

***Arickaree School District R-2***  
**Anton, Colorado**

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year ended June 30, 2023**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Education  
Arickaree School District R-2  
Anton, Colorado

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Arickaree School District R-2 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, 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 District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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



## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 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 the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and historical pension and other post-employment benefit information listed in the table of contents 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 inquires 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.

#### **Other Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information and the auditors' integrity report listed in the table of contents 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 other supplementary information and the auditors' integrity report are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Lauer, Szabo & Associates, P.C.*

Sterling, Colorado  
September 7, 2023

## Management Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of Arickaree School District R-2's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should review the information presented here in conjunction with the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's performance.

### Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceed its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of June 30, 2023 by \$961,179 (net position) as reported in the government-wide financial statements.
- The District's government-wide total net position decreased by \$262,134 over the prior fiscal year.
- Program revenues of \$641,741 offset expenses from governmental activities of \$3,279,560. General revenues amounted to \$2,375,685.
- At the close of June 30, 2023, the District reported \$2,247,809 combined fund balances for the Governmental Funds, a decrease of \$119,987.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

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

*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 about all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, changes in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expense are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and retiree's early retirement bonuses). In the government-wide financial statements, the School District's activities include the following:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the School District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, transportation, maintenance and operations, administration, food service, and pupil activities. Taxes and intergovernmental revenues principally support these activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-13 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 fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School District's operations, focusing on the most significant or "major" funds, not the School District as a whole. The School District has two kinds of funds: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

*Governmental funds.* Governmental funds account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term financial resources and fund balances. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements. The annual budget is provided on the basis of the governmental fund financial statements.

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 activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Arickaree School District R-2 maintains four 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 and Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund which are considered to be major funds. Data for the other two governmental funds are combined in a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Arickaree School District R-2 adopts an annual appropriated budget for all funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Student Activity Fund, Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund and Scholarship Trust Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

*Fiduciary funds.* Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support Arickaree School District R-2'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 18-19 of this report.

*Notes to the financial statements.* The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements may be found on pages 20-56 of this report.

*Other information.* In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also presents other supplementary information concerning the School District's annual appropriated budgets with comparison statements that demonstrate compliance with budgets. Budgeted amounts may be found on pages 72-86.

## Government-wide Financial Analysis

The assets of the District are classified as current assets and capital assets. Cash, investments, receivables, inventories and other assets are current assets. These assets are available to provide resources for the near-term operations of the District. A good portion of the current assets result from the property tax collection process; the District receives about 96% of the annual property tax assessment between January and June.

Capital assets are used in the operations of the District. These assets are land, improvements, buildings equipment, and vehicles. Capital assets are discussed in greater detail in the section titled Capital Assets and Debt Administration, elsewhere in this analysis.

Current and long-term liabilities are classified based on anticipated liquidation either in the near-term or in the future. Current liabilities include accounts payable, accrued salaries and benefits and unearned revenues. The liquidation of current liabilities is anticipated to be either from currently available resources, current assets or new resources that become available during the ensuing fiscal year.

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$961,179 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The following table provides a summary of the district's net position as of June 30, 2023.

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2023	2022	2022-2023
Current and Other assets	\$ 2,424,762	\$ 2,554,399	-5.08%
Capital assets	1,243,596	1,320,117	-5.80%
Total assets	3,668,358	3,874,516	-5.32%
Deferred outflows of resources	589,771	396,144	48.88%
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4,258,129	\$ 4,270,660	-.29%
Long term liabilities	\$ 2,944,244	\$ 2,091,444	40.78%
Other liabilities	166,544	174,423	-4.52%
Total liabilities	3,110,788	2,265,867	37.29%
Deferred inflows of resources	186,162	781,480	-76.18%
Net investment in capital assets	1,243,596	1,320,117	-5.80%
Restricted	163,005	170,330	-4.30%
Unrestricted	(445,422)	(267,134)	66.74%
Total net position	961,179	1,223,313	-21.43%
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 4,258,129	\$ 4,270,660	-.29%

The District's reported assets consist of current assets of \$2,424,762 and capital assets of \$1,243,596. The ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities of 14.56 to 1 indicates the District's ability to meet current obligations.

