THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board The School District of the City of Erie, Pennsylvania Erie, Pennsylvania

Report on 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 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA'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 District, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, and 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 (GAAS) 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 District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related 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

The District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 where there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue and auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from





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fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, of the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements 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.
- Obtaining 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 option on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by managements, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Adoption of New Governmental Accounting Standards Board Pronouncements

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2022 the District adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statements No. 87, *"Leases"*, Statement No. 89, *"Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period"*, Statement No. 92, *"Omnibus 2020"*, and part of Statement No. 99 "*Omnibus 2022"*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of District's OPEB contributions, schedules of changes in the OPEB liability, budgetary comparison, schedule of district's proportionate share of the OPEB liability - PSERS plan, schedule of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability- last 10 years, and schedule of district's contributions- last 10 years as listed in the table of contents as required supplementary



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information 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 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA's basic financial statements. The Combining Non-Major Funds financial statements as listed in the table of contents as other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are 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, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, and the reports of the other auditors, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2022, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December 21, 2022

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA, hereafter referred to as the "SCHOOL DISTRICT", is pleased to present its financial statements developed in compliance with Statement of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, entitled "Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments (hereafter "GASB 34"), and related standards. GASB 34 enhances information provided to the users of its financial statements. This section of the financial reporting package presents our discussion and analysis of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's financial performance during the year that ended on June 30, 2022. Please read this Management Discussion and Analysis in conjunction with the SCHOOL DISTRICT's financial statements that follow this section.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of the following three parts:

- Management's discussion and analysis (this section)
- Basic financial statements (including notes)
- Required supplementary information
- Other supplementary information

Management's discussion and analysis is a guide to reading the financial statements and provides related information to help the reader to better understand the SCHOOL DISTRICT's government. The basic financial statements include notes that provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. Required supplementary information is provided on the SCHOOL DISTRICT's budget to actual figures for the general fund as well as certain pension and other postretirement benefit schedules. Other supplementary information consists of combining non-major financial statements.

The basic financial statements present two different views of the SCHOOL DISTRICT.

- *Government-wide financial statements*, the first two statements, provide information about the SCHOOL DISTRICT's overall financial status.
- *Fund financial statements,* the remaining statements, focus on individual parts of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's government. They provide more detail on operations than the government-wide statements. There are three types of fund financial statements:
 - Governmental funds statements show how services such as instruction, support services, and non-instructional services are financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending.
 - *Proprietary fund statements* offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the SCHOOL DISTRICT operates like a business, like the Food Service Fund.

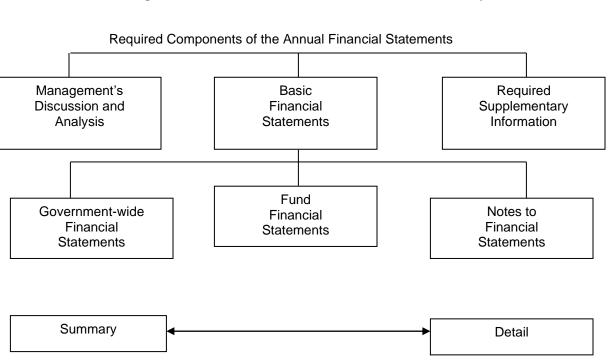


Table A-1: Organization of the School District's annual financial report

Table A-2 summarizes the major features of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's financial statements, including the area of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Table A-2: Major features of the government-wide and fund financial statements

		Fund Financial Statements								
	Government-wide Statements	<u>Governmental</u>	Proprietary							
Scope	Entire entity (except fiduciary funds)	The day-to-day operating activities of the SCHOOL DISTRICT, such as instruction and support services.	The activities of the SCHOOL DISTRICT, such as the Food Service Fund							
Required Financial Statements	-Statement of Net Position -Statement of activities	-Balance Sheet -Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances	-Statement of Net Position -Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in Net Position -Statement of cash flows							
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual	Modified Accrual	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus							
Type of asset and liability information	All assets and liabilities, short- term and long-term	Current assets and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, short-term and long-term							
Type of inflow and outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenue for which cash is received during the year or soon thereafter; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid							

The remainder of the overview explains the structure and contents of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements

Government-wide financial statements report information about the SCHOOL DISTRICT as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies.

- The Statement of Net Position includes all the SCHOOL DISTRICT's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as Net Position. This statement serves a purpose similar to that of the balance sheet of a private-sector business.
- The Statement of Activities focuses on how the SCHOOL DISTRICT's Net Position changed during the year. Because it separates program revenue (revenue generated by specific programs through charges for services, grants and contributions) from general revenue (revenue provided by taxes and other sources not tied to a particular program), it shows to what extent each program has to rely on local taxes for funding.

All changes to Net Position are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which requires that revenues be reported when they are earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flow.

Net Position is one way to measure the SCHOOL DISTRICT's financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the SCHOOL DISTRICT's Net Position are one indicator of whether the SCHOOL DISTRICT's financial position is improving or deteriorating. However, other non-financial factors such as changes in the SCHOOL DISTRICT's property tax base and general economic conditions must be considered to assess the overall position of the SCHOOL DISTRICT.

There are two categories of activities for the primary government:

- Governmental activities include the SCHOOL DISTRICT's basic services such as instruction, support services, and non-instructional services.
- *Business-type activities* such as the Food Service Fund charge a fee to customers to help cover the costs of services.

Net Position of the governmental activities differ from the governmental fund balances because governmental fund level statements only report transactions using or providing current financial resources. Also, capital assets in the fund level statements are reported as expenditures when financial resources (money) are expended to purchase or build assets. Likewise, the financial resources that may have been borrowed are considered revenue when they are received. The principal and interest payments are both considered revenue when they are received. The principal and interest payments are both considered revenue when they are received. The principal and interest payments are both considered expenditures when paid. Depreciation is not calculated as it does not provide or reduce current financial resources. Finally, capital assets and long-term debt do not affect fund balances.

Government wide statements are reported on the accrual basis of accounting that involves the following steps to format the Statement of Net Position:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets
- Report long-term debt as a liability
- Depreciate capital assets and allocate the depreciation to the proper program/activities
- Allocate net position balances as follows:
 - Net Investment in Capital Assets
 - Restricted Net Position are those with constraints placed on the use by external sources (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of governments) or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation
 - Unrestricted Net Position is Net Position that does not meet any of the above restrictions

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide more detailed information on the SCHOOL DISTRICT's most significant funds, not the SCHOOL DISTRICT as a whole. Funds are accounting devices, i.e., a group of related accounts, the SCHOOL DISTRICT uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Some funds are required by state law. Other funds are established to control and manage resources designated for specific purposes. Fund financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The SCHOOL DISTRICT has three kinds of funds:

Governmental funds include most of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's basic services and focus on: (1) the flow in and out of cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash, and: (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that follows the governmental fund financial statements.

The SCHOOL DISTRICT adopts an annual budget for the general fund, as required by state law. A budgetary comparison of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's general fund is presented as required supplementary information.

• *Proprietary Funds* report business-type programs and activities that charge fees designed to recover the cost of providing services. The proprietary funds report using the accrual basis of accounting.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Net Position

The SCHOOL DISTRICT's total assets were \$325,001,557 at June 30, 2022. Of this amount, \$161,960,032 was capital assets.

GASB No. 34 required that all capital assets, including infrastructure, be valued and reported within the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements, but allowed infrastructure to be added over several years. The SCHOOL DISTRICT adopted the provisions of GASB 34 related to infrastructure on the retroactive basis.

Current and other assets Capital assets	2022 Governmental <u>Activities</u> \$ 159,729,059 157,184,435	2022 Business-Type <u>Activities</u> \$ 3,312,466 4,775,597	2022 Total \$ 163,041,525 161,960,032 \$ 225,004,557	<u>2021 Total</u> \$ 158,385,646 <u>131,333,726</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$316,913,494</u>	<u>\$ 8,088,063</u>	<u>\$ 325,001,557</u>	<u>\$ 289,719,372</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 49,455,623</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 49,455,623</u>	<u>\$ 47,354,471</u>
Current and other liabilities Long-term liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 51,785,277 408,790,030 460,575,307	\$ 356,456 	\$ 52,141,733 408,790,030 460,931,763	\$ 54,173,644 472,383,556 526,557,200
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$ 10,610,749</u>
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted Unrestricted Total Net Position	30,214,956 78,621,113 (260,888,072) \$ (152,052,003)	4,775,597 - <u>2,956,010</u> <u>\$7,731,607</u>	34,990,553 78,621,113 (257,932,062) <u>(144,320,396)</u>	74,279,074 16,293,047 (290,666,227) \$_(241,117,720)

Condensed Statement of Net Position - 2022/2021

Change in Net Position

The following Statement of Activities represents the Change in Net Position for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. It shows revenues by source and expenses by function for governmental activities, business-type activities and the government as a whole.

Con	den	sed Statement o	of Ac	tivities 2022						
		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities					-		2021 Total
Program Revenues: Charges for Services Grants and	\$	2,321,827	\$	99,070	\$	2,420,897	\$	1,227,505		
Contributions		184,919,939		10,411,406		195,331,345		167,961,967		
General Revenues:										
Property Taxes		50,301,756		-		50,301,756		48,810,571		
Earned Income and LST		7,950,864		-		7,950,864		8,878,046		
Transfer Tax		2,018,288		-		2,018,288		1,173,334		
Public Utility Realty		1,802,496		-		1,802,496		56,988		
Swaption Gain		-		-		-		104,589		
Investment Earnings		428,946		-		428,946		806,349		
Miscellaneous		238,785		-		238,785		358,875		
Insurance Recoveries		12,209		-		12,209		-		
Transfers		24,308		(24,308)		-		2,500,000		
Total Revenues	\$	250,019,418	\$	10,486,168	\$	260,505,586	\$	231,878,224		
Expenses:										
Instruction	\$	140,228,921	\$	-	\$	140,228,921	\$	121,890,222		
Support Services	Ŷ	49,048,984	Ŷ	-	Ŧ	49,048,984	Ŷ	40,753,533		
Noninstructional Services		1,529,512		-		1,529,512		1,134,834		
Facilities, Acquisition, Construction and Improvement		1,079,774				1,079,774		16,696,403		
Food service		1,073,774		9,264,385		9,264,385		6,412,848		
Stadium Commission				115,802		115,802		138,871		
Interest on Long-Term		_		115,002		115,002		130,071		
Debt		3,464,498		-		3,464,498		5,449,587		
Total Expenses	1	195,351,689		9,380,187		204,731,876		192,476,298		
Change in Net Position		54,667,729		1,105,981		55,773,710		39,401,926		
Net Position - July 1		(206,719,732)		6,625,626		(200,094,106)		(239,496,032)		
Net Position - June 30	\$	(152,052,003)	\$	7,731,607	\$	(144,320,396)	\$	(200,094,106)		

Net Program Expenses

Net program expenses indicate the amount of support required from taxes and other general revenues for a program of the government. In 2022, taxes brought in \$62,073,404.

Net Cost of Governmental and Business-type Activities

		2022 Total Cost of Services		2021 Total Cost of Services	-	2022 Net Cost of Services	-	2021 Net Cost of Services
Program:								
Instructional	\$	140,228,921	\$	121,890,222	\$	35,701,556	\$	26,663,945
Support Services		49,048,984		40,753,533		(46,065,990)		(29,376,280)
Noninstructional Services		1,529,512		1,134,834		4,855,113		944,896
Facilities, Acquisition, Construction								
and Improvement		1,079,774		16,696,403		(1,079,774)		(16,696,403)
Interest on Long-Term Debt		3,464,498		5,449,587		(1,520,828)		(4,807,003)
Food Service		9,264,385		6,412,848		1,229,309		88,693
Stadium Commission		115,802		138,871		<u>(99,020)</u>		(104,674)
Change in Net Position	<u>\$</u>	<u>204,731,876</u>	\$	184,131,203	<u>\$</u>	<u>(6,979,634)</u>	<u>\$</u>	(27,749,512)

The SCHOOL DISTRICT relied on property taxes and other general revenues to fund 3.4% of its governmental and business-type activities in 2022.

