Covington Independent School District

Financial Statements With Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Independent Auditors' Report

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of the Board of Education Covington Independent School District Covington, Kentucky

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 Covington 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 Covington 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 Covington 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. 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 Covington 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 Covington 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.

Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

Auditors' 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 Covington 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 Covington 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the information on pages 4-12, 56-58, and 63-72 as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Covington Independent School District's basic financial statements. The information on pages 54-55, 59, and 73-75 as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information on pages 54-55. 59, and 73-75 as listed in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information on pages 54-55, 59, and 73-75 as listed in the table of contents is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2024 on our consideration of the Covington 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 Covington 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 the Covington Independent School District's internal control over financial control over financial reporting and compliance.

Burnes, Dennig E, Co., Itd.

Crestview Hills, Kentucky November 6, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024

As management of the Covington Independent School District (District), we offer readers of the District's financial statement this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended 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 beginning cash balance for the District was \$1,588,027.
- The District continues to be provided with ESSER II/ESSER III-ARP funds along with various other ESSER funds such as Homeless ARP, and Daycare CRRSA child care aid, during the FY24 school year to be used to meet the needs of our students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Covington Independent Public Schools began construction in August 2021 on a second guaranteed energy savings contract (GESC) that will save the district \$276,466 in energy, telecommunications, and maintenance costs annually by improving the energy efficiency and environmental quality of a number of the district's facilities. Just like the previous GESC phase, Covington utilized the Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative (KEDC) guaranteed energy savings price contract. Through this transparent, competitive selection process, CIPS awarded the \$10,788,608 project to Performance Services. This project wrapped up in FY24.

Total Contract: \$10,788,608

Guaranteed Annual Energy Savings: \$276,466

Number of Buildings Impacted: 13

Scope of Work:

- Interior LED lighting improvements
- Building envelope weatherization upgrades
- New energy efficient transformers at three (3) buildings
- Complete HVAC renovation at James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center
- Replace rooftop units at two (2) buildings: Latonia and Glenn O. Swing Elementary
- Replace boilers at John G. Carlisle Elementary
- Replace main mechanical room equipment at Sixth District Elementary: boilers, chiller, and pumps
- Digital control system upgrade at buildings where HVAC equipment is being replaced
- District-wide telecommunications upgrade: new hosted cloud phone system
- New exterior doors and windows at two (2) buildings: Glenn O. Swing Elementary and Ninth District Elementary
- Three (3) new solar photovoltaic systems. Energy generated by these solar PV arrays will be used to offset the electrical energy cost for three (3) buildings: Glenn O. Swing Elementary, Latonia Elementary, and Sixth District Elementary.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

• Covington Independent Public Schools entered into another construction project for the Holmes Campus which started in FY23 and continued into FY24. Contract price \$10,812,232.

Scope of Work:

- Renovate and update all bathrooms in Holmes High School, Holmes Middle School, and Chapman Vocational.
- Paint, replace flooring, patch and / or replace ceilings in Holmes High and Holmes Middle School Classrooms.
- Renovate Physical Education locker rooms, weight room, sr. gym interior finishes, flooring, lighting, goals.
- Renovate auditorium stage floor, sound, lighting, etc.
- Install new electrical switchgear and service at Holmes High School.
- Reconstruct the softball field to comply with ADA and Title IX to include lights, dugout, fencing, press box, bleachers, scoreboard, netting, poles, electrical feeds, etc. on the Holmes Campus.
- Replace front entry into the Holmes High School Cafeteria; steps, landing, porch, etc.
- Replace damaged storm line on the west side of Holmes Middle School.
- Covington Independent Public Schools entered into another construction project for the Central Bus Garage Complex and Glenn O. Swing Elementary which started in FY23 and continued into FY24. Contract price \$1,351,818.

Scope of Work:

- Replace Central Bus Garage Complex roof on the garage and house/offices
- Replace Central Bus Garage Complex windows, doors, covered deck, paint interior, replace sidewalks, and replace flooring
- Renovate all restrooms and replace the physical education gym floor.
- Covington Independent Public Schools entered into another construction project for Holmes Campus Ventilation Upgrades which started in FY23 and continued into FY24. Contract price \$4,808,685.

Scope of Work:

- Replace air handlers, condensing units, transformer, uni-vents, switchgear, electric heaters, and heat pumps throughout Holmes High School.
- Covington Independent Public Schools entered into another construction project for the Chapman Vocational Building Renovation during FY23 & FY24. Starting contract price \$5,417,500.

Scope of Work:

Renovate labs for the following:

- Health/Science
- Construction Carpentry
- Welding Relocate lab
- MJROTC
- Business

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- Media Arts
- Computer Programming

Additional Renovations to include:

- Security Camera Upgrades
- Door and Door Hardware Upgrades
- IT Upgrades
- HVAC Renovation Replace all heat-pumps
- Upgrade Building Signage
- Water Fountain Upgrades
- Waterproofing Foundation Repairs
- Covington Independent Public Schools entered into another construction project for the Glenn O'Swing Softball Field during FY24. Starting contract price \$2,975,000.

Scope of Work:

- New Turf Softball infield with fencing and netting
- New Softball Dugouts
- New Softball Bullpens
- New Entry Signage
- New Press box / Restroom / Concessions with provisions for winterizing
- New Grandstand spectator seating, scoreboards & sound system
- New Storage Building not to exceed 600 square feet
- Resurface Existing Parking Lot
- New Batting Cage for Softball
- New parking lot lighting for parking areas.
- New field lighting
- New pedestrian Site lighting for all walking paths
- We are proud to serve a diverse group of learners in Covington Independent Public Schools. The School Board generously allocates funds yearly to provide a range of programs and support services to address our students' needs.
- Nearly 90% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch prices. About 16% of our students are homeless and approximately 20% have a learning need that qualifies them for special education services. We have a mobility rate of about 33%, meaning one third of our students move in and out of school during the academic year. Our school mental health staff members estimate that about 75% of our students have been impacted directly or indirectly by a traumatic event. Additionally, many of our families do not have a medical home and use the local hospital emergency room for their primary medical needs.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

Because of these factors, our Board members provide the following positions:

- A full-time school nurse in each school
- One school counselor at each elementary school, two at the middle school and four at the high school
- Nearly a full-time school psychologist in each school

These services help remove barriers to learning so that our students can focus on the instruction they receive and continue to grow academically and personally.

- During the 2023-2024 school year, Covington Independent Schools continued to refine and improve the districtwide curriculum. The district curriculum was developed to provide teachers with a deep understanding of the Kentucky Academic Standards in all content areas. The curriculum revision process is led by district experts in their respective areas, considering input from all teachers in the district. This process will continue each year as we gain a deeper understanding of standards. The district curriculum department supports principals with maintaining the fidelity of implementation of the curriculum to the intended rigor of the standards and supports leadership teams with communication with teachers about implementation concerns, monitoring of assessment performance of all schools and further professional development for teachers and administrators around all components of curriculum implementation. Our district preschool, James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center, has also completed this work to align the curriculum with our elementary schools.
- A concerted effort remains in place for purchasing in the areas of supplies, food and travel by using effective management strategies to reduce cost for the District. All purchase requests must be budgetary.
- District Staffing Policy is reviewed annually to monitor student reductions and staff per available funding. Any open positions are reviewed to determine if the need is still there to fill the position or restructure the position with another position already in the District.
- The District continues to educate and train the Board of Education in regard to all of the District's budgets.
- The District continues to train the schools' SBDM councils on spending the allocations within the current fiscal year.
- The District continues to strive to maintain a healthy contingency.
- The District has continued to into ways to invest the District's money until the money is needed. By doing
 this, the district can earn more interest. Toward the end of FY22 interest rates continued to rise. Toward
 the end of FY23 interest rates started to decrease. The District was able to start moving money into their
 investment accounts to earn additional interest. The District will continue to monitor the economy to see
 if investments can be done in the future. The district continued to move money into their investment
 accounts in FY24 to earn additional interest.
- Budgets in the District besides the SBDM budgets provided by the schools have gone through a review process with the Budget Committee to address needs/priorities of each area and adjusted accordingly.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- The District continues to work with our Insurance Providers developing a Safety Committee. This
 committee also provides additional safety training to our employees. There has been a steady decline in
 Worker Compensation claims saving the District money on insurance premiums.
- The 2023-24 school year was the first year since COVID that the actual ADA was used to fund our district since the 18-19 school year. The district was funded in 2023-24 on an enrollment of 3303 and ADA of 2891.37. That was 202 fewer students enrolled since the COVID 2018-19 years. The enrollment and ADA totals for 2023-24 were an enrollment of 3283 (-20) with the ADA in 2024 was 2773.86 (-117.51). Virtual learning continues to affect the ADA in the district. The students who are virtual do not count in the ADA numbers until they complete the school year with enough credits earned to move up to the next grade. District leadership will continue to monitor the virtual learning students in 2024-25 as enrollment continues to go down. The district leadership was able to continue to show a decrease in staffing from the previous school year: 692.38 FTE's staff members in 2022-23, down to 684.64 FTE staff members at the end of the 2023-24 school year. From 2018-19 the leadership has reduced the General Fund staff to a total of 26.32 FTE positions. The more challenging reality continues to grow which also means an increase in staff to support that population of students. The district must continue to look at all these factors as we build the budget for 24-25.
- The District administered \$24,550,670 in Federal, State and local grants during the year.
- The average teacher's salary in the District for 2024 was \$51,761. The Covington Board of Education remains committed to maintaining teachers' salaries at competitive levels.
- The General Fund had \$46,681,031 in revenue excluding interfund transfers and proceeds from sale of assets of \$1,737,543 and \$53,120, respectively. General Fund revenues primarily consisted of the state program (SEEK), property, franchise tax, motor vehicle taxes, as well as on-behalf benefits from the state. There was \$46,436,833 in General Fund expenditures, excluding interfund transfers of \$527,862 and including the on-behalf benefit payments made by the state.
- Our primary financial concern continues to be state funding which has not kept up with the increases in operating expenses due to inflation, increased salaries - some of which are a direct result of mandates by the state, and an increasing portion of the retirement shortfall that we have been asked to fund. After many years of not making the necessary contributions to fully fund the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), the legislature passed along a portion of the funding shortfall to employees and a larger portion to school districts. As a result, our district has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars into the retirement system over the past five years and will pay millions of dollars in the future in an effort to help stabilize the fund. For the first time this year we are also being required to record the portion of the unfunded state liability in our financial statements attributable to our employees, as determined by TRS. While it remains to be seen if districts, including our own, will end up shouldering more this deficit over the years to come, if the state does not start responsibly funding the system it can be safely assumed that we will. This will continue to shift more of the responsibility for funding our education system onto the backs of school districts and subsequently local tax payers. The continual erosion of state funding makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the high standard of education and programming that our students deserve without increasing taxes locally. In this climate of shrinking state support the Covington Independent School District will maintain fiscally responsible policies in order to continue providing quality academic, extra-curricular and community service programs to all of its students.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) district-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.

District-wide financial statements. The district-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 of the District's assets and liabilities, 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 future fiscal periods.

