transfers (out) Net cash provided (used) by noncapital and related financing activities		676,252 39,484 715,736
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital and related infancing activities		110,100
Cash Flows from Capital Financing Activities: Purchase of capital assets Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities		(81,251) (81,251)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Receipt of interest income		10,524
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		10,524
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(2,848)
Balances, beginning of year		156,063
Balances, end of year	\$	153,215
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities Operating loss	\$	(697,419)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities Depreciation On-behalf revenues Donated commodities used in operations		19,483 53,185 28,793
Change in assets and liabilities Accounts receivable Inventory Prepaid expenses Accounts payable Net OPEB asset & Deferred outflow Net Pension and OPEB liability Deferred inflow		50,388 (19,290) (10,672) 2,211 15,168 (165,156) 75,452
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	(647,857)
Schedule of non-cash transactions: On-Behalf payments Donated commodities received from federal government	\$ \$	53,185 28,793
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### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>:

### Reporting Entity

The Caverna Board of Education, ("Board"), a five-member group, is the level of government which has oversight responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the Caverna Independent School District ("District"). The District receives funding from Local, State and Federal government sources and must comply with the commitment requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined in Section 2100, Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. Board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the power to designate management, the responsibility to develop policies which may influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

The District, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operation of the Caverna Independent School District. The financial statements presented herein do not include funds of groups and organizations, which although associated with the school system, have not originated within the District itself such as Band Boosters, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc. The District is not involved in budgeting or managing these organizations, is not responsible for any debt of the organizations, and has no influence over the operation of these organizations.

The financial statements of the District include those of separately administered organizations that are controlled by or dependent on the Board. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, funding and appointment of the respective governing board.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the financial statements of the following organization are included in the accompanying financial statements:

<u>Caverna Independent School District Finance Corporation</u> - On August 30, 1989, the Caverna Board of Education resolved to authorize the establishment of the Caverna Independent School District Finance Corporation (a non-profit, non-stock, public and charitable corporation organized under the School Bond Act and KRS 273 and KRS Section 58.180) (the "Corporation") as an agency for the District for financing the costs of school building facilities. The members of the Board also comprise the Corporation's Board of Directors.

### Basis of Presentation:

District-wide Financial Statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the District. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The District-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This focus is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the District-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:</u>

The District-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the District and for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. 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. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District. The District allocates certain indirect costs to be included in the program expenses reported for individual functions and activities in the District-Wide Statement of Activities.

In the District-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Fund Financial Statements – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and current liabilities, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. Proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

The District has the following funds:

### I. <u>Governmental Fund Types</u>:

- a. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District and is always classified as a major fund. It accounts for financial resources used for general types of operations. This is a budgeted fund, and any fund balances are considered as resources available for use. Reservations have been placed on the fund balance for accrued sick leave and other contingencies.
- b. The Special Revenue (Grant) Fund accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to disbursements for specified purposes. It includes federal financial programs where unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods as well as the state grant programs. Project accounting is employed to maintain integrity for the various sources of funds.

- 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:
  - 1. The Special Revenue District Activity Fund includes funds restricted to expenditures for purposes specified by Kentucky Department of Education requirements. Project accounting is employed to maintain integrity for the various sources of funds.
  - 2. The Special Revenue School Activity Fund includes funds restricted to expenditures for activities of student groups and other types of activities requiring clearing accounts. These funds are accounted for in accordance with the Kentucky Department of Education Uniform Program of Accounting for School Activity Funds.

The separate projects of federally funded grant programs are identified in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards included in this report. The Special Revenue Grant Fund is a major fund of the District. The Kentucky Department of Education has deemed this fund to always be classified as a major fund.

- c. Capital Project Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and equipment (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds).
  - 1. The Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Capital Outlay Fund receives those funds designated by the state as Capital Outlay Funds and is restricted for use in financing projects identified in the District's facility plan.
  - The Facility Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK) Building Fund accounts for funds generated by the building tax levy required to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission's construction funding and state matching funds, where applicable. Funds may be used for projects identified in the District's facility plan.
  - 3. The Construction Fund accounts for proceeds from sales of bonds and other revenues to be used for authorized construction.
- d. The Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest and related costs; and for the payment of interest on general obligation notes payable, as required by Kentucky Law.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:

### II. <u>Proprietary Funds (Enterprise Funds)</u>:

The School Food Service Fund is used to account for school food service activities, including the National School Lunch Program, which is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Amounts have been recorded for in-kind contribution of commodities from the USDA. The Food Service Fund is a major fund. The District applies all GASB pronouncements to proprietary funds as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with other GASB pronouncements.

### District-Wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations, or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

### Fund Financial Statements:

Under GASB Statement 54, fund balance is separated into five categories, as follows:

Nonspendable - Permanently nonspendable by decree of the donor, such as endowment, or items which may not be used for another purpose, such as amounts used to prepay future expenses or already purchased inventory on hand.

Restricted – Legally restricted under federal or state law, bond authority, or grantor contract.

Committed – Commitments passed by the Board.

Assigned – Funds assigned to management priority including issued encumbrances.

Unassigned – Funds available for future operations.

It is the District's practice to liquidate funds when conditions have been met releasing these funds from legal, contractual, Board, or managerial obligations, using restricted funds first, followed by committed funds, assigned funds, then unassigned funds.

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:</u>

### Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions – Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of the fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing reports, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On modified accrual basis, revenues from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Deferred Revenue – Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

In order to present the Special Revenue Fund on the accrual basis of accounting, and because the awards are not yet available as assets, cash awards received in advance for the 2024-2025 school year have been classified as deferred revenue. Likewise, all awards requested as a result of 2023-2024 expenditures have been classified as receivables. Revenues of the Special Revenue Fund are considered earned when reimbursable expenditures are made or obligations are incurred, and of an equal amount.

Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recognized as deferred revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue. Unused donated commodities are reported as deferred revenue.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in government funds.

### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Continued: 1.

### Property Tax Revenues

Property taxes are levied each November on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, for all real and personal property in the county. The billings are considered due upon receipt by the taxpayer; however, the actual date is based on a period ending 60 days after the tax bill mailing. Property taxes collected are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year for which they were levied. All taxes collected are initially deposited into the General Fund and then transferred to the appropriate fund.

The property tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2024, to finance the General Fund operations were \$.826 per \$100 valuation for real property, \$.828 per \$100 valuation for business personal property and \$.627 per \$100 valuation for motor vehicles.

> Date Event January 1, year of levy November 1, year of levy November 30, year of levy December 31, year of levy January 1, following year February 1, following year

Assessment date Taxes levied 2% discount allowed Gross amount due Delinquent date, 5% penalty added 21% penalty added

### **Capital Assets**

Assets of the governmental funds are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the proprietary fund financial statement.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars with the exception of computers, digital cameras and real property for which there is no threshold. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend an asset's life are not.

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:</u>

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and improvements	25-50 years
Land improvements	20 years
Technology equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Audio-visual equipment	15 years
Food service	10-12 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Rolling stock	15 years
Other	10 years

### Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statements of net position, except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

### Compensated Absences

The District policies regarding sick leave permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave. Upon retirement from the school system, an employee will receive from the District an amount equal to 30% of the value of accumulated sick leave and has no maximum accumulation.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The balance is estimated based on employees having twenty-seven years of service or more and eligible for retirement as of June 30, 2024. The current portion is the portion that is allocable to employees who have twenty-seven years of service or more.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid accrued sick leave is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the general fund. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported and no portion is allocated to the Proprietary Fund.

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:</u>

### **Budgetary Process**

Budgetary Basis of Accounting: The District's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis are:

Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

Once the budget is approved, it can be amended.

Each budget is prepared and controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers demand deposits, money market funds, and other investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less, to be cash equivalents.

### Inventories

The only inventory maintained by the District consists of expendable supplies held for consumption and is accounted for in the Proprietary Fund. Inventory consists of donated and purchased foods held for resale and are expensed when used. Purchased food is valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value (first-in, first-out method) and U.S. Government donated commodities value is determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### Prepaid Assets

Payments made that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

### Leases

The District implemented GASB No. 87 which enhances the relevance and consistency information of the government's leasing activities. It established requirements for operating lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources.

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Concluded</u>:

### Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgments, the noncurrent portion of capital leases, accumulated sick leave, contractually required pension contributions and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, payments made within sixty days after year-end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

### Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the School District, those revenues are primarily charges for meals provided by the various schools and for childcare services provided.

### Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of fixed assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

### **Donated Commodities**

The fair value of donated commodities received during the year is reported in the Proprietary Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position as an expense and as donated commodities revenue (non-operating revenue).

### Pensions and OPEB

CERS issues a stand-alone financial report, which may be obtained from Kentucky Retirement System, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 or on-line at <u>www.kyret.ky.gov</u>. KRS prepares its financial statements in accordance with GASB statements and generally accepted accounting principles. 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 County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous ("CERS") and Teachers Retirement System of the State of Kentucky ("KTRS") and additions to/deductions from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pensions. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

### 2. <u>Estimates</u>:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the District's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, fund balances, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. <u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u>:

The District adopted GASB No. 63, and in addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has amounts that qualify for reporting in this category in the amount of \$2,040,435.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has amounts that qualify for reporting in this category in the amount of \$2,236,188.

### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

At June 30, 2024 the carrying amount of the District's cash and cash equivalents was \$4,363,420 and bank balance was \$4,723,506. All cash balances were covered by Federal Depository insurance, or collateral held by the pledging banks' trust departments in the District's name. Cash equivalents are funds temporarily invested in certificates of deposits with a maturity of 90 days or less.

All deposits are in financial institutions and brokerage accounts. The District's bank deposits are categorized below to give an indication of the custodial credit risk assumed by the District at June 30, 2024.

Category 1 – Insured by FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in its name.

Category 2 – Uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

Category 3 – Uninsured and uncollateralized; or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name; or collateralized with no writer or approved collateral agent.

	Category			Total Bank	Carrying		
		One		Two	Three	Balance	Amount
Deposits with Financial institutions	\$	250,000	\$	4,473,506	\$ 	<u>\$ 4,723,506</u>	<u>\$ 4,363,420</u>

### 4. <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Concluded</u>:

In accordance with GASB No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, the District provides the additional disclosure regarding the fair value of its investments. The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles.

### Level 1

Quoted prices (unadjusted) in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the District has the ability to access at the measurement date.

### Level 2

Inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1 that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability.

### Level 3

Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability used to measure fair value that rely on the District's own assumptions about the market participant's assumptions that may be used in pricing the asset or liability.

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

### Interest Rate Risk

The District invests in certificates of deposits with numerous financial institutions with maturities typically less than one year. No certificates of deposits are obtained from any financial institution in excess of FDIC limits.

Currently, there are no Certificates of Deposits held by the District.

### Credit Risk

Credit Risk the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. More specifically, custodial risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. All investments held by the District are insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or the financial institution in the District's name. As a means of managing the District's exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates, the district primarily purchases investments with a maturity of less than three months. No investments in Money Market Accounts or Certificates of Deposit were in excess of federally insured limits.

### Concentration of Credit Risk

The District's investment policy places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

### 5. <u>Capital Assets:</u>

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Depreciation expense was not allocated to governmental functions. It appears on the statement of activities as "unallocated".

	Balance			Balance
Governmental Activities	July 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2024
Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:				
CIP	\$-	\$ 369,838	\$-	\$ 369,838
Land	121,636			121,636
Total Capital, not being Depreciated	121,636	369,838		491,474
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	779,870	-	-	779,870
Buildings and Improvements	11,652,866	66,780	-	11,719,646
Technology Equipment	526,118	29,067	(2,171)	553,014
Vehicles	983,671	115,116	-	1,098,787
General Equipment	404,577	131,700		536,277
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated	14,347,102	342,663	(2,171)	14,687,594
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Land Improvements	(779,870)	-	-	(779,870)
Buildings and Improvements	(5,731,212)	(350,354)	-	(6,081,566)
Vehicles	(778,584)	(60,268)	-	(838,852)
Technology Equipment	(434,361)	(18,887)	2,171	(451,077)
General Equipment	(110,409)	(41,105)		(151,514)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(7,834,436)	(470,614)	2,171	(8,302,879)
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets - Net	\$ 6,634,302	\$ 241,887	\$ -	\$ 6,876,189
Business-Type Activities				
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Food service and Equipment	\$ 225,702	\$ 74,751	\$-	\$ 300,453
Buildings and Improvements	-	6,500	-	6,500
Technology Equipment	4,397	-	-	4,397
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated	230,099	81,251	-	311,350
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Food Service and Equipment	(90,988)	(19,461)	-	(110,449)
Buildings and Improvements	-	(22)	-	(22)
Technology Equipment	(4,397)	-	-	(4,397)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(95,385)	(19,483)		(114,868)
Business-Type Activities				
Capital Assets - Net	<u>\$ 134,714</u>	\$ 61,768	\$	<u>\$ 196,482</u>

### 6. Bonded Debt:

The original amount of each issue, the issue date, and interest rates are summarized below:

Issue Date	Proceeds Rates		Maturity Date		
2012	\$ 1,185,000	1.1% - 6.25%	June 1, 2024		
2014 QZAB	\$ 2,150,000	1.00%	February 1, 2033		

The District, through the General Fund (including utility taxes and the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Capital Outlay Fund) is obligated to make payments in amounts sufficient to satisfy debt service requirements on bonds issued by the Caverna Independent School District to construct school facilities. The District has an option to purchase the property under lease at any time by retiring the bonds then outstanding.

In connection with the school revenue bonds issued after May 1, 1996 the District entered into "participation agreements" with the School Facility Construction Commission. The Commission was created by the Kentucky General Assembly for the purpose of assisting local school districts in meeting school construction needs. The table below sets forth the amount to be paid by the District and the Commission for each year until maturity of all bond issues. The liability for the total bond amount remains with the District and, as such, the total principal outstanding has been recorded in the financial statements.

The bonds may be called prior to maturity and redemption premiums are specified in each issue. Assuming no bonds are called prior to scheduled maturity, the minimum obligations of the District, including amounts to be paid by the Commission, at June 30, 2024 for debt service (principal and interest) are as follows:

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Year	ł	Principal	 Interest	Participation		Portion	
2024-25	\$	180,000	\$ 17,000	\$	38,716	\$	158,284
2025-26		185,000	15,200		38,716		161,484
2026-27		185,000	13,350		38,715		159,635
2027-28		185,000	11,500		38,716		157,784
2028-29		190,000	9,650		38,717		160,933
2029-30		190,000	7,750		38,716		159,034
2030-31		195,000	5,850		38,716		162,134
2031-32		195,000	3,900		38,715		160,185
2032-33		195,000	 1,950		38,717		158,233
	\$	1,700,000	\$ 86,150	\$	348,444	\$	1,437,706

#### 6 <u>Bonded Debt, Concluded</u>:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Debt Payments and Reductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Amount Due within one year
Series 2014	\$ 125,000	\$	- \$ 125,000	\$-	\$-
QZAB Series 2014	1,745,000		- 45,000	1,700,000	180,000
	1,870,000		- 170,000	1,700,000	180,000
Bond Premiums/ discounts	(18,484)		- (3,034)	(15,450)	(3,034)
Total bonds, net with premium	<u> </u>	\$	- <u>\$ 166,966</u>	\$ 1,684,550	\$ 176,966

Long-term debt activities for the year ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

#### 7. Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave Benefits:

Accrued sick leave is payable upon retirement at 30% of the value of the accumulated sick leave. In accordance with GAAP, the District has recorded approximately \$353,000 in accrued sick leave liability in the District-Wide Statement of Net Position. The current year portion is \$81,670. This amount is anticipated to be funded with current year's economic financial resources and is the District's amount associated with employees that have notified the District of retirement within the next year.

#### 8. <u>Retirement Plans</u>:

The District's employees are provided with two pension plans, based on each position's college degree requirement. The County Employees Retirement System covers employees whose position does not require a college degree or teaching certification. The Kentucky Teachers Retirement System covers positions requiring teaching certification or otherwise requiring a college degree.

## General information about the County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous ("CERS")

*Plan description*—Employees whose positions do not require a degree beyond a high school diploma are covered by the CERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Kentucky Retirement System, an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Under the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statute ("KRS") Section 61.645, the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement System administers CERS and has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions. The Kentucky Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for CERS. That report may be obtained from <a href="http://kyret.ky.gov/">http://kyret.ky.gov/</a>.

#### 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Continued</u>:

*Benefits provided*—CERS provides retirement, health insurance, death and disability benefits to Plan employees and beneficiaries. Employees are vested in the plan after five years' service. For retirement purposes, employees are grouped into three tiers, based on hire date:

Tier 1	Participation date Unreduced retirement Reduced retirement	Before September 1, 2008 27 years of service or 65 years old At least 5 years of service and 55 years old At least 25 years of service and any age
Tier 2	Participation date Unreduced retirement	September 1, 2008 - December 31, 2013 At least 5 years service and 65 years old Or age 57+ and sum of service year plus age equal 87
	Reduced retirement	At least 10 years service and 60 years old
Tier 3	Participation date	After December 31, 2013
	Unreduced retirement	At least 5 years service and 65 years old
		Or age 57+ and sum of service years plus age equal 87
	Reduced retirement	Not available

Cost of living adjustments are provided at the discretion of the General Assembly. Retirement is based on a factor of the number of years' service and hire date multiplied by the average of the highest five years' earnings. Reduced benefits are based on factors of both of these components.

Participating employees become eligible to receive the health insurance benefit after at least 180 months of service.

Death benefits are provided for both death after retirement and death prior to retirement. Death benefits after retirement are \$5,000 in lump sum. Five years' service is required for death benefits prior to retirement and the employee must have suffered a duty-related death. The decedent's beneficiary will receive the higher or the normal death benefit and \$10,000 plus 75% of the decedent's average rate of pay and any dependent child will receive 50% of the decedent's average rate of pay up to 75% for three dependent children. Five years' service is required for nonservice related disability benefits.