Capital Assets

The SCHOOL DISTRICT's investment in capital assets in its Governmental Activities at June 30, 2022, net of accumulated depreciation, was \$157,184,435. Capital assets consist primarily of land, buildings, equipment, and books. The following is a summary of capital assets at June 30, 2022:

Cap GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	bital Assets Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,651,057	\$-	\$-	\$ 7,651,057
Construction in Progress	24,957,197	35,158,364	(13,728,730)	46,386,831
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	32,608,254	35,158,364	(13,728,730)	54,037,888
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated: Building/Land Held for Resale	0 670 564			0 670 564
Buildings and Improvements	8,672,561 205,075,989	- 13,758,300	-	8,672,561 218,834,289
Furniture and Equipment	53,753,712	1,053,540	-	54,807,252
Vehicles	3,320,141	271,660	(186,788)	3,405,013
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	270,822,403	15,083,500	(186,788)	285,719,115
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Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Building/Land Held for Resale	(5,823,748)	(142,512)	-	(5,966,260)
Buildings and Improvements	(124,415,464)	(4,372,620)	-	(128,788,084)
Furniture and Equipment	(43,666,381)	(1,206,930)	-	(44,873,311)
Vehicles	(3,012,554)	(119,147)	186,788	(2,944,913)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(176,918,147)	(5,841,209)	186,788	(182,572,568)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	93,904,256	9,242,291	-	103,146,547
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 126,512,510	\$ 44,400,655	\$ (13,728,730)	\$ 157,184,435
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES	Beginning Balance	Increases De		ding ance
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Building	\$ 7,832,725	\$ - \$	- \$ 7	832,725
Equipment	1,399,831	155,915	- 1,	555,746
Vehicles	106,317	167,636		273,953
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	9,338,873	323,551	9,	662,424_
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,517,657)	(369,170)	- (4,	886,827)
Business Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,821,216	\$ (45,619)	- \$ 4,	775,597

Detailed information about the SCHOOL DISTRICT's capital assets can be found in Note 4, Notes to the Financial Statements.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2022, the SCHOOL DISTRICT had \$134,018,367 of long-term liabilities outstanding in its Governmental Activities. Long-term liabilities decreased 5.9% from the previous year. The following is a summary of long-term liabilities for the 2022 year:

Governmental Activities:	 Beginning Balance	 Additions	 Bond Accretions	 Reductions	 Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 126,502,476	\$ -	\$ 1,259,218	\$ (8,580,000)	\$ 119,181,694	\$ 8,695,000
Bond premium	9,365,672	-	-	(956,596)	8,409,076	-
Bond discount	(52,127)	-	-	2,896	(49,231)	-
Compensated absences	6,626,420	242,468	-	-	6,868,888	1,787,000
Deferred loss on refunding	(545,135)	-	-	54,513	(490,622)	-
Deferred loss on sale leaseback	(91,618)	-	-	10,242	(81,376)	-
Retirement incentive	 557,000	 -	 -	 (377,000)	 180,000	 180,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 142,362,688	\$ 242,468	\$ 1,259,218	\$ (9,845,945)	\$ 134,018,429	\$ 10,662,000

Detailed information on the SCHOOL DISTRICT's debt can be found in Note 5, Notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The SCHOOL DISTRICT uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financerelated legal requirements.

The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the SCHOOL DISTRICT's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The SCHOOL DISTRICT's governmental funds include the general fund. The general fund is the chief operating fund for the SCHOOL DISTRICT.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES

Governmental fund revenues by source at June 30, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	 2022	<u></u>	2021
Revenues:			
Local Sources	\$ 66,847,971	\$	62,036,798
State Sources	140,407,065		133,285,205
Federal Sources	 41,505,015		28,195,743
	\$ 248,760,051	\$	223,517,746

There are several factors relating to increases in revenues from 2021 to 2022. Local revenues increased as a result of a 3% millage rate increase as well as a large one-time collection of real estate transfer taxes. State revenues increased largely due to an 8% increase in Basic Education Subsidy. Federal revenues increased \$13,309,743 or 32% during 2022 due to funds received from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act and American Rescue Plan.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES

2022 2021 Expenditures: Instruction \$ 141,474,296 \$ 137,350,307 Support Services 52,795,144 43,669,540 Noninstructional Services 1,620,863 1,186,633 Facilities Acquisition, Construction and Improvements 20,274,671 36,238,138 Debt Service 13,041,710 12,969,522 \$ 245,170,151 \$ 215,450,673

Total expenditures for the year increased \$29,719,478 or 13.79%. Instruction expenditures increased \$4,123,989 or 3.0%. This increase was largely due to an increase in pension costs and other employee benefits. Support services increased \$9,125,604 or 20.9%. The increase in support services was caused by returning to normal staffing totals after COVID-19 shutdowns. As well as additional staffing needs as per the district's health and safety plan included with ARP funding. Non-instructional expenditures increased \$434,230 or 36.59%. The increase was due to a full year of in-person instruction and school activities which had been limited in the prior year. Facilities acquisition, construction, and improvements increased \$15,963,467 or 79%. The increase was due to large capital projects which are partly funded by ESSER and ARP grants. Debt Service decreased \$72,188 or less than 1%. See Note 6 Long Term Liabilities for further information on the Debt Service requirements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES AND PROPRIETARY FUND NET POSITION

Ending fund balances for governmental funds and net position for proprietary funds at June 30, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

		2022	2021		2021 2022				2021			2022		2021
	Gove	rnmental Funds	Gov	Governmental Funds		Governmental Funds Proprietary I			Proprietary Funds					
Fund:														
General Fund	\$	41,174,948	\$	24,396,960	\$	-	\$	-						
Capital Projects		62,290,548		76,418,808		-		-						
Student Activities		152,217		114,699		-		-						
Food Service		-		-		5,325,556		4,096,247						
Internal Service Fund		-		-		10,807,169		10,411,875						
Non-major Funds		-		-		2,406,051		2,529,379						
	\$	103,617,713	\$	100,930,467	\$	18,538,776	\$	17,037,501						

The reasons for the changes in governmental fund balances are explained above in the governmental funds revenues and expenditures sections.

Governmental fund expenditures by function at June 30, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The SCHOOL DISTRICT adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. Detailed information about the SCHOOL DISTRICT's 2022 general fund budget can be found in Required Supplemental Information. Overall the SCHOOL DISTRICT had a positive variance of \$16,777,988 for actual results in comparison to budget. Numerous factors went in to these results. Revenue had a positive variance of \$2,035,824 which resulted from higher than expected local tax collections. Expenditures had a positive variance of \$13,634,817 for actual results in comparison to budget, largely resulting from budgeted positions that could not be filled, and construction expenses not being as far along as anticipated. The SCHOOL DISTRICT also made a budgeted transfer to its Capital Projects Fund of \$7,753,679.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND LONG-TERM OUTLOOK

During 2011, the SCHOOL DISTRICT began experiencing difficult economic conditions that began to negatively affected it's financial position. Increases in pension, healthcare, and charter costs had outpaced revenue growth. To address this issue, the SCHOOL DISTRICT management lowered expenses by reducing staff, eliminating programs, and consolidating school buildings. Despite these measures, district continued to experience structural deficits and a declining fund balance. As a result, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania placed the SCHOOL DISTRICT into Financial Watch Status on September 16, 2016. In 2018, pursuant to Section 694-A of the Pennsylvania School Code, a State-appointed Financial Administrator was charged with the development and implementation of a financial improvement plan, which was adopted in May 2019. Appointment of the Financial Administrator was accompanied by a \$14.0 million increase in the District's base allocation for State Basic Education Funding.

Under the Financial Administrator's plan, the SCHOOL DISTRICT made strategic investments in students, staff, and programs that had been neglected during years of financial challenges. Key elements of the financial improvement plan included:

• Standardizing and replacing outdated curriculum across all grade levels and subject areas

• Hiring interventionist staff to support students scoring below grade level on tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics

• Hiring teachers for art, music, and physical education classes in buildings where these programs had been reduced in previous years

• Using bond proceeds and General Fund revenues to support \$80.8 million in capital projects for the first phase of the District's facilities improvement plan

The additional funds from the Commonwealth stabilized the SCHOOL DISTRICT'S finances and closed the anticipated growth in its structural deficit. In order to maintain budgetary stability, the financial improvement plan also outlined a series of initiatives to raise taxes annually at levels below the maximum allowable limit, increase revenues from other sources, and reduce operating costs. Over the past several years, the SCHOOL DISTRICT successfully implemented the initiatives in the financial improvement plan. Despite the impacts of the pandemic, the District has been able to weather financial and operational challenges and maintain its hard-won financial stability. The District ended the 2020-21 school year with a positive fund balance of \$24.4 million even after making a \$15.8 million dollar transfer to its capital fund for facilities improvements. Building on these successes, EPS petitioned the Department to exit financial oversight in November 2021.

On September 15, 2022 the SCHOOL DISTRICT'S Financial Administrator submitted an exit report to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education recommending the SCHOOL DISTRICT be removed from Financial Watch Status. In the exit report, the Financial Administrators cited the SCHOOL DISTRICT'S strong fund balance and structurally balanced resulting from the implementation of the financial improvement plan initiatives and the adoption of a variety of financial best practices. The Financial Administrator further stated in the report "The improvements made by the District are a model for other school districts throughout the Commonwealth, and the district should be viewed as a successful example of a financial turnaround." On September 29, 2022, the Secretary of Education and the Financial Administrator officially signed a document removing the School District from Financial Watch Status.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the SCHOOL DISTRICT's finances and to demonstrate the SCHOOL DISTRICT's accountability. Questions concerning this financial information or requests for additional information should be directed to:

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA John Kuhn, CPA Controller 148 West 21th Street Erie, PA 16502 Phone: 814-874-6040

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

	Primary Government							
	Governmental		Business-type					
	Activities		Activities		Total			
Assets	-							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 55,708,51	0 \$	3,463,698	\$	59,172,208			
Investments	64,966,41		-		64,966,418			
Taxes Receivable	7,502,48	9	-		7,502,489			
Due From Other Governments	23,494,23	85	-		23,494,235			
Other Receivables	7,087,94	1	2,201		7,090,142			
Internal Balances	335,17	'9	(335,179)		-			
Prepaid and Other Assets	585,34	8	-		585,348			
Inventory	48,93	9	181,746		230,685			
Capital Assets:								
Non-depreciable	54,037,88	8	-		54,037,888			
Depreciable (Net)	103,146,54	7	4,775,597		107,922,144			
Total Assets	316,913,49	94	8,088,063		325,001,557			
Deferred Outflows of Resources	-							
Pension	34,749,62	24	-		34,749,624			
OPEB - Single Employer	12,068,98		-		12,068,982			
OPEB - PSERS	2,064,95		-		2,064,957			
Deferred Loss on Refunding	490,62		-		490,622			
Unamortized Loss on Sale and Leaseback	81,43		-		81,438			
	01,10				01,100			
Total deferred outflows of resources	49,455,62	.3	<u> </u>		49,455,623			
Liabilities	-							
Current Liabilities:								
Accounts Payable	15,010,49	95	356,456		15,366,951			
Accrued Wages and Benefits	19,107,87		· -		19,107,875			
Accrued Interest Payable on Debt	1,235,33		-		1,235,333			
Other Current Liabilities	5,769,57		-		5,769,574			
Current Portions of Long-Term Liabilities:	-,,				-,,			
Bonds and Notes Payable	8,695,00	0	-		8,695,000			
Compensated Absences	1,787,00		-		1,787,000			
Retirement Incentive	180.00		_		180,000			
Non-Current Portions of Long-Term Liabilities:	100,00	.0			100,000			
Bonds and Notes Payable	118,846,53	0	_		118,846,539			
Other Post Employment Benefits	83,847,85				83,847,853			
			-					
Compensated Absences	5,081,88		-		5,081,888			
Net Pension Liability	201,013,75	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		201,013,750			
Total Liabilities	460,575,30)7	356,456		460,931,763			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	-							
Swaption	940,93	80	-		940,930			
Pension	39,301,42		-		39,301,420			
OPEB - Single Employer	16,699,67		-		16,699,672			
OPEB - PSERS	903,79		-		903,791			
Total deferred inflows of resources	57,845,81	3	_		57,845,813			
Net Position	_							
Net Investment in Capital Assets	- 30,214,95	6	4,775,597		34,990,553			
Restricted	78,621,11		-		78,621,113			
Unrestricted	(260,888,07		2,956,010		(257,932,062			
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (152,052,00</u>	<u>)3) \$</u>	7,731,607	\$	(144,320,396			