The district-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. Fixed assets and related debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The district-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13 and 14 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. This is a state mandated uniform system and chart of accounts for all Kentucky public school districts utilizing the MUNIS administrative software. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are trust funds established by benefactors to aid in student education, welfare and teacher support. The only proprietary funds are our vending and food service operations and day care operations. All other activities of the District are included in the governmental funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 21 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 district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 22 through 53 of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded assets and deferred outflows by \$12,795,316 as of June 30, 2024.

The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (i.e. land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. 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 assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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.

Net Position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023

The following is a summary of net position for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	2024	2023
Current assets	\$ 24,486,375	\$ 23,706,043
Noncurrent assets	51,111,382	38,823,132
Total assets	75,597,757	62,529,175
Total deferred outflows	13,774,881	15,834,333
Current liabilities	4,866,255	3,728,819
Noncurrent liabilities	51,520,824	62,989,776
Total liabilities	56,387,079	66,718,595
Total deferred inflows	20,155,049	13,343,855
Net position		
Investment in capital assets (net of debt)	27,076,914	16,130,299
Restricted	(13,363,655)	(16,876,522)
Unrestricted	(882,749)	(952,719)
Total net position	\$ 12,830,510	\$ (1,698,942)

Comments on General Fund Budget Comparisons

 The District's total revenues in the General Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were \$46,681,031 in revenue excluding interfund transfers and proceeds from sale of assets of \$1,737,543 and \$53,120, respectively.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Comments on General Fund Budget Comparisons (Continued)

- General Fund budgeted revenue compared to actual revenue varied slightly from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$491,985 less than budget or approximately 1% of General Fund Budget. The majority of this variance is the result of the District recording "on-behalf" payments made by the state.
- General Fund actual expenditures were \$46,436,833, net of inter-fund transfers of \$527,862.
- General Fund actual expenditures excluding contingency were less than budgeted expenditures by \$9,275,416. This is the result of more "on-behalf" payments than originally budgeted.

The following table presents a summary of revenues and expenses for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	2024	2023
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 269,437	\$ 230,045
Operating grants	28,065,976	20,294,582
Total grant revenues	28,335,413	20,524,627
General Revenues		
Property taxes	21,996,731	21,186,108
Grants and entitlements	33,823,563	31,268,314
Earnings on investments	1,323,672	780,651
Miscellaneous	(1,347,720)	5,169,511
Total general revenues	55,796,246	58,404,584
Total revenues	84,131,659	78,929,211
Expenses		
Instructional	36,590,933	34,544,040
Student support services	4,923,022	4,942,753
Staff support	1,544,745	1,384,832
District administration	2,583,702	2,377,169
School administration	4,873,812	5,288,002
Business support	2,660,194	2,829,709
Plant operations	7,035,335	6,959,844
Student transportation	2,647,146	2,128,622
Community service	2,012,143	1,876,251
Facilities acquisition and construction	17,337	303,061
Food service	3,513,872	3,560,696
Daycare	529,173	165,483
Interest on long-term debt	670,793	604,540
Total expenses	69,602,207	66,965,002
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 14,529,452	\$ 11,964,209

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Year Ended June 30, 2024

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

In Kentucky, the public school fiscal year is July 1-June 30; other programs, i.e. some federal programs, operate on a different fiscal calendar, but are reflected in the District overall budget. By law, the budget must have a minimum 2% contingency. The District adopted a budget with \$6,535,000 in contingency (10.4%).

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Questions regarding this report should be directed to Mr. Alvin L. Garrison, Superintendent (859) 392-1001 or to his representative Mrs. Annette Burtschy, Director of Financial Services/Finance Officer (859) 392-1016 or by mail to: Covington Board of Education, 25 East 7th Street, Covington, KY 41011.

Statement of Net Position – District Wide As of June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities		
Assets Current			
	\$ 2,097,474	\$ 668,375	\$ 2,765,849
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	³ 2,097,474 17,282,640	\$ 000,375	17,282,640
Accounts receivable	4,068,855	35,857	4,104,712
Interfund receivable	280,697		280,697
Inventories for consumption		52,477	52,477
Total current	23,729,666	756,709	24,486,375
Noncurrent			
Right of use asset	1,739,708	-	1,739,708
Less: Right of use asset - accumulated amortization		-	(735,358)
Construction in progress	6,631,767	-	6,631,767
Nondepreciated capital assets	-,,		-,,
Land	1,393,260	-	1,393,260
Depreciated capital assets	.,,		.,,
Land improvements	1,103,291	-	1,103,291
Buildings and improvements	69,440,254	_	69,440,254
Furniture and equipment	6,519,485	389,240	6,908,725
Less: accumulated depreciation	(35,000,975)	(369,290)	(35,370,265)
Total noncurrent	51,091,432	19,950	51,111,382
Total assets	74,821,098	776,659	75,597,757
Deferred outflows	13,218,980	555,901	13,774,881
Liabilities			
Current	4 475 000		4 475 000
Current portion of bonds payable	1,475,000	-	1,475,000
Current portion of lease liability	297,699	-	297,699
Accounts payable	1,431,908	578	1,432,486
Interfund payable	282,759	-	282,759
Accrued interest	204,576	-	204,576
Accrued sick leave	67,817	-	67,817
Accrued payroll and related expenses	1,556	-	1,556
Unearned revenues	1,104,362	-	1,104,362
Total current	4,865,677	578	4,866,255
Noncurrent			
Accrued sick leave	610,356	-	610,356
MIF net OPEB liability	6,571,575	276,368	6,847,943
CERS net pension liability	20,920,408	879,808	21,800,216
Lease liability	714,666	-	714,666
Bond obligations	21,547,643		21,547,643
Total noncurrent	50,364,648	1,156,176	51,520,824
Total liabilities	55,230,325	1,156,754	56,387,079
Deferred inflows	19,341,637	813,412	20,155,049
Not position			
Net position	07 050 004	40.050	07 070 044
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	27,056,964	19,950	27,076,914
Restricted	(12,706,099)	(657,556)	(13,363,655)
Unrestricted	(882,749)	<u> </u>	(882,749)
Total net position	\$ 13,468,116	\$ (637,606)	\$ 12,830,510

Statement of Activities – District Wide Year Ended June 30, 2024

			Program Revenues		Revenue a	kpense) nd Changes Position	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:							
Instructional	\$ 36,590,933	\$-	\$ 20,625,936	\$-	\$ (15,964,997)	\$-	\$ (15,964,997)
Student support services	4,923,022	-	596,152	-	(4,326,870)	-	(4,326,870)
Staff support services	1,544,745	-	865,603	-	(679,142)	-	(679,142)
District administration	2,583,702	-	-	-	(2,583,702)	-	(2,583,702)
School administration	4,873,812	-	250,662	-	(4,623,150)	-	(4,623,150)
Business support services	2,660,194	-	9,600	-	(2,650,594)	-	(2,650,594)
Plant operation and maintenance	7,035,335	-	59,445	-	(6,975,890)	-	(6,975,890)
Student transportation	2,647,146	-	100,976	-	(2,546,170)	-	(2,546,170)
Community service operations	2,012,143	-	2,012,010	-	(133)	-	(133)
Day care operations	30,286	-	30,286	-	-	-	-
Facility acquisition and construction	17,337	-	-	-	(17,337)	-	(17,337)
Interest on long-term debt	670,793				(670,793)		(670,793)
Total governmental activities	65,589,448		24,550,670	<u> </u>	(41,038,778)		(41,038,778)
Business-type Activities							
Food service	3,513,872	83,941	3,453,660	-	-	23,729	23,729
Daycare	498,887	185,496	61,646			(251,745)	(251,745)
Total business-type activities	4,012,759	269,437	3,515,306			(228,016)	(228,016)
Total school district	\$ 69,602,207	\$ 269,437	\$ 28,065,976	\$-	(41,038,778)	(228,016)	(41,266,794)
			General revenue	es:			
			Taxes		21,996,731	-	21,996,731
			State and feder	al sources	33,823,563	-	33,823,563
			Investment ear		1,271,886	51,786	1,323,672
			Miscellaneous	5	(1,394,289)	-	(1,394,289)
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Total general and special revenues	55,995,515	(199,269)	55,796,246
Change in net position	14,956,737	(427,285)	14,529,452
Net position - beginning	(1,488,621)	(210,321)	(1,698,942)
Net position - ending	\$ 13,468,116	\$ (637,606)	\$ 12,830,510

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Special items:

Fund transfer

Gain on disposal of fixed assets

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds As of June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Construction Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Current					
Cash (overdraft) and cash equivalents	\$ (1,867,730)	\$ (2,186,545)	\$ 4,993,960	\$ 1,157,789	\$ 2,097,474
Investments	17,282,640	-	-	-	17,282,640
Accounts receivable	372,116	3,696,739	-	-	4,068,855
Interfund receivable	280,697			-	280,697
Total current	\$ 16,067,723	\$ 1,510,194	\$ 4,993,960	\$ 1,157,789	\$ 23,729,666
Liabilities and Fund Balance					
Current	ф ТИТ 700	¢ 400.070	¢ 500.000	¢ 040	¢ 4 404 000
Accounts payable	\$ 747,736	\$ 123,073	\$ 560,283	\$ 816	\$ 1,431,908 1,556
Accrued payroll and related expenses Interfund payable	1,556	- 282,759	-	-	1,556 282,759
Unearned revenues	-	1,104,362	-	-	1,104,362
Unearned revenues		1,104,302			1,104,302
Total current	749,292	1,510,194	560,283	816	2,820,585
Fund Balance					
Restricted:					
Capital projects	-	-	4,433,677	-	4,433,677
Other	-	-	-	1,156,973	1,156,973
Committed:			-		
Other	14,928,327	-	-	-	14,928,327
Site-Based carryforward	67,004	-	-	-	67,004
Assigned - Purchase obligations	323,100	-	-	-	323,100
Unassigned					
Total fund balance	15,318,431		4,433,677	1,156,973	20,909,081
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 16,067,723	\$ 1,510,194	\$ 4,993,960	\$ 1,157,789	\$ 23,729,666

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2024

Total governmental fund balance		\$ 20,909,081
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Cost of capital assets Cost of right of use assets Right of use asset accumulated amortization Accumulated depreciation	85,088,057 1,739,708 (735,358) (35,000,975)	51,091,432
Deferred outflows Bond refinancing Related to MIF MIF contributions made after the measurement date Related to CERS CERS contributions made after the measurement date	540 6,226,633 867,095 3,702,635 2,422,077	13,218,980
Deferred inflows Related to CERS Related to OPEB Long-term liabilities (including bonds payable) are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	(5,112,066) (14,229,571)	(19,341,637)
Long-term liabilities at year end consist of: Bonds payable Lease liability Premiums on bonds, net Discounts on bonds, net Accrued interest on bonds Net OPEB liability Net pension liability Accrued sick leave		(22,960,000) (1,012,365) (119,402) 56,759 (204,576) (6,571,575) (20,920,408) (678,173)
Total net position - governmental		\$ 13,468,116

