FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 30, 2022

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Elk Rapids Schools, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Financial Highlights

- The liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of the District exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by (\$10,781,180) resulting in a negative *net position*. Of this amount, *unrestricted net position* had a negative balance of (\$19,005,404). This amount is primarily impacted by the District's \$17,358,852 proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension and OPEB liabilities. This liability recognition is required by GASB 68 and 75 as explained in Notes I and J of the financial statements.
- The district's total net position increased by \$2,777,115 from the June 30, 2021 net position.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's *governmental funds* reported combined ending fund balances of \$22,501,321, a decrease of \$1,650,145 in comparison with the prior year. This net decrease is mainly attributable to capital outlay from the 2020 bond construction fund. Of the \$22,501,321, approximately 8 percent, or \$1,755,507 is *available for spending* at the government's discretion *(unassigned fund balance)*.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,755,507 or 13 percent of total general fund expenditures.
- Investments for the future were made by the spending of \$2,472,821 on equipment and infrastructural improvements. Of this, the 2020 Bond Construction Fund invested \$2,467,343 in capitalized architect and professional fees for future building projects.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The District has no business-type activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 7 - 8 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other State and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District maintains twelve individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, 2020 Debt Service Fund, and the 2020 Bond Construction Fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general and special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided for the General Fund herein to demonstrate compliance with those budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 9-11 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 13 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14 - 39 of this report.

Other information. The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented following the notes to the financial statements. Combining fund statements can be found on pages 45 - 46 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded assets and deferred outflows by (\$10,781,180) at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The District's net position, apart from the net pension and OPEB obligations, is primarily comprised of its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to the students it serves; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

District's Net Position

	Governmental Activities			
		2022		2021
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources Current and other assets Capital assets, net	\$	25,270,217 13,548,646	\$	26,367,264 12,093,174
Total assets Deferred outflows of resources		38,818,863 3,494,942		38,460,438 5,857,344
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	42,313,805	\$	44,317,782
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources Current liabilities Long-term outstanding	\$	4,190,345 38,253,203	\$	3,436,121 50,852,803
Total liabilities Deferred inflows of resources		42,443,548 10,651,437		54,288,924 3,587,153
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$	53,094,985	\$	57,876,077
Net position (deficit) Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted		7,668,535 555,689 (19,005,404)		11,268,673 329,446 (25,156,414)
Total net position (deficit)	\$	(10,781,180)	\$	(13,558,295)

Other components of the District's net position include \$259,051 for debt service and \$296,638 for food service. These represent resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The component consisting of (\$19,005,404) represents *unrestricted net position (deficit)*.

The government's net position increased by \$2,777,115 during the current fiscal year. See below for the major components of this decrease.

Included in the current fiscal year was foundation allowance funding, set by the State of Michigan, of \$8,700 per student.

Within the past decade, the District's enrollment has ranged between 1,205 and 1,430 students.

District's Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities			
	2022 2021			2021
Revenue				_
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$	407,410	\$	392,304
Operating grants/contributions		2,079,092		1,559,686
General revenue				
Property taxes		11,300,171		8,991,418
State school aid		3,143,365		3,273,250
Unrestricted investment earnings				
and other		1,134,215		560,063
Total revenue		18,064,253		14,776,721
Expenses				
Instruction		7,660,562		8,364,451
Supporting services		4,335,524		4,889,180
Community services	17,116		519,22	
Food services		674,227		509,199
Preschool and kid's club		409,216		-
Student activities		367,605		227,874
Other		43,661		202,741
Interest on long-term debt		761,878		207,571
Depreciation - unallocated		1,017,349		1,177,822
Total expenses		15,287,138		16,098,059
Increase (decrease) in net position		2,777,115		(1,321,338)
Net deficit, beginning of year		(13,558,295)		(12,236,957)
Net deficit, end of year	\$	(10,781,180)	\$	(13,558,295)

Governmental activities. Net position increased by \$2,777,115. The primary elements of this net decrease were:

- The \$2,472,821 increase in capital assets offset by \$1,017,349 of depreciation expense incurred from capital assets, leaving a net increase of \$1,455,472. This provided a decrease in the equity attributable to the District's capital assets.
- Net position increased by \$1,899,485 due to the overall net decrease in the combination of deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and net pension and OPEB liability.
- Net position decrease by \$41,751 for sick time accrued during the year, but not used.

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$22,501,321, decrease of \$1,650,145 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately eight percent of this total amount (\$1,755,507) constitutes *unassigned fund balance*, which is available for spending at the District's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is *non-spendable*, *restricted* or *assigned* to indicate that it is not available for new spending because the underlying assets are not available for current expenditures. This is because they are included as capital projects, school-based services and debt service fund accounts.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$1,755,507. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents approximately 13 percent of total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the District's General Fund increased by \$388,459 during the current fiscal year.



The Food Service Fund has a total fund balance of \$296,638, which increased by \$153,845.

The Preschool and Kid's Club Fund has a total fund balance of \$33,255, which increased by \$33,255.

The Student Activities Fund has a total fund balance of \$395,972, which increased by \$64,916.

The 2017 Debt Service Fund has a total fund balance of \$137,357, which decreased by \$49,296.

The 2020 Debt Service Fund has a total fund balance of \$227,963, which increased by \$227,963.

The 2016 School Improvement capital project fund has a total fund balance of \$0 and was closed during the fiscal year. This fund was created to account for the voter-approved improvements to technology, energy efficiency, learning environment and the bus fleet.

The 2020 Bond Construction fund has a total fund balance of \$19,603,828, which decreased by \$2,462,298. This fund was created to account for the voter-approved improvements to technology, the learning environment, and athletic facilities.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Significant differences between the original and final amended budgets were partially due to the School District receiving one-time funding sources as part of COVID-19 relief. There was also no change in the foundation allowance from the previous fiscal year, though the district was initially planning for a decrease.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2022, amounted to \$13,548,646 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, vehicles, equipment and construction in progress. The total increase in the District's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 12 percent.

The major capital asset events during the current fiscal year were the following:

• \$2,472,821 for building improvement upgrades. Funding was supported with bond proceeds from the 2020 School Improvement Fund.

	District's Capital Assets (net of depreciation) June 30, 2022
	Governmental Activities
Land	\$ 94,249
Construction in progress	2,777,623
Buildings and	
building improvements	9,434,281
Machinery and equipment	395,821
Furniture and fixtures	426,093
Vehicles	420,579
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 13,548,646</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note E on page 23 of this report.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had 2017 School Improvement debt outstanding of \$200,000 and 2020 School Building and Site debt of \$18,460,000. These bond issues are general obligation-unlimited tax liabilities of the District. These bonds are payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax, levied without limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property within the District.

The District's total general obligation bonds payable decreased by (\$900,000) during the current fiscal year.