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

				Program	Re	evenues		Ν		Expense) Revenue ar anges in Net Position						
									Pr	rimary Government						
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Expenses		Expenses			Charges for Services	_	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities			Business-Type Activities	Total	
Primary Government: Governmental Activities:																
Instruction	\$	140,228,921	\$	952,027	\$	5 174,978,450	\$	35,701,556	\$	-	\$	35,701,556				
Support Services		49,048,984		910,681		2,072,313		(46,065,990)		-		(46,065,990)				
Noninstructional Services		1,529,512		459,119		5,925,506		4,855,113		-		4,855,113				
Facilities Acquisition, Construction and Improvement		1,079,774		-		-		(1,079,774)		-		(1,079,774)				
Interest on Long-Term Debt		3,464,498		-	_	1,943,670		(1,520,828)		<u> </u>		(1,520,828)				
Total Governmental Activities		195,351,689		2,321,827		184,919,939		(8,109,923)		<u> </u>		(8,109,923)				
Business-Type Activities:																
Food Service		9,264,385		82,288		10,411,406		-		1,229,309		1,229,309				
Stadium Commission		115,802		16,782		-		-		(99,020)		(99,020)				
Total Business-Type Activities		9,380,187		99,070		10,411,406				1,130,289		1,130,289				
Total Primary Government	\$	204,731,876	\$	2,420,897	\$	5 195,331,345	\$	(8,109,923)	\$	1,130,289	\$	(6,979,634)				
	Tax P C T P Inve	ral Revenues: res: roperty ther taxes levied ransfer Tax ublic Utility Realty estment Earnings cellaneous						50,301,756 7,950,864 2,018,288 1,802,496 428,946 238,785		- - -		50,301,756 7,950,864 2,018,288 1,802,496 428,946 238,785				
		rance Recoveries	~					230,705		-		230,705				

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Miscellaneous	238,785	-	238,785
Insurance Recoveries	12,209	-	12,209
Transfers	24,308	(24,308)	-
Total General Revenues	62,777,652	(24,308)	62,753,344
Change in Net Position	54,667,729	1,105,981	55,773,710
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning	(206,719,732)	6,625,626	(200,094,106)
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending	\$ (152,052,003) \$	7,731,607 \$	(144,320,396)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

Assets	General Fund		Capital ral Fund Projects Fund		Student Activities Fund		Total Governmental Funds	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,615,023	\$	39,662,047	\$	152,217	\$	49,429,287
Investments		38,609,307		25,757,999		-		64,367,306
Receivables:								
Taxes		7,502,489		-		-		7,502,489
Intergovernmental Receivables		23,494,235		-		-		23,494,235
Other Receivables		681,798		-		-		681,798
Interfund Receivables		3,464,677		-		-		3,464,677
Other current assets		91,192		-		-		91,192
Inventories		48,939		-		-		48,939
Total assets	\$	83,507,660	\$	65,420,046	\$	152,217	\$	149,079,923
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	\$	12,039,030	\$	_	\$	_	\$	12,039,030
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	Ŧ	19,107,875	Ŷ	-	Ŧ	-	Ŧ	19,107,875
Due to Other Funds		-		3,129,498		-		3,129,498
Other Current Liabilities		5,769,574		-		-		5,769,574
Total liabilities		36,916,479		3,129,498		-		40,045,977
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes		5,416,233		-		-		5,416,233
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		5,416,233		-		-		5,416,233
Fund Balances								
Non-spendable		48,939		_		-		48,939
Restricted		16,178,348		62,290,548		152,217		78,621,113
Unassigned		24,947,661						24,947,661
Chaolighea		21,017,001		<u>.</u>				21,017,001
Total fund balances		41,174,948		62,290,548		152,217		103,617,713
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources								
and fund balances	<u>\$</u>	83,507,660	\$	65,420,046	\$	152,217	<u>\$</u>	149,079,923

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$	103,617,713
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$339,757,003 and the		
accumulated depreciation is \$182,572,568.		157,184,435
Property taxes receivable will be collected, but are not available soon enough to pay for current year's expenditures, and therefore are deferred in the Governmental Funds.		5,416,233
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation and dental and health insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental		
activities in the Statement of Net Position.		10,807,169
Long-term liabilities and related deferrals such as Debt, Accrued Interest, and Compensated Absences are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Both current and long-term liabilities are reported in the Statement of Net Position.		
Long-term Bonds and Notes Payable\$ (127,541,539)Unamortized Loss on Sale Leaseback81,438Deferred Loss on Refunding490,622Swaption(940,930)Retirement Incentive(180,000)Accrued Interest(1,235,333)Other Post Employment Benefits(83,847,853)Deferred Outflow of Resources - Pension34,749,624Deferred Inflow of Resources - Pension(39,301,420)Deferred Outflow of Resources - OPEB14,133,939Deferred Inflow of Resources - OPEB(17,603,463)Net Pension Liability(201,013,750)Compensated Absences(6,868,888)		(429,077,553)
Total net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	(152,052,003)

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund		P	Capital Projects Fund		Student vities Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues								
Local Revenue Sources	\$	66,433,563	\$	279,386	\$	135,022	\$	66,847,971
State Revenue Sources		140,407,065		-		-		140,407,065
Federal Revenue Sources		41,505,015		-		-		41,505,015
Total Revenues		248,345,643		279,386		135,022		248,760,051
Expenditures								
Current operating:								
Instruction		141,474,296		-		-		141,474,296
Support Services		52,795,144		-		-		52,795,144
Noninstructional Services		1,523,359		-		97,504		1,620,863
Facilities Acquisition, Construction								
and Improvements		14,076,813		22,161,325		-		36,238,138
Debt service		13,041,710		-		-		13,041,710
Total Expenditures		222,911,322		22,161,325		97,504		245,170,151
Excess (deficiency) of revenues								
over expenditures		25,434,321		(21,881,939)		37,518		3,589,900
Other financing sources (uses)								
Insurance Recoveries		12,209		-		-		12,209
Refund of Prior Year Revenues		(1,177,956)		-		-		(1,177,956)
Sale of Building		238,785		-		-		238,785
Transfers In		24,308		7,753,679		-		7,777,987
Transfers Out		(7,753,679)		-		-		(7,753,679)
Total other financing								
sources (uses)		(8,656,333)		7,753,679		-		(902,654)
Net change in fund balance		16,777,988		(14,128,260)		37,518		2,687,246
Fund balance, beginning of year		24,396,960		76,418,808		114,699		100,930,467
Fund balance, end of year	\$	41,174,948	\$	62,290,548	<u>\$</u>	152,217	\$	103,617,713

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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

et Change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,687,246
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.	
Capital Outlays 36,513,134	
Depreciation Expense (5,841,209)	20.074.005
Payments of long-term debt and certain expenditures of debt issuance are expensed when paid in the Governmental Funds, but are amortized or recorded as a reduction of long term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position	30,671,925
Debt Principal Repayments 8,580,000	
Amortization of Sale-Leaseback (10,242)	
Amortization of Bond Discounts (2,896)	
Amortizations of Bond Premium 956,596	
Change in Accrued Interest 1,367,485	
Amortization of Deferred Loss on Refunding (54,513)	
Change in Retirement Incentive 377,000	
Change in Compensated Absences (242,467)	10,970,963
Certain activities reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the Governmental Funds	
Change in accreted value of bonds (1,259,218)	
Change in swaption value (670,012)	(1,929,230)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation and dental and health insurance to individual funds. The net revenue of certain activities of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.	395,294
Governmental funds do not report the changes in the Other Post Employment Benefit liability:	(336,167)
Governmental funds do not report the changes in the Pension Liability and related Deferred Inflows and Outflows	11,223,633
Real estate taxes reported in the funds include receipt of prior year delinquent taxes and do not include revenue attributable to the current year's delinquent tax receivable. This amount is the net effect of these differences.	
Current year 5,416,233 Prior year (4,432,168)	 984,065
Changes in net position of governmental activities	\$ 54,667,729

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Governmental Activities - Internal Service	
	Fc	ood Service	Non-Major Funds		Total		Fund	
Assets								
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Investments Other receivables Prepaid expense	\$	3,444,042 - 2,201 -	\$	19,656 - -	\$	3,463,698 - 2,201 -	\$	6,279,223 599,112 6,406,143 494,156
Inventories		181,746		-		181,746		-
Total Current Assets		3,627,989		19,656		3,647,645		13,778,634
Non-current Assets: Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		2,389,202		2,386,395		4,775,597		<u> </u>
Total Non-current Assets		2,389,202		2,386,395		4,775,597		-
Total Assets	\$	6,017,191	\$	2,406,051	\$	8,423,242	\$	13,778,634
Liabilities Current liabilities: Accounts payable	\$	356,456	\$	_	\$	356,456	\$	2,971,465
Due to other funds	Ψ	335,179	Ψ	-	Ψ	335,179	Ψ	-
Total current liabilities		691,635		-		691,635		2,971,465
Total liabilities		691,635		-		691,635		2,971,465
Net Position								
Net Investment in Capital Assets Unrestricted		2,389,202 2,936,354		2,386,395 19,656		4,775,597 2,956,010		- 10,807,169
Total net position		5,325,556		2,406,051		7,731,607		10,807,169
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	6,017,191	\$	2,406,051	\$	8,423,242	\$	13,778,634

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund		Governmental Activities - Internal Service	
	Fo	od Service	Non-Major Funds		Total		Fund	
Operating Revenues Receipts from Providing Services	\$	25,147	\$	16,782	\$	41,929	\$	-
Charges for Services Other Revenue		57,141				- 57,141		25,912,186 -
Total Operating Revenues		82,288		16,782	. <u> </u>	99,070		25,912,186
Operating Expenses Service Costs		8,998,903		12,114		9,011,017		-
Depreciation Other Operating Expense		265,482 -		103,688 -		369,170 -		- 50,802
Claims Expense		-		-		-		25,482,932
Total Operating Expenses		9,264,385	1	115,802		9,380,187		25,533,734
Operating Income/(Loss)		(9,182,097)		(99,020)		(9,281,117)		378,452
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) Interest		-		-		9,380,187 -		16,842
Grants Transfers Out		10,411,406 -		- (24,308)		10,411,406 (24,308)		-
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		10,411,406		(24,308)		10,387,098		16,842
Change in Net Position		1,229,309		(123,328)		1,105,981		395,294
Net Position - Beginning of Year		4,096,247		2,529,379		6,625,626		10,411,875
Net Position - End of Year	\$	5,325,556	\$	2,406,051	\$	7,731,607	\$	10,807,169

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund	Governmental Activities - Internal Service
	Food Service	Non-Major	Total	Fund
Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from customers Cash paid to employees Cash paid to suppliers	\$ 82,288 (1,047,807) (7,483,845)	\$ 16,782 	\$	\$ 25,875,439 - (26,776,662)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(8,449,364)	4,668	(8,444,696)	(901,223)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of Investments Sale of Investments	-	- 24,388	-	-
Interest income	-	-	-	25,538
Net cash used in investing activities		24,388		25,538
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities				
Grant payments received	9,680,933		9,680,933	
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	9,680,933	(24,308)	9,656,625	
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities				
Purchase of capital assets	(323,551)		(323,551)	
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(323,551)		(323,551)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	908,018	4,748	912,766	(875,685)
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	2,536,024	14,908	2,550,932	7,154,908
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,444,042	\$ 19,656	3,463,698	\$ 6,279,223
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (9,182,097)	\$ (99,020)	\$ (9,281,117)	\$ 378,452
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities Depreciation	265,482	103,688	369,170	
Donated commodities (Increase) decrease in assets	730,473	-	730,473	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	(36,747)
Inventories	27,665	-	27,665	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Assets Increase (decrease) in liabilities	-	-	-	(54,156)
Accounts Payable	55,531	-	55,531	(1,188,772)
Due to Other Funds	(346,418)		(346,418)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (8,449,364)	\$ 4,668	\$ (8,444,696)	\$ (901,223)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA (the "District") is located in Erie County, Pennsylvania. The District's tax base consists of the City of Erie.