The following table is a summary of the District's change in net position.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Total Percentage Change</b>
	2023	2022	2022-2023
<b>Revenues</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 54,238	\$ 46,516	-6.60%
Operating grants & contributions	587,503	262,738	-35.27%
Capital grants & contributions	-	5,196	3.92%
Property taxes	878,704	805,226	-3.75%
State equalization	1,228,758	1,211,856	11.96%
Other	268,223	185,680	26.09%
Total Revenue	3,017,426	2,517,212	-0.39%
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instruction	1,614,334	767,527	22.96%
Supporting Services	1,613,767	1,249,507	23.31%
Other	51,459	50,611	0.43%
Total Expenses	3,279,560	2,067,645	22.50%
Change in net position	(262,134)	449,567	-46.42%
Net position at beginning of year	1,223,313	773,746	1,284.96%
Net position at end of year	\$ 961,179	\$ 1,223,313	58.10%

Governmental activities decreased the District's net position in FY 2023 by \$262,134 and increased net position in FY 2022 by \$449,567.

### **Financial Analysis of the Government'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 the District'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 a combined ending fund balance of \$2,247,809, a decrease of \$119,987.

- Expenditures exceeded revenues and transfers out in the General Fund by \$360,472, decreasing fund balance to \$1,866,449.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The District is required to adopt a budget by June 30 for the following fiscal year. The Board of Education will submit a copy of the budget to CDE by January 31.

## Capital Asset and Debit Administration

*Capital assets.* The District's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2023 amounts to \$1,243,596 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets included land, buildings, service vehicles, buses and playground, office and instructional equipment.

### Comparative Schedule of Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Land and sites	\$ 29,645	\$ 29,645
Building and improvements	2,148,573	2,119,202
Transportation equipment	716,409	804,985
Other equipment	338,314	319,298
Subtotal	3,232,941	3,273,130
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,989,345)	(1,953,013)
Total capital assets	\$ 1,243,596	\$ 1,320,117

Additional information on the School District's capital assets can be found in Note E to the basic financial statements.

### Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the School District's long-term debt of \$36,790 represented its accrued compensated absences. Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note G to the basic financial statements.

## Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

- Facility: School Safety infrastructure, building roof, Plumbing and water filtration system, Food Service equipment replaced, Parking lot.
- School Vehicle / Bus replacements are necessary.
- Additional staff to meet the educational needs of students: un-combining elementary classes, Offer academic readiness and career courses for high school students.
- State Budget stabilization factor – a portion of state funding is withheld from district.
- Increase Salary Schedules to insure we are competitive in comparison to other Colorado School Districts.
- Insurance: health & school coverage has increased substantially.

## Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Arickaree School District R-2's finances for all those with an interest in the District'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, 12155 County Road NN, Anton, Colorado 80801-9601.

## **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements of the District include the following:

*Government-wide financial statements.* The government-wide statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities.

*Fund financial statements.* The fund financial statements display information about major funds individually and nonmajor funds in the aggregate for governmental funds.

*Notes to the financial statements.* The notes communicate information essential for fair presentation of the financial statements that is not displayed on the face of the financial statements. As such, the notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.



**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash	\$ 707,368
Cash with fiscal agent	14,938
Investments	1,465,339
Receivables	233,471
Due from fiduciary fund	1,480
Inventory	2,166
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,243,596
Total assets	3,668,358
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	554,990
Other post-employment benefit deferrals	34,781
Total deferred outflows of resources	589,771
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4,258,129
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 75,481
Accrued salaries and benefits	57,786
Unearned revenues	19,602
Unearned grant revenue	13,675
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due in more than one year	36,790
Net pension liability	2,811,731
Net OPEB liability	95,723
Total liabilities	3,110,788
Deferred inflows of resources	
Pension deferrals	146,345
Other post-employment benefit deferrals	39,817
Total deferred inflows of resources	186,162
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,243,596
Restricted for:	
Emergencies	70,000
Colorado preschool program	61,638
Food service operations	31,367
Unrestricted (deficit)	(445,422)
Total net position	961,179
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 4,258,129

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

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**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

		Program Revenues		
		Charges for	Operating	Capital
	Expenses	Services	Grants and	Grants and
			Contributions	Contributions
Governmental activities				
Instruction	\$ 1,614,334	\$ 24,414	\$ 459,314	
Supporting services				
Students	2,268			
Instructional staff	34,839		7,567	
General administration	357,653			
School administration	94,075			
Business services	95,784			
Operations and maintenance	503,251			
Student transportation	215,251		66,302	
Central support services	147,176			
Food service operations	163,470	29,824	54,320	
Unallocated depreciation *	51,459			
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,279,560</u>	<u>\$ 54,238</u>	<u>\$ 587,503</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