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Construction Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 19,595,201	\$ -	\$-	\$ 2.401.530	\$ 21,996,731
Earnings on investments	1,244,368	20,224	-	7,294	1,271,886
State sources	24,655,498	2,351,819	-	1,577,115	28,584,432
Federal sources	539,173	21,644,211	-	-	22,183,384
Other sources	646,791	554,640			1,201,431
Total revenues	46,681,031	24,570,894		3,985,939	75,237,864
Expenditures					
Instructional	22,483,811	12,121,278	-	139,867	34,744,956
Student support services	4,326,299	596,152	-	-	4,922,451
Staff support services	617,966	865,603	-	60,918	1,544,487
District administration	2,574,248	-	-	-	2,574,248
School administration	4,614,336	250,662	-	-	4,864,998
Business support services	2,650,594	9,600	-	-	2,660,194
Plant operation and maintenance	6,579,579	59,445	-	-	6,639,024
Student transportation	2,397,504	100,976	-	-	2,498,480
Community service operations	133	2,012,010	-	-	2,012,143
Day care operations	-	30,286	-	-	30,286
Facility acquisition and construction	192,363	-	12,714,969	-	12,907,332
Debt service:					
Principal	-	-	-	1,470,000	1,470,000
Interest				645,339	645,339
Total expenditures	46,436,833	16,046,012	12,714,969	2,316,124	77,513,938
Deficit of revenues over expenditures	244,198	8,524,882	(12,714,969)	1,669,815	(2,276,074)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Loan and bond proceeds	-	-	2,125,000	-	2,125,000
Bond discount	-	-	(36,660)	-	(36,660)
Bond premium	-	-	1,277	-	1,277
Proceeds from sale of assets	53,120	-	-	-	53,120
Operating transfers in	1,737,543	310,918	9,212,316	1,547,035	12,807,812
Operating transfers out	(527,862)	(8,835,800)		(3,193,095)	(12,556,757)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,262,801	(8,524,882)	11,301,933	(1,646,060)	2,393,792
Net change in fund balance	1,506,999	-	(1,413,036)	23,755	117,718
Fund balance, July 1, 2023	13,811,432		5,846,713	1,133,218	20,791,363
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	\$ 15,318,431	\$-	\$ 4,433,677	\$ 1,156,973	\$ 20,909,081

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

Net changes-governmental funds	\$ 117,718
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures because they use current financial resources. However in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital 	12,309,063
the statement of net position. Bond proceeds Lease proceeds Lease principal paid Premiums on sale of bonds Discounts on sale of bonds Bond principal paid Amortization of deferred outflow from bond refinancing Amortization of bond premium and discount, net	(2,125,000) (1,039,737) 327,129 (1,277) 36,660 1,470,000 (5,235) 8,213
Deferred outflows related to pensions	254,702
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	(2,298,760)
Deferred inflows related to pensions	(804,601)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(5,674,638)
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.	 12,382,500
Changes in net position of governmental activities	\$ 14,956,737

Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds As of June 30, 2024

	Food Service	Day Care Funds	Total
Assets			
Current:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 628,977	\$ 39,398	\$ 668,375
Accounts receivable	35,857	-	35,857
Inventories for consumption	52,477		52,477
Total current	717,311	39,398	756,709
Noncurrent			
Furniture and fixtures	389,240	-	389,240
Less: accumulated depreciation	(369,290)		(369,290)
Total noncurrent	19,950	<u> </u>	19,950
Total assets	737,261	39,398	776,659
Deferred outflows	477,871	78,030	555,901
Liabilities and Net Position Current:			
Accounts payable	530	48	578
Total current	530	48	578
Noncurrent			
MIF net OPEB liability	237,575	38,793	276,368
CERS net pension liability	756,312	123,496	879,808
Total noncurrent	993,887	162,289	1,156,176
Total liabilities	994,417	162,337	1,156,754
Deferred inflows	699,236	114,176	813,412
Net Position			
Invested in assets, net of debt	19,950	-	19,950
Restricted	(498,471)	(159,085)	(657,556)
Total net position	\$ (478,521)	\$ (159,085)	\$ (637,606)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Food Service	Day Care Funds	Total	
Operating revenues				
Other operating revenues	\$ 83,941	\$ 185,496	\$ 269,437	
Total operating revenues	83,941	185,496	269,437	
Operating expenses				
Salaries and benefits	1,442,207	431,649	1,873,856	
Contract services	59,078	-	59,078	
Materials and supplies	1,766,324	30,262	1,796,586	
Depreciation	20,813	-	20,813	
Other operating expenses	225,450	36,976	262,426	
Total operating expenses	3,513,872	498,887	4,012,759	
Operating loss	(3,429,931)	(313,391)	(3,743,322)	
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
Federal grants	3,121,032	17,597	3,138,629	
State grants	241,889	44,049	285,938	
Donated commodities and other donations	90,739	-	90,739	
Transfers	(251,055)	-	(251,055)	
Interest income	51,786		51,786	
Total nonoperating revenues	3,254,391	61,646	3,316,037	
Change in net position	(175,540)	(251,745)	(427,285)	
Total net position, July 1, 2023	(302,981)	92,660	(210,321)	
Total net position, June 30, 2024	\$ (478,521)	\$ (159,085)	\$ (637,606)	

Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Food Service Fund	Day Care Fund	Total
Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from other activities Cash payments to employees for services Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	\$ 88,445 (1,601,865) (2,061,682)	\$ 195,349 (258,864) (67,230)	\$283,794 (1,860,729) (2,128,912)
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,575,102)	(130,745)	(3,705,847)
Cash flows from capital financing activities Transfers	(251,056)	<u> </u>	(251,056)
Net cash used in capital financing activities	(251,056)		(251,056)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities Non-operating revenues received	3,453,660	61,646	3,515,306
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	3,453,660	61,646	3,515,306
Cash flows from investing activities Interest on investments	51,786	<u> </u>	51,786
Net cash provided by investing activities	51,786		51,786
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(320,712)	(69,099)	(389,811)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	949,689	108,497	1,058,186
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	\$ 628,977	\$ 39,398	\$ 668,375
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities Operating loss	\$ (3,429,931)	\$ (313,391)	\$ (3,743,322)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to	φ (0,+20,001)	φ (313,331)	Ψ (0,740,022)
net cash used in operating activities Depreciation Changes in assets and liabilities:	20,813	-	20,813
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows Increase in deferred inflows Increase (decrease) in MIF net OPEB liability Increase (decrease) in CERS net pension liability Increase in accounts payable Decrease in accounts receivable	82,962 226,597 (378,667) (90,550) 42 4,504	(67,567) 105,358 27,297 107,697 8 9,853	15,395 331,955 (351,370) 17,147 50 14,357
Increase in inventories	(10,872)	- (120 745)	(10,872)
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (3,575,102)	\$ (130,745)	<u>\$ (3,705,847)</u>
Schedule of non-cash transactions Donated commodities received from federal government On behalf payments	\$ 90,739 \$ 221,567	\$- \$36,179	\$ 90,739 \$ 257,746

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Covington Independent 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 Covington 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 Covington Independent Board of Education. 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 Board itself such as Parent-Teacher Associations, etc.

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>Covington Independent School District Finance Corporation</u> - The Board authorized the establishment of the Covington 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 58.180) as an agency of the District for financing the costs of school building facilities. The Board Members of the Covington Independent Board of Education 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 primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The district-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This 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 reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the district-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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 a 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.

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. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

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, which reports on the changes in total net position. Proprietary funds and fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

The District has the following funds:

- I. Governmental Fund Types
 - (A) The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for financial resources used for general types of operations. This is a budgeted fund and any unrestricted fund balances are considered as resources available for use. This is a major fund of the District.
 - (B) The Special Revenue 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. The separate projects of federally funded grant programs are identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards included in this report on pages 73 and 74. This is a major fund of the District.
 - (C) The Activity Funds account for activities of student groups and other types of activities requiring clearing accounts. These funds are accounted for in accordance with Uniform Program of Accounting for School Activity Funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

I. Governmental Fund Types (continued)

- (D) 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 Fund (FSPK) 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.
 - The Construction Fund accounts for proceeds from sales of bonds and other revenues to be used for authorized construction. This District is committed to construction contracts in the amount of \$4,433,677 for ongoing projects. This is a major fund of the District

II. Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest and related cost; and, for the payment of interest on general obligation notes payable, as required by Kentucky Law.

III. <u>Proprietary Fund</u> (Enterprise Fund)

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). The Food Service fund is a major fund of the District.

The Daycare Fund is used to support the daycare programs at the individual schools. These funds are used to support the resources needed to actively manage these programs.

The District applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements to proprietary funds as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989 unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. District-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary 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 requirements, 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 specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenues from nonexchange transactions must also be available before they can be recognized.

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

Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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 governmental funds.

Taxes

Property Tax Revenues – Property taxes are levied each September 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 30 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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) of the United States of America. 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).

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.

Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles has established a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on transparency of valuation inputs as of the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels are defined as follows: Level 1 inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets; Level 2 inputs are observable quoted prices for similar assets in active markets; Level 3 inputs are unobservable and reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use as fair value.

In February 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.

Inventories

Supplies and materials are charged to expenditures when purchased, except for inventories in the Proprietary Fund, which are capitalized at the lower of cost or market.

Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the district-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 district-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets (Continued)

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 asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

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

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives
Buildings and improvements	25-50 years
Land improvements	20 years
Technology equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
General equipment	10 years
Food service equipment	10-12 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Other	10 years

Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave Benefits

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. 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 it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is based on the District's experience of making termination payments. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the district-wide financial statements.

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.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

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.

Fund Balance Reserves

Beginning with fiscal year 2012 the District implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the District's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

<u>Nonspendable fund balance</u> - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact;

<u>Restricted fund balance</u> – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

<u>Committed fund balance</u> – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the action to remove or change the constraint.

<u>Assigned fund balance</u> – amounts the District intends to use for specific purpose (such as encumbrances); intent can be expressed by the District or by an official or body to which the District delegates the authority.

<u>Unassigned fund balance</u> – amounts that are available for purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the General fund.

It is the Board'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.

Encumbrances are not liabilities and are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. Encumbrances remaining open at the end of the fiscal year are automatically re-budgeted in the following fiscal year. Encumbrances are considered a managerial assignment of fund balance in the governmental funds balance sheet.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Position

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

Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or 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 as non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous (CERS) and Teachers Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS) 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.

Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS) and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. 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, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 2 ESTIMATES

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

NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, exceed federally insured limits. The amounts exceeding the federally insured limits are covered by a collateral agreement and the collateral is held by the pledging banks' trust departments in the District's name. The District has not experienced any losses in such accounts and the District believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

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

Governmental Activities	Ju	Balance ine 30, 2023	 Additions	 Deductions	Ju	Balance ne 30, 2024
Land Land improvements Buildings and improvements Technology equipment	\$	1,393,260 1,103,291 58,435,138 3,101,714	\$ - - 11,005,116 -	\$ - - 53,335	\$	1,393,260 1,103,291 69,440,254 3,048,379
Vehicles General equipment Construction in progress		2,856,275 614,831 4,746,888	 6,279,696	 - - 4,394,817		2,856,275 614,831 6,631,767
Totals at historical cost Less: accumulated depreciation Land improvements		72,251,397 692,493	<u>17,284,812</u> 9,782	 4,448,152		85,088,057 702,275
Buildings and improvements Technology equipment Vehicles General equipment		28,011,433 2,810,836 1,760,749 446,969	905,008 209,516 179,932 21,041	 - 46,784 - -		28,916,441 2,973,568 1,940,681 468,010
Total accumulated depreciation Governmental activities capital assets - net	\$	33,722,480 38,528,917	\$ 1,325,279 15,959,533	\$ 46,784 4,401,368		35,000,975 50,087,082
<u>Business - Type Activities</u> General equipment Technology equipment	\$	386,840 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$	386,840 2,400
Totals at historical cost		389,240	 -	 -		389,240
Less: accumulated depreciation General equipment Technology equipment		346,078 2,399	 20,813	 -		366,891 2,399
Total accumulated depreciation		348,477	 20,813	 -		369,290
Business - type activities capital assets - net	\$	40,763	\$ (20,813)	\$ _	\$	19,950

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation expense by function for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Governmental		Busi	Business-Type	
Instructional	\$	761,205	\$	-	
Student support services		571		-	
Staff support services		258		-	
District administration		9,454		-	
School administration		8,814		-	
Plant operation and maintenance		396,311		-	
Student transportation		148,666		-	
Food service		-		20,813	
Total	\$	1,325,279	\$	20,813	

NOTE 5 ACCUMULATED UNPAID SICK LEAVE BENEFITS

Upon providing proof of qualification as an annuitant from the Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System, certified and classified employees will receive from the District an amount equal to 30% of the value of accumulated sick leave. At June 30, 2024 this amount totaled approximately \$678,173 for those employees with twenty-seven or more years of experience.

NOTE 6 BONDED DEBT

The amount shown in the accompanying financial statements as bond obligations represents the District's future obligations to make bond payments relating to the bonds issued.

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

Issue Date	Proceeds	Rates
October 1, 2012	\$ 1,090,000	1.100% - 2.625%
October 1, 2014	2,835,000	2.000% - 3.125%
March 1, 2015	2,530,000	2.000% - 3.000%
July 1, 2016	8,300,000	2.000% - 2.750%
October 1, 2016	1,635,000	2.000% - 3.000%
September 1, 2017	3,245,000	1.100% - 3.150%
August 6, 2019	1,110,000	3.000%
November 14, 2019	1,350,000	2.000%
July 1, 2020	3,750,000	2.000%
July 14, 2022	2,990,000	3.500% - 5.000%
July 11, 2023	2,125,000	4.250% - 5.000%

The District, through the General Fund (including utility taxes and the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Capital Outlay Fund) is obligated to make lease payments in amounts sufficient to satisfy debt service requirements on bonds issued by the Kenton County Fiscal Court and the Covington Independent School District Finance Corporation to construct school facilities.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 6 BONDED DEBT (Continued)

The District entered into "participation agreements" with the School Facility Construction Commission (Commission). The Commission was created by the Kentucky General Assembly for the purpose of assisting local school districts in meeting school construction needs. Note 16 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 has been recorded in the financial statements.

All issues 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 reported in Note 16.

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS

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

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 http://kyret.ky.gov/.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

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 service or 65 years old At least 5 years service and 55 years old At least 25 years 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 years 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

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. One month's service is required for death benefits prior to retirement and the employee must have suffered a duty-related death. The decedent's spouse will receive the higher of the normal death benefit and \$10,000 plus 75% of the decedent's monthly average rate of pay. If the surviving spouse remarries, the monthly rate will be recalculated to 25% of the decedent's monthly average. Any dependent child will receive 50% of the decedent's monthly final rate of pay up to 75% for all dependent children. Five years' service is required for nonservice-related disability benefits.

Contributions

Required contributions by the employee are based on the following tier:

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

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

The contribution requirement for CERS for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$3,131,655, which consisted of \$2,523,938 from the District and \$607,717 from the employees. Total contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$3,359,988 and \$3,165,798, respectively. The contributions have been contributed in full for fiscal years 2024, 2023 and 2022.

General information about the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky

Plan description

Teaching certified employees of the District and other employees whose positions require at least a college degree are provided pensions through the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky—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. TRS was created by the 1938 General Assembly and is governed by Chapter 161 Section 220 through Chapter 161 Section 990 of the KRS. TRS is a blended component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth's financial statements. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at https://trs.ky.gov/employers/gasb-65-67/.

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 service, or
- 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 two (2) percent (service prior to July 1, 1983) and two and one-half (2.5) percent (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 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. New employees hired after July 1, 2008 but before December 31, 2021 who retire with less than ten years will receive monthly benefits equal to 1.7% of their final average salary for each year of service. New employees hired between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2021 with between 10 to 20 years of service will receive monthly benefits equal to 2% of their final average salary for each year of service. New employees hired between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2021 with between 20 to 26 years of service will receive monthly benefits equal to 2.3% of their final average salary for each year of service. Lastly, new employees hired between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2021 with between 26 to 30 years of service will receive monthly benefits equal to 2.5% of their final average salary for each year of service. Effective January 1, 2022, the System has been amended to change the benefit structure for employees hired on or after that date.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

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. TRS 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. Non-university employees are required to contribute 12.855% of their salaries to the System. University employees are required to contribute 10.400% of their salaries. KRS 161.580 allows each university to reduce the contribution of its employees by 2.215%; therefore, university employees contribute 8.185% of their salary to TRS. The contribution requirement for TRS for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$4,648,078, which consisted of \$1,427,723 from the District and \$3,220,355 from the employees. Total contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$4,274,724 and \$4,348,098, respectively. The contributions have been contributed in full for fiscal years 2024, 2023 and 2022.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, as a non-employer contributing entity, pays matching contributions at the rate of 13.105% of salaries for local school district and regional cooperative employees hired before July 1, 2008 and 14.105% for those hired after July 1, 2008. For local school district and regional cooperative employees whose salaries are federally funded, the employer contributes 16.105% of salaries. 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.

Medical Insurance Plan

Plan description

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

To be eligible for medical benefits, the member must have retired either for service or disability. The TRS 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. Once retired employees and eligible spouses attain age 65 and are Medicare eligible, coverage is obtained through the TRS Medicare Eligible Health Plan.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Funding policy

In order to fund the post-retirement healthcare benefit, 6.59% of the gross annual payroll of employees before July 1, 2008 is contributed. 3.75% is paid by member contributions, 0.16% is credited to the Commonwealth, and 3.00% is contributed by 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.

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 TRS because the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides the pension support directly to TRS 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 the CERS net pension liability	\$ 21,800,216
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability associated with the District	97,242,216
	\$ 119,042,432

The net pension liability for each plan was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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 0.339752%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized an increase of pension expense of \$1,250,597 related to CERS. The District also recognized an expense of \$7,066,957 and revenue of \$7,066,957 for TRS support provided by the Commonwealth due to a change in assumptions. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 1,128,555	\$ 59,237
Difference between expected and actual experience	2,355,041	2,652,408
Changes of assumptions	-	1,998,005
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	374,753	617,404
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,523,938	
Total	\$ 6,382,287	\$ 5,327,054

\$2,523,938 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, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:				
2025	\$	(1,099,593)		
2026		(644,734)		
2027		486,669		
2028		(211,047)		
2029		-		

Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	CERS	TRS
Inflation	2.30%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	3.3 - 10.3%	3.0-7.5%
Investment rate of return, net of		
investment expense and inflation	6.50%	7.10%

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

For CERS, mortality rates used for active members PUB-2010 General Mortality table projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. The mortality table used for healthy retired members was a system-specific mortality tabled based on a mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019. The mortality table used for disabled members was PUB-2010 Disabled Mortality table, with a 4-year set-forward for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.

For TRS, mortality rates were based on Pub2010 (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) Mortality Table projected generationally with MP-2020 with various set-forwards, set-backs, and adjustments for each 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 6-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the board on September 10, 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.

For CERS, the long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years. The most recent analysis, performed for the period covering fiscal years 2018 through 2022, is outlined in a report dated May 9, 2023. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were 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 then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

For TRS, 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. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by TRS' and CERS' investment consultant, are summarized in the following table:

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Asset Class	TRS Target Allocation	TRS Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	CERS Target Allocation	CERS Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US equity	38.0%	5.25%	50.0%	5.90%
Developed international equity	15.7%	5.50%		
Emerging markets equity	5.3%	6.10%		
Private equity	7.0%	8.00%	10.0%	11.73%
Core bonds			10.0%	2.45%
Fixed income	15.0%	1.90%		
Specialty Credit			10.0%	3.65%
High yield	5.0%	3.80%		
Additional categories	5.0%	3.60%		
Real estate	7.0%	3.20%	7.0%	4.99%
Real return			13.0%	5.15%
Cash	2.0%	1.60%	0.0%	1.39%
Total	100%		100%	

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 discount rate assumed that contributions from plan employees and employers will be made at statutory contribution rates. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment return of 6.50%. The long-term investment rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

For TRS, 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 statutorily required rates for all fiscal years in the future. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of CERS and TRS proportionate share of net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following table presents the net pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rates selected by each pension system, 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 or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease		Current Discount Rate		1% Increase	
CERS District's proportionate share of net		5.50%		6.50%		7.50%
pension liability	\$	27,524,089	\$	21,800,216	\$	17,043,462
TRS District's proportionate share of net pension liability		6.10% -		7.10% -		8.10% -

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

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 TRS.

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS

General information about the Teachers' Retirement System OPEB Plan

Plan description

Teaching-certified employees of the Covington Independent School District are provided OPEBs through the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS) – 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 Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth's financial statements. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at https://trs.ky.gov/administration/financial-reports-information/.

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 TRS Medical Insurance and Life Insurance Plans. The following information is about the TRS plans.

Medical Insurance Plan

Plan description

In addition to the OPEB benefits described above, Kentucky Revised Statute 161.675 requires TRS to provide post-employment healthcare benefits to eligible members and dependents. The TRS Medical Insurance benefit is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan with a special funding situation. Changes made to the medical plan may be made by the TRS Board of Trustees, the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance and the General Assembly.

Benefits provided

To be eligible for medical benefits, the member must have retired either for service or disability. The TRS Medical Insurance Fund offers coverage to members under the age of 65 through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan administered by the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance. TRS 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 TRS 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 TRS Medicare Eligible Health Plan.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

Contributions

In order to fund the post-retirement healthcare benefit, seven and one-half percent (7.50%) of the gross annual payroll of members is contributed. Three and three quarters percent (3.75%) is paid by member contributions and three quarters percent (.75%) from state appropriation and three percent (3.00%) from the employer. The state contributes the net cost of health insurance premiums for members who retired on or after July 1, 2010 who are in the non-Medicare eligible group. Also, the premiums collected from retirees as described in the plan description and investment interest help meet the medical expenses of the plan.

General information about the County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous OPEB Plan

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 Statue ("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.

Benefits provided

CERS provides 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. See Note 7 for tier classifications.

Contributions

Required contributions by the employee are based on the tier disclosed in Note 7.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

At June 30, 2024, the Covington Independent School District reported a liability of \$6,847,943 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that reflected a reduction for state OPEB support provided to the District. The collective net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the collective net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022 the District's proportion was .58% and .56% for TRS, respectively. At June 30, 2023 and 2022 the Districts proportion was .34% and .33% for CERS, respectively.