The District also has a lease for a plow truck. The balance owed on the lease at June 30, 2022 was \$4,539.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note F on page 23 - 24 of this report.

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

The following factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year:

- Uncertainties related to enrollment counts continue to present budgeting challenges for all Michigan school districts. The district monitors pupil counts periodically throughout the year and uses this information to project future enrollment for budgeting purposes.
- The current retirement rate is estimated to be 49.91%. Although the School District continues to see some cost containment in this area due to enacted reforms, we are concerned about State Aid funding stability since the legislature is using the State Aid Fund to essentially buy down the retirement rate.
- Elk Rapids Schools and districts in the region are beginning to experience a shortage of qualified educators. We expect this issue to expand in the near future.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director of Finance, 707 E. Third Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education Elk Rapids Schools

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of *Elk Rapids Schools* (the "School District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District, as of June 30, 2022 and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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





Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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 whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Board of Education Elk Rapids Schools

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages *i* through *viii*, budgetary comparison information on page 41, pension contribution schedule on page 42 and OPEB contribution schedule on page 43 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

We previously audited the School District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 and our issued report thereon, dated October 29, 2021, respectively, expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2022, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth

Certified Public Accountants Traverse City, Michigan

October 28, 2022

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
ASSETS	
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,935,722
Investments	8,000,000
Due from other governments	1,214,954
Accounts receivable	55,225
Inventory	43,101
Prepaids	21,215
Total current assets	25,270,217
Non-current assets	12.710.616
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	13,548,646
Total assets	38,818,863
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension liability	2,226,685
OPEB liability	1,268,257
Total deferred outflows of resources	3,494,942
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 42,313,805
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION LIABILITIES Current liabilities Accounts payable	\$ 118,238
Salaries payable and related liabilities Accrued expenses Unearned revenue	1,597,397 887,180 267,636
Due to other funds	4,714
Current portion of long-term liabilities	1,315,180
Total current liabilities	4,190,345
Non-current portion of long-term liabilities Net pension liability Net OPEB liability	20,894,351 16,335,483 1,023,369
Total liabilities	42,443,548
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension liability	6,345,336
OPEB liability	4,306,101
Total deferred inflows of resources	10,651,437
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for	7,668,535
Debt retirement	259,051
Food service	296,638
Unrestricted (deficit)	(19,005,404)
Total net position (deficit)	(10,781,180)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 42,313,805

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Ever et i au a / Dun avenu	E	Program Revenues Operating Charges For Grants and	
Functions/Program	Expenses	Services Contribution	Activities Activities
Governmental activities Instruction Supporting services Community services Food service Preschool and kid's club Student activities	\$ 7,660,562 4,335,524 17,116 674,227 409,216 367,605	1,703 7 58,232 775,93 - 344,775 97,260	1 (4,333,750) 5 817,051 - (674,227) 0 32,819 - (367,605)
Other	43,661	-	- (43,661)
Interest on long-term debt	761,878		- (761,878)
Depreciation - unallocated	1,017,349	<u> </u>	- (1,017,349)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 15,287,138</u>	\$ 407,410 \$ 2,079,092	(12,800,636)
	Levied	for general purposes for debt service ol aid - unrestricted	9,369,955 1,930,216 3,143,365 1,134,215
	Tota	al general purpose revenues	15,577,751
	Change in net	position	2,777,115
	Net position (deficit), beginning of year	(13,558,295)
	Net position (deficit), end of year	\$(10,781,180)

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2022

	General Fund			2020 Debt Service Fund		2020 Bond Construction Fund		Non-Major Governmental Funds	G	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS	•	4 040 650	•	170.000		10 110 055		1 225 110		4.5.00.5.500
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	1,010,679	\$	179,320	\$	13,418,275 8,000,000	\$	1,327,448	\$	15,935,722 8,000,000
Due from other governments		1,179,962		-		8,000,000		34,992		1,214,954
Accounts receivable		55,225		-		_		-		55,225
Due from other funds		1,746,351		48,643		750		395,666		2,191,410
Inventory		29,586		-		-		13,515		43,101
Prepaid		21,215								21,215
Total assets	\$	4,043,018	\$	227,963	\$	21,419,025	\$	1,771,621	\$	27,461,627
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALA LIABILITIES	NCE	S								
Accounts payable	\$	87,584	\$	_	\$	_	\$	30,654	\$	118,238
Salaries payable and related liabilities	Ψ	1,579,341	Ψ	-	4	_	4	18,056	Ψ	1,597,397
Accrued expenses		-		-		780,288		623		780,911
Unearned revenue		120,013		-		-		147,623		267,636
Due to other funds		449,772			_	1,034,909	_	711,443		2,196,124
Total liabilities		2,236,710				1,815,197		908,399		4,960,306
FUND BALANCES										
Non-spendable for inventory and										
prepaids		50,801		-		-		13,515		64,316
Restricted for food service		-		227.062		-		283,123		283,123
Restricted for debt service Restricted for capital projects		-		227,963		19,603,828		137,357		365,320 19,603,828
Committed for student activities		-		-		19,003,828		395,972		395,972
Assigned - reported in special revenue								3,3,5,72		3,3,5,72
funds		-		-		-		33,255		33,255
Unassigned		1,755,507			_		_			1,755,507
Total fund balances		1,806,308		227,963	_	19,603,828	_	863,222		22,501,321
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	4,043,018	\$	227,963	\$	21,419,025	\$	1,771,621		
Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Bal	ances	to District-W	ide G	Government A	ctivi	ties Net Positio	n			
Amounts reported for governmental activities	es in t	he statement of	f net p	position are dif	ferer	nt because:				
Capital assets used in governmental acti	vities	are not financi	ial res	sources and, the	erefo	ore, are not repor	rted			
as assets in governmental funds. Th	e cost	t of the assets i	s \$33	,352,449 and tl	he ac	cumulated depi	recia	tion is		12.540.646
\$(19,803,803).										13,548,646
Deferred outflows of resources for pensi			lities	are not a finan	cial 1	resource and, th	erefo	ore,		
are not reported as an asset in gover	nmen	ital funds.			D	omaiom liahilitu	ø	2,226,685		
						ension liability OPEB liability	Þ	1,268,257		3,494,942
Long-term liabilities, including bonds pa	avahle	are not due a	nd na	wable in the cu		-	erefo			3, 17 1,7 12
reported as liabilities in the funds. I						t period and, the	cicio	re, are not		
•			•			Bonds payable		(18,660,000)		
						Lease liability		(4,539)		
				Unamort	ized	bond premium		(3,097,949)		
				Accumu	ılate	d leave liability		(447,043)		
						terest on bonds		(106,269)		
						ension liability		(16,335,483)		(20, (74, (52)
						OPEB liability		(1,023,369)		(39,674,652)
Deferred inflows of resources for pension financial resources and, therefore, a										
				-		ension liability		(6,345,336)		
						OPEB liability	_	(4,306,101)		(10,651,437)
Total net position (deficit) - gov	ernme	ental activities							\$	(10,781,180)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	2020 Debt Service Fund	2020 Bond Construction Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues	Φ 0.260.055	Ф. 1.072.060	Ф	Φ 57.156	Ф 11 200 171
Property taxes	\$ 9,369,955		\$ -	\$ 57,156	\$ 11,300,171
Interest	12,954	2,343	39,938	927	56,162
State sources	3,143,365	-	-	12,516	3,155,881
Federal sources	1,075,732		- 1.500	860,679	1,936,411
Other	667,906	<u> </u>	1,520	835,561	1,504,987
Total revenues	14,269,912	1,875,403	41,458	1,766,839	17,953,612
Expenditures					
Instruction	8,912,927	-	-	-	8,912,927
Supporting services	4,716,972		-	-	4,716,972
Community services	17,116		-	409,216	426,332
Food service		-	-	674,227	674,227
Student activities	_	-	-	367,605	367,605
Debt service				,	,
Principal	10,446	800,000	-	100,000	910,446
Interest	605	847,440	-	6,800	854,845
Capital outlay	217,659		2,467,343	11,740	2,696,742
Other	5,728		37,933		43,661
Total expenditures	13,881,453	1,647,440	2,505,276	1,569,588	19,603,757
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	388,459	227,963	(2,463,818)	197,251	(1,650,145)
Other financing sources (uses) Operating transfers in	-	-	1,520	-	1,520
Operating transfers out	_			(1,520)	(1,520)
Total other financing sources (uses)			1,520	(1,520)	
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING					
SOURCES (USES)	388,459	227,963	(2,462,298)	195,731	(1,650,145)
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,417,849		22,066,126	667,491	24,151,466
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,806,308	\$ 227,963	\$ 19,603,828	\$ 863,222	\$ 22,501,321