The District is governed by a board of nine school board members who are residents of the District and who are elected every two years, on a staggered basis, for a four-year term.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") has the power and duty to establish, equip, furnish and maintain a sufficient number of elementary, secondary and other schools necessary to educate every person residing in such district between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who may attend.

In order to establish, enlarge, equip, furnish, operate and maintain any school herein provided, or to pay any school indebtedness, which the District is required to pay, or to pay an indebtedness that may at any time hereafter be created by the District. The Board is vested with all the necessary authority and power annually to levy and collect the necessary taxes required and granted by the legislature, in addition to the annual State appropriation, and are vested with all necessary power and authority to comply with and carry out any or all of the provisions of the Public School Code of 1949.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the authoritative standard-setting body for the establishment of governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

A.) <u>Use of Estimates:</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

B.) <u>Reporting Entity:</u>

The District is the basic level of government, which has financial accountability and control over all activities related to the public school education in the District. The District receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District, is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the GASB pronouncements, since Board members are elected from the public and have decision making authority, the authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, its component unit, the Erie School District Foundation. is reported as a component unit as defined as defined in GASB Statement No. 61. The Foundation is reported in the General Fund in the financial statements. The Foundation does not issue its own financial statements.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C.) <u>Jointly Governed Organizations:</u>

The District is a participating member of the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV ("IU's"). Operations of the IU's are directed by a board of directors consisting of members from each participating district and other institutions. No participating district or other institution appoints a majority of the board of directors. The board of directors of each participating district or other institution must approve IU's annual operating budget.

The IU's are self-sustaining organizations that provide services for fees to participating districts and other institutions. As such, the District has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility in the IU's. The IU's contract with participating districts and other institutions to supply special education services, computer services and to act as a conduit for certain federal programs.

D.) <u>Fund Accounting:</u>

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which are comprised of each fund's assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures or expenses as appropriate. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in the individual funds based on the purpose for which they are to be spent. The District uses the following funds:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – These funds are used to account for most of the District's finances. The measurement focus is on determination of the financial position and changes in financial position (current financial resources) rather than on income determination. The district reports the following major funds:

- 1. <u>General Fund</u> This is the general operating fund of the District. All activities of the District are accounted for through this major fund except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- 2. <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used in acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds.
- 3. <u>Activity Funds</u> These funds are set up in accordance with Section 511 of the PA School Code for student sponsored school organizations and publications which do not meet the criteria to be reported as custodial funds per GASB Statement No. 84.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS – These funds account for District activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector or where the reporting focus is on determining net income, financial position and changes in financial position (economic resources measurement focus). The district reports the following major proprietary fund:

1. <u>Food Service Fund</u> – This major fund is used to account for the District's food service operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The Fund accounts for all revenues, food purchases, costs and expenses for the Food Service Program.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D.) <u>Fund Accounting (Continued)</u>

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS – These funds account for workers' compensation and dental and health insurance charged to other departments of the government on a cost reimbursement basis.

E.) Basis of Presentation:

Government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the District. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable within a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. In addition, program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund financial statements are also provided in the report for all of the governmental funds and proprietary funds of the District. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the Proprietary Fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's Enterprise Funds are food service charges and stadium revenues. Operating expenses for the District's Enterprise Funds include food production costs, supplies, stadium expenses, administrative costs and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues or expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F.) <u>Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:</u>

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as is the Proprietary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Net Position (total assets and deferred outflows less total liabilities and deferred inflows) is used as a practical measure of economic resources and the operating statement includes all transactions and events that increased or decreased Net Position. Depreciation is charged as expense against current operations and accumulated depreciation is reported on the Statement of Net Position.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers tax revenue to be available if collected within sixty days of the end of the fiscal period. Revenue from federal, state, and other grants designated for payment of specific school district expenditures is recognized when the related expenditures are incurred; accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

G.) Budgetary Data:

An annual budget is adopted for the general fund. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Project length financial plans are adopted for the capital projects funds. The District follows the procedures outlined below in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

- 1. Prior to May 31, the Board submits a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the General Fund.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to June 30, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- 4. Form budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. Formal budgetary integration is not employed by other funds because effective budgetary control is alternatively achieved through direct authorization by the School Board or the expenditures are all fixed in nature.
- 5. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- G.) <u>Budgetary Data (Continued)</u>:
- 6. The budget of the District is the approved spending plan of the District for the year and the Board is prohibited from obligating funds in excess of these amounts. The Board may, during any fiscal year, amend the budget by making additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations to meet emergencies. The funds shall be provided from unexpended balances in existing appropriations, from unappropriated revenues or from temporary loans. Legal budgetary control is maintained by the Board at the department level. Transfers between departments, whether between funds or within a fund or revisions that alters the total revenues and expenditures of any fund, must be approved by the Board. Budget information in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule is presented at or below the legal level of budgetary control. Several functions had expenditures that exceeded the budgeted amount; however, these overages were absorbed by surpluses in revenues, other functions and fund balance.
- 7. There were supplemental budgetary appropriations or amendments proposed or approved during the year.

The Controller is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within a specific budget object. Any other transfers or revisions between funds or within a fund or revisions that alter the total revenues and expenditures of any fund must be approved by the District Board. Budget information in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund is presented at or below the legal level of budgetary control. Non-Instruction and Facilities, Acquisition, Construction and Improvements expenditures exceeded the budgeted amount; however, these overages were absorbed by surpluses in other functions, revenues and fund balance.

Included in the General Fund budget are program budgets as prescribed by the state and federal agencies funding the program. These budgets are approved on a program basis by the state or federal funding agency.

I.) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents in the basic financial statements include all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

J.) <u>Investments:</u>

Investments are carried at market value based on quoted market prices.

K.) <u>Receivables/Payables</u>:

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "interfund receivables/payables." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

L.) <u>Accounts Receivable:</u>

Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount. The District determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based on historical write-off experience. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M.) Inventories and Prepaid Items:

Inventories of the General Fund consisting of instruction, operation and maintenance and transportation supplies are carried at cost, using the first-in, first-out method. The inventories on hand at June 30, 2022 totaled \$48,939.

Inventories of the Food Service Fund consisting of food and paper supplies are carried at cost, using the first-in, first-out method. Federal donated commodities are valued at their fair market value as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the date of donation. The inventories on hand at June 30, 2022 consist of the following:

Donated Commodities	<u>\$181,746</u>
Total Inventory	<u>\$181,746</u>

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

N.) <u>Capital Assets:</u>

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The School maintains a \$1,500 threshold for additions to equipment. Buildings and improvements are capitalized when the value is \$25,000 or greater. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. In addition, capital assets purchased with long-term debt may be capitalized regardless of the thresholds established. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed historical cost if purchased or constructed at assets are recorded at assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

All reported capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and Improvements	30 - 50
Equipment	7 - 10
Vehicles	5 - 7

O.) <u>Long-Term Obligations:</u>

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or proprietary fund type statement of Net Position. Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O.) Long-Term Obligations: (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financial uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

P.) <u>Net Position/Fund Balance:</u>

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

- Net Investment in Capital Assets This category groups all capital assets into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.
- *Restricted Net Position* This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position This category represents net position of the District, not restricted for any project or other purpose.

Fund Balance Classification: The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- *Non-spendable*: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School District has \$48,939 in non-spendable fund balance in the General Fund as of June 30, 2022.
- Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School District had \$78,621,113 of restricted fund balance as of June 30, 2022. Of this amount, \$92,597,156 was restricted for capital improvements, and \$152,217 was restricted for student activities.
- Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The School District did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2022.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- P.) Fund Balance: (Continued)
- Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or through the Board of Directors delegating this responsibility to the School District's management. The School District did not have any assigned resources as of June 30, 2022.
- Unassigned: This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts. The School District had \$24,947,661 of unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2022.

The School District uses restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Q.) Deferred Outflows /Inflows of Resources

The Statement of Net Position report separate sections for deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources. These separate financial statement elements represent a consumption or acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow or inflow of resources (expense/revenue) until then. The District has six items that qualify for reporting in these categories: deferred outflows on unamortized loss on sale leaseback, deferred outflows and inflows related to OPEB, deferred outflows and inflows related to pensions, swaption, deferred loss on refunding and unavailable tax revenue.

In accordance with applicable guidance, the loss on the sale portion of the sale leaseback transaction is recorded as a deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position and amortized as a component of interest expense over the remaining economic life of the property.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB is described further in Note 6. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources should be recognized in OPEB expense, beginning in the current reporting period, using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining services lives of all employees that are provided with OPEB through the OPEB plan (active employees and inactive employees) determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The recognition period for the OPEB Plan's difference between expected and actual experience and change in assumption is 12 years.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Q.) <u>Deferred Outflows /Inflows of Resources (Continued)</u>

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are described further in Note 7. Annual changes to the net pension liability resulting from differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic and demographic factors and from changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or other inputs are deferred and amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected service lives of all employees that are provided with pension benefits determined for the period during which the changes occurred. Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments are amortized over a closed five-year period.

In the governmental funds balance sheet, the District only has one type of item, which arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable tax revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

R.) <u>PSERS Net OPEB Liability:</u>

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about fiduciary net position of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from PSERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. 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.

S.) Adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements

The District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 87, "*Leases*". The adoption of this statement resulted in additional disclosures (see Note 13).

The District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No.89 "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period". The adoption of this statement did not result in modification of previously reported amounts.

The District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 92, "Omnibus 2020". The adoption of this statement did not result in modification of previously reported amounts. The District adopted the part of the provisions of GASB issued Statement No. 99, "Omnibus 2022". The adoption of this statement did not result in modification of previously reported amounts.

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

T.) <u>Pending Changes in Accounting Principles</u>

In May 2019, the GASB issued Statement No. 91, *"Conduit Debt Obligations"*. The District is required to adopt the provisions of Statement No. 91 for its fiscal year 2023 financial statements.

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 94, "*Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*". The District is required to adopt the provisions of Statement No. 94 for its fiscal year 2023 financial statements.

In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 96, "*Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*". The District is required to adopt the provisions of Statement No. 96 for its fiscal year 2023 financial statements.