The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the OPEB liability, 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 the CERS net OPEB liability	\$ (469,057)
District's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability	7,317,000
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District	 6,167,000
	\$ 13,014,943

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized an increase of OPEB expense of \$4,597,350 and revenue of \$479,789 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 327,004	\$ 9,140,137
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,014,821	986,681
Change of Assumptions	2,586,071	643,288
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,560,598	4,057,889
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	903,560	
Total	\$ 7,392,054	\$ 14,827,995

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

Of the total amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, \$903,560 resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the District's OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:					
2025	2025 \$ (1,611,480)				
2026 (2,584,087)					
2027	(2,013,391)				
2028		(1,315,543)			
2029	(129,000)				
Thereafter		(686,000)			

Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	TRS	CERS
Investment rate of return	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation.	6.25%
Projected salary increases	3.00 - 7.50%, including inflation	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.30%
Real Wage Growth	0.25%	
Wage Inflation	2.75%	
Healthcare cost trend rates		
Medical Trend	6.75% for FY 2023 decreasing to an	
	ultimate rate of 4.50% by FY 2032	
Under 65		Initial trend starting at 6.40% and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years.
Ages 65 and Older		Initial trend starting at 6.30% and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of
		4.05% over a period of 13 years.
Medicare Part B Premiums	1.55% for FY 2023 with an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2034	
Municipal Bond Index Rate	3.66%	3.86%
Discount Rate	7.10%	5.93%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation	

For TRS, 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, rates of plan participation, and rates of plan election used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the most actuarial experience studies, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the Board on September 20, 2021.

For CERS, mortality rates used for active members was PUB-2010 General Mortality table projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. The mortality table used for healthy retired members was a system-specific mortality table based on a mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g. initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2022 valuation.

For TRS, The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 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.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Large Cap U.S. Equity	35.4%	5.0%
Small Cap U.S. Equity	2.6%	5.5%
Developed International Equity	15.0%	5.5%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.0%	6.1%
Fixed Income	9.0%	1.9%
High Yield Bonds	8.0%	3.8%
Other Additional Categories	9.0%	3.7%
Real Estate	6.5%	3.2%
Private Equity	8.5%	8.0%
Cash	1.0%	1.6%
Total	100.0%	

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by TRS's investment consultant, are summarized in the following table:

Discount rate

For TRS, the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB 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 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

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.

For CERS, the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 5.93%. 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 table presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability of the System, calculated using the discount rate, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.10%)	Current Discount Rate (7.10%)	1% Increase (8.10%)
TRS District's net OPEB liability	\$ 9,411,000	\$ 7,317,000	\$ 5,586,000
	1% Decrease (4.93%)	Current Discount Rate (5.93%)	1% Increase (6.93%)
CERS			
District's net OPEB liability	\$ 880,240	\$ (469,057)	\$ (1,598,928)

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

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

		1% Decrease		Current Trend Rate		1% Increase	
TRS District's net OPEB liability	\$	5,268,000	\$	7,317,000	\$	9,869,000	
	10	% Decrease	Curre	ent Trend Rate	19	6 Increase	
CERS District's net OPEB liability	\$	(1,503,409)	\$	(469,057)	\$	801,547	

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS and CERS financial reports.

Life Insurance Plan

Plan description

TRS administers the life insurance plan as provide by Kentucky Revised Statute 161.655 to eligible active and retired members. The TRS 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 TRS Board of Trustees and the General Assembly.

Benefits provided

TRS provides a life insurance benefit of five thousand dollars payable for members who retire based on service or disability. TRS 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.

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.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Covington Independent School District did not report a liability for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability for life insurance benefits because the State of Kentucky provides the OPEB support directly to TRS on behalf of the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the OPEB liability, 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 the net OPEB liability	\$	-
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District		153,000
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	Φ	153,000

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$-0- and revenue of \$15,180 for support provided by the State.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Investment rate of return	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation.
Projected salary increases	3.00 - 7.50%, including wage inflation
Inflation rate	2.50%
Real Wage Growth	0.25%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Municipal Bond Index Rate	3.66%
Discount Rate	7.10%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation

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, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the most actuarial experience studies, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the Board on September 20, 2021.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g. initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2022 valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 OPEB PLANS (CONTINUED)

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by TRS's investment consultant, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	40.0%	5.2%
International Equity	20.0%	5.8%
Fixed Income	21.0%	1.9%
Real Estate	7.0%	3.2%
Private Equity	5.0%	8.0%
Other Additional Categories	5.0%	4.0%
Cash	2.0%	1.6%
Total	100.0%	

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability for life insurance was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that 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 table presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability of the System, calculated using the discount rate of 7.10%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.10%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.10%) than the current rate:

	1% Decreas (6.10%)	-			crease I0%)
District's net OPEB liability	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS financial report.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 9 CONTINGENCIES

Grant Fund Approval

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 the grantor's review indicates that the funds have not been used for the intended purpose, the grantors 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 the programs.

NOTE 10 INSURANCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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 are covered through the purchase of commercial insurance. The District has purchased certain policies which are retrospectively rated, which includes workers' compensation insurance.

NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. To obtain insurance for errors and omissions, and general liability coverage, the District participates in the Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust Liability Insurance Fund. These public entity risk pools operate as common risk management and insurance programs for all school districts and other tax supported educational agencies of Kentucky who are members of the Kentucky School Boards Association. The District pays an annual premium to each fund for coverage. The Liability Insurance fund pays insurance premiums of the participating members established by the insurance carrier. The Trust can terminate coverage if it is unable to obtain acceptable excess general liability coverage and for any reason by giving ninety (90) days' notice. In the event the Trust terminated coverage, any amount remaining in the Fund (after payment of operational and administrative costs and claims for which coverage was provided) would be returned to the member on a pro rata basis.

The District is self-insured for unemployment insurance benefits. The District reimburses the state for any claims paid. The District purchases workers' compensation insurance through the Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust. In addition, the District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 12 DEFICIT OPERATING/FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 2024 the Food Service Fund and Day Care Fund have deficit fund balances of \$478,521 and \$159,085, respectively. The following funds have operations that resulted in a current year deficit of revenues over expenditures, resulting in a corresponding reduction of fund balance:

Construction Fund	\$ 1,413,036
Food Service Fund	175,540
Day Care Fund	251,745
Latonia Elementary School	2,065
John G. Carlisle Elementary School	2,002
Holmes High School	2,217

NOTE 13 COBRA

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

NOTE 14 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The following transfers were made during the year.

From Fund	To Fund	Purpose	 Amount
General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	KETS Match	\$ 60,720
General Fund	Construction Fund	Construction	434,611
General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	FEMA Transfer	32,531
Special Revenue Fund	Construction Fund	Construction	7,647,705
Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Flex Funds	217,667
Special Revenue Fund	General Fund	Indirect Costs Transfer	970,428
Capital Outlay Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Service	329,829
Building Fund	Construction Fund	Construction	1,130,000
Building Fund	General Fund	BFFT	516,060
Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Service	1,217,206
Food Service Fund	General Fund	Indirect Costs Transfer	251,055

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 15 ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

For the year ended June 30, 2024 total payments of \$11,867,401 were made for life insurance, health insurance, TRS matching and administrative fees by the Commonwealth of Kentucky on behalf of the District. These payments were recognized as on-behalf payments and recorded in the appropriate revenue and expense accounts on the statement of activities.

General Fund	\$ 11,041,351
Debt Service	568,304
Day Care	36,179
Food Service	221,567
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Total On-Behalf	\$ 11,867,401

NOTE 16 SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

	2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 20	016B, 2017, 2019,	2019REF, 2020,	2022 and 2023A Bonds
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Fiscal Year	Cov	ington Indepen School District			School Facilities		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total	Total Requirements
2024-2025 2025-2026 2026-2027 2027-2028 2028-2029 2029-2030 2030-2031 2031-2032 2032-2033 2033-2034 2034-2035 2035-2036 2036-2037 2037-2038 2038-2039 2039-2040	\$ 792,147 810,267 831,707 855,934 875,840 901,563 855,672 791,437 935,455 781,480 805,248 892,600 918,592 596,137 608,398 631,704	 \$ 455,595 435,466 414,782 392,470 369,048 344,223 317,008 289,906 266,223 236,337 214,553 191,505 165,452 143,613 127,240 107,857 	\$ 1,247,742 1,245,733 1,246,489 1,248,404 1,244,888 1,245,786 1,172,680 1,081,343 1,201,678 1,017,817 1,019,801 1,084,105 1,084,044 739,750 735,638 739,561	Principal \$ 682,853 689,733 648,293 669,066 624,160 573,437 599,328 498,563 514,545 483,520 509,752 537,400 561,408 113,863 16,602 13,296 13,296	Interest \$ 326,529 \$ 318,707 304,749 207,793 205,639 115,242 100,047 83,559 70,197 56,750 43,050 28,296 12,579 2,731 648 199		Requirements \$ 2,257,124 2,254,173 2,199,531 2,125,263 2,074,687 1,934,465 1,872,055 1,663,465 1,786,420 1,558,087 1,572,603 1,649,801 1,658,031 856,344 752,888 753,056 1
2040-2041 2041-2042 2042-2043 2043-2044 2044-2045 2045-2046 2046-2047 2047-2048	650,000 665,000 155,000 160,000 165,000 175,000 180,000 190,000	88,766 70,113 43,369 36,975 30,175 23,163 15,725 8,075	738,766 735,113 198,369 196,975 195,175 198,163 195,725 198,075	- - - - - -	- - - - - - -		738,766 735,113 198,369 196,975 195,175 198,163 195,725 198,075
	\$15,224,181	\$ 4,787,639	\$20,011,820	\$ 7,735,819	\$ 1,876,715 \$	9,612,534	\$ 29,624,354

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 16 SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

A summary of the changes in the outstanding principal and accrued sick leave for the District during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Payments	Balance June 30, 2024
Bond Obligations	\$ 22,305,000	\$ 2,125,000	\$ 1,470,000	\$ 22,960,000
Bond premium	\$ 129,242	\$ 1,277	\$ 11,117	\$ 119,402
Bond discount	\$ (23,003)	\$ (36,660)	\$ (2,904)	\$ (56,759)
Sick Leave	\$ 773,597	\$ 32,687	\$ 128,111	\$ 678,173

NOTE 17 INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE

Current accounting and reporting standards define fair value, establish a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on transparency of valuation inputs and require disclosures about fair value measurements. The hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets.

Level 2 - Inputs are observable quoted prices for similar assets in active markets.

Level 3 - Inputs are unobservable and reflect our best estimate of what market participants would use as fair value.

Investments consisted of the following at June 30, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Brokered certificates of deposit	\$ 17,282,640	\$		\$	_	\$ 17,282,640	
Total investments	\$ 17,282,640	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 17,282,640	

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statement of financial position, as well as the general classification pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There were no valuations using Level 2 or 3 inputs.

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities include brokered certificates of deposit. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models or quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics.

NOTE 18 LEASES

The district has a lease agreement for IT equipment that expires in July 2025. Annual payments of \$173,361 are required. There are no variable payments within the lease agreements.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 18 LEASES (CONTINUED)

The district also has a lease agreement for office equipment that expires October 2028. Monthly payments are required. For fiscal year 2024, monthly payments are \$3,585.

The district has a lease agreement for office space. This lease requires quarterly payments of \$71,027 for fiscal year 2024 and \$71,027 for fiscal year 2025.

Interest rates range from 2.0% to 8.6% to calculate the lease liabilities.