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES WITH THE DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ (1,650,145)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures. However, costs that meet the capitalization policy are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capitalized outlays exceed depreciation expense in the period.	
Capitalized outlays \$ 2,472,821 Depreciation expense (1,017,349)	1,455,472
Change in deferred outflows of resources for: Pension liability (1,906,311) OPEB liability (456,091)	
Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and does not affect the statement of activities.	910,446
Bond premium amortization	110,641
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses (unused accumulated leave) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This year, accumulated leave earned was more than the amounts used by \$41,751.	(41,751)
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The higher interest reported in the statement of activities is the net result of the increase in accrued interest on bonds and notes payable.	92,967
Change in net pension liability.	8,523,077
Change in net OPEB liability.	2,803,094
· ·	2,803,094
Change in deferred inflows of resources for: Pension liability (5,898,633) OPEB liability (1,165,651)	
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 2,777,115

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

June 30, 2022

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -
Due from other funds	4,714
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,714</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Due to other funds	-
Due to student groups	
Total liabilities	
NET POSITION	
Restricted for scholarships	_
Reserved for auditorium maintenance	-
Restricted for alumni activities	4,714
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,714</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Private Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>
Additions	
Interest income	\$ -
Deductions Scholarship fund Alumni fund	4,502
Change in net position	(4,502)
Net position, beginning of year	9,216
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 4,714</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Introduction

Elk Rapids Schools (the "School District") is a Michigan public school district consisting of two elementary buildings, one middle school, one high school building and one alternative high school building. The School District primarily serves the Elk Rapids community. As of June 30, 2022, the School District employed 84 professional staff and 60 non-professional staff and had 1,208 students enrolled within its School District.

The accounting policies of the School District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The School District is considered to be a local government unit.

The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting principles and practices of the School District are discussed in subsequent sections of this note. The remainder of the notes are organized to provide explanations, including required disclosures, of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Financial Reporting Entity

Elk Rapids Schools' Board is a special purpose government and considered to be a primary government because it has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate and is fiscally independent of other State and local governments. The financial reporting entity of Elk Rapids Schools includes the School District as the primary government and its component units; i.e., legally separate organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and any other organizations which management has determined, based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the School District, must be included to prevent the School District's financial statements from being misleading. Based on criteria established in Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 14, as amended, management has not identified any component units. Student, parent and teacher organizations are not included, except to the extent that the School District holds assets in the capacity of an agent.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees, fines and forfeitures, and other charges to users of the School District's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of capital assets. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances (i.e., fund financial statements) for the School District's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide statements. These statements display information about major funds individually and non-major funds in the aggregate for governmental funds. Major funds are generally those that represent 10% or more of governmental fund assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of the School District are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The School District's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") pronouncements.

The government-wide statements report using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Reimbursements are reported as reductions to expenses. Fiduciary fund financial statements also report using this same focus and basis of accounting, although internal activity is not eliminated in these 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 in the year for which they are levied while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The School District considers revenues to be available, if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

Major revenue sources susceptible to accrual include property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and investment income. In general, other revenues are recognized when cash is received.

Fund Types and Major Funds

Activities in Major Funds

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those accounted for in another fund.

The 2020 Debt Service Fund which is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, bond principal, interest and related costs.

The 2020 Bond Construction Fund is used to account for activity related to construction, equipping and furnishing additions to and remodeling, re-equipping and refurnishing School District buildings, including educational technology improvements. The 2020 Bond Construction Fund includes capital project activities funded with bonds issued after May 1, 1994. For this capital project, the School District has complied with the applicable provisions of Section 1351a of the Revised School Code.

Other Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes. The Special Revenue Funds maintained by the School District are the Food Service Fund, the Preschool and Kid's Club Fund and the Student Activities Fund.

The School District has one non-major Debt Service Fund, which is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, bond principal, interest and related costs.

The School District has one non-major Capital Project Funds, which is used to account for financial resources to be used for constructing, equipping and furnishing additions to and remodeling, re-equipping and refurnishing School District buildings, including educational technology improvements. The 2016 Capital Projects Fund is funded by property tax revenues and interest earnings.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent. Fiduciary Fund net position and results of operations are not included in the government-wide statements. Custodial Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Private Purpose Trust Funds account for contributions earmarked for scholarships available to qualifying students of the School District and alumni activities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School District's reporting entity considers highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with an original maturity of three months or less, when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

Inventories

Inventories in governmental funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption stated on a first-in, first-out basis. They are reported at cost, which is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are used.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost or, if donated, the fair value at the time of donation. Capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 50 years. The School District generally capitalizes assets with costs of \$5,000 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. No depreciation is recorded on land or construction-in-process. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of the capital assets are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to current expenditures as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Estimated useful lives for depreciable assets are as follows:

Buildings 5-50 years Vehicles 5-12 years Furniture and equipment 5-25 years

Long-term Debt and Bond Discounts/Premiums

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as a liability. Bond discounts and premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bond issuance costs are expensed as incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the period in which the bonds were issued. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors or contributors, or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the School District Board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balances is a limitation imposed by a designee of the School District Board. Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories. Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes.