In April 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 99, "Omnibus 2022". The provisions of Statement No. 99 are effective as follows:

- The requirements related to leases, public-private and public-public partnerships, and subscription-based information technology arrangements are effective for the District's fiscal year 2023 financial statements.
- The requirements related to financial guarantees and the reporting of derivative instruments are effective for the District's fiscal year 2024 financial statements.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62". The District is required to adopt the provisions of Statement No. 100 for its fiscal year 2024 financial statements.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, "*Compensated Absences*". The District is required to adopt the provisions of Statement No. 101 for its fiscal year 2025 financial statements.

The School District has not yet completed the various analysis required to estimate the financial statement impact of these new pronouncements.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Under Section 440.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the District is permitted to invest funds in the following types of investments:

Obligations of (a) the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, (b) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, or (c) any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision and (d) shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, provided that the instruments are those types of investments listed above, and the investment company is managed so as to maintain its

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

shares at a constant net asset value and the investment company is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized rating agency. Pursuant to Act 72 of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, a depository must pledge assets to secure state and municipal deposits. The pledged assets must at least be equal to the amount of such assets required to secure all of the public deposits at the depository and may be on a pooled basis. Additionally, all such pledged assets must be delivered to a legal custodian.

Act 10 of 2016 broadened the scope of investment options for the District with safeguard measures to protect those investments. The Act added high quality money market instruments including repurchase agreements, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances to the authorized list of investments.

The deposit and investment policy of the District adheres to State statutes and prudent business practice. There were no deposits or investment transactions during the year that were in violation of either the State statutes or the policy of the District.

A portion of the District's cash and investments are in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust Fund ("PLGIT"), which is a fund very similar to mutual funds. PLGIT operates in accordance with appropriate State laws and regulations and under State oversight. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

In accordance with the Government Accounting Standards Board, investments in PLGIT are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. The amortized cost method involves valuing a security at its cost on the date of purchase and recording a constant amortization or accretion to maturity of any discount or premium, regardless of the impact of fluctuating interest rates on the market value of the investment. The net asset value per share for the purpose of calculating the price at which shares are issued and redeemed is determined by the Administrator each banking day. Such determination is made by subtracting the liabilities from the value of the assets and dividing the remainder by the number of shares outstanding.

As of June 30, 2022, there were no redemption fees or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100 percent of their account value.

Interest Rate Risk – The School District does not have a formal investment policy for the that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – The School District has no formal investment policy for its operating and Fiduciary funds that addresses credit risk. As of June 30, 2022, the School District's operating investments were all maintained in Money Market funds with the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF), PLGIT and PNC Bank.

Custodial Credit Risk – For deposits and investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2022, the School District's cash balances for its governmental activities and business-type activities were \$59,172,208 and its bank balances were \$57,240,834. Of these bank balances, \$55,981,228 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions, or by their trust departments or agents, but not in the School District's name, and therefore was subject to custodial credit risk.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Concentration of Credit Risk – The School District has no formal investment policy for operating investments pertaining to the concentration of credit risk. All of the School District's investments were in the PSDLAF, PLGIT and PNC Bank.

NOTE 3: REAL ESTATE TAXES RECEIVABLE

The District has independently elected tax collectors who are responsible for the collection of taxes. Assessed values are established by the Erie County Board of Assessment. The District tax rate for the year ended June 30, 2022 was 17.2029 mills (\$17.2029) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) as levied by the Board of School Directors.

The schedule for real estate taxes levied for each fiscal year is as follows:

July 1 July 1 – September 30 October 1 – November 30 December 1 – December 31 January 1 Levy Date 2% Discount period Face Payment period 10% Penalty period Turnover to delinguent collector

Taxpayers can make installment payments at face beginning November 15 to February 15.

The District, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, recognizes the delinquent and unpaid taxes receivable, reduced by an allowance for uncollectible taxes, as determined by management. A portion of the net amount estimated to be collectible, which was measurable and available within sixty days, was recognized as revenue and the balance deferred in the fund financial statements.

The District also collects earned income tax and local services tax from its residents. The tax rate for the current fiscal year is ½% earned income tax and \$5 local services tax.

The Balances at June 30, 2022 are as follows:

	Gross Tax Receivable	 owance for collectible Taxes	Net	Tax Revenue Recognized	Unavailable Real Estate Taxes
Real Estate Tax Earned Income Tax Transfer Tax	6,016,224 1,793,406 417,841	\$ 475,000 - -	\$ 5,291,242 1,793,406 417,841	\$ (124,991) 1,574,677 417,841	\$ 5,416,233 - -
Total	\$ 8,227,471	\$ 475,000	\$ 7,502,489	\$ 1,867,527	\$ 5,416,233

NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	Beginnin Balance	0	Inc	creases		Decreases		Ending Balance
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated: Land Construction in Progress Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ 7,651, 24,957, 32,608,2	197		- ,158,364 ,158,364		- 13,728,730) 13,728,730)	\$	7,651,057 46,386,831 54,037,888
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated: Building/Land Held for Resale Buildings and Improvements Furniture and Equipment Vehicles Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	8,672, 205,075, 53,753, <u>3,320,</u> 270,822,	989 712 141	1	,758,300 ,053,540 271,660 ,083,500		- - (186,788) (186,788)		8,672,561 218,834,289 54,807,252 3,405,013 285,719,115
Less Accumulated Depreciation For: Building/Land Held for Resale Buildings and Improvements Furniture and Equipment Vehicles Total Accumulated Depreciation	(5,823, (124,415, (43,666, <u>(3,012,</u> (176,918,	464) 381) 554)	(4 (1	(142,512) ,372,620) ,206,930) (119,147) ,841,209)		- - - 186,788 186,788	-	(5,966,260) 128,788,084) (44,873,311) (2,944,913) 182,572,568)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	93,904,2	256	9	,242,291		-		103,146,547
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 126,512,	510	\$ 44	,400,655	\$ (13,728,730)	\$	157,184,435
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES	 Beginning Balance	Incre	ases	Decreases		Ending Balance		
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated: Building Equipment Vehicles	\$ 7,832,725 1,399,831 106,317		- 5,915 7,636	\$ - 	\$	7,832,725 1,555,746 273,953		
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	 9,338,873	323	8,551			9,662,424		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,517,657)	(369	9,170)	-		(4,886,827)		
Business Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,821,216	\$ (45	5,619)	\$ -	\$	4,775,597		

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities: Instruction Support Services:	\$ 5,257,088
Student Transportation	82,661
Administration Operation and Maintenance	465,065 36,395
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 5,841,209
Business Type Activities: Food Service Stadium Commission	\$ 265,482 103,688
Total Depreciation Expense - Business Type Activities	<u>\$ 369,170</u>

NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES OBLIGATIONS

Bonds Payable:

The government issues general obligation bonds/notes to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct general obligations of the School District. Principal and interest payments are backed by the full faith, credit, and taxing authority of the School District.

Governmental Activities

General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1998, in the original principal amount of \$48,635,752. These capital appreciation bonds mature in varying amounts from September 1, 1998 through 2025. The bonds bear interest ranging from 4.5% to 6.167%. The bonds maturing September 1, 2000 through 2003 have been determined to be taxable, the remaining bonds are tax-exempt.

General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2000, in the original principal amount of \$37,137,023. The bonds bear interest ranging from 5.09% to 6.23%. The bonds require interest payments semi-annually on September 1 and March 1 commencing on September 1, 2001. The bonds mature beginning September 1, 2001 and ending September 1, 2030. The current interest bonds maturing September 1, 2001 through September 1, 2029 were defeased by the funds provided by the 2001 Series General Obligation Bonds. The remaining bonds are capital appreciation bonds for which interest is being accrued.

On March 1, 2012, the School District borrowed \$13,407,000 from the State Public School Building Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the bonds was to provide funds for various building renovation projects of the District. The loan requires semi-annual interest payments on March 15 and September 15 of each year beginning March 15, 2012 with interest at rates ranging from 5.088% to 5.138% with maturity scheduled for April 1, 2031. On December 13, 2019, the District refunded the outstanding balance on advance basis. The refinancing transaction resulted in an estimated cash flow present value loss of \$253,746 and estimated economic loss of \$335,906. As a result of the advance refunding, the District recognized a loss of \$654,161 that is being amortized on over the term of the refunded bonds, which were scheduled to mature on April 1, 2031. The balance of the deferred loss at June 30, 2022 is \$545,135.

In May of 2019, the School District issued \$45,400,000 aggregate principal amount General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2020. The purpose of the bonds was to provide financing for various capital projects of the District as well as to pay for issuance costs. The 2020 bonds mature on October 1 of each year beginning in 2020. The bonds require semi-annual interest payments on April 1 and October 1 of each year, beginning October 1, 2020. Interest rates on the bonds range from 3.0% to 5.0% with maturity scheduled for April 1, 2034.

In May of 2019, the District issued \$9,560,000 aggregate principal amount General Obligation Bonds Series B of 2020. The purpose of the bonds was to currently refund the 2009 Series General Obligation Bonds, finance a termination payment associated with the 2011 Swap as well as pay for issuance costs. The 2020 bonds mature on October 1 of each year beginning in 2020. The bonds require semi-annual interest payments on April 1 and October 1 of each year, beginning October 1, 2020. Interest rates on the bonds are 5.0% with maturity scheduled for April 1, 2026. The refunding resulted in a difference between the cash flow required to service the old debt and that required to service the new debt of \$147,633. The refunding also resulted in a net economic loss

NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

(difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$71,014.

In May of 2019, the District issued \$30,990,000 aggregate principal amount General Obligation Bonds Series C of 2020. The purpose of the bonds was to currently refund the 2011 Series Butler County General Authority Variable Rate Demand Bonds (School District of the City of Erie Project) as well as pay for issuance costs. The 2020 bonds mature on October 1 of each year beginning in 2020. The bonds require semi-annual interest payments on April 1 and October 1 of each year, beginning October 1, 2020. Interest rates on the bonds are 5.0% with maturity scheduled for April 1, 2030. The refunding resulted in a difference between the cash flow required to service the old debt and that required to service the new debt of \$227,542. The refunding also resulted in a net economic loss (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$146,098.

In the prior years, the District defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in these financial statements.

The following summarizes the maturities and interest payments for general obligation bonds payable as of June 30, 2022:

Year Ended June 30:	Principal Requirements	Interest Requirements	Total Debt Service Requirements
2023	8,695,000	4,388,148	13,083,148
2024 2025	9,290,000 9,460,000	4,293,648 4.169.648	13,583,648 13.629.648
2025	9,900,000	4,036,898	13,936,898
2027	10,440,000	3,882,148	14,322,148
2028-2032	59,692,000	11,100,620	70,792,620
2033-2035	20,995,000	14,452,000	35,447,000
Less Discounted Interest	(9,290,306)		(9,290,306)
Total	<u>\$ 119,181,694</u>	\$ 46,323,110	<u>\$ 165,504,804</u>

Governmental Activities

Retirement Incentive:

The District has incurred a liability for special termination benefits, which include various early retirement incentive programs. Under such programs, retirees are eligible for monthly or annual payments until age sixty-two. The long-term liability for future benefits has been discounted using an 8% factor.

Compensated Absences:

Compensated absences are comprised of accumulated unused sick days and vacation days. The aggregate liability is \$6,868,888 as of June 30, 2022.

NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Under the current plan, the following is a summary of the items covered:

Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer – Rate paid equals \$100 per day. Administrators – Rate paid equals \$100 per day. Teachers and Non-Professionals – Rate paid equals \$80 per day.