The following table shows the District's change in lease accounts for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2024		
ROU Asset	\$ 1,911,349	\$ 1,039,737	\$ 1,211,378	\$ 1,739,708		
ROU Accum. Amort.	\$ 1,657,897	\$ 288,839	\$ 1,211,378	\$ 735,358		
Lease liability	\$ 282,134	\$ 1,039,737	\$ 309,506	\$ 1,012,365		

Future minimum payments related to these leases are shown below:

	Principal		Interest			Total
FY2025	\$	297,699	\$	43,770	\$	341,469
FY2026	Ψ	312,865	Ψ	28,604	Ψ	341,469
FY2027 FY2028		328,874 53,807		12,595 3,553		341,469 57,360
FY2029		19,120		155		19,275
	\$	1,012,365	\$	88,677	\$	1,101,042

NOTE 19 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were considered through November 6, 2024, which represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds As of June 30, 2024

	Capital Outlay Fund	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	School Activity Fund	Total Non-major Government Funds
Assets					
Current:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 950,180	\$ -	\$ 207,609	\$ 1,157,789
Total current	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 950,180	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 207,609	\$ 1,157,789
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	<u>\$ -</u>	\$-	\$-	\$ 816	\$ 816
Total current				816	816
Fund Balances: Restricted:					
Other	\$ -	\$ 950,180	\$ -	\$ 206,793	\$ 1,156,973
Total fund balances		950,180		206,793	1,156,973
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ -	\$ 950,180	\$-	\$ 207,609	\$ 1,157,789

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Capital Outlay Fund	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	School Activity Fund	Total Nonmajor Government Funds	
Revenues:	•	.	•	•		
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,401,530	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,401,530	
Earnings on investments State sources	-	-	-	7,294	7,294	
State sources	329,829	474,766	568,304	204,216	1,577,115	
Total revenues	329,829	2,876,296	568,304	211,510	3,985,939	
Expenditures:						
Instructional	-	-	-	139,867	139,867	
Staff support services	-	-	-	60,918	60,918	
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	1,470,000	-	1,470,000	
Interest			645,339		645,339	
Total expenditures		<u> </u>	2,115,339	200,785	2,316,124	
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	329,829	2,876,296	(1,547,035)	10,725	1,669,815	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Operating transfers in	-	-	1,547,035	-	1,547,035	
Operating transfers out	(329,829)	(2,863,266)			(3,193,095)	
Total other financing sources(uses)	(329,829)	(2,863,266)	1,547,035		(1,646,060)	
Net change in fund balance	-	13,030	-	10,725	23,755	
Fund balance, July 1, 2023		937,150		196,068	1,133,218	
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 950,180	\$	\$ 206,793	\$ 1,156,973	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual – General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 19,780,304	\$ 19,780,304	\$ 19,595,201	\$ (185,103)
Other local sources	838,200	838,200	1,891,159	1,052,959
State sources	26,380,552	26,551,058	24,655,498	(1,895,560)
Federal sources	457,000	457,000	539,173	82,173
Other sources	822,357	1,337,117	1,790,663	453,546
Total revenues	48,278,413	48,963,679	48,471,694	(491,985)
Expenditures				
Instructional	34,521,939	34,228,584	22,483,811	11,744,773
Student support services	3,180,468	3,209,048	4,326,299	(1,117,251)
Staff support services	463,428	475,729	617,966	(142,237)
District administration	3,159,406	3,101,219	2,574,248	526,971
School administration	3,578,586	3,640,748	4,614,336	(973,588)
Business support services	2,333,280	2,329,289	2,650,594	(321,305)
Plant operation and maintenance	5,874,664	6,247,494	6,579,579	(332,085)
Student transportation	2,146,115	2,193,171	2,397,504	(204,333)
Food service operation	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Community service operations	-		133	(133)
Facility acquisition and construction	15,000	15,000	192,363	(177,363)
Other	6,859,957	7,319,829	527,862	6,791,967
Total expenditures	62,147,843	62,775,111	46,964,695	15,810,416
Net change in fund balance	(13,869,430)	(13,811,432)	1,506,999	15,318,431
Fund balance, July 1, 2023	13,869,430	13,811,432	13,811,432	
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	\$ -	\$	\$ 15,318,431	\$ 15,318,431

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual – Special Revenue Fund Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Other local sources	\$ 550	\$ 42,526	\$ 574,864	\$ 532,338
State sources	2,429,630	2,422,471	2,351,819	(70,652)
Federal sources	6,907,716	7,730,699	21,644,211	13,913,512
Other sources	292,667	292,667	310,918	18,251
Total revenues	9,630,563	10,488,363	24,881,812	14,393,449
Expenditures:				
Instructional	5,999,408	6,635,514	12,121,278	(5,485,764)
Student support services	484,392	485,095	596,152	(111,057)
Staff support services	1,043,128	1,003,920	865,603	138,317
School administration	250,360	250,360	250,662	(302)
Business support services	-	-	9,600	(9,600)
Plant operation and maintenance	25,745	29,432	59,445	(30,013)
Student transportation	-	1,000	100,976	(99,976)
Day Care Operations	-	1,000	30,286	(29,286)
Community service operations	1,474,505	1,629,332	2,012,010	(382,678)
Other	353,025	416,547	8,835,800	(8,419,253)
Total expenditures	9,630,563	10,452,200	24,881,812	(14,429,612)
Net change in fund balance	-	36,163	-	(36,163)
Fund balance, July 1, 2023				
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 36,163	<u> </u>	\$ (36,163)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual – Construction Fund Year Ended June 30, 2024

	 ginal dget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Other sources	\$ -	\$ 2,975,000	\$ 11,301,933	\$ 8,326,933
Total revenues	 	2,975,000	11,301,933	8,326,933
Expenditures				
Facility acquisition and construction	 	2,975,000	12,714,969	(9,739,969)
Total expenditures	 	2,975,000	12,714,969	(9,739,969)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(1,413,036)	(1,413,036)
Fund balance, July 1, 2023	 		5,846,713	5,846,713
Fund balance, June 30, 2024	\$ -	\$-	\$ 4,433,677	\$ 4,433,677

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances – Bond and Interest Redemption Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Issue of 2012	Issue of 2014	Issue of 2015	Issue of 2016 Energy	Issue of 2016B	Issue of 2017
Cash at July 1, 2023	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ -
Receipts: Transfers and miscellaneous deposits	69,175	262,288	226,563	521,413	109,600	212,469
Disbursements: Bonds paid Interest coupons	55,000 14,175	215,000 47,288	195,000 31,563	360,000 161,413	75,000 34,600	140,000 72,469
Total disbursements	69,175	262,288	226,563	521,413	109,600	212,469
Excess of receipts over disbursements				<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Cash at July 1, 2024						
Fund Balance at June 30, 2024	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
	Issue of 2019	Issue of 2019 Ref	Issue of 2020	Issue of 2022	lssue of 2023A	Total
Cash at July 1, 2023						
Cash at July 1, 2023 Receipts: Transfers and miscellaneous deposits	2019	2019 Ref	2020	2022	2023A	
Receipts:	<u>2019</u> \$ -	2019 Ref \$ -	<u>2020</u> \$ -	<u>2022</u> \$ -	2023A \$ -	\$ -
Receipts: Transfers and miscellaneous deposits Disbursements: Bonds paid	2019 \$ - 73,875 45,000	2019 Ref \$ - 156,488 140,000	2020 \$ - 213,581 145,000	2022 \$ - 170,538 55,000	2023A \$ - 99,349 45,000	<u>\$</u>
Receipts: Transfers and miscellaneous deposits Disbursements: Bonds paid Interest coupons	2019 \$ - 73,875 45,000 28,875	2019 Ref \$ - 156,488 140,000 16,488	2020 \$ - 213,581 145,000 68,581	2022 \$ 170,538 55,000 115,538	2023A \$ - 99,349 45,000 54,349	\$
Receipts: Transfers and miscellaneous deposits Disbursements: Bonds paid Interest coupons Total disbursements Excess of receipts	2019 \$ - 73,875 45,000 28,875	2019 Ref \$ - 156,488 140,000 16,488	2020 \$ - 213,581 145,000 68,581	2022 \$ 170,538 55,000 115,538	2023A \$ - 99,349 45,000 54,349	\$

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances Holmes High School Activity Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Fund Balance July 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Fund Balance June 30, 2024
Academic team	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -
Alumni fund	705	-	705	-
Annual	1,067	295	1,050	312
Art department	514	-	-	514
Athletic office	20,714	58,985	59,792	19,907
Baseball fundraiser	2,191	-	1,816	375
Basketball fundraiser	38	-	38	-
Cheer	662	1,043	956	749
Cheerleaders	889	2,229	2,553	565
Chess Team	1,348	-	-	1,348
Child care development center	1,033	355	-	1,388
Class of 2024	202	624	826	-
Class of 2025	-	185	-	185
Concession	405	11,716	11,569	552
Cross country fundraiser	3,467	-	-	3,467
Don Conrad family scholarship	7,393	28,000	30,940	4,453
FBLA	198	350	548	-
Fine arts enrichment	624	-	624	-
Football fundraiser	225	-	225	-
G & R Reed scholarship	116	-	-	116
General fund	13,129	12,921	3,592	22,458
Heisel, DR medallion	4,606	-	-	4,606
Holmes broadcasting	283	-	283	-
Holmes Leadership Academy	594	1,160	-	1,754
Holmes marching band	1,374	400	-	1,774
Honor Society - Sr.	176	-	176	-
Library	678	-	438	240
Marine Corp adm	491	3,520	883	3,128
Media Arts Fundraiser	-	5,000	-	5,000
Mitchell, H & S scholarship	4,201	-	2,000	2,201
Needy student fund	584	-	584	-
PBIS	396	-	-	396
Petty cash	50	-	-	50
R&J Sargent scholarship	6,000	-	-	6,000

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances Holmes High School Activity Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

	Fund Balance July 1, 2023		Balance July 1,				Fund Balance June 30, 2024		
Records office	\$ 5,445		\$	-	\$		-	\$	5,445
Robert & Wanda Carr Scholarship	-	,175		850	·	1,	000		1,025
Roth-Morgan scholarship		110		-			-		110
S.B.E. Small Business Center		865		2,369		1,	465		1,769
SCG Fundraiser		-		362			-		362
SCR Fundraiser	2	,448		1,193		1,	688		1,953
Senior Legacy Project		350		-			350		-
Shelly Duncan Scholarship	2	,970		500		1,	000		2,470
Skills USA executive		939		-			-		939
Softball fast fundraiser	2	,174		-			310		1,864
Spanish N.H.S.		150		-			150		-
Student council	8	,747		13,153		10,	018		11,882
Student Incentive		-		2,166		1,	784		382
Student of the Month		326		500			50		776
Supply store	17	,901		14,523		17,	678		14,746
Swimming fundraiser	1	,210		-		1,	,210		-
Teacher incentive		521		1,457		1,	655		323
Textbooks	6	,496		29		2,	928		3,597
Track fundraiser		766		-			-		766
Tudor scholarship	2	,125		-			800		1,325
Unity N Community		-		200			-		200
Varsity Club		33		-			33		-
Vogt Family Scholarship	1	,750		3,250		2,	500		2,500
Volleyball fundraiser	2	,018		580			855		1,743
Welding		222		-			-		222
Woodrow Lane scholarship	10	,000		-		5,	,000		5,000
Wrestling fundraiser		583		-			-		583
Youth service center		102		-			-		102
YSC Sr. welfare		802		200			-		1,002
YSC tobacco education		711		-			250		461
Total	\$ 145	,302	\$ 1	68,115	\$	170,	332	\$	143,085