## 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Continued:</u>

House Bill 506 passed during the 2023 legislative session and reinstated the Partial Lump Sum Option Form of payment for members who retire on and after January 1, 2024, and adjusted the minimum required separation period before a retiree may become reemployed and continue to receive their retirement allowance to one month for all circumstances.

There have been no plan provision changes that would materially impact the total pension liability since June 30, 2022.

Contributions—Required contributions by the employee are based on the tier:

	Required Contribution					
Tier 1	5%					
Tier 2	5% + 1% for insurance					
Tier 3	5% + 1% for insurance					

## General information about the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky ("KTRS")

*Plan description*—Teaching certified employees of the District and other employees whose positions require at least a college degree are provided pensions through the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (KTRS)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation established to provide retirement annuity plan coverage for local school districts and other public educational agencies in the Commonwealth. KTRS was created by the 1938 General Assembly and is governed by Chapter 161 Section 220 through Chapter 161 Section 990 of the KRS. KTRS is a blended component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth's financial statements. KTRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <a href="http://www.ktrs.ky.gov/05">http://www.ktrs.ky.gov/05</a> publications/index.htm.

*Benefits provided*—For employees who have established an account in a retirement system administered by the Commonwealth prior to July 1, 2008, employees become vested when they complete five (5) years of credited service. To qualify for monthly retirement benefits, payable for life, employees must either:

- 1. Attain age fifty-five (55) and complete five (5) years of Kentucky
- 2. Complete 27 years of Kentucky service.

Employees that retire before age 60 with less than 27 years of service receive reduced retirement benefits. Non-university employees with an account established prior to July 1, 2002 receive monthly payments equal to 2.0% (service prior to July 1, 1983) and 2.5% (service after July 1, 1983) of their final average salaries for each year of credited service. New employees (including second retirement accounts) after July 1, 2002 will receive monthly benefits equal to 2% of their final average salary for each year of service if, upon retirement, their total service is less than ten years. New employees after July 1, 2002 who retire with ten or more years of total service will receive monthly benefits equal to 2.5% of their final average salary for each year of service, including the first ten years. In addition, employees who retire July 1, 2004 and later with more than 30 years of service will have their multiplier increased for all years over 30 from 2.5% to 3.0% to be used in their benefit calculation. Effective July 1, 2008, the System has been amended to change the benefit structure for employees hired on or after that date.

## 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Continued:</u>

The final average salary is defined as the member's five (5) highest annual salaries for those with less than 27 years of service. Employees at least age 55 with 27 or more years of service may use their three (3) highest annual salaries to compute the final average salary. KTRS also provides disability benefits for vested employees at the rate of sixty (60) percent of the final average salary. A life insurance benefit, payable upon the death of a member, is \$2,000 for active contributing employees and \$5,000 for retired or disabled employees.

Cost of living increases are one and one-half (1.5) percent annually. Additional ad hoc increases and any other benefit amendments must be authorized by the General Assembly.

Contributions—Contribution rates are established by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). Nonuniversity employees are required to contribute 12.855% of their salaries to the plan for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023. This applies to employees hired prior to July 1, 2008 and those hired afterwards. The District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 for KTRS was 16.105% for employees hired prior to July 1, 2008 and those hired afterwards.

The CERS nonhazardous contribution rate for the employer was 23.34% and 23.40% of annual compensation for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Employees hired before July 1, 2008 are required to contribute 5% of their salary and employees hired after that date are required to contribute 6%.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, as a non-employer contributing entity, pays matching contributions at the rate of 13.105% of salaries for local school districts and regional cooperative employees hired before July 1, 2008 and 14.105% for those hired after July 1, 2008. If an employee leaves covered employment before accumulating five (5) years of credited service, accumulated employee pension contributions plus interest are refunded to the employee upon the member's request.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for CERS. The District did not report a liability for the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for KTRS because the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides the pension support directly to KTRS on behalf of the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related Commonwealth support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of CERS net pension liability	\$ 3,055,798
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the KTRS net pension liability associated with the District	18,299,358
	\$ 21,355,156

## 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Continued:</u>

The total pension liability, net pension liability and sensitivity information was based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to the plan's fiscal year end using generally accepted actuarial principles.

The District's proportion of the net pension liability for CERS was based on the actual liability of the employees and former employees relative to the total liability of the System as determined by the actuary. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.047624%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$373,198 related to CERS. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>	
Difference between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the TPL	\$	158,193	\$	8,303
Changes in assumptions		-		280,066
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments		330,113		371,795
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		162,169		-
Contributions to pension plan after measurement date		328,532		
Total	\$	979,007	\$	660,164

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	 Net Deferred Outflows/(Inflows)				
2025	\$ (48,327)				
2026	68,218				
2027	(29,580)				
2028	-				
2029	 -				
Total	\$ (9,689)				

## 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Continued</u>:

Actuarial assumptions—The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	CERS	KTRS
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Projected Salary Increases	3.3-11.55%	3-7.50%
Investment rate of return, net of investment		
expense and inflation	6.50%	7.10%

*Mortality assumptions:* Pre-retirement mortality uses PUB-2010 General Mortality table, for the nonhazardous systems, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. Post-retirement mortality (non-disabled) uses system specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2022, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2023. Post-retirement mortality (disabled) uses PUB-2010 disable mortality table, with rates multiplied by 150% for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. These mortality assumptions were adopted in 2023.

For KTRS, mortality rates were based on the Pub2010 (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) Mortality Table projected generationally with MP-2020 with various set-forwards, set-backs and adjustments for each of the groups; service retirees, contingent annuitants, disabled retirees and active members. The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the board on September 20, 2021. The Municipal Bond Index Rate used for this purpose is the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index.

Long term rate of return: For CERS, the long-term (10-year) expected return were determined by using a building block method in which best estimated ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed for each asset class. The ranges were combined by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage.

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

## 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Continued</u>:

Assumed Asset Allocation: The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by CERS and KTRS's investment consultants, are summarized in the following table:

	С	ERS	KTRS			
	Long-Term			Long-Term		
	Target	Expected Real	Target	Expected Real		
Asset Class	Allocation	n Rate of Return Alloo		Rate of Return		
Public Equity	50.00%	5.90%	59.00%	5.53%		
Private Equity	10.00%	11.73%	7.00%	8.00%		
Core Fixed Income	10.00%	2.45%	15.00%	1.90%		
Specialty Credit	10.00%	3.65%	0.00%	0.00%		
Cash	0.00%	1.39%	2.00%	1.60%		
Real Estate	7.00%	4.99%	7.00%	3.20%		
Real Return	13.00%	5.15%	0.00%	0.00%		
High Yield Bonds	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%	3.80%		
Other Additional Categories	<u>0.00%</u>	0.00%	<u>5.00%</u>	3.60%		
Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>			

Discount rate—For CERS, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the single discount rate must include an assumption regarding the actual employer contributions made each future year. Except where noted, the future contributions are projected assuming that each participating employer in KRS contributes the actuarially determined employer contribution rate each future year calculated in accordance with the current funding policy.

For KTRS, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the employer contributions will be made at Actuarially Determined Contribution rates for all future fiscal years. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity Analysis for CERS and KTRS: The following table presents the net pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rates selected by CERS, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower and 1-percentage point higher than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	Current Discount Rate	<u>1% Increase</u>		
		a = aa/	/		
CERS	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%		
District's proportionate share					
of net pension liability	3,858,130	3,055,798	2,389,030		

## 8. <u>Retirement Plans, Concluded</u>:

A one percent decrease and a one percent increase for the KTRS proportionate share of the net pension liability is not shown because the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides the pension support directly to KTRS on behalf of the District.

*Pension plan fiduciary net position*—Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial reports of both CERS and KTRS.

The District's payroll for employees covered under KTRS was \$4,455,183 and for CERS was \$2,443,474.

The contribution requirement for CERS for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$408,770 which consisted of \$328,532 from the District and \$80,238 from employees.

The District also offers employees the option to participate in a defined contribution plan under Section 403(B), 401(K) and 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. All regular full-time and part-time employees are eligible to participate and may contribute up to the maximum amount allowable by law. The District does not contribute to these plans. For the year ended June 30, 2024, employees contributed approximately \$0 to the plans.

## 9. <u>Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB):</u>

## General information about the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) OPEB plan:

The County Employees Retirement System (CERS) covers classified employees whose position does not require a college degree or teaching certification. CERS health insurance benefits are subject to various participation dates to determine eligibility and health insurance contribution rates. CERS is cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan administered by the Kentucky Retirement System, an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 61.645, the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement System administers CERS and has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions. KRS issues a stand-alone financial report, which may be obtained from Kentucky Retirement System, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 or on-line at www.kyret.ky.gov.

*Plan description* – Teaching-certified employees of the Kentucky School District are provided OPEBs through the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (KTRS)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan with a special funding situation established to provide retirement annuity plan coverage for local school districts and other public educational agencies in the state.

TRS was created by the 1938 General Assembly and is governed by Chapter 161 Section 220 through Chapter 161 Section 990 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). KTRS is a blended component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth's financial statements. KTRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <u>https://trs.ky.gov/financial-reports-information</u>.