A summary of changes in long-term debt obligations for 2022 is as follows:

								Amounts
	Beginning		Bond			Ending	[Due Within
Governmental Activities:	 Balance	 Additions	 Accretions	 Reductions		Balance		One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 126,502,476	\$ -	\$ 1,259,218	\$ (8,580,000)	\$	119,181,694	\$	8,695,000
Bond premium	9,365,672	-	-	(956,596)		8,409,076		-
Bond discount	(52,127)	-	-	2,896		(49,231)		-
Compensated absences	6,626,420	242,468	-	-		6,868,888		1,787,000
Deferred loss on refunding	(545,135)	-	-	54,513		(490,622)		-
Deferred loss on sale leaseback	(91,618)	-	-	10,242		(81,376)		-
Retirement incentive	 557,000	 -	 -	 (377,000)	_	180,000	_	180,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 142,362,688	\$ 242,468	\$ 1,259,218	\$ (9,845,945)	\$	134,018,429	\$	10,662,000

Payments on bonds are by the General Fund. The compensated absence and retirement incentive liabilities will be liquidated by the General Fund. Total interest paid during the year ended June 30, 2022 was \$4,476,898.

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description:

The District administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the "Retiree Health Plan"). The plan provides healthcare, prescription drug, dental and/or vision insurance, at various costs to the member and the District, for the life of the member or until the member is eligible for Medicare, depending on the terms of the contract when they retire, for eligible retirees and their spouses through the District's health insurance plan. The Retiree Health Plan covers both active and retired members. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended through negotiation with the District and the unions representing the District's employees. The Retiree Health Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Employees covered by benefit terms. At June 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	229
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	1,188
Active employees	1,231
Total	2,648

Funding Policy. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement No. 75. The benefits are expensed when incurred and are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Retirees currently pay a portion of the monthly premium. The School District covers the balance of the premium not paid by the retiree. Retiree and dependent coverage, group plans, and costs to the retiree are subject to change. A spouse may be covered as a dependent until the death of the retiree; thereafter, they are eligible to continue coverage by paying 100% of the monthly insurance premium.

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Total OPEB Liability. The District's total OPEB liability of \$72,213,116 was measured as of July 1, 2021, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified: The discount rate was based on the S & P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index at July 1, 2021.

Inflation	2.50%
Discount Rate	2.28%
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.50% in 2021 through 2023. Rates gradually decrease from 5.40% in 2024 to 4.0% in 2075 and later based on the Society of Actuaries Long Run Medical Cost Trend Model
Salary Increases	Composed of a 1% real wage growth and merit increases for certain classes of employees which vary by age from 2.75- 0.00%

Separate mortality rates are assumed preretirement and postretirement using the rates assumed in the PSERS defined benefit pension plan actuarial valuation. Incorporated into the table are rates projected generationally by the Buck Modified 2016 projection scale to reflect mortality improvement. A recent actuarial experience study was not performed.

Changes in the total OPEB Liability.

The District's total OPEB liability has been measured as of June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021. No significant events or changes in assumptions occurred between the valuation date and the fiscal year end. The net OPEB liability is \$72,213,116, all of which is unfunded. As of June 30, 2022, the total OPEB liability is related to the governmental funds and is recorded in the governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position.

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The District's change in its total OPEB liability for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	Gove	ernmental Activities
Service cost	\$	4,125,817
Interest		1,594,167
Changes of benefit terms		-
Differences between expected and		
actual experience		(10,367,214)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs		(2,730,833)
Benefit payments		(4,344,134)
Net change in total OPEB liability		(11,722,197)
Total OPEB liability - Beginning	\$	83,935,313
Total OPEB liability - Ending	\$	72,213,116

<u>OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> <u>Related to OPEB.</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$4,765,862. At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	erred Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Difference between expected actual experience Changes of assumptions Contribution subsequent to measurement date	\$ - 7,704,365 4,364,617	\$	12,717,593 3,982,079 -		
	\$ 12,068,982	\$	16,699,672		

\$4,364,617 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2023	\$	954,122
2024		954,122
2025		954,122
2026		954,122
2027		954,122
Thereafter		1,224,697
Total	\$ 8	3,995,307

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.28 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (3.28 percent) than the current discount rate:

		Current		
	1% Decrease 1.28%	Discount Rate 2.28%	1% Increase 3.28%	
District's total OPEB liability	\$ 77,384,520	\$ 72,213,116	\$ 67,334,852	

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

	Healthcare Cost							
	1% Decrease	1% Increase						
	4.50%	5.50%	6.50%					
District's total OPEB liability	\$ 64,909,245	\$ 72.213.116	\$ 80,783,353					
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Health Insurance Premium Assistance Plan

In addition, the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System ("PSERS") provides a Health Insurance Premium Assistance Plan ("PSERS Plan"). The PSERS Plan is a governmental cost-sharing, multi-employer other postretirement benefit plan that provides for premium assistance to eligible public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Under the PSERS Plan, employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of premium assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

The administrative staff of PSERS administers the PSERS Plan. The control and management of PSERS, including the investment of its assets, is vested in the 15 member Board of Trustees (Board). The Commonwealth General Assembly has the authority to amend the benefit terms of the PSERS Plan by passing a bill in the Senate and House of Representatives and sending the bills to the Governor for approval. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.state.pa.us.

Premium Assistance Eligibility Criteria

Retirees of the System can participate in the PSERS Plan if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 ½ or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of services and retired after reaching superannuation age, and
- Participate in the HOP or employer-sponsored health insurance program.

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Benefits Provided

Participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program. As of June 30, 2021 there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Employer Contributions. The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was 0.80% of covered payroll, an actuarially determined amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the PSERS Plan from the District were \$694,591 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

<u>OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred</u> Inflows or Resources Related to OPEB:

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$11,635,000 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll of all School Districts in the PSERS Plan. At June 30, 2021, the District's proportion was 0.4909 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0091 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$700,102. At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Contributions on boost to the	<u>01</u>	Resources	011	<u>lesources</u>
Contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date	\$	694,591	\$	-
Changes of assumptions		1,239,200		155,149
Difference between actual				
and expected experience		108,186		-
Net difference between projected				
and actual investment earnings		22,980		-
Changes in proportion		-		748,642
Total	\$	2,064,957	\$	903,791

\$694,591 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Year ended June 30:

2022	\$ (64,695)
2023	(67,035)
2024	140,547
2025	178,002
2026	153,262
2027	 126,500
Total	\$ 466,581

Actuarial Assumptions. The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation to June 30, 2021 measurement date using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method Entry Age Normal level % of pay.
- Investment return 2.18% S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary growth Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit and seniority increases.
- Premium assistance reimbursement capped at \$1,200 per year.
- Assumed Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP- 2020 Improvement Scale.
- Participation rate:
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate pre age 65 at 50%.
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate post age 65 at 70%.

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2021.
- Cost Method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset valuation method: Market Value.
- Participation rate: 63% of eligible retirees are assumed to elect premium assistance.
- Mortality Tables for males and femals, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

Investments consist primarily of short term assets designed to protect the principal of the plan assets. The expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the OPEB asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each asset class.

The OPEB plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Under the Program, as defined in the retirement code employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. The Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2021 were:

OPEB - Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash US Core Fixed Income Non- US Developed Fixed	79.8% 17.5% <u>2.7%</u> 100.0%	0.10% 0.7% -0.3%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 2.18%. Under the plan's funding policy, contributions are structured for short term funding of Premium Assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date. The Premium Assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Due to the short term funding policy, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to meet projected future benefit payments, therefore the plan is considered a "pay-as-you-go" plan. A discount rate of 2.18% which represents the S&P 20 year Municipal Bond Rate at June 30, 2021, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

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

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2021, retirees Premium Assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The annual Premium Assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of \$1,200. As of June 30, 2021, 93,392 retirees were receiving the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. As of June 30, 2019, 780 members were receiving less than the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. The actual number of retirees receiving less than the \$1,200 per year cap is a small percentage of the total population and has a minimal impact on Healthcare Cost Trends as depicted below.

The following presents the District's Proportionate Share of the net OPEB liability as well as what the District's Proportionate Share of the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using health cost trends that are 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage higher than the current rate:

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's Proportionate share of the net OPEB			
liability	\$ 11,602,609	\$ 11,603,926	\$ 11,604,964

NOTE 6: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 1.18%	Current Discount Rate 2.18%	1% Increase 3.18%
Diatrict's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 13,316,954	\$ 11,603,926	\$ 10,192,992

OPEB plan fiduciary net position.

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at <u>www.psers.pa.gov</u>.

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

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 fiduciary net position of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from PSERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. 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.

General Information about the Pension Plan:

Plan Description. The District contributes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System ("PSERS"), a governmental cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit plan. Benefit provisions of the plan are established under the provisions of the PSERS Code (Act No. 96 of October 2, 1975, as amended) (24 PA C. S. 8101-8535) and may be amended by an act of the Pennsylvania legislature. The plan provides retirement and disability, legislatively mandated ad hoc cost-of-living adjustments and healthcare insurance premium assistance to qualifying plan members and beneficiaries. It also provides for refunds of a member's accumulated contributions upon termination of a member's employment in the public school sector. PSERS issues a comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. A copy of the report may be obtained by writing to, PSERS, P.O. Box 125, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0125. This publication is also available on the PSERS website at www.psers.state.pa.us/publications/cafr/index.htm.

Benefits provided. PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Under the provisions of the 1975 revision of the Code by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service; or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age. Act 120 of 2010 (Act 120) preserved the benefits of existing members and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

become new members on or after July 1, 2011. Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E (Class T-E) and Membership Class T-F (Class T-F). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of 3 years of service or attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of service. Benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. For Class T-E and T-F members, the right to benefits is vested after ten years of service.

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 with at least one year of credited service (age 65 with at least three years of credited service for Class T-E and Class T-F members) or who has at least five years of credited service (ten years for Class T-E and Class T-F members). Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

All members are fully vested in their individual balance in the Members' Saving Account. All non-vested members may receive a refund of their individual balance of member contributions and interest from the Members' Savings Account upon termination of public school employment.

Vested members who enrolled prior to July 1, 2011 may elect to receive a return of their accumulated contributions and interest upon their retirement which results in a reduced monthly annuity. Vested Class T-E and T-F members cannot withdraw their accumulated contributions and interest from the Members' Savings Account upon their retirement.

Contributions. The contribution policy is set by the Code. The District's contractually required contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was 34.94% of covered payroll which includes 0.15% for the Act 5 defined contribution plan members, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$25,546,332 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Member contribution rates are set by law (redefined with the provisions of Act 9 of 2001 and Act 120) and are dependent upon membership class. Member contribution rates are as follows:

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Member Contribution Rates					
		Benefit	Defined	Total	
Membership	Continuous Employment	Contribution	Contribution	Contribution	
Class	Since	Rate	Rate	Rate	
T-C	Prior to July 22, 1983	5.25%	N/A	5.25%	
T-C	On or after July 22, 1983	6.25%	N/A	6.25%	
T-D	Prior to July 22, 1983	6.50%	N/A	6.50%	
T-D	On or after July 22, 1983	7.50%	N/A	7.50%	
T-E	On or after July 1, 2011	7.50% *	N/A	7.50%	
T-F	On or after July 1, 2011	10.30% *	N/A	10.30%	
T-G	On or after July 1, 2019	5.50% *	2.75%	8.25%	
T-H	On or after July 1, 2019	4.50% *	3.00%	7.50%	
DC	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	7.50%	7.50%	

* This contribution rate is subject to a shared risk provision as follows:

Shared Risk Program Summary						
Defined						
Membership	Benefit Base	Shared Risk				
Class	Rate	Increment	Minimum	Maximum		
T-E	7.50%	+/- 0.50%	5.50%	9.50%		
T-F	10.30%	+/- 0.50%	8.30%	12.30%		
T-G	5.50%	+/- 0.75%	2.50%	8.50%		
T-H	4.50%	+/- 0.75%	1.50%	7.50%		

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

At June 30, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$201,013,750 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2021, the District's proportion was 0.4896 percent, which was a decrease of 0.000088 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$13,428,186. At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	\$	-	\$	31,997,020	
Changes in Assumptions		9,749,821			
Changes in proportion		-		4,663,500	
Differences between expected and actual experience		148,062		2,640,900	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		24,851,741		-	
Total	\$	34,749,624	\$	39,301,420	

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

\$24,851,747 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, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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2022	\$ 8,700,912
2023	5,415,356
2024	4,949,730
2025	10,337,539
2026	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 29,403,537</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation to June 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Investment rate of return was 7.00%
- The inflation assumption was 2.50%
- Salary growth was an effective range of 4.50%, which was comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability decreased from 7.25% as of June 30, 2020 to 7.00% as of June 30, 2021.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the Board for use effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation:
 - Salary growth rate decreased from 5.00% to 4.50%
 - Real wage growth and merit or seniority increases (components for salary growth) decreased from 2.75% and 2.25% to 2.50% and 2.00%, respectively.
 - Mortality rates- previously based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale. Effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, mortality rates are based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females , adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2015. The recommended assumption changes based on this experience study were adopted by the Board at its June 10, 2016 Board meeting, and were effective beginning with the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method 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 longterm 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 pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Plan assets are managed with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension.