Spending Policy

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the School District's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balances are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts, when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

Program Revenues

Program revenues derive directly from the program itself or from outside parties for the restricted use in a particular program. On the statement of activities, program revenues reduce the net cost of the various functions to reflect the amount which is financed from the School District's general revenues.

The School District's most significant program revenues are Title I, At-Risk, ESSER funding and School Lunch Program, which are reported as operating grants and contributions.

Encumbrance Accounting

The School District formally records encumbrances in the accounting records during the year as a normal practice. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, outstanding encumbrances at year-end for which goods or services are received are reclassified as expenditures and accounts payable. All other encumbrances in the annual budgeted funds are reversed at year-end and are either canceled or are included as reappropriations of fund balance for the subsequent year.

Allocation of Expenses

The School District reports each function's direct expenses, those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, thus, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

The School District has elected to not allocate indirect expenses.

Pension Plan

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

Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pensions ("OPEB")

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

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

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 amounts could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B - BUDGETARY POLICY AND PRACTICE

The School District has adopted these procedures in establishing the budgets as reflected in the financial statements.

- 1. As early as possible in the preceding fiscal year (generally in the spring), the Superintendent formulates preliminary budgets for the coming year, which she submits to the Board of Education for their review.
- 2. A public hearing is held prior to June 30 on the proposed budgets to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. The Board of Education reviews the proposed budget and then in June adopts a formal resolution approving the needed appropriations for the coming operating year.
- 4. All transfers of budget amounts and any amendments to the formal Appropriation Act are approved by the Board of Education.
- 5. It is the Superintendent's responsibility to supervise and monitor the budget process. She does this by reviewing the monthly financial data and reporting and recommending any needed amendments to the Board of Education.
- 6. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 7. The budgets presented in these financial statements are as originally adopted and as formally amended by the Board of Education.
- 8. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds

Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978 provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the School District was in compliance with the Act.

NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2022, the School District's cash and cash equivalents and investments include the following:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Investments	Total	
Bank deposits Investments	\$ 1,171,093 14,764,629	\$ - 8,000,000	\$ 1,171,093 22,764,629	
	\$15,935,722	\$ 8,000,000	\$23,935,722	
Bank Deposits				
		٦	Uncollateralized	[
	Carrying		Bank Balances	
	Value	Insured	Uninsured	Total
Bank deposits	\$ 1,171,093	\$ 250,000	\$ 921,092	\$ 1,171,092

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

In the event of a bank failure, the School District's uninsured bank deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2022, \$250,000 of the School District's deposits were FDIC insured.

Investments

The School District's investment policy permits investments in the following vehicles:

- 1. Bonds, bills or notes of the United States; obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the United States or the State of Michigan.
- 2. Certificates of deposit issued by financial institutions organized and authorized to operate in Michigan.
- 3. Commercial paper rated prime 1 or prime 2 at the time of purchase and maturing not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.

- 4. Securities issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, and bankers' acceptance issued by a bank that is a member of the Federal deposit insurance corporation.
- 5. Mutual funds composed entirely of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a school district.
- 6. Michigan Investment Liquid Asset Fund Plus ("MILAF").

Investments at June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

		Investment Maturities (in years)								
Investment Type	Fair Value	Current		1-5			6-10		More than 10	
MILAF+ MAX		\$14,764,629	\$		-	\$		-	\$	-
MILAF Michigan Term Bonds	8,000,000	8,000,000			_				 	<u> </u>
	\$22,764,629	\$22,764,629	\$		-	\$		_	\$	

Interest Rate Risk

In accordance with the School District's investment policy, the School District will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by: structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market; and, investing operating funds primarily in short-term securities or MILAF and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the School District's cash requirements. MILAF investments are carried at amortized cost and are not subject to any withdrawal restrictions.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized rating organizations. The School District's investment policy further limits its investment choices as described above. The School District's investment in the MILAF investment pool was rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. The School District's investment in MILAF Michigan Term Bonds was rated AAAkf by Kroll.

NOTE D - RECEIVABLES, UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS AND UNEARNED REVENUE

Property Taxes Receivable, Unearned Revenue and Property Tax Calendar

Property taxes are levied, billed and attached as enforceable liens in July and December of the School District's fiscal year. Townships within the School District collect and remit taxes until February 15, at which time the uncollected real property taxes are turned over to the counties as delinquent. Delinquent real property taxes are funded by the county and remitted to the School District. Delinquent personal property tax remains a receivable until collected from the taxpayer by the townships and remitted to the School District. In the governmental fund financial statements, if delinquent taxes are not paid within 60 days of year-end, they are recorded as deferred inflows of resources. In the government-wide financial statements, property taxes receivable and related revenue include all amounts due the School District regardless of when cash is received. Over time, substantially all property taxes are collected.

During the fiscal year, \$18 per \$1,000 of equalized non-principal residence property value of \$518.9 million and \$6 per \$1,000 of equalized commercial personal property value of \$3.2 million was levied for general operating purposes. For debt service purposes, \$1.68 per \$1,000 of equalized principal, non-principal residence property and commercial property value of \$1.1 billion was levied for bonded debt repayments by the Debt Service Funds.

Intergovernmental Receivables and Unearned Revenue

Intergovernmental receivables are primarily comprised of amounts due from the State and Federal governments. Revenue is recorded as earned when eligibility requirements are met. Grant revenues are deferred in the governmental fund financial statements and are included in unearned revenue.

Amounts due from other governments at June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Due from the Federal Government	
Federal revenue	\$ 644,334
Due from the State of Michigan	
State Aid	534,781
Other	 35,839
	_
	\$ <u>1,214,954 </u>

NOTE E - INVESTMENTS IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Investments in capital assets consist of the following:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Retirements	Balance
Buildings	\$ 6,040,755	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,040,755
Building improvements	18,242,458	5,478	-	18,247,936
Machinery and equipment	3,491,263	-	-	3,491,263
Software	17,882	-	-	17,882
Furniture and fixtures	1,513,350	-	-	1,513,350
Vehicles	1,169,391			1,169,391
Total depreciable assets	30,475,099	5,478	-	30,480,577
Less accumulated depreciation	(18,786,454)	(1,017,349)	-	(19,803,803)
Land	94,249	_	-	94,249
Construction-in-process	310,280	2,467,343		2,777,623
Total capital assets, net	\$ 12,093,174	\$ 1,455,472	\$ -	\$ 13,548,646

Depreciation expense was charged to the function in the statement of activities, as follows:

Unallocated

\$ 1,017,349

NOTE F - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in long-term debt during the year ended June 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	New Debt	Payments	Ending Balance	Current Portion
General obligation bonds Lease agreement liability Unamortized bond premium Accumulated leave liability	\$19,560,000 14,985 3,208,590 405,292	\$ - - 41,751	\$ (900,000) (10,446) (110,641)	\$18,660,000 4,539 3,097,949 447,043	\$ 1,200,000 4,539 110,641
Total long-term debt	\$23,188,867	\$ 41,751	<u>\$(1,021,087)</u>	\$22,209,531	\$1,315,180

Payments on the general obligation bonds are made by the Debt Service Funds. Payments on the plow truck lease are made by the General Fund. The plow truck's gross cost and accumulated depreciation recorded under the lease is \$30,466 and \$18,279 at June 30, 2022, respectively. The accumulated leave liability will be liquidated primarily by the General Fund.