## 9. <u>Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:</u>

The state reports a liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and expense as a result of its statutory requirement to contribute to the KTRS Medical Insurance and Life Insurance Plans.

## Medical Insurance Plan - CERS

*Plan Description*: The Kentucky Retirement Systems' Insurance Fund is a cost sharing multipleemployer defined benefit Other Post-Employment Benefit plan for members that cover all regular full-time members employed in non-hazardous and hazardous duty positions of any state departments, board, agency, county, District, school board, and any additional eligible local agencies electing to participate.

*Funding Policy*: In order to fund the post-retirement healthcare benefit, (6%) of the gross annual payroll of employees hired before July 1, 2008 is contributed, (3%) is paid by member contributions, (.75%) from Commonwealth appropriation and (2.25%) from the employer. Also, the premiums collected from retirees as described in the plan description and investment interest help meet the medical expenses of the plan.

*Benefits Provided*: The plan was established to provide hospital and medical insurance for eligible members receiving benefits from KERS, CERS and SPRS. OPEB may be extended to beneficiaries of plan members under certain circumstances. The eligible non-Medicare retirees are covered by the Department of Employee Insurance (DEI) plans. KRS submits the premium payments to DEI. The Board contracts with Humana to provide health care benefits to the eligible Medicare retirees through a Medicare Advantage Plan.

Assumptions and plan provisions: The Board of Trustees adopted new actuarial assumptions on May 9, 2023. These assumptions are documented in the report titled "2022 Actuarial Experiences Study for the Period Ending June 30, 2022". Additionally, the single discount rates used to calculate the total OPEB liability within each plan changed since the prior year.

House Bill 506 passed during the 2023 legislative session and reinstated the Partial Lump Sum Option Form of payment for members who retire on and after January 1, 2024, and adjusted the minimum required separation period before a retiree may become reemployed and continue to receive their retirement allowance to one month for all circumstances.

There have been no other plan provision changes that would materially impact the total OPEB liability since June 30, 2022.

Once members reach a minimum vesting period of 10 years, non-hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn \$10 per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. This dollar amount is subject to adjustment annually, which is currently 1.5%, based upon Kentucky Revised Statutes. See the chart below for current values for Dollar Contribution. This benefit is not protected under the inviolable contract provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes 16.652, 61.692 and 78.52. The Kentucky General Assembly reserves the right to suspend or reduce this benefit if, in its judgment, the welfare of the Commonwealth so demands.

## 9. <u>Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:</u>

The amount of contribution paid by the Insurance Fund is based on years of service. For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, years of service and respective percentages of the maximum contribution are as follows.

Dollar Contribution for Fiscal Year 2023		Portion Paid by Insurance Fund				
For Member participation date on or after July 1, 2003						
			% Paid by			
<u>System</u>	(in whole dollars)	Years of service	Insurance Fund			
KERS Non-hazardous	\$ 14.20	20+ years	100.00%			
KERS Hazardous	\$ 21.30	15-19 years	75.00%			
CERS Non-hazardous	\$ 14.20	10-14 years	50.00%			
CERS Hazardous	\$ 21.30	4-9 years	25.00%			
SPRS	\$ 21.30	Less than 4 years	0.00%			

## Medical Insurance Plan – CERS, Continued

The projection of cash flows used to determine the single discount rate must include an assumption regarding the actual employer contributions made each future year. The future contributions are projected assuming that each participating employer in KRS contributes the actuarially determined employer contribution rate each future year calculated in accordance with the current funding policy. The fully insured premiums KRS pays for the CERS health insurance plans are blended rates based on the combined experience of active and retired members. Because the average cost of providing health care benefits to retirees under age 65 is higher than the average cost of providing it to active employees, there is an implicit employer subsidy for the non-Medicare eligible retirees.

Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows as of each fiscal year ending, the plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were projected to be sufficient to finance the future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on insurance plan investments was applied to all periods of the projected benefit payments paid from the retirement plan. However, the cost associated with the implicit subsidy is not currently being included in the calculation of the System's actuarial determined contributions, and it is understood that any cost associated with the implicit subsidy will not be paid out of the Plan's trust. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was applied to future expected benefit payments associated with the implicit subsidy. The distributions from the retiree health insurance trust pay the employers' portion of the blended premiums, not the employers' portion of the underlying retiree claims costs. As a result, the benefit payments and contribution amounts need to include an adjustment related to the implicit subsidy. Participating employers adjust their contributions by the implicit subsidy in order to determine the total employer contribution for GASB 75 purposes.

#### Medical Insurance Plan - KTRS

*Plan description*—In addition to the pension benefits described above, KRS 161.675 requires KTRS to provide post-employment healthcare benefits to eligible employees and dependents. The KTRS Medical Insurance Fund is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan. Changes made to the medical plan may be made by the KTRS Board of Trustees, the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance and the General Assembly.

## 9. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:

*Benefits provided* - To be eligible for medical benefits, the member must have retired either for service or disability. The KTRS Medical Insurance Fund offers coverage to employees under the age of 65 through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan administered by the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance. KTRS retired members are given a supplement to be used for payment of their health insurance premium. The amount of the member's supplement is based on a contribution supplement table approved by the KTRS Board of Trustees.

The retired member pays premiums in excess of the monthly supplement. Once retired members and eligible spouses attain age 65 and are Medicare eligible, coverage is obtained through the KTRS Medicare Eligible Health Plan.

*Contributions*—The member postemployment medical contribution is 3.75% of salary. The employer postemployment medical contribution is .75% of member salaries. Also, employers (other than the state) contribute 3% of members' salaries and the state contributes the net cost of health insurance premiums for new retirees after June 30, 2010 in the non-Medicare eligible group. If a member leaves covered employment before accumulating five years credited service, accumulated member contributions to the retirement annuity plan plus interest are refunded upon the member's request.

## Life Insurance Plan - KTRS

*Plan description* – KTRS administers the life insurance plan as provided by Kentucky Revised Statute 161.655 to eligible active and retired members. The KTRS Life Insurance benefit is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan with a special funding situation. Changes made to the life insurance plan may be made by the KTRS Board of Trustees and the General Assembly.

*Benefits provided* – KTRS provides a life insurance benefit of five thousand dollars payable for members who retire based on service or disability. KTRS provides a life insurance benefit of two thousand dollars payable for its active contributing members. The life insurance benefit is payable upon the death of the member to the member's estate or to a party designated by the member who began contributing before January 1, 2022. For members who entered on or after January1, 2022, the life insurance benefit payable upon the death of a member is five thousand dollars for active contributing members and ten thousand dollars for retired or disabled members. The life insurance benefit is payable upon the death of the member is estate or to a party designated by the members.

*Contributions* – In order to fund the post-retirement life insurance benefit, three hundredths of one percent (.03%) of the gross annual payroll of members is contributed by the state.

#### 9. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a asset of \$60,750 for CERS, and a liability of \$1,381,000 for KTRS Medical Insurance Plan and \$0 for KTRS Life Insurance Plan for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The District did not report a liability for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability for the Life Insurance Plan because the Commonwealth provides OPEB support directly to KTRS on behalf of the District. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the collective net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial value as of June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was .047622% for CERS, .056718% for KTRS Medical Insurance plan and 0% for KTRS Life Insurance Plan.

The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for CERS and KTRS, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of CERS net OPEB asset	\$ (65,750)
District's proportionate share of KTRS net OPEB liability	1,381,000
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the KTRS net OPEB liability associated with the District	 1,193,000
	\$ 2,508,250

As a result of its requirement to contribute to the Plan, the District recognized OPEB expense/(income) of (\$304,954) for CERS. For KTRS Medical Insurance Plan the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$160,029). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources related to the net OPEB liability from the following sources:

		CERS				KTRS		
	D	Deferred		Deferred		Deferred		eferred
	O	utflows of	Inflows of		Outflows of		Inflows of	
	R	esources	Re	esources	R	esources	Re	esources
Difference between expected and actual experience in								
the measurement of the net OPEB liability	\$	45,838	\$	751,842	\$	-	\$	253,952
Changes in assumptions		129,392		90,173		170,387		-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments		123,049		138,308		14,108		-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		118,049		6,945		302,789		334,804
Contributions to OPEB plan after measurement date		21,476				136,340		
Total	\$	437,804	\$	987,268	\$	623,624	\$	588,756

## 9. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:

The deferred outflows resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in expense as follows:

	Net Deferred Outflows/(Inflows)				
	CERS KTRS				
2025	\$ (228,761)	\$	(38,527)		
2026	(173,611)		(30,930)		
2027	(168,568)		17,364		
2028	-		8,139		
2029	-		(23,876)		
Thereafter	 -		(33,642)		
Total	\$ (570,940)	\$	(101,472)		

Actuarial Assumptions: The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability and sensitivity information are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plan's fiscal year end, June 30, 2023 using generally accepted actuarial principles.