		Long Term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Global public equity	27.0%	5.2%
Private Equity	12.0%	7.3%
Fixed income	35.0%	1.8%
Commodities	10.0%	2.0%
Absolute return	8.0%	3.1%
Infrastructure/MLP's	8.0%	5.1%
Real estate	10.0%	4.7%
Cash	3.0%	0%
Leverage	-13%	0.1%
Total	100.0%	

The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2021.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. 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 the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

	Amounts X \$1,000					
	1% Decrease 6.00%		Current Rate 7.00%		1% Increase 8.00%	
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2	263,838	\$	201,014	\$	148,018

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at <u>www.psers.state.pa.us</u>.

Act 5 of 2017. On June 12, 2017, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 5 of 2017 was signed into law. This legislation established a new hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution retirement benefit plan applicable to all school employees who become new members of PSERS on July 1, 2019 and thereafter. The three new plan options under Act 5 include two hybrid plans consisting of defined benefit and defined contribution components and a stand-alone defined contribution plan. The current stand-alone defined benefit plan is no longer available to new members after June 30, 2019.

NOTE 8: SELF-INSURANCE

The District maintains self-insurance programs for health insurance, workers' compensation coverage and a dental plan, which are being accounted for as internal service funds. The funds charge premiums to the general fund based on an amount determined by the administering insurance company. The insurance company serves as claims administrator and reviews and processes claims. The premiums are based on anticipated claims and estimated costs of administering and satisfying claims. The District maintains an insurance policy that limits the maximum workers' compensation liability per occurrence to \$450,000. No such policy is maintained for the dental plan. Through an insurance policy, the District's health insurance liability is limited to \$125,000 per individual and claims are reimbursed from \$125,000 - \$300,000. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss can be reasonably estimated.

At June 30, 2022, the workers' compensation fund had a liability of \$636,509, which represented the estimated amount required to satisfy existing claims and those incurred but not reported. Workers' compensation claim expenses totaled \$707,707 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Health insurance claim expenses totaled \$24,057,701 for the year ended June 30, 2022 and a liability of \$2,334,956 at June 30, 2022 was owed to Highmark. The School District also had a prepayment at Highmark in the amount of \$440,000.

Dental plan claim expenses totaled \$676,866 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

At June 30, 2022, the workers' compensation, health insurance and dental plan had a net position balance of \$27,340 \$10,463,980 and \$315,849, respectively.

NOTE 8: SELF-INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

Changes in the balances of claims liabilities during the years ended June 30, 2021 through 2022 are as follows:

	Workers' Comp.	Dental Plan	Health Insurance	 Total
Unpaid Claims, July 1, 2020 Incurred Claims Claim Payments	425,085 698,556 (659,523)	676,866 (676,866)	2,310,062 23,285,826 (21,899,769)	\$ 2,735,147 24,661,248 (23,236,158)
Unpaid Claims, July 1, 2021 Incurred Claims Claim Payments	464,118 707,707 (535,316)		3,696,119 24,057,701 (25,418,864)_	 4,160,237 25,482,932 (26,671,704)
Unpaid Claims, June 30, 2022	\$ 636,509	\$ -	\$ 2,334,956	\$ 2,971,465

The amount, if any, of future liability that may arise as a result of self-insurance is not readily determinable and cannot be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, the financial statements do not reflect a liability for any unasserted claims related to the current or prior period.

NOTE 9: DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

On July 29, 2003, the School District approved an interest rate swap agreement (the "2003 Swaption").

Due to Federal tax law restrictions, the School District was not permitted to advance refund its 2001 Bonds at a time when interest savings could have otherwise been available. In an effort to reduce its debt service costs, the District used a synthetic fixed rate refunding structure (which was accomplished using the 2003 Swaption) that was designed to provide the District with some of the benefit of reduced interest rates. The 2003 Swaption was structured with all savings taken up front, as opposed to over time.

The School District entered into the 2003 Swaption with JP Morgan and in return, JP Morgan provided the District an upfront payment of \$785,000. The 2003 Swaption granted JP Morgan, as counterparty, the option to require the District to enter into a fixed payor interest rate swap at a future date. If the option is exercised, the District would then expect to issue variable rate refunding bonds which would be swapped to a synthetic fixed rate upon the effective date of the Swaption.

The Trade Date for the 2003 Swaption was September 4, 2003. The \$785,000 payment was based on a notional amount of \$37,310,000. The Counterparty has the option to exercise the agreement on September 1, 2011, or any March 1, or September 1, thereafter. The 2001 bond issue's first call date is September 1, 2011. The fixed swap rate (approximately 4.77%) was set at a rate that will approximate the average coupon rate of the 2001 bonds to be refunded. The 2003 Swaption's variable rate payment would be 67% of the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR).

NOTE 9: DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Swaption Restructuring

In 2006, the District restructured its 2003 Swaption. The District restructured its 2003 Swaption by entering into a new Swaption with PNC Bank. The new Swaption was structured initially so that PNC would pay the Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index (now referred to as SIFMA); however, the District and PNC immediately entered into a basis swap whereby the District agreed to pay SIFMA in return for 67% of one month LIBOR. As part of the restructuring, the District received an additional upfront payment of \$732,000 and the new counterparty paid the prior counterparty \$2,938,000 in order to terminate the 2003 Swaption on July 5, 2006.

The payments referred to above were based on a notional amount of \$38,115,000 on the basis swap. The new counterparty (PNC) has exercised on November 1, 2011 the Basis Interest Rate Swap. The District has issued variable rate bonds for the purpose of currently refunding the 2001 Bond issue. The swap is scheduled to terminate as of September 1, 2029.

Fair Value. Because interest rates have declined from rates that were in effect on the date the swap was entered into, the swap has a negative fair value as of June 30, 2020. The fair values of the swap were developed by an independent pricing consultant to the District that does not have a financial interest in the swaps, using a market accepted method similar to the zero coupon method example described in GASB 53 of calculating fair value. The methodology used consists of calculating the future net settlement payments required by the swap agreement, assuming that the current forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot interest rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement date of the swap. As of June 30, 2022, the swap had a fair value of negative \$940,930 which is a decrease in value of \$670,012 recorded in the statement of net position and statement of activities, respectively.

Credit Risk. As of June 30, 2022, the District was not exposed to credit risk because the swap had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the value of the swap becomes positive, the District would be exposed to credit risk in the amount equal to the swap's fair value. PNC Bank, N.A., the counterparty to the swap, is rated A by Standard and Poor's and A2 by Moody's Investors Service and A+ by Fitch. The Counterparty has entered into a Credit Support Annex that could enable it to avoid termination upon downgrade by posting certain specified collateral.

Interest Rate Risk. The School District is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed interest rate swap. As the LIBOR increases, the School District's payment on the swap increases.

Basis Risk. The risk that there is a mismatch between a floating rate paid by the District and a floating rate received by the District.

Termination Risk. The swap agreements provide for certain events that could cause the counterparties or the District to terminate the swap. The swap may be terminated by the counterparties or the District if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the swap agreement. If the swap is terminated, the District would no longer have synthetic fixed rate obligations. Also, if at the time of termination the swap has a negative fair value, the District would be liable to the counterparty for a payment equal to the swap's fair value.

NOTE 10: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The following is a summary of Interfund Receivables and Payables at June 30, 2022:

	Due from	Due to		
Governmental Fund Types				
General Fund	\$ 3,464,677	\$-		
Capital Projects Fund	-	3,129,498		
Total Governmental Fund Type	3,464,677	3,129,498		
Enterprise Fund				
Food Service	-	335,179		
Total Enterprise Fund	-	335,179		
Total Internal Balances	\$ 3,464,677	\$ 3,464,677		

The proceeding interfund receivables and payables are the result of short-term borrowings or unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTE 11: TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers are executed as a result of the requirements for certain funds to fund a portion of the expenditures or expenses of other funds. Interfund operating transfers were as follows for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Governmental Fund Types		
General Fund	\$ 24,308	\$ 7,753,679
Capital Projects Fund	7,753,679	-
Total Governmental Fund Type	7,777,987	7,753,679
Enterprise Fund		
Nonmajor Funds	-	24,308
Total Enterprise Fund	-	24,308
Total Internal Balances	\$ 7,777,987	\$ 7,777,987

NOTE 12: CONTRACTS/COMMITMENTS

The School District has entered into labor agreements with bargaining units and contracts expire as follows:

Bargaining Unit	Contract Expires
The Erie Education Association	June 30, 2026
The International Union of Operating	
Engineers	June 30, 2024
The Erie Educational Secretaries	
Association	June 30, 2024
The Erie County Civil Service	
Employees of Painters and Allied	
Trades, AFL-CIO	June 30, 2023
Administrative Personnel	June 30, 2028

NOTE 13: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The School District is a defendant in various lawsuits. Management does not believe the settlement of these matters will have a material effect upon the District's financial condition.

The District receives a number of state and federal grants. The grants may be subject to audit by the granting agency to determine if activities undertaken by the District comply with the conditions of the grant. Management believes no material liability would arise from any such audit.

The District has entered into a contracted transportation service agreement with an external party who provides busing service students. This agreement does not meet the criteria of a lease under GASB 87 as the terms and conditions for payment specify a rate of reimbursement per mile calculated by the Commonwealth. Since the payments are variable based on the usage of the underlying asset, the District has not recorded a liability in the financial statements for this agreement in accordance with GASB 87.

NOTE 14: FINANCIAL WATCH STATUS

Pursuant to Section 694-A of the PA School Code, ECSD was placed in "Financial Watch" status by the PA Department of Education (PDE) on September 27, 2019 and was required to submit a Financial Plan that outlines a path toward the district's financial solvency. Prior to completing this plan, the school district reconfigured and consolidated school operations and received a recurring annual \$14 million adjustment in state aid to close its structural deficit, repair its buildings and improve educational resources. As a result of this subsidy adjustment and pursuant to Section 695-A of the PA School Code, ECSD was placed under the supervision of a Financial Administrator appointed by the Governor from three names provided by the President Pro Tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate. The statute directs the Financial Administrator to develop a Financial Improvement Plan to improve the financial performance and ensure fiscal solvency of the school district. This plan was submitted to the Secretary of Education on January 31, 2019, re-submitted on May 1, 2019 and was approved on May 14, 2019. Pursuant to the Financial Improvement Plan the District was to undertake 20 specific actions. To date, all actions have been either completed or are substantially achieved and are on track for completion. To meet the statutory obligation of the plan the District must also show its ability to maintain a balanced budget through a cash flow analysis projected out for 5 years. On November 11, 2021, ECSD submitted a formal letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Education formally requesting to be removed from Financial Watch Status. The letter noted each action item and its status along with the required 5 year projection showing a balanced budget. The Department has advised the District that the recommendation to be removed from Financial Watch Status must be made by the Financial Administrator and that it is prepared to consult with that individual when such appointment occurs. The position had been vacant since 2020. On December 3, 2021, the District submitted a letter to the President Pro Tempore requesting he initiate the process to appoint a financial administrator and is awaiting a response. On September 29, 2022, the Secretary of Education and the Financial Administrator officially signed a document removing the School District from Financial Watch Status.