At June 30, 2022, the School District's long-term debt consisted of the following:

2017 School Improvement Bonds ; due in annual installments of \$100,000 through May 2024; interest rate of 2.1%-2.45%.	\$	200,000
2021 School Building and Site Bonds ; due in annual installments of \$220,000 to \$1,100,000 through May 2050; interest rate of 4.00%.	18	8,460,000
2019 Plow Truck Lease ; due in monthly installments of \$921 through October 2022; including interest at a rate of 5.90%		4,539
Unamortized bond premium	,	3,097,949
Accumulated leave liability		447,043
Total long-term debt	<u>\$22</u>	2,209,531

Total annual requirements to amortize the general obligation bonds and lease outstanding as of June 30, 2022, are as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2023	\$ 1,204,539	\$ 743,167
2024	100,000	696,850
2025	220,000	694,400
2026	225,000	685,600
2027	225,000	676,600
Thereafter	16,690,000	9,596,600
	\$18,664,539	\$13,093,217

Interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2022 was \$761,878, and interest paid for the year ended June 30, 2022 was \$854,845.

Accumulated Leave Liability

Employees of the School District accumulate earned but unused compensated sick leave days, as specified by the bargaining units' contract. 50% of sick leave is accrued when incurred for non-teachers and 40% for teachers. Upon either resignation or retirement, the employees are compensated at daily rates specified in the bargaining units' contracts.

NOTE G - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; unemployment benefits; and natural disasters. The School District manages its risk exposures and provides certain employee benefits through a combination of self-insurance and risk management pools.

The School District pays unemployment claims on a reimbursement basis through the Bureau of Workers and Unemployment Compensation ("BWUC"). As BWUC pays eligible recipient benefits, this amount is billed to the School District. At June 30, 2022 there were no significant claims known to exist.

The School District participates in SET-SEG's risk management pools for worker's compensation claims, liability insurance and errors and omissions coverages. SET-SEG was established pursuant to laws of the State of Michigan which authorize local units of government to jointly exercise any power, privilege or authority which each might exercise separately. The purpose of SET-SEG is to provide cooperative and comprehensive risk financing and risk control services. SET-SEG provides risk management, underwriting, reinsurance and claim review, and processing services for all member governments pursuant to its charter.

The School District makes annual contributions to SET-SEG based on actuarial studies using historical data and insurance industry statistics. These contributions are paid from the General Fund. Such contributions as received by SET-SEG are allocated between its General and Member Retention Funds. Economic resources in SET-SEG's General Fund are expended for reinsurance coverage, claim payments and certain general and administrative costs, whereas resources in the Member Retention Fund are used for loss payments and defense costs up to the member's self-insurance retention limits along with certain other member-specific costs. Any refunds from SET-SEG are deposited in the School District's General Fund.

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NOTE H - BALANCES AND TRANSFERS/PAYMENTS WITHIN THE REPORTING ENTITY

Receivables and Payables

Outstanding balances between funds reported as "due to/from other funds" include outstanding charges by one fund to another for services or goods, subsidy commitments outstanding at year-end and other miscellaneous receivables/payables between funds.

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
Major Governmental Funds General Fund 2020 Debt Service Fund 2020 Bond Construction Fund	\$ 1,746,351 48,643 750	\$ 449,772 - 1,034,909
Other Non-Major Governmental Funds Food Service Fund Preschool and Kid's Club Fund Student Activities Fund 2017 School Improvement Bond Fund Private Purpose Trust Fund	381,430 11,225 1,798 1,213 4,714	188,831 99,346 423,266
•	\$ 2,196,124	\$ 2,196,124

Transfers and Payments

Transfers and payments within the reporting entity are substantially for the purposes of subsidizing operating functions, funding capital projects and asset acquisitions or maintaining debt service on a routine basis. Resources are accumulated in a fund to support and simplify the administration of various projects or programs.

The following schedule reports transfers and payments within the reporting entity:

	Transfers in		Transfers out	
Major Governmental Funds 2020 Bond Construction Fund	\$	1,520	\$	-
Other Non-Major Governmental Fund 2016 Capital Projects Fund				1,520
	\$	1,520	\$	1,520

NOTE I - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System ("MPSERS") is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, State-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan ("State") originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the Board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The Board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an exofficio member.

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The system is administered by the Office of Retirement Services ("ORS") within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit ("DB") pension plan. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25% to 1.50%. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

A DB plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

Regular Retirement

The retirement benefit for DB and Pension Plus plan members is based on a member's years of credited service (employment) and final average compensation ("FAC"). The FAC is calculated based on the member's highest total wages earned during a specific period of consecutive calendar months divided by the service credit accrued during that same time period.

There is no mandatory retirement age.

Funding Policy

Defined Contribution Plan

Employer contributions to the Plan are dependent on the plan elected by the participant.

Contributions

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2020 valuation will be amortized over a 18-year period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for the Plan's fiscal year September 30, 2021:

Pension Contribution Rates						
Benefit Structure	Member	School District				
Basic	0.0-4.0%	19.78%				
Member Investment Plan	3.0-7.0%	19.78%				
Pension Plus	3.0-6.4%	16.82%				
Pension Plus 2	6.2%	19.59%				
Defined Contribution	0.0%	13.39%				

Required contributions to the pension plan from the School District were \$2,071,739 for the year ended September 30, 2021.

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

At June 30, 2022, the School District reported a liability of \$16,335,483 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 30, 2020. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the systems employers during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employees during the measurement period. At September 30, 2021, the School District's proportion was 0.06899767%, which was a decrease of 0.00336848% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the School District recognized pension expense of \$1,402,969. At June 30, 2022, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of]	Deferred Inflows of
	_]	Resources	_]	Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	253,044	\$	96,197
Changes of assumptions		1,029,730		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan				
investments		-		5,251,805
Changes in proportion and differences between School District				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		-		997,334
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date		943,911		_
Total	\$	2,226,685	\$	6,345,336

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the School District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$943,911 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Amount
2022 2023 2024 2025	\$ (814,639) (1,206,329) (1,522,287) (1,519,307)
Total	\$ (5,062,562)

Actuarial Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date: September 30, 2020 Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age, Normal

Wage Inflation Rate: 2.75%

Investment Rate of Return

MIP and Basic Plans:

Pension Plus Plan:

6.80% net of investment expenses

6.80% net of investment expenses

Pension Plus 2 Plan:

6.00% net of investment expenses

Projected Salary Increases: 2.75-11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75% Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments: 3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members

Mortality: Retirees: RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant

Mortality Tables, scaled by 82% for males and 78% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2017

from 2006.