For CERS, the KRS Board of Trustees adopted the following updated actuarial assumptions used in performing the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023:

CERS		
Inflation	2.50%	
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0% for CERS non-hazardous and hazardous	
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service	
Investment Rate of Return	6.50%	
Healthcare Trend Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023 and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.	
Healthcare Trend Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.30% at January 1, 2023 and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.	

## 9. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:

	KTRS
Investment Rate of Return:	
Medical Insurance Plan	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Life Insurance Plan	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected salary increases:	
Medical Insurance Plan	3.0-7.50%, including wage inflation
Life Insurance Plan	3.0-7.50% including wage inflation
Inflation	
Medical Insurance Plan	2.50%
Life Insurance Plan	2.50%
Real wage growth	0.25%, for both Medical and Life Insurance Plans.
Wage inflation	
Medical Insurance Plan	2.75%, for both Medical and Life Insurance Plans.
Healthcare cost trend rates:	
Healthcare Trend Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.75% for fiscal year 2023 and decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50% by fiscal year 2032
Healthcare Trend Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.5% for fiscal year 2023 decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50% by fiscal year 2031
Medicare Part B Premiums	1.55% for fiscal year 2023 with ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2034
Municipal Bond Index Rate	3.66%, for both Medical and Life Insurance Plans.
Discount Rate	
Medical Insurance Plan	7.10%
Life Insurance Plan	7.10%
Single equivalent interest rate:	
Medical Insurance Plan	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Life Insurance Plan	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation

For CERS, mortality rates were based on system-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2022, projected with the ultimate trend rates from MP 2020 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2023.

For KTRS, Mortality rates were based on the Pub2010 (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) Mortality Table projected generationally with MP-2020 with various set-forwards, set-backs and adjustments for each of the groups, service, retirees, contingent annuitants, disabled retirees and active members. The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, rates of plan participation and rates of plan election used in the June 30, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study for the system, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the board on September 20, 2021.

#### 9. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends) used in the June 30, 2021, valuation of the health trust were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2021, valuation. The health care cost trend rate assumption was updated for the June 30, 2021, valuation and was shown as an assumption change in the total OPEB liability (TOL) roll-forward while the change in initial per capita claims costs were included with experience in the TOL roll-forward. The Municipal Bond Index Rate used for this purpose is the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Long-term expected rate of return: For CERS was determined by using a building-block method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage.

Long-term expected rate of return: For KTRS, was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

	C	CERS		RS
		Long-term		Long-term
		Expected		Expected
	Target	Real Rate	Target	Real Rate
Asset Class	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>of Return</u>	<b>Allocation</b>	of Return
Public Equity	50.00%	5.90%	59.00%	5.53%
Private Equity	10.00%	11.73%	7.00%	8.00%
Core Fixed Income	10.00%	2.45%	15.00%	1.90%
Specialty Credit	10.00%	3.65%	0.00%	0.00%
Cash	0.00%	1.39%	2.00%	1.60%
Real Estate	7.00%	4.99%	7.00%	3.20%
Real Return	13.00%	5.15%	0.00%	0.00%
High Yield Bonds	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%	3.80%
Other Additional Categories	<u>0.00%</u>	0.00%	<u>5.00%</u>	3.60%
	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	

## 9. <u>Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Continued:</u>

*Discount Rate*: The single discount rate of 5.93% for non-hazardous and was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023. The single discount rate is based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.50% and a municipal bond rate of 3.86% as reported in Fidelity Index's "20 Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of June 30, 2023. The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower or 1% higher than the current discount rate:

#### Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - CERS

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	<u>1% Increase</u>
CERS - Nonhazardous	4.93%	5.93%	6.93%
District's proportionate share	)		
of the net OPEB liability	\$ 123,388	\$ (65,750)	\$ (224,130)

*Discount Rate*: For KTRS - Medical Insurance Plan, the single discount rate of 7.10% was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the employer contributions will be made at statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower or 1% higher than the current discount rate:

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - KTRS

KTRS	<u>1% Decrease</u> 6.10%	Current <u>Discount Rate</u> 7.10%	<u>1% Increase</u> 8.10%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,777,000	\$ 1,381,000	\$ 1,055,000

*Healthcare Trend Rate*: The initial trend rate for participants under 65 years of age starts at 6.30% at January 1, 2023 and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years. For those over 65 years of age the trend rate starts at 6.30% at January 1, 2023 and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.

## 9. <u>Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Concluded:</u>

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liabilit	y to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend F	Rate - CERS

		Current	
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
CERS - Nonhazardous	4.93%	5.93%	6.93%
District's proportionate share	)		
of the net OPEB liability	\$ (210,741)	\$ (65,750)	\$ 112,357

*Healthcare Trend Rate:* For KTRS, the initial trend rate for participants under 65 years of age starts at 6.50% and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50% by 2031. Medicare Part B premiums starts at 1.55% with an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2034. The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - KTRS

	1% Decrease	Current <u>Trend Rate</u>	1% Increase
KTRS	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	e \$ 995,000	\$ 1,381,000	\$ 1,863,000

*OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position*: For both CERS and KTRS, detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued KRS and KTRS issued financial statements.

#### 10. <u>Arbitrage</u>:

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 instituted certain arbitrage restrictions with respect to the insurance of tax-exempt bonds after August 31, 1986. Arbitrage regulations deal with the investment of all tax-exempt bond proceeds at an interest yield greater than the interest yield paid to bondholders. Generally, all interest paid to bondholders can be retroactively rendered taxable if applicable rebates are not reported and paid to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at least every five years. During the current year, the District performed calculations of excess investment earnings on various bonds and financings and at June 30, 2023 does not expect to incur a liability.

#### 11. <u>Contingencies</u>:

The District receives funding from Federal, State and Local government agencies and private contributions. These funds are to be used for designated purposes only. For government agency grants, if based upon the grantor's review, the funds are considered not to have been used for the intended purpose, the grantor's may request a refund of monies advanced, or refuse to reimburse the District for its disbursements.

The amount of such future refunds and unreimbursed disbursements, if any, is not expected to be significant. Continuation of the District's grant programs is predicated upon the grantors' satisfaction that the funds provided are being spent as intended and the grantors' intent to continue their programs.

In addition, the District operates in a heavily regulated environment. The operations of the District are subjected to the administrative directives, rules and regulations of federal and state regulatory agencies, including but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education. Such administrative directives, rules and regulations are subject to change by an act of Congress or the Kentucky Legislature or an administrative change mandated by the Kentucky Department of Education. Such changes may occur with little or inadequate funding to pay for the related cost, including the additional burden to comply with a change.

#### 12. <u>Insurance and Risk Management</u>:

The District is exposed to various forms of loss of assets associated with the risks of fire, personal liability, theft, vehicular accidents, errors and omissions, fiduciary responsibility, etc. Each of these risk areas is covered through the purchase of commercial insurance. The District has purchased certain policies which are retrospectively rated which includes Worker's Compensation Insurance.

## 13. Deficit Operating Balances:

The governmental fund operating deficits are summarized in the following Table:

School Activity	\$ 15,313
General Fund	\$ 105,159

#### 14. <u>COBRA</u>:

Under COBRA, employers are mandated to notify terminated employees of available continuing insurance coverage. Failure to comply with this requirement may put the school district at risk for a substantial loss (contingency).

#### 15. <u>Litigation:</u>

The District is subject to various legal actions in various stages of litigation, the outcome of which is not determined at this time. Management of the District and its legal counsel do not anticipate that there will be any material effect on the combined financial statements as a result of the cases presently in progress.

#### 16. <u>Transfer of Funds</u>:

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Payments made from the general fund checking account, which may or may not have the legal liability for the expenditure cause payable from the fund having the legal liability to the general fund is established at such time. All interfund receivables and payables have been eliminated on the District-wide Statement of Net Position.

The following transfers were made during the year:

Туре	From Fund	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	:	Amount
Operating	General	Special Revenue	Match & Grant	\$	175,704
Construction	Building	Debt Service	Debt Service	\$	121,759
Operating	Food Service	General Fund	Indirect Costs	\$	33,862
Construction	Special Revenue	Food Service	Capital Outlay	\$	73,346
Construction	Special Revenue	General Fund	Capital Outlay	\$	240,198

#### 17. On Behalf Payments

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Kentucky Division of Finance made payments on behalf of Caverna Independent School Distirct in the amount of \$2,296,565. These payments were paid for fringe benefits and retirement for the District personnel. These payments have been included in both revenue and expenditures on the Board's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 as follows:

Health Insurance	\$ 1,114,355
KTRS Employer Match	1,100,730
KTRS Employer Match	93,449
Health Reimbursement Account	37,975
State Adminstration Fees	11,516
Life Insurance	1,444
Federal Reimbursement on Health Benefits	(196,162)
Technology	64,286
School Facilities Construction Commission Debt Service	68,972
	\$ 2,296,565
Recorded as follows:	
General Fund	\$ 2,174,408
Food Service Fund	53,185
Debt Service	68,972
	\$ 2,296,565

#### 18. <u>Subsequent Events</u>

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 23, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