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances – School Activity Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Covir Ad Hiệ Sch	ult gh	Γ	lolmes Middle School	C Ele	Sixth District mentary School	D Ele	Ninth District mentary School	John G. Carlisle Elementary School		
Fund balances at July 1, 2023	\$	-	\$	5,122	\$	9,732	\$	6,947	\$	13,778	
Add: receipts		-		8,448		12,268		5,346		834	
Less: disbursements		-		(6,275)		(7,029)		(3,242)		(2,836)	
Fund balances at June 30, 2024	\$		\$	7,295	\$	14,971	\$	9,051	\$	11,776	

	Ele	lenn O. Swing mentary School	Ele	_atonia ementary School	Child Educ	es E. Early hood ation nter	Total			
Fund balances at July 1, 2023	\$	13,374	\$	6,647	\$	-	\$	55,600		
Add: receipts		11,916		15,330		-		54,142		
Less: disbursements		(8,246)		(17,395)				(45,023)		
Fund balances at June 30, 2024	\$	17,044	\$	4,582	\$		\$	64,719		

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - TRS

				Last 10 Fis	ical Ye	ears*						
	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020		2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015	2014	
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	 97,242,216	 104,191,008	 82,775,633	 92,257,808		88,589,472	 84,710,626	 178,677,034	 198,749,602	 156,727,344	141,611,	,269
Total	\$ 97,242,216	\$ 104,191,008	\$ 82,775,633	\$ 92,257,808	\$	88,589,472	\$ 84,710,626	\$ 178,677,034	\$ 198,749,602	\$ 156,727,344	\$141,611,	,269
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 24,659,830	\$ 23,457,826	\$ 19,798,478	\$ 18,212,653	\$	22,657,437	\$ 21,943,037	\$ 22,406,306	\$ 22,494,557	\$ 21,828,578	\$ 21,596,	,543
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.68%	56.41%	65.59%	58.27%		58.76%	59.27%	39.83%	35.22%	42.49%	45.	.59%

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Changes of benefit terms: A new benefit tier was added for members joining the System on and after January 1, 2022

Changes of assumption: In 2014, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 5.16% to 5.23%.

Changes of assumption: In 2015, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 5.23% to 4.88%.

Changes of assumption: In the 2016 valuation, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In the 2016 valuation, the Assumed Salary Scale, Price Inflation, and Wage Inflation were adjusted to reflect a decrease. In addition, the calculation for the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 4.88% to 4.20%.

Changes of assumption: In 2017, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 4.20% to 4.49%.

Changes of assumption: In 2018, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 4.49% to 7.50%.

Changes of assumption: In the 2020 experience study, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability, mortality, and rates of salary increases were adjusted to reflect actual experience more close. The expectation of mortality was changed to the Pub2010 Mortality Tables 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 actives. The assumed long-term investment rate of return was changed from 7.50% to 7.10% and the price inflation assumption was lowered from 3% to 2.50%. In addition, the calculation of the SEIR results in an assumption change from 7.50% to 7.10%.

Schedule of District Contributions – TRS

	Last 10 Fiscal Years*											
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,427,723	\$ 1,266,322	\$ 1,331,442	\$ 1,095,026	\$ 846,257	\$ 1,063,408	\$ 994,604	\$ 1,032,979	\$ 1,026,311	\$ 807,615		
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,427,723)	(1,266,322)	(1,331,442)	(1,095,026)	(846,257)	(1,063,408)	(994,604)	(1,032,979)	(1,026,311)	(807,615)		
Contribution deficiency	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ -		
District's covered-employee payroll	\$24,659,830	\$ 23,148,306	\$ 23,457,826	\$ 19,798,478	\$ 18,212,653	\$ 22,657,437	\$ 21,943,037	\$ 22,406,306	\$ 22,494,557	\$ 21,828,578		
Contributions as a percentage of of covered-employee payroll	5.79%	5.47%	5.68%	5.53%	4.65%	4.69%	4.53%	4.61%	4.56%	3.70%		

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Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - CERS

							Last 10 Fisc	al Yea	ars*										
	 2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014
District's proportion of net pension liability	0.339752%		0.330739%		0.358648%		0.374577%		0.365720%		0.352104%		0.342321%		0.350383%		0.344818%		0.347687%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 21,800,216	\$	23,909,167	\$	22,866,623	\$	28,729,746	\$	25,721,251	\$	21,444,207	\$	20,037,101	\$	17,251,501	\$	14,825,559	\$	11,280,000
Total net pension liability	\$ 6,416,508,407	\$7	7,229,013,496	\$6	3,375,784,388	\$ 7	7,669,917,211	\$ 7	7,033,044,552	\$6	6,090,304,793	\$ {	,853,307,482	\$ 4	1,923,618,237	\$ 4	4,299,525,565	\$3	,244,377,000
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,386,870	\$	9,766,811	\$	9,147,649	\$	7,903,847	\$	9,223,519	\$	8,892,640	\$	8,478,926	\$	8,520,633	\$	8,195,123	\$	8,098,732
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	209.9%		244.8%		250.0%		363.5%		278.9%		241.1%		236.3%		202.5%		180.9%		139.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.48%		52.42%		57.33%		47.81%		50.54%		53.54%		53.30%		55.50%		59.97%		66.80%

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Changes of benefit terms: The following changes were made by the Kentucky Legislature and reflected in the valuation performed as of June 30 listed below:

2014: As cash balance plan was introduced for member whose participation date is on or after January 1, 2014.

Changes of assumption: The following changes were made by the Kentucky Legislature and reflected in the valuation performed as of June 30 listed below:

2015: The assumed investment rate of return was decreased from 7.75% to 7.50%.

2015: The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.50% to 3.25%.

2015: The assumed rate of wage inflation was reduced from 1.00% to 0.75%.

2015: Payroll growth assumption was reduced from 4.50% to 4.00%.

2015: The mortality table used for active members is RP-2000 Combined Mortality table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (multiplied by 50% for males and 30% for females).

2015: For healthy retired members and beneficiaries, the mortality table used is the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set back 1 year for females). For disabled members, the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2013 (set back 4 years for males) is used for the period after disability retirement. There is some margin in the current mortality tables for possible future improvement in mortality rates and that margin will be reviewed again when the next experience investigation is conducted.

2015: The assumed rates of Retirement, Withdrawal and Disability were updated to more accurately reflect experience.

2017: The assumed investment rate of return was decreased from 7.50% to 6.25%.

2017: The assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25% to 2.30%.

2017: The assumed rate of salary growth was reduced from 4.00% to 3.05%.

2023: The assumed investment rate of return was increased from 6.25% to 6.50%.

Schedule of District Contributions – CERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,523,938	\$ 2,782,867	\$ 2,629,882	\$ 2,202,404	\$ 1,901,582	\$ 1,981,277	\$ 1,695,634	\$ 1,583,863	\$ 1,453,521	\$ 1,447,873
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(2,523,938)	(2,782,867)	(2,629,882)	(2,202,404)	(1,901,582)	(1,981,277)	(1,695,634)	(1,583,863)	(1,453,521)	(1,447,873)
Contribution deficiency	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,809,049	\$ 10,386,870	\$ 9,766,811	\$ 9,147,649	\$ 7,903,847	\$ 9,223,519	\$ 8,892,640	\$ 8,478,926	\$ 8,520,633	\$ 8,195,123
Contributions as a percentage of of covered-employee payroll	23.35%	26.79%	26.93%	24.08%	24.06%	21.48%	19.07%	18.68%	17.06%	17.67%

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Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - LIF

			La	ast 10 Fiscal Years*						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the collective trust OPEB liability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	*	*	*
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	*	*	*
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the District	153,000	178,000	78,000	211,000	188,000	169,000	134,000	*	*	*
Total net OPEB liability	\$ 153,000	\$ 178,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 211,000	\$ 188,000	\$ 169,000	\$ 134,000	*	*	*
District's covered-employee payroll	\$23,148,306	\$23,457,826	\$ 19,798,478	\$18,212,653	\$22,657,437	\$21,943,037	\$22,406,306	*	*	*
District's proportionate share of the collecti net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	ve 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	*
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	76.91%	73.97%	89.15%	71.57%	73.40%	74.97%	79.99%	*	*	*

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Changes of benefit terms - None.

Methods and assumptions used in the actuarially determined contributions - The actuarially determined contribution rates, as a percentage of payroll, used to determine the actuarially determined contribution amounts in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as the of the indicated valuation date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions (from the indicated actuarial valuations) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2023:

Valuation date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Percent of Payroll
Amortization period	24 Years
Asset valuation method	Five-year smoothed value
Inflation	3.00%
Real wage growth	0.50%
Wage inflation	3.50%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50% - 7.20%
Discount rate	7.50%

Schedule of District Contributions – LIF

Last 10 Fiscal Years*										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	*	*	*
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution							<u> </u>	*	*	*
Contribution deficiency				<u> </u>		<u> </u>		*	*	*
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 24,659,830	\$ 23,148,306	\$ 23,457,826	\$ 19,798,478	\$ 18,212,653	\$ 22,657,437	\$ 21,943,037	*	*	*
Contributions as a percentage of of covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	*	*	*

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Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – MIF

Last 10 Fiscal Years*																
		2023		2022		2021		2020	_	2019	 2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
District's proportion of the collective trust OPEB liability		0.300416%		0.437942%		0.334582%		0.344555%		0.341841%	0.329210%	0.344001%	*	*	*	
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$	7,317,000	\$	10,872,000	\$	7,179,000	ç	\$ 8,696,000	ę	\$ 10,005,000	\$ 11,423,000	\$ 12,266,000	*	*	*	
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the District	e \$	6,167,000	\$	3,572,000	\$	5,830,000	Ş	\$ 6,966,000	S	\$ 8,080,000	\$ 9,844,000	\$ 10,020,000	*	*	*	
Total net OPEB liability	\$	13,484,000	\$	14,444,000	\$	13,009,000	5	\$ 15,662,000	\$	\$ 18,085,000	\$ 21,267,000	\$ 22,286,000	*	*	*	
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	23,148,306	\$	23,457,826	\$	19,798,478	ę	\$ 18,212,653	\$	22,657,437	\$ 21,943,037	\$ 22,406,306	*	*	*	
District's proportionate share of the collect net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	live	31.6%		46.3%		36.3%		47.7%		44.2%	52.1%	54.7%	*	*	*	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	e	52.97%		47.75%		51.74%		39.05%		32.58%	25.54%	21.18%	*	*	*	

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Changes of benefit terms - None

Changes to assumptions

Schedule of District Contributions – MIF

Last 10 Fiscal Years*										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 569,239	\$ 581,094	\$ 593,885	\$ 608,508	\$ 595,239	\$ 586,427	\$ 589,370	*	*	*
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(569,239)	(581,094)	(593,885)	(608,508)	(595,239)	(586,427)	(589,370)	*	*	*
Contribution deficiency								*	*	*
District's covered-employee payroll	\$24,659,830	\$23,148,306	\$23,457,826	\$19,798,478	\$18,212,653	\$22,657,437	\$21,943,037	*	*	*
Contributions as a percentage of of covered-employee payroll	2.31%	2.51%	2.53%	3.07%	3.27%	2.59%	2.69%	*	*	*

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – MIF (CERS)

			Last	10 Fiscal Years*						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the collective trust OPEB liability	0.339732%	0.330686%	0.358564%	0.374469%	0.365658%	0.352096%	0.342321%	*	*	*
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ (469,057)	\$ 6,526,133	\$ 6,864,528	\$ 9,042,288	\$ 6,150,203	\$ 6,251,394	\$ 6,881,823	*	*	*
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the District	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	*	*	*
Total net OPEB liability	\$ (469,057)	\$ 6,526,133	\$ 6,864,528	\$ 9,042,288	\$ 6,150,203	\$ 6,251,394	\$ 6,881,823	*	*	*
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,386,870	\$ 9,766,811	\$ 9,147,649	\$ 7,903,847	\$ 9,223,519	\$ 8,892,640	\$ 8,478,926	*	*	*
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-4.5%	66.8%	75.0%	114.4%	66.7%	70.3%	81.2%	*	*	*
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	104.23%	60.95%	62.91%	51.67%	60.44%	57.62%	52.40%	*	*	*

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Changes in assumptions: None

2018: Updated health care trend rates were implemented.