Active Members: RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant

Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale

MP-2017 from 2006.

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2012 through 2017 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2018 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2021, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2020, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 4.4367
- Recognition period for assets in years: 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2021 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return on Plan Assets

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 long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2021, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0 %	5.4 %
Domestic Equity Pools	16.0	9.1
Private Equity Pools		_
International Equity Pools	15.0	7.5
Fixed Income Pools	10.5	(0.7)
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	5.4
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	2.6
Real Return/Opportunistic Pools	12.5	6.1
Short-Term Investment Pools	2.0	(1.3)
	100.0 %	

^{*}Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.0% inflation.

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 27.3%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.80% was used to measure the total pension liability (6.80% for the Basic, MIP and Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan, hybrid plans provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.80% (6.80% for the Basic, MIP and Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these 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 School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.80% (6.80% for the Basic, MIP and Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan), as well as what the School 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 or 1 percentage point higher:

1% Decrease (5.80% / 5.80% / 5.00%)		Rate Assumption (6.80% / 6.80% / 6.00%)		1% Increase (7.80% / 7.80% / 7.00%)	
\$	23,355,310	\$	16,335,483	\$	10,515,586

Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System ("MPSERS") Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") available on the ORS website at: www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Payables to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System ("MPSERS")

The School District reported \$161,749 and \$9,005 payable to the plan at June 30, 2022 for legally required defined benefit and defined contribution plan contributions, respectively.

NOTE J - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the post-employment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008, (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members) the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of Other Post-Employment Benefits, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, who earned service credit in the 12 months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

Contributions

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer OPEB contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2020 valuation will be amortized over a 18-year period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes OPEB contribution rates in effect for fiscal year 2021.

OPEB Contribution Rates					
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer			
Premium Subsidy	3.00%	8.43%			
Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF)	0.00%	7.57%			

Required contributions to the OPEB plan from the School District were \$497,709 for the year ended September 30, 2021.

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

At June 30, 2022, the School District reported a liability of \$1,023,369 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of September 30, 2021, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 30, 2020. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required OPEB contributions to the systems during the measurement period by the percent of OPEB contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2021, the School District's proportion was 0.06704556%, which was a decrease of 0.00438009% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the School District recognized OPEB income of \$686,544. At June 30, 2022, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Ou	Deferred atflows of esources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	-	\$ 2,921,133
Changes of assumptions		855,485	128,013
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		-	771,331
Changes in proportion and differences between School District			
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		54,079	485,624
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date		358,693	
Total	<u>\$ 1</u>	,268,257	\$ 4,306,101

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$358,693 will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Amount
2022	\$ (885,958)
2023	(803,923)
2024	(723,024)
2025	(687,226)
2026	(262,031)
Thereafter	(34,375)
Total	\$ (3,396,537)

Actuarial Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

<u>Summary of Actuarial Assumptions</u>

Valuation Date: September 30, 2020 Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age, Normal

Wage Inflation Rate: 2.75%

Investment Rate of Return: 6.95% net of investment expenses

Projected Salary Increases: 2.75-11.55%, including wage inflation at

2.75%

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate: Pre-65: 7.75% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15;

3.0% Year 120

Post-65: 5.25% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15;

3.0% Year 120

Mortality: Retirees: RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant

Mortality Tables, scaled by 82% for males and 78% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2017

from 2006.

Active Members: RP-2014 Male and Female Healthy Annuitant

Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale

MP-2017 from 2006.

Other Assumptions

Opt Out Assumptions: 21% of eligible participants hired before July 1,

2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree

health plan.

Survivor Coverage: 80% of male retirees and 67% of female

retirees are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree's death.

Coverage Election at Retirement: 75% of male and 60% of female future retirees

are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more

dependents.

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2012 through 2017 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual OPEB valuations beginning with the September 30, 2018 valuation. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2021, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2020, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 6.1312
- Recognition period for assets in years: 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2021 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2021, are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected
	Target	Real Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0 %	5.4 %
Private Equity Pools	16.0	9.1
International Equity Pools	15.0	7.5
Fixed Income Pools	10.5	(0.7)
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	5.4
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	2.6
Real Return/Opportunistic Pools	12.5	6.1
Short-Term Investment Pools	2.0	(1.3)
Total	100.0 %	

^{*}Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.0% inflation.

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investment, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 27.14%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.95% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.95%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.95%, as well as what the School 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 1-percentage-point higher:

			Current			
	1% Decrease		Discount Rate		1% Increase	
(5.95%)		(6.95%)		(7.95%)		
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\$	1,901,604	\$	1,023,369	\$	278,061	

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

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

Current Healthcare							
	1% Decrease	Cost Trend Rate			1% Increase		
\$	249,080	\$	1,023,369	\$	1,894,537		

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued 2021 MPSERS CAFR, available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Payables to the OPEB Plan

The School District reported \$75,514 payable to the Plan at June 30, 2022 for the OPEB liability.

NOTE K - COMMITMENTS, RISKS AND CONTINGENCIES

COVID-19

On March 10, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) a pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, the Federal government has provided the School District with funds for increased operational costs to comply with health and safety protocols. Additional Federal funding and changes to operations are expected to continue into the next fiscal year.

Federal and State Grants

In the normal course of operations, the School District receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authorities, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

Collectively Bargained Employment Agreements

The teachers of the School District are organized under the Elk Rapids Education Association. The Board of Education and the Elk Rapids Education Association have a contract for the period September 1, 2021 through August 22, 2023.