				Variance with Final Budget
	Budgeted Original	Amounts Final	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:	Onginai	Final	Actual	
From local sources:				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 2,986,000	\$ 2,986,000	\$ 3,189,041	\$ 203,041
Motor vehicles	190,000	190,000	180,991	(9,009)
Other	235,000	235,000	234,421	(579)
Earnings on investments	67,000	67,000	215,121	148,121
Other local revenues	-	-	12,982	12,982
Intergovernmental-state	2,084,893	2,084,893	4,346,773	2,261,880
Intergovernmental-direct federal	51,000	51,000	66,640	15,640
Total revenues	5,613,893	5,613,893	8,245,969	2,632,076
Expenditures:				
Instruction	3,084,961	3,084,961	4,297,650	(1,212,689)
Support services:				
Student	522,324	522,324	772,748	(250,424)
Instructional staff	218,570	218,570	297,849	(79,279)
District administration	3,445,248	3,445,248	814,337	2,630,911
School administration	477,768	477,768	642,843	(165,075)
Business	12,800	12,800	89,424	(76,624)
Plant operations and maintenance	885,118	885,118	940,776	(55,658)
Student transportation	538,569	538,569	554,305	(15,736)
Community service activities	-	-	-	-
Other	10,000	10,000	39,552	(29,552)
Total expenditures	9,195,358	9,195,358	8,449,484	745,874
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(3,581,465)	(3,581,465)	(203,515)	3,377,950
Other financing sources (uses):	,			
Operating transfers in	19,000	19,000	274,060	255,060
Operating transfers out	(11,358)	(11,358)	(175,704)	(164,346)
Total other financing sources (uses)	7,642	7,642	98,356	90,714
	(0.570.000)	(0.570.000)		0.400.004
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,573,823)	(3,573,823)	(105,159)	3,468,664
Fund balance, July 1, 2023	3,982,895	3,982,895	3,982,895	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 409,072</u>	\$ 409,072	<u>\$ 3,877,736</u>	\$ 3,468,664

The District did not budget On Behalf payments for FY 2024.

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – SPECIAL REVENUE For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

				Variance with
	Devilente d	A		Final Budget
	¥	Amounts	A . t 1	Favorable
Devenue	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues:	<b>•</b>	<b>^</b>	¢ 0.405	¢ 0.405
Other local revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,405	\$ 9,405
Intergovernmental-state	576,294	583,347	604,096	20,749
Intergovernmental-indirect federal	1,142,252	1,142,175	2,380,505	1,238,330
Intergovernmental-direct federal	493,710	493,710	195,680	(298,030)
Total revenues	2,212,256	2,219,232	3,189,686	970,454
Expenditures:				
Instruction	1,367,998	1,367,998	2,117,788	(749,790)
Support services:				
Student	49,978	49,978	180,946	(130,968)
Instructional staff	215,404	215,404	205,172	10,232
District administration	-	-	49,736	(49,736)
Plant operations and maintenance	658,280	658,280	341,430	316,850
Community service activities	95,414	95,414	108,916	(13,502)
Other Non-Instruction			4,157	(4,157)
Total expenditures	2,387,074	2,387,074	3,008,145	(621,071)
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(174,818)	(167,842)	181,541	349,383
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in	175,928	175,928	175,704	(224)
Operating transfers out	-	-	(313,544)	(313,544)
Total other financing sources (uses)	175,928	175,928	(137,840)	(313,768)
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,110	8,086	43,701	35,615
Fund balance, July 1, 2023				
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 1,110</u>	\$ 8,086	<u>\$ 43,701</u>	\$ 35,615

The District did not budget On Behalf payments for FY 2024.

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY – COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

District's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>June 30, 2024</u> <u>June 3</u> 0.047624% 0.044	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ne 30, 2021 June 30, 2020 <u>.</u> .038040% 0.038635%	· · · · ·				<u>ine 30, 2015</u> ).042089%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability								
	• •,•••,••• • •,	· , • , , , •		, , ,	. ,,	,,	,,	,,
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,443,474 \$ 2,1	24,688 \$ 1,227,457 \$	992,398 \$ 949,622	\$ 995,826	\$ 1,029,312 \$	1,009,750 \$	1,024,648 \$	987,074
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	125.06% 150.	98% 201.59% 2	294.00% 286.14%	241.67%	228.68%	203.32% 1	81.86%	138.39%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	5748.00% 52.4	2% 57.33%	47.81% 50.45%	53.54%	53.30%	55.50%	59.97%	66.80%

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY– COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	Ju	ne 30, 2024	<u>J</u>	une 30, 2023	Jur	ne 30, 2022	Jun	e 30, 2021	Jur	ne 30, 2020	Jun	e 30, 2019	Jun	e <u>30, 2018</u>	<u>Jun</u> (	e <u>30, 2017</u>	<u>June</u>	30, 2016	<u>Jun</u> (	e 30, 2015
Contractually required contribution	\$	328,532	\$	324,191	\$	259,852	\$	191,503	\$	184,920	\$	154,029	\$	144,196	\$	137,968	\$	125,411	\$	125,852
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(328,532)		(324,191)		(259,852)		(191,503)		(184,920)		(154,029)		(144,196)	_	(137,968)		(125,411)	_	(125,852)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	<u> </u>	\$		\$		\$		\$	
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	2,443,474	\$	2,124,688	\$	1,227,457	\$	992,398	\$	958,132	\$	949,622	\$	995,826	\$ ´	1,029,312	\$1	,009,750	<b>\$</b> 1	1,024,648
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		13.45%		15.26%		21.17%		19.30%		19.30%		16.22%		14.48%		13.40%		12.42%		12.28%

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY-COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	 0.047622%		<u>ine 30, 2023</u> ).044367%	 <u>ne 30, 2022</u> 038801%	-	<u>e 30, 2021</u> 038029%	-	<u>e 30, 2020</u> 038626%	-	<u>e 30, 2019</u> 039513%	-	<u>ne 30, 2018</u> .040213%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (65,750)	\$	875,589	\$ 742,823	\$	918,285	\$	649,672	\$	701,545	\$	808,419
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,443,474	\$	2,124,688	\$ 1,227,457	\$	992,398	\$	949,622	\$	995,826	\$	1,029,312
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-2.69%		41.21%	60.52%	ę	92.53%	6	68.41%	7	70.45%		78.54%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	104.23%		60.95%	62.91%	Ę	51.67%	6	60.44%	Ę	57.62%		52.40%

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Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY-COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	-	ne 30, 2024	Ju		-	ne 30, 2022	 					
Contractually required contribution	\$	-	\$	46,966	\$	70,947	\$ 47,231	\$ 45,607	\$	49,950	\$	46,804
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		<u> </u>		(46,966)		(70,947)	 (47,231)	 (45,607)	<u> </u>	(49,950)	_	(46,804)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$		\$ 	\$ 	\$		<u>\$</u>	
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	2,443,474	\$	2,124,688	\$	1,227,457	\$ 992,398	\$ 949,622	\$	995,826	\$	1,029,312
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		0.00%		2.21%		5.78%	4.76%	4.80%		5.37%		4.80%

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## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY – KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

District's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>June 30, 2024</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2023</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2022</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2021</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2020</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2019</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2018</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2017</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2016</u> 0.0000%	<u>June 30, 2015</u> 0.0000%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the District	0.10740%	0.11320%	0.10550%	0.10360%	0.10530%	0.10600%	0.14630%	0.10880%	0.12500%	0.12050%
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>\$ 18,299,358</u>	\$19,176,723	\$ 13,726,794	\$ 14,689,744	\$ 14,366,598	<u>\$ 13,881,499</u>	\$ 29,858,565	\$ 32,195,828	\$ 25,320,648	\$24,752,021
Total	\$ 18,299,358	\$19,176,723	\$ 13,726,794	\$ 14,689,744	\$ 14,366,598	\$ 41,681,030	\$ 89,270,790	\$ 32,195,828	\$ 25,320,648	\$24,752,021
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,455,183	\$ 4,584,141	\$ 4,844,512	\$ 3,971,838	\$ 3,524,424	\$ 3,662,749	\$ 3,820,765	\$ 3,795,223	\$ 3,734,772	\$ 3,771,769
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of the District's coevered-employee payroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of the District's covered-employee payroll	410.74%	418.33%	283.35%	369.85%	407.63%	378.99%	781.48%	848.33%	677.97%	656.24%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.70%	56.40%	65.60%	58.30%	58.80%	59.30%	39.83%	35.22%	42.49%	45.59%

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY-KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIRMENT SYSTEM

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Jur</u>	ne 30, 2023	Ju	ne 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	<u>J</u> ι	une 30, 2020	<u>Jun</u>	<u>ie 30, 2019</u>	June	e 30, 2018	<u>June</u>	e 30, 2017	<u>June 30, 2</u>	2016	June 3	<u>), 2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u> </u>				<u> </u>		_	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>				<u> </u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$-	\$	_	\$		<u>\$</u> -	\$	<u> </u>	\$		\$	_	\$		\$	-	\$	
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,455,183	\$	4,584,141	\$	4,844,512	\$ 3,971,838	\$	3,524,424	\$	3,662,749	\$3	3,820,765	\$3	3,795,223	\$ 3,734,	772	\$ 3,7	71,769
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	0.00%	, D	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	0.0	00%		0.00%