Schedule of District Contributions – MIF (CERS)

Last 10 Fiscal Years*										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 334,321	\$ 381,380	\$ 436,053	\$ 456,711	\$ 485,279	\$ 410,169	\$ 394,230	*	*	*
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(334,321)	(381,380)	(436,053)	(456,711)	(485,279)	(410,169)	(394,230)	*	*	*
Contribution deficiency								*	*	*
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,809,049	\$10,386,870	\$ 9,766,811	\$ 9,147,649	\$ 7,903,847	\$ 9,223,519	\$8,892,640	*	*	*
Contributions as a percentage of of covered-employee payroll	3.09%	3.67%	4.46%	4.99%	6.14%	4.45%	4.43%	*	*	*

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. No changes were made to the assumptions or benefit terms.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Federal Assistance Listing		Federal Expenditures for FYE
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Number	Agreement Number	6/30/2024
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed through Kentucky Department of Education Special Education Cluster			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	3810002 21	\$ 12,813
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	3810002 22	417,141
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	3810002 23	666,191
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	3810002 22	14,647
Special Education_Preschool Grants	84.173	3810002 23	23,993
IDEA - American Rescue Plan	84.027X	4910002-21	113,188
IDEA Preschool - American Rescue Plan	84.173X	4900002-21	27,082
Total Special Education Cluster			1,275,055
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	3100002 21	42,801
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	3100002 22	451,944
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	3100002 23	3,064,495
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	3100202 21	25,617
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	3100102 22	523,950
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	N/A	12,741
Total for ALN #84.010			4,121,548
Career and technical Education -Basic Grants to States	84.048	3710002 22	10,003
Career and technical Education -Basic Grants to States	84.048	3710002 22	104,837
Total for ALN #84.048	04.040	57 10002 25	114,840
Title II Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	3230002 21	28,406
Title II Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	3230002 22	120,547
Title II Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	3230002 23	94,460
Total for ALN #84.367			243,413
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	3300002 21	2,726
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	3300002 22	68,824
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	3300002 23	11,558
Total for ALN #84.365			83,108
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287C	3400002 21	96,451
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287C	3400002 22	594,163
Total for ALN #84.287	0.1.201.0	0.00001111	690,614
Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant	84.424A	3420002 23	
Total for ALN #84.424A	04.424A	3420002 23	217,667 217,667
Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Grant	84.196A	3990002 22	79,493
Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Grant	84.196A	3990002 22	134,728
Total for ALN #84.196A	04.190A	3990002 23	214,221
COVID CARES Act Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER II	84.425D	4200002-21	52,566
COVID CARES Act Education Stabilization Fund - ESSER III	84.425U	4300002-21	13,491,448
COVID American Rescue Plan - CTE Showcase	84.425U	4300005-21	(390)
COVID American Rescue Plan - ESSER STEPP grant	84.425U	4300003-21	7,213
COVID American Rescue Plan - Before/After School Program	84.425U	4300006-21	318,833
COVID American Rescue Plan - Summer school grant	84.425U	4300007-21	100,325
COVID FRYSC GEER II	84.425C	PON2 730 2000001722	83,963
COVID American Relief program - SBH Homeless	84.425W	S425W210018	129,179
Total for ALN #84.425			14,183,137
Kentucky Community School Initiative	84.215J	S215J220173	60,301
Total for ALN #84.215			60,301
GEAR UP	84.334S	N/A	3,334
Total for ALN #84.334			3,334

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Federal Assistance Listing		Federal Expenditures for FYE
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Number	Agreement Number	6/30/2024
Passed through Erlanger/Elsmere School District			
Violence Prevention Pyramid Project	84.184M	N/A	23,379
Violence Prevention Pyramid Project	84.184M	N/A	196,414
Violence Prevention Pyramid Project	84.184M	N/A	114,945
Total for ALN #84.184			334,738
Total U.S. Department of Education			21,541,976
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed through Kentucky Department of Education			
COVID CRRSA Child Care Aid	93.575	N/A	(111)
COVID American Rescue Plan Act Child Care & Development Technology Block Grant	93.575	N/A	1,000
COVID American Rescue Plan Act Child Care Sustainment Total for ALN #93.575	93.575	N/A	(5,045)
Total for ALN #93.575			(4,156)
FEMA COVID - 19	97.036	N/A	(32,531)
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			(36,687)
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Passed through Kentucky Department of Education	40 555	7750000 00	004 540
National School Lunch Program National School Lunch Program	10.555 10.555	7750002 23 7750002 24	381,518
School Breakfast Program	10.555	7760002 24	1,564,508 110,666
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7760005 24	688,976
Summer Food Program	10.559	7690024 23	7,502
Summer Food Program	10.559	7740023 23	72,758
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,825,928
Passed through Kentucky Department of Agriculture			
National School Lunch Program - Food Donation	10.555	059-0203	90,739
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			2,916,667
Other			
Passed through Kentucky Department of Education	40 550	7700004 00	04 470
Child and Adult Care Food Program Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558 10.558	7790021 23 7790021 24	31,478 266,464
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	7800016 23	1,791
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	7800016 24	15,169
Total Other U.S. Department of Agriculture			314,902
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			3,231,569
U.S. Department of Defense			
Passed through Kentucky Department of Education			
Junior ROTC	12.357	N/A	77,114
Total U.S. Department of Defense			77,114
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 24,813,972

See accompanying notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the Covington Independent School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024, and is reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of *Federal* Regulations 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 Covington Independent School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. 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.

NOTE 3 FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities disbursed. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District reported food commodities expended in the amount of \$90,739.

NOTE 4 INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE 5 SUBRECIPIENTS

The District did not have any subrecipients during the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

To the Members of the Board of Education Covington Independent School District Covington, Kentucky

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Covington Independent School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Covington Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-01 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 (Continued)

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Covington 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-01.

We noted other matters that we reported to management of the District on page 84 to 86.

Covington Independent School District's response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Covington Independent Schools' response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs Covington Independent Schools' 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, 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.

Burnes, Dennig E, Co., Std.

Crestview Hills, Kentucky November 6, 2024



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

Members of the Board of Education Covington Independent School District Covington, Kentucky

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Covington Independent School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Covington Independent School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Covington 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, Covington 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). 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 Covington Independent School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Covington 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 Covington Independent School District's federal programs.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

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 Covington 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 Covington 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 Covington 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 Covington 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 Covington 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

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 is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Continued)

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (Continued)

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

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

Burnes, Dennig &, Co., Std.

Crestview Hills, Kentucky November 6, 2024

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION I -SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: <u>Unmodified</u>

Internal control over financial repMaterial weakness(es) identi	•		Yes	X	No
 Significant deficiency(ies) ic material weaknesses? 	lentified that are not considered to be	X	Yes		_ None noted
Noncompliance material to finar	ncial statements noted?		Yes	X	No
Federal Awards					
 Internal control over major progra Material weakness(es) identi 			Yes	X	_ No
 Significant deficiency(ies) ic material weaknesses? 	lentified that are not considered to be		Yes	X	_ None noted
Type of auditor's report issued or	n compliance for major programs: <u>Unmo</u>	dified			
Any audit findings disclosed accordance with Section 2 CFR	that are required to be reported in Section 200.516(a)?		Yes	X	_ No
Identification of major program	าร				
Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Clusters				
10.553, 10.555, 10.559 84.425	Child Nutrition Cluster Education Stabilization Fund				
Dollar threshold used to disting	uish between Type A and Type B program	ıs:	\$750	,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk aud	ditee?	Х	Yes		No

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024-01 – Controls surrounding payroll

Criteria: The District is responsible for establishing and following controls that prevent, detect and correct errors in a timely manner.

Condition and Context: During the course of the audit, we identified controls surrounding payroll that were not followed by the district. An employee advocated that their pay was not correct and the district increased their pay that was not in line with the employee's contract.

Effect: Overpayment of salary to an employee that was not remedied timely.

Cause: Management override of controls and payment of salary that was not in line with the contract.

Recommendation: Internal controls surrounding payroll for an employee of the district should be followed. Salaries should be paid out based on employee contracts that are in effect.

Views of the Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: The Payroll department will do a calculation comparison of employee's salaries each year. Based on the findings, if necessary the Payroll Department will speak with the Finance Director. Based on the outcome, the Finance Director will involve the Executive Director of Human Resources and/or the Superintendent.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDITOR'S RESULTS

No matters are reportable

SECTION II - PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters are reportable

SECTION III - PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST

Management Letter Comments Year Ended June 30, 2024

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Covington Independent School District for the year ended June 30, 2024, we considered the District's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

This letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. A separate report dated November 6, 2024 contains our report on significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the District's internal control structure. This letter does not affect our report dated November 6, 2024, on the financial statements of the Covington Independent School District.

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CURRENT YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

No matters are reportable

ACTIVITY FUNDS

Holmes High School

No matters are reportable

Holmes Middle School

No matters are reportable

Covington Independent Adult High School

No matters are reportable

Sixth District Elementary

No matters are reportable

Ninth District Elementary

No matters are reportable

Latonia Elementary

No matters are reportable

John G. Carlisle Elementary

Management Letter Comments Year Ended June 30, 2024

CURRENT YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Glenn O. Swing Elementary

No matters are reportable

James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center

Management Letter Comments (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2024

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

CENTRAL OFFICE

No matters are reportable

ACTIVITY FUNDS

Holmes High School

No matters are reportable

Holmes Middle School

No matters are reportable

Covington Independent Adult High School

No matters are reportable

Sixth District Elementary

No matters are reportable

Ninth District Elementary

No matters are reportable

John G. Carlisle Elementary

Statement of prior year deficiency: During the testing of activity funds, it was noted that one deposit was not made in a timely manner.

Current year follow up: Deposits were made in a timely manner.

Latonia Elementary

No matters are reportable

Glenn O. Swing Elementary

No matters are reportable

James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center