NOTE 15: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District had evaluated all subsequent events through the report issue date of December 21, 2022. No events have taken place that effect the financial statements or require disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

		Budgeted Amounts				Actual		Variance with Final Budget	
		Original		Final		Amounts		itive (Negative)	
Revenues									
Local Revenue Sources	\$	60,510,556	\$	60,510,556	\$	66,433,563	\$	5,923,007	
State Revenue Sources		140,287,192		140,287,192		140,407,065		119,873	
Federal Revenue Sources		45,512,071		45,512,071		41,505,015		(4,007,056)	
Total Revenues		246,309,819		246,309,819		248,345,643		2,035,824	
Expenditures									
Current operating:									
Instruction		153,268,014		153,268,014		141,474,296		11,793,718	
Support Services		51,250,601		51,250,601		52,795,144		(1,544,543)	
Noninstructional Services		1,879,126		1,879,126		1,523,359		355,767	
Facilities Acquisition, Construction									
and Improvements		17,090,000		17,090,000		14,076,813		3,013,187	
Debt Service		13,058,398		13,058,398		13,041,710		16,688	
Total Expenditures		236,546,139		236,546,139		222,911,322		13,634,817	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues									
over expenditures		9,763,680		9,763,680		25,434,321		15,670,641	
Other financing sources (uses)									
Insurance Recoveries		-		-		12,209		12,209	
Sale of Buidling		-		-		238,785		238,785	
Transfers in		-		-		24,308		24,308	
Transfers out		(7,753,679)		(7,753,679)		(7,753,679)		-	
Budgetary reserve		(2,000,001)		(2,000,001)		-		2,000,001	
Refund of Prior Year Revenues		(10,000)		(10,000)		(1,177,956)		(1,167,956)	
Total other financing									
sources (uses)		(9,763,680)		(9,763,680)		(8,656,333)		1,107,347	
Excess of Revenues and Other									
Financing Sources Over (Under)									
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$</u>	-	\$		\$	16,777,988	\$	16,777,988	

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS - RETIREE'S HEALTH PLAN JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total OPEB liability					
Service cost	\$ 3,274,094 \$	3,068,986 \$	3,276,704 \$	2,927,956	\$ 4,125,817
Interest	1,944,933	2,395,512	2,323,522	2,505,461	1,594,167
Changes of benefit terms	550,157	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(3,037,276)	-	(2,091,524)	-	(10,367,214)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	494,820	225,664	(2,061,818)	8,879,782	(2,730,833)
Benefit payments	 (4,979,301)	(4,274,383)	(4,619,374)	(4,401,540)	(4,344,134)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(1,752,573)	1,415,779	(3,172,490)	9,911,659	(11,722,197)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	 77,532,938	75,780,365	77,196,144	74,023,654	83,935,313
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 75,780,365 \$	77,196,144 \$	74,023,654 \$	83,935,313	\$ 72,213,116
Covered payroll	\$ 61,417,654 \$	61,417,654 \$	65,611,035 \$	65,611,035	\$ 66,132,872
County's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	123.39%	125.69%	112.82%	127.93%	109.19%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, this schedule has been prepared prospectively. This schedule will accumulate each year until sufficient information to present a ten-year trend is available.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY - PSERS PLAN JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability District's covered payroll	0.5323% 5 10,845,144 \$ 5 68,295,272 \$	0.5071% 10,572,776 \$ 69,259,391 \$	0.5022% 10,681,001 \$ 69,498,759 \$	0.4896% 10,805,646 \$ 73,765,928 \$	0.4909% 11,634,717 69,589,093
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	16%	15%	15%	15%	17%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, this schedule has been prepared prospectively.

This schedule will accumulate each year until sufficient information to present a ten-year trend is available.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS - PSERS PLAN JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
Contractually determined contribution	\$ 566,851	\$ 597,716	\$ 571,491	\$ 583,790	\$	571,236	\$	694,591
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	 587,900	 597,716	 571,491	 583,790		571,236		694,591
Contribution deficiency	\$ (21,049)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Covered payroll	\$ 68,295,272	\$ 69,259,391	\$ 69,498,759	\$ 73,765,928	\$6	9,589,093	\$ 7	3,765,928
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.86%	0.86%	0.87%	0.79%		0.82%		0.94%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, this schedule has been prepared prospectively.

This schedule will accumulate each year until sufficient information to present a ten-year trend is available.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA Schedules of Required Supplementary Information SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PRPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY Teachers Pension Plan Last 10 Fiscal Years* (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Districts proportion of the net pension liability	0.5572%	0.6017%	0.5594%	0.5750%	0.5323%	0.5071%	0.5022%	0.4984%	0.4896%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$236,284	\$ 238,158	\$ 242,306	\$ 284,952	\$ 262,894	\$ 243,433	\$ 234,942	\$ 245,407	\$ 201,014
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 74,068	\$ 76,776	\$ 71,976	\$ 74,473	\$ 70,831	\$ 68,295	\$ 69,259	\$ 70,197	\$ 68,563
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	319%	310%	337%	383%	371%	356%	339%	350%	293%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	54%	57%	54%	50%	52%	52%	56%	54%	64%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 06/30

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA Schedules of Required Supplementary Information SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS Teachers Pension Plan Last 10 Fiscal Years* June 30,:

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 24,851,741	\$ 23,271,700	\$ 23,247,335	\$ 22,446,508	\$ 22,857,247	\$ 20,682,736	\$ 18,218,629	\$ 15,718,095	\$ 11,947,419
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	24,851,741	23,271,700	23,247,335	22,446,508	22,857,247	20,682,736	18,218,629	15,718,095	11,947,419
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 73,765,928	\$ 68,562,903	\$ 70,197,269	\$ 69,498,759	\$ 69,259,391	\$ 68,295,272	\$ 74,472,653	\$ 71,975,741	\$ 76,775,653
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	33.69%	33.94%	33.12%	32.30%	33.00%	30.28%	24.46%	21.84%	15.56%
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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION NON-MAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

	-	Stadium mmission	P	lay Erie		Total Non-Major Proprietary Funds
Assets						
Current Assets:						
Cash	\$	17,595	\$	2,061	\$	19,656
Investments		-		-		-
Total Current Assets		17,595		2,061		19,656
Non-current Assets:						
Buildings and Building Improvements	3	3,146,471		-		3,146,471
Machinery and Equipment		211,367		-		211,367
Accumulated Depreciation		(971,443)		-		(971,443)
Total Non-current Assets	2	2,386,395		-		2,386,395
Total Assets	\$ 2	2,403,990	\$	2,061	\$	2,406,051
Net Decition						
Net Position Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 2	2,386,395	\$		\$	2,386,395
Unrestricted	Φ 4	17,595	φ	- 2,061	φ	2,360,395
Onesticled		17,595		2,001		19,000
Total Net Position	2	2,403,990		2,061		2,406,051
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 2	2,403,990	\$	2,061	\$	2,406,051

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION NON-MAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Stadium Commission	Play Erie	Total Non-Major Proprietary Funds
Operating Revenues Receipts from Providing Services Other Revenue	\$ 16,782 	\$ - -	\$ 16,782
Total Operating Revenues	16,782		16,782
Operating Expenses Service Costs Depreciation	12,114 103,688	-	12,114 103,688
Total Operating Expenses	115,802		115,802
Operating Loss	(99,020)		(99,020)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) Transfers Out	(24,308)		(24,308)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(24,308)		(24,308)
Change in Net Position	(123,328)	-	(123,328)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	2,527,318	2,061	2,529,379
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 2,403,990	\$ 2,061	\$ 2,406,051

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS NON-MAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Stadium Commission		Play Erie			Total			
Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from customers Cash paid to suppliers	\$	16,782 (12,114)	\$		\$	16,782 (12,114)			
Net cash used in operating activities		4,668		-		4,668			
Cash flows from investing activities Sale of Investments		24,388		-		24,388			
Net cash provided by investing activities		24,388				24,388			
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities Transfers out		(24,308)				(24,308)			
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities		(24,308)		-		(24,308)			
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		4,748		-		4,748			
Beginning cash and cash equivalents		12,847		2,061		14,908			
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$	17,595	\$	2,061	\$	19,656			
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES									
Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to	\$	(99,020)	\$	-	\$	(99,020)			
net cash provided by operating activities Depreciation		103,688		-		103,688			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	4,668	\$	-	\$	4,668			

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

Assets	Workers' Comp.		Dental Plan		ł	lealth Plan	Total		
Current Assets:									
Cash	\$	10,581	\$	-	\$	6,268,642	\$	6,279,223	
Investments		599,112		-		-		599,112	
Other Receivables		-	31	5,849		6,090,294		6,406,143	
Prepaid Expenses		54,156				440,000		494,156	
Total Current Assets		663,849	315,849		12,798,936		13,778,634		
Total Assets	\$	663,849	\$ 315,849		\$ 12,798,936		\$	13,778,634	
Liabilities									
Current Liabilities									
Overdraft Liability	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Accounts Payable		636,509		-		2,334,956		2,971,465	
Total Current Liabilities		636,509		-		2,334,956		2,971,465	
Total Liabilities		636,509		-		2,334,956		2,971,465	
Net Position									
Unrestricted		27,340	31	5,849		10,463,980		10,807,169	
Total Net Position		27,340	31	5,849		10,463,980		10,807,169	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	663,849	\$ 31	5,849	\$	12,798,936	\$	13,778,634	

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Workers' Comp. Dental Plan		Health Plan	Total	
Operating Revenues					
Charges for Services	\$ 592,606	\$ 909,309	\$ 24,410,271	\$ 25,912,186	
Total Operating Revenues	592,606	909,309	24,410,271	25,912,186	
Operating Expenses					
Claims Expense	707,707	717,524	24,057,701	25,482,932	
Other Operating Expense	-	50,802	-	50,802	
Total Operating Expenses	707,707	768,326	24,057,701	25,533,734	
Operating Income	(115,101)	140,983	352,570	378,452	
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)					
Earnings (Loss) on Investments	(8,352)	-	25,194	16,842	
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(8,352)	<u> </u>	25,194	16,842	
Change in Net Position	(123,453)	140,983	377,764	395,294	
Net Position - Beginning of Year	150,793	174,866	10,086,216	10,411,875	
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 27,340	\$ 315,849	\$ 10,463,980	\$ 10,807,169	

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	١	Norkers' Comp.	Dental Plan		Health Plan		Total
Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from customers Cash paid to suppliers	\$	592,606 (589,472)	\$	768,326 (768,326)	\$	24,514,507 (25,418,864)	\$ 25,875,439 (26,776,662)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		3,134				(904,357)	 (901,223)
Cash flows from investing activities Earnings/(Loss) on Investments		344				25,194	 25,538
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		344				25,194	 25,538
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,478		-		(879,163)	(875,685)
Beginning cash and cash equivalents		7,103				7,147,805	 7,154,908
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$	10,581	\$		\$	6,268,642	 6,279,223
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET O OPERATING ACTIVITIES	CASH	PROVIDED B	Y				
Operating income/(loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities	\$	(115,101)	\$	140,983	\$	352,570	\$ 378,452
(Increase) decrease in assets Other Receivables Prepaid Assets Increase (decrease) in liabilities		- (54,156)		(140,983) -		104,236 -	(36,747) (54,156)
Other Current Liabilities Accounts Payable		- 172,391		-		- (1,361,163)	- (1,188,772)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	3,134	\$		\$	(904,357)	\$ (901,223)