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY-KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

District's properties of the set ODEP lichility	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability Medical Insurance Life Insurance	0.056718% 0.000000%	0.081241% 0.000000%	0.055974% 0.000000%	0.055620% 0.000000%	0.056356% 0.000000%	0.054985% 0.000000%	0.058345% 0.000000%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability Medical Insurance Life Insurance	\$    1,381,000 \$	\$   2,017,000 \$         -	\$ 1,201,000 \$ -	\$ 1,404,000 \$ -	\$ 1,649,000 \$         -	\$ 1,908,000 \$ -	\$ 2,080,000 \$ -
Commonwealth's portion of the net OPEB liability associated with the District Medical Insurance Life Insurance	0.047805% 0.102104%	0.026689% 0.105956%	0.045457% 0.099159%	0.044553% 0.097945%	0.045512% 0.099558%	0.047385% 0.099991%	0.047660% 0.103636%
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District							
Medical Insurance Life Insurance	\$ 1,164,000 29,000	\$ 663,000 33,000	\$ 975,000 13,000	\$ 1,124,000 34,000	\$ 1,332,000 31,000	\$ 1,644,000 28,000	\$ 1,699,000 23,000
Total	\$ 1,193,000	\$ 696,000	\$ 988,000	<u>\$ 1,158,000</u>	\$ 1,363,000	\$ 1,672,000	\$ 1,722,000
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,455,183	\$ 4,584,141	\$ 4,844,512	\$ 3,971,838	\$ 3,524,424	\$ 3,662,749	\$ 3,820,765
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB Liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	31.00%	44.00%	24.79%	35.35%	46.79%	52.09%	54.44%
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of the District's covered-employee payroll	26.78%	15.18%	20.39%	29.16%	38.67%	45.62%	47.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	53.00%	47.80%	51.70%	39.10%	32.58%	25.50%	21.18%

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## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY-KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	Ju	ne 30, 2024	Ju	ne 30, 2023	Ju	ne 30, 2022	Ju	ne 30, 2021	Ju	ne 30, 2020	Ju	ne 30, 2019	Ju	ne 30, 2018
Contractually required contribution Medical Insurance Life Insurance	\$	136,340 -	\$	113,364 -	\$	107,797 -	\$	99,354 -	\$	112,650 -	\$	105,733 -	\$	109,882 -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution Medical Insurance Life Insurance		(136,340) -		(113,364) -		(107,797) 		(99,354) -		(112,650)		(105,733) -		(109,882)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	-	\$	
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	4,455,183	\$	4,584,141	\$	4,844,512	\$	3,971,838	\$	3,524,424	\$	3,662,749	\$	3,820,765
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		3.06%		2.47%		2.23%		2.50%		3.20%		2.73%		2.70%
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## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

	DISTRICT ACTIVITY FUND	A	CHOOL CTIVITY FUND	(	APITAL DUTLAY FUND	В	uilding Fund	CON	STRUCTION FUND	DEBT	TOTAL IONMAJOR /ERNMENTAL FUNDS
Assets and resources:											
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$</u> -	\$	66,602	\$	192,555	\$	386,941	\$	33,169	\$ -	\$ 679,267
Total Assets and Resources	<u>\$</u>	\$	66,602	\$	192,555	\$	386,941	\$	33,169	\$ -	\$ 679,267
Liabilities and fund balance: Liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities			-		-		-		-	 -	 <u> </u>
Fund balances:											
Restricted:											
School activity funds	-		66,602		-		-		-	-	66,602
Capital outlay	-		-		192,555		-		-	-	192,555
Building fund	-		-		-		386,941		-	-	386,941
Construction fund			-		-		-		33,169	 -	 33,169
Total fund balances			66,602		192,555		386,941		33,169	 -	 679,267
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	\$	66,602	\$	192,555	\$	386,941	\$	33,169	\$ -	\$ 679,267

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	DISTRICT ACTIVITY FUND	ACTIVITY ACTIVITY FUND FUND		0	apital Utlay Fund		JILDING FUND		TRUCTION	DEBT SERVICE		TOTAL ONMAJOR (ERNMENTAL FUNDS
Revenues:	<b>^</b>	<b>•</b> • •	70.004	•		•	044.044	•		<u>^</u>	•	447.075
Other local revenues Intergovernmental-State	\$-	\$ 1	72,661	\$	- 55,235	\$	244,614 35,981	\$	-	\$- 68,972	\$	417,275 160,188
Total revenues		1	-									
	<u> </u>	I	72,661		55,235		280,595		-	68,972		577,463
Expenditures: Instruction		1	84,318									184,318
Student Support Services	-	1	3,656		-		-		-	-		3,656
Debt Service	-		-		_		-		_	190,731		190,731
Total expenditures		1	87,974		-					190,731		378,705
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures		(	15,313)		55,235		280,595			(121,759)		198,758
Other financing sources (uses):												
Interest income	-		-		7,787		12,183		-	-		19,970
Operating transfers in	-		-		-		-		-	121,759		121,759
Operating transfers out			-				(121,759)		-			(121,759)
Total other financing sources (uses)			-		7,787		(109,576)			121,759		19,970
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	(	15,313)		63,022		171,019		-	-		218,728
Fund balance, July 1, 2023		;	81,915		129,533		215,922		33,169			460,539
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	\$	\$	66,602	\$	192,555	\$	386,941	\$	33,169	<u>\$ -</u>	\$	679,267

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCES CAVERNA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Cash Balance July 1, 2023	(1) <u>Receipts</u>	(1) <u>Disbursements</u>	Cash Balance June 30, 2024	Accounts <u>Receivable</u>	Accounts <u>Payable</u>	Student Activity Fund Balance June 30, 2024	
7000	General	\$ 1,341	\$ 2,620	\$ 4,166	\$ (205)	\$-	\$-	\$ (205)	
7010	Book Club	27	-	-	27	-	-	27	
7020	Key Club	1,526	1,284	2,472	338	-	-	338	
7040	STLP	1,221	-	-	1,221	-	-	1,221	
7050	Faculty and Staff	321	197	-	518	-	-	518	
7060	Reach and Teach	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	
7070	School Concessions	229	-	90	139	-	-	139	
7080	Athletic Concessions	2,376	7,012	7,737	1,651	-	-	1,651	
7110	Class of 2019	72	144	216	-	-	-	-	
7120	Academic Team	-	748	748	-	-	-	-	
7130	Prom	464	6,653	6,306	811	-	-	811	
7140	Art	641	-	-	641	-	-	641	
7150	Drama	315	-	315	-	-	-	-	
7160	Chemistry	3	-	-	3	-	-	3	
7225	Class of 2025	-	72	-	72	-	-	72	
7300	Athletics (All Accounts)	11,956	47,495	45,657	13,794	-	-	13,794	
7310	Baseball	1,330	4,908	3,309	2,929	-	-	2,929	
7320	Boys Basketball	477	5,986	5,612	851	-	-	851	
7330	Girls Basketball	1,882	8,323	10,697	(492)	-	-	(492)	
7340	Football	9,220	6,842	14,922	1,140	-	-	1,140	
7350 7360	Golf Softball	772 2,211	- 4,627	772 4,620	-	-	-	-	
7370	Tennis	2,211	4,027	4,020	2,218 117	_	-	2,218 117	
7380	Track	35	- 71	- 106		-	-	-	
7390	Volleyball	1,604	1,054	2,027	- 631	-	-	- 631	
7390	Cross Country	294	1,034	2,027	294	-	-	294	
7400	Project Grad	34	3	37	254	-	-	234	
7490	Class of 2023	700	665	1,365	-	_	-	_	
7495	Pep Club	272		1,505	272			272	
7500	Band	1,472	16,390	14,188	3,674	_	_	3,674	
7510	Library	80		-	80	_	-	80	
7520	Cheerleaders	486	250	69	667	_	-	667	
7530	Beta Club	1,819	-	-	1,819	-	-	1,819	
7540	FCCLA	7	284	291		-	-	-	
7541	JAG	-	1,094	944	150	-	-	150	
7550	Culinary	121	195	316	-	-	-	-	
7560	Broadcasting Club	7	_	7	-	-	-	-	
7570	PTSO	1,032	7,424	9,156	(700)	-	-	(700)	
7580	Yearbook	403	-	307	<b>9</b> 6	-	-	96	
7590	FFA	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
7640	Guard	808	952	1,570	190	-	-	190	
7650	Donation	-	6,214	12,214	(6,000)	-	-	(6,000)	
7651	Class of 2024	-	10,842	10,790	52	-	-	52	
7652	Colonel Majorettes	-	100	-	100	-	-	100	
7653	Wrestling		200	200					
		\$ 45,685	\$ 142,649	\$ 161,236	\$ 27,098	\$	\$ -	\$ 27,098	