The support personnel at the School District are organized under the Elk Rapids Educational Support Personnel Association. The Board of Education and the Elk Rapids Educational Support Personnel Association have a contract for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

The transportation personnel at the School District are organized under the Elk Rapids School District Transportation Association. The Board of Education and the Elk Rapids School District Transportation Association have a contract for August 30, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Year Ended June 30, 2022

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	Budgeted	l Amounts	Actual	Original to	Final Budget
	Original	Final	(GAAP Basis)	Final Budget	To Actual
Revenues	-	-			
Local and intermediate sources	\$ 9,618,816	\$ 9,597,850	\$ 9,581,178	\$ (20,966)	\$ (16,672)
State revenues	3,220,074	3,340,447	3,143,365	120,373	(197,082)
Federal revenues	1,006,641	1,026,841	1,075,732	20,200	48,891
Other	354,322	471,285	469,637	116,963	(1,648)
Total revenues	14,199,853	14,436,423	14,269,912	236,570	(166,511)
Expenditures					
Current					
Instruction	8,907,542	8,957,159	8,912,927	(49,617)	44,232
Supporting services	5,086,833	4,917,754	4,911,564	169,079	6,190
Other	31,515	145,415	56,963	(113,900)	88,452
Total expenditures	14,025,890	14,020,328	13,881,454	5,562	138,874
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER					
EXPENDITURES	173,963	416,095	388,458	242,132	(27,637)
Fund balance, beginning of year	1,417,849	1,417,849	1,417,849		
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,591,812	\$ 1,833,944	\$ 1,806,307	\$ 242,132	\$ (27,637)

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan

	_	9/30/2021	_	9/30/2020	_	9/30/2019	_	9/30/2018	_	9/30/2017	_	9/30/2016	_	9/30/2015	_	9/30/2014
School District's proportion of collective net pension liability	0	.06899767 %	0	.07236615 %	0	0.07298479 %	0.	07337153 %	0	.07490101 %	0.0	07556707 %	(0.07459000 %	0	.07586000 %
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$	16,335,483	\$	24,858,560	\$	24,170,109	\$	22,056,806	\$	19,410,062	\$	18,853,366	\$	18,219,260	\$	16,709,766
School District's covered payroll	\$	6,054,427	\$	6,319,802	\$	6,434,855	\$	6,172,141	\$	6,229,831	\$	6,407,985	\$	6,397,542	\$	6,464,270
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll		269.81 %		393.34 %		375.61 %		357.36 %		311.57 %		294.22 %		284.79 %		258.49 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability		72.60 %		59.72 %		60.31 %		62.36 %		64.21 %		63.27 %		63.17 %		66.20 %

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan

	6/30/2022	 6/30/2021	 6/30/2020	6/30/2019	 6/30/2018	_	6/30/2017	 6/30/2016	 6/30/2015
Statutorily required contributions School District contributions made to the Plan	\$ 1,218,141 1,218,141	\$ 1,153,462 1,153,462	\$ 1,213,860 1,213,860	\$ 1,149,076 1,149,076	\$ 1,100,573 1,100,573	\$	1,169,000 1,169,000	\$ 1,211,419 1,211,419	\$ 1,377,283 1,377,283
Contributions deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ 	\$
School District's covered payroll Contributions as a percentage of covered-	\$ 6,241,844	\$ 5,993,431	\$ 6,457,466	\$ 6,377,083	\$ 6,200,615	\$	6,223,732	\$ 6,185,204	\$ 6,286,625
employee payroll	19.52 %	19.25 %	18.80 %	18.02 %	17.75 %		18.78 %	19.59 %	21.91 %

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan

		9/30/2021		9/30/2020		9/30/2019		9/30/2018	_	9/30/2017
School District's proportion of net OPEB liability	0.0	06704556 %	0.0	07142565 %	0.0	07369822 %	0.0	07259794 %	0.0	07504520 %
School District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$	1,023,369	\$	3,826,463	\$	5,289,873	\$	5,770,775	\$	6,645,606
School District's covered payroll (OPEB)	\$	6,054,427	\$	6,319,802	\$	6,434,855	\$	6,172,141	\$	6,229,831
School District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll		16.90 %		60.55 %		82.21 %		93.50 %		106.67 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability		87.33 %		59.44 %		48.46 %		42.95 %		36.39 %

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan

	(6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	_	6/30/2019	 6/30/2018
Statutorily required OPEB contributions OPEB contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions	\$	469,513 469,513	\$ 465,910 465,910	\$ 495,297 495,297	\$	474,915 474,915	\$ 448,756 448,756
Contributions deficiency (excess)	\$		\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$
School District's covered payroll (OPEB) OPEB contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	\$	6,241,844 7.52 %	\$ 5,993,431 7.77 %	\$ 6,457,466 7,67 %		6,377,083 7,45 %	\$ 6,200,615 7.24 %

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2022

		Special Revenue					Debt Service		Capital Projects																		
		Food Service Fund		eschool and Kid's Club Fund		Student Activities Fund	2017 School Improvement Bond Fund		Improvement		Improvement		Improvement		Improvement		Improvement		Improvement		Improvement		mprovement		2016 Capital Projects Fund		Total Non-Major overnmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governments Due from other funds Inventory	\$	127,667 29,333 381,430 13,515	\$	246,197 5,659 11,225	\$	817,440 - 1,798	\$	136,144 - 1,213	\$	- - -	\$ 1,327,448 34,992 395,666 13,515																
Total assets	\$	551,945	\$	263,081	\$	819,238	\$	137,357	\$		\$ 1,771,621																
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES Accounts payable Salaries payable and related liabilities Accrued expenses Unearned revenue Due to other funds Total liabilities	\$	30,654 	\$	18,056 - 112,424 99,346 229,826	\$	- - - 423,266 423,266	\$	- - - - -	\$	- - - - -	\$ 30,654 18,056 623 147,623 711,443 908,399																
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted for debt service Restricted for food service Committed for student activities Assigned for fund use	_	13,515 - 283,123 -		33,255		395,972		137,357		- - - -	13,515 137,357 283,123 395,972 33,255																
Total fund balances		296,638		33,255		395,972		137,357	_		 863,222																
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	551,945	\$	263,081	\$	819,238	\$	137,357	\$		\$ 1,771,621																

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ended June 30, 2022

				ial Revenue				Debt Service	Capital Projects 2016 Capital Projects Fund		Total
		Food Service Fund	Preschool and Kid's Club Fund		Student Activities Fund		_	2017 School Improvement Bond Fund			Non-Major Governmental Funds
Revenues											
Property taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$,	\$ -	\$	57,156
Interest		167		436		-		315	9		927
State sources		12,516		-		-		-	-		12,516
Federal sources		763,419		97,260		422.521		-	-		860,679
Other		58,232		344,775	_	432,521	_	33		_	835,561
Total revenues		834,334		442,471	_	432,521	_	57,504	9	_	1,766,839
Expenditures											
Support services											
Food service		674,227		-		-		-	-		674,227
Preschool and Kid's Club		-		409,216		<u>-</u>		-	-		409,216
Student activities		-		-		367,605		-	-		367,605
Debt service								100.000			100 000
Principal		-		-		-		100,000	-		100,000
Interest		-		-		-		6,800	- - 470		6,800
Capital outlay		6,262					_		5,478	_	11,740
Total expenditures		680,489		409,216	_	367,605	_	106,800	5,478	_	1,569,588
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)											
EXPENDITURES		153,845		33,255	_	64,916	_	(49,296)	(5,469)	_	197,251
Other financing sources (uses)											
Operating transfers out					_		_		(1,520)	_	(1,520)
Total other financing sources (uses)						-	_		(1,520)		(1,520)
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		153,845		33,255		64,916		(49,296)	(6,989)		195,731
Fund balance, beginning of year		142,793				331,056	_	186,653	6,989	_	667,491
Fund balance, end of year	\$	296,638	\$	33,255	\$	395,972	\$	137,357	\$ -	\$	863,222