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCES SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS ALL FUNDS COMBINED For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Cash Balance July 1, 2023 <u>Receip</u> t		<u>Receipts</u>	Disbursements			Cash Balance June 30, 2024		Accounts <u>Receivable</u>		Accounts <u>Payable</u>		School Activity Fund Balance June 30, 2024	
Caverna Elementary	\$	19,166	\$	29,493	\$	25,103	\$	23,556	\$	-	\$	-	\$	23,556
Caverna Middle School		17,064		12,621		13,737		15,948		-		-		15,948
Caverna High School		45,685		142,649	_	161,236	_	27,098		-		-		27,098
		81,915		184,763		200,076		66,602		-		-		66,602
Less: interfund transfers				(12,102)		(12,102)		-		_		_		-
	\$	81,915	\$	172,661	\$	187,974	\$	66,602	\$	_	\$	-	\$	66,602

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

## CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Federal			
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through	Assistance	Pass-Through	Passed Through	Federal
Grantor/Program Title	Listing Number	Grantor's Number	to subrecipients	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture: Passed-through State Department of Education: Child Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7760005.23/24	\$-	\$ 181,605
School Lunch Program	10.555	7750002.23/24	-	402,969
Summer Food Service Program	10.559	7690024.23/24		23,907
Total Child Nutrition Cluster				608,481
Other Programs				
Child and Adult Care	10.558	7790021 23/24	-	4,500
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	7720012 23/24	-	20,908
Commodity Supplement Food Program	10.051	057502-02	-	25,767
State Adm Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	7700001 23	-	3,026
Total Other Programs				54,201
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Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 662,682</u>
U.S. Department of Justice:				
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing	16.710		<u>\$</u>	\$ 362,148
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>\$</u>	\$ 362,148
U.S. Department of Education:				
Passed-through State Department of Education:				
Title I, Part A Cluster				
Title I Grants	84.010	3100002	\$-	\$ 748,200
Total Title I, Part A Cluster				748,200
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)				
Special Education Grants	84.027	3810002	-	225,832
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	3800002	-	38,955
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)	00	000002		264,787
Other Programs				
Career and Technical Education	84.048	3710002	-	11,751
Education Stabilization	84.425	4300002	-	1,259,523
Student Support and Academic	84.424	3420002	-	27,423
Rural Education	84.358	3140002	-	6,594
Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367	3230002		57,412
Total Other Programs				1,362,703
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 2,375,690</u>
U.S.Department of Health and Human Services:				
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.243		<u>\$                                    </u>	\$ 36,475
Total Department of Health and Human Services			<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 36,475
Total expenditures of federal awards			<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 3,436,995</u>

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS June 30, 2024

#### 1. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Caverna Independent School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Caverna Independent School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Caverna Independent School District.

#### 2. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:</u>

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting for proprietary funds and the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental funds. 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. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

#### 3. <u>Food Distribution</u>:

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities disbursed.

#### 4. Indirect Cost Rate:

The District has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect costs rate as defined by the grantor in the following programs: School Food Service.

#### 5. <u>Subrecipients:</u>

There were no awards passed through to subrecipients.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

# I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

# **Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in

accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Federal Grantor/Program Title U.S. Department of Education Passed Through Kentucky Department	Federal Assistance Listing Number of Education:
Identification of Major Programs:	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	XYes No
Dollar threshold used to distinguish Between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for n	najor programs :Unmodified
<ul> <li>Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?</li> </ul>	<u>X</u> Yes
<ul> <li>Material weakness(es) identified?</li> </ul>	Yes <u>X</u> No
Internal control over major programs:	
Federal Awards	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes <u>X</u> No
<ul> <li>Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?</li> </ul>	Yes <u>X</u> None reported
<ul> <li>Material weakness(es) identified?</li> </ul>	XYes No

Passed Through Kentucky Department of Education: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.425
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed Through Kentucky Department of Education:	
Child Nutrition Cluster:	
School Breakfast Program	10.553
School Lunch Program	10.555
Summer Food Service Program	10.559

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

## II. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS

### 2024-001 Current Year Findings

#### Reference Number 2024-001 – Significant Deficiency in internal control of financial reporting

#### Department of Education-Child Nutrition Cluster- FALN 10.553, 10.555, 10.559

<u>**Criteria:**</u> Purchase orders are required to be attached to all invoices presented for payment to be completed under the provisions of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

**Condition:** Expenditures were paid without prior approval on a purchase order.

<u>Cause:</u> Expenditures had been incurred when no purchase order had been initiated prior to purchase.

**<u>Effect:</u>** Compliance with the provisions of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) was not achieved.

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: We recommend that the treasurer advise all staff that purchase orders must be approved before expenditures are incurred.

**<u>Response</u>**: The District will implement procedures to ensure that purchase orders are completed and approved before any purchases are made.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

### II. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS CONTINUED

### 2024-002-Repeat Finding- Material Weakness in internal control over financial reporting

<u>**Criteria**</u>: Management is responsible for maintaining a system of internal control including employing an individual capable of creating financial statements including footnotes. The District does not have an individual capable of creating financial statements, including footnotes.

**Condition:** The District does not have an individual capable of creating financial statements.

Cause: The inherent size of the School District.

Effect: There is an increased risk of material misstatement due to the deficiency in internal control.

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: We recommend that the District seek compensating controls to mitigate this deficiency.

**<u>Response</u>**: The District will search for ways to compensate for the internal control deficiency due to not having an individual capable of creating financial statements, including footnotes.

#### 2024-003-Repeat Finding- Material Weakness in internal control over financial reporting

<u>**Criteria**</u>: Monthly bank account reconciliations are the primary internal control procedure relating to the District's cash management policies.

**<u>Condition</u>**: During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, it was noted that bank account reconciliations were not being prepared properly.

Cause: Monthly reconciliations were not being performed properly on bank accounts.

**<u>Effect:</u>** There is an increased risk of material misstatement due to the deficiency in internal control.

**Recommendation**: We recommend that management reconcile bank accounts monthly.

**<u>Response</u>**: Management understands the importance and will address reconciling on a monthly basis.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONCLUDED For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

### III. FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

## **Current Year Findings**

### Reference Number 2024-001–Significant Deficiency in internal control over major programs

### Department of Education-Child Nutrition Cluster- FALN 10.553, 10.555, 10.559

<u>Criteria:</u> Purchase orders are required to be attached to all invoices presented for payment to be completed under the provisions of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

**Condition:** Expenditures were paid without prior approval on a purchase order.

<u>Cause:</u> Expenditures had been incurred when no purchase order had been initiated prior to purchase.

**<u>Effect:</u>** Compliance with the provisions of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) was not achieved.

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: We recommend that the treasurer advise all staff that purchase orders must be approved before expenditures are incurred.

**<u>Response</u>**: The District will implement procedures to ensure that purchase orders are completed and approved before any purchases are made.

### IV. NONCOMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. No matters were reported.

### CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

### **Prior Year Findings**

### 2023-001 Significant Deficiency in internal control over financial reporting

<u>Criteria</u>: Management is responsible to maintain a system of internal control including employing an individual capable of creating financial statements including footnotes. The District does not have an individual capable of creating financial statements, including footnotes.

Cause: The inherent size of the School District.

**Condition:** The District does not have an individual capable of creating financial statements.

**<u>Effect</u>**: There is an increased risk of material misstatement due to the deficiency in internal control.

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: We recommend that the District seek compensating controls to mitigate this deficiency.

**<u>Response</u>**: The District will search for ways to compensate for the internal control deficiency due to not having an individual capable of creating financial statements, including footnotes.

#### 2023-002 Significant Deficiency in internal control over financial reporting

<u>**Criteria**</u>: Monthly bank account reconciliations are the primary internal control procedure relating to the District's cash management policies.

**<u>Condition</u>**: During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, it was noted that bank account reconciliations were not being prepared properly.

Cause: Monthly reconciliations were not being performed properly on bank accounts.

**<u>Effect:</u>** There is an increased risk of material misstatement due to the deficiency in internal control.

**Recommendation**: We recommend that management reconcile bank accounts monthly.

**Response**: Management understands the importance and will address reconciling on a monthly basis.



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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

Members of the Board of Education Caverna Independent School District Cave City, Kentucky 42127

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 and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits in *Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit Contract and Requirements*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Caverna Independent School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Caverna Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 23, 2025.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-002 and 2024-003 to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a significant deficiency.

# Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Caverna Independent School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, the results of our tests disclosed no instances or regulations identified in the *Independent Auditor's Contract*.

We noted other matters that we reported to management of Caverna Independent School District in a separate letter dated January 23, 2025.

## **Caverna Independent School District's Response to Findings**

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Caverna Independent School District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Caverna Independent School 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 the response.

### 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Campbell, Myers & Rutledge, PLLC

Glasgow, Kentucky January 23, 2025



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

Members of the Board of Education Caverna Independent School District Cave City, Kentucky 42127

#### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Caverna Independent School District'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 Caverna Independent School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Caverna Independent School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Caverna Independent School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits in the *Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit Contract and Requirements.* 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 Caverna Independent School Districts 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 Caverna Independent School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

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# 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 Caverna Independent School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists.

The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Caverna Independent School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

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

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

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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 may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a significant deficiency.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Caverna Independent School District's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Caverna Independent School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

Campbell, Myers & Ratledge, PLLC

Glasgow, Kentucky January 23, 2025