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

2020 BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fifteenth Month and Six Day Period Ended June 30, 2022

Revenue	
Investment income	\$ 40,506
Other income	1,520
Total revenue	42,026
Expenditures	
Capital outlay	2,777,623
Other	234,422
Total expenditures	3,012,045
REVENUE UNDER EXPENDITURES	(2,970,019)
Other financing sources (uses) Bond proceeds Operating transfers in	22,572,327 1,520
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	19,603,828
Fund balance, beginning of period	
Fund balance, end of period	\$19,603,828

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Original Approved Award/Grant Amount	Accrued Revenue July 1, 2021	Prior Year Expenditures	Current Year Receipts	Current Year Expenditures	Accrued Revenue June 30, 2022	Adjustments
United States Department of Agriculture Passed through Michigan Department of Education Child Nutrition Cluster National School Breakfast Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Breakfast 221971	10.553	<u>\$ 199,649</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209,363	\$ 199,649	<u>\$ 9,714</u>	<u>\$</u> -
National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Lunch 221961 Entitlement Commodities (FY2021) Entitlement Commodities (FY2022) Supply Chain Assistance 220910	10.555	512,176 - 31,213 25,896	- - - 	- - -	531,832 - 31,213 25,896	509,056 - 31,213	22,776 - - (25,896)	(412) - -
Total National School Lunch/Commodities		569,285			588,941	540,269	(3,120)	(412)
Summer Food Service Program for Children 210904	10.559	58,207	34,706		58,207	23,501		
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		827,141	34,706		856,511	763,419	6,594	
Pandemic EBT Local Level Costs 210980	10.649	614			614	614		
Total United States Department of Agricult	ure	827,755	34,706		857,125	764,033	6,594	
United States Department of Treasury Passed through Michigan Department of Education Coronavirus Relief Fund District COVID Costs - 103(2) Coronavirus Relief Fund - 11p GSRP 22S439-2122	21.019	15,511 440,671 10,865			15,511 440,671 10,865	15,511 440,671 16,524	- - 5,659	- - -
Total Coronavirus Relief Fund		467,047			467,047	472,706	5,659	

⁻⁵⁰⁻ The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - Continued

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Original Approved Award/Grant Amount	Accrued Revenue July 1, 2021	Prior Year Expenditures	Current Year Receipts	Current Year Expenditures	Accrued Revenue June 30, 2022	Adjustments
United States Department of Education Passed through Michigan Department of Education Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies 211530-2021 221530-2122	84.010	152,675 139,365	60,502	- -	74,427 -	21,804 108,857	7,879 108,857	- -
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational	Agencies	292,040	60,502		74,427	130,661	116,736	
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants 210520-2021	84.367	27,977			9,871	29,143	19,272	
Education Stabilization Fund ESSER II 213712	84.425D	430,921				430,921	430,921	
Passed through Northwest Education Services Special Education Cluster Special Education Preschool Grants 220460-2122 221285-2122	84.173A	24,892 14,364	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	24,892 14,364	24,892 14,364	
Total Special Education Cluster		39,256				39,256	39,256	
Total United States Department of Educa	ation	1,257,241	60,502		551,345	1,102,687	611,844	
United States Department of Health and Human Services Passed through Northwest Education Services Medicaid Cluster Medical Assistance Program	93.778	4,466	<u> </u>		4,466	4,466		- _
Total Federal financial assistance		\$ 2,089,462	\$ 95,208	\$ -	\$ 1,412,936	\$ 1,871,186	\$ 618,438	<u>\$ (412)</u>

⁻⁵¹⁻ The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

June 30, 2022

- Note 1 The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the Federal grant activity of the School District, and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance"). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.
- Note 2 Management has reported that expenditures in this Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are equal to those amounts reported in the annual or final cost reports. Unallowed differences, if any, have been disclosed to the auditor.
- Note 3 The financial reports, including claims for advances and reimbursements and amounts claimed or used for matching are timely, complete, accurate and contain information that is supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared. Grant receipts reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as passed through the Michigan Department of Education, reconcile to the Grant Auditor's Report (R7120). Unreconciled differences have been disclosed to the auditor.
- Note 4 The School District did not use the 10% de-minimus cost rate under the Uniform Administrative Requirements.
- **Note 5** A reconciliation of expenditures on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards with Federal sources reported on the financial statements are as follows:

Federal expenditures per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$ 1,871,186
Prior year District COVID Costs Funding (Assistance Listing #21.019)	(15,511)
not on prior year SEFA	
Child Care Stabilization Funds	80,736

Federal sources per financial statements \$ 1,936,411



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

Board of Education Elk Rapids Schools

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of *Elk Rapids Schools* (the "School District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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





Board of Education Elk Rapids Schools

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2022-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

School District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the School District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth

Certified Public Accountants
Traverse City, Michigan

October 28, 2022



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

Board of Education Elk Rapids Schools

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited *Elk Rapids Schools*' (the "School District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School District's major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The School District's major Federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.





Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth

Certified Public Accountants Traverse City, Michigan October 28, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

June 30, 2022

PRIOR YEAR

Finding Number 2021-001 is repeated this year in Section 2 as Finding 2022-001, and there is no change in it's status.

CURRENT YEAR

Section 1 - Summary of Auditors' Results

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Elk Rapids Schools (the "School District").
- 2. There was one material weakness in internal control over financial reporting as a result of the audit of the financial statements. See Section 2 Findings in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the School District were disclosed during the audit.
- 4. The auditor's report does not disclose any significant deficiencies in internal control over major federal award programs.
- 5. The auditor's report on compliance for major federal award programs for the School District expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal award programs.
- 6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) are reported in this schedule.
- 7. The School District's major program was the Child Nutrition Cluster (Assistance Listing #10.553, #10.555 and #10.559).
- 8. The dollar threshold for distinguishing between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. The School District did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - Continued

Section 2 - Findings in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Finding Number 2022-001 Segregation of Duties Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Criteria: Adequate segregation of duties for the School District is necessary to minimize the likelihood that fraud or errors could occur and not be detected.

Condition: The School District has not achieved a complete segregation of duties among employees who have both access to assets and accounting responsibilities.

Cause: The small size of the business office staff creates an inherent lack of segregation of duties.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the School District lacks proper segregation of duties and is exposed to an increased risk of misstatement of its financial statements.

Recommendation: The School District should separate staff performing record keeping from those with the ability to use the assets. This may require hiring additional staff or transferring duties across existing staff.

Management's Response: The School District has evaluated the manner in which they segregate duties and has implemented certain measures. However, the cost associated with adding additional staff to achieve a complete segregation is not justified by the expected benefits.

Section 3 - Findings and Questioned Costs in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

No findings or questioned costs.