General revenues

Taxes

Property taxes, levied for general purposes

Specific ownership taxes

Delinquent taxes and interest

State categorical aid

Earnings on investments

Gain on sale of assets

Other

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position at beginning of year

Net position at end of year

\* This amount excludes depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

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

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Net (Expenses)  
Revenues and  
Changes in  
Net Position

Total  
Governmental  
Activities

\$ (1,130,606)

(2,268)

(27,272)

(357,653)

(94,075)

(95,784)

(503,251)

(148,949)

(147,176)

(79,326)

(51,459)

(2,637,819)

787,711

89,567

1,426

1,228,758

59,521

29,011

179,691

2,375,685

(262,134)

1,223,313

\$ 961,179

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 326,734	\$ 192,168	\$ 188,466	\$ 707,368
Cash with fiscal agent	14,938			14,938
Investments	1,465,339			1,465,339
Property taxes receivable	52,271			52,271
Due from other funds	2,075			2,075
Grant receivables	168,395	5,196	4,317	177,908
Other receivables			3,292	3,292
Inventories			2,166	2,166
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,029,752</u>	<u>\$ 197,364</u>	<u>\$ 198,241</u>	<u>\$ 2,425,357</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 72,340		\$ 3,141	\$ 75,481
Due to other funds			595	595
Accrued salaries and benefits	55,853		1,933	57,786
Accrued compensated absences	3,138			3,138
Unearned revenues	11,026	\$ 4,051	4,525	19,602
Unearned grant revenues	13,675			13,675
Total liabilities	156,032	4,051	10,194	170,277
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred property tax revenues	7,271			7,271
Total deferred inflows of resources	7,271	-	-	7,271
Fund balance				
Nonspendable:				
Inventories			2,166	2,166
Restricted for:				
Emergencies	70,000			70,000
Colorado preschool program	61,638			61,638
Food service operations			29,201	29,201
Committed to:				
Capital projects		193,313		193,313
Pupil activities			156,680	156,680
Assigned to risk-related activities	65			65
Unassigned	1,734,746			1,734,746
Total fund balance	<u>1,866,449</u>	<u>193,313</u>	<u>188,047</u>	<u>2,247,809</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<u>\$ 2,029,752</u>	<u>\$ 197,364</u>	<u>\$ 198,241</u>	<u>\$ 2,425,357</u>

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

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2****Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2023**

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

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 2,247,809
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	1,243,596
Certain receivables will be collected in the next fiscal year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as unearned revenues in the governmental funds.	7,271
Long-term liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources, including compensated absences and net pension and OPEB liabilities, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(2,537,497)</u>
Net position of the governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 961,179</u></u>

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

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 989,786		\$ 187,186	\$ 1,176,972
Intermediate sources	91			91
State sources	1,417,909		985	1,418,894
Federal sources	247,679		53,335	301,014
Total revenues	2,655,465	\$ -	241,506	2,896,971
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,429,211		122,232	1,551,443
Supporting services	1,306,726		135,366	1,442,092
Capital outlay		126,100		126,100
Total expenditures	2,735,937	126,100	257,598	3,119,635
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(80,472)	(126,100)	(16,092)	(222,664)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Proceeds from the sale of assets		102,677		102,677
Transfers in		200,000	80,000	280,000
Transfers out	(280,000)			(280,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(280,000)	302,677	80,000	102,677
Net change in fund balance	(360,472)	176,577	63,908	(119,987)
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,226,921	16,736	124,139	2,367,796
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,866,449	\$ 193,313	\$ 188,047	\$ 2,247,809

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

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2****Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

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

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ (119,987)
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities, those costs 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 depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	(2,854)
Because some property taxes and other revenues will not be collected for several months after the fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds and are, instead, reported as deferred tax and unearned revenues. They are, however, recorded as revenues in the statement of activities.	(4,909)
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses related to compensated absences are measured by the amounts incurred or 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).	528
In the statement of activities, the net gain on the disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the disposal increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the capital assets disposed of.	(73,666)
Pension and OPEB expense at the fund level represents cash contributions to the defined benefit plan. For the activity level presentation, the amount represents the actuarial cost of the benefits for the fiscal year.	(61,246)
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (262,134)</u>

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



**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**June 30, 2023**

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	Private Purpose Trust Fund
Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,484
Certificate of deposit	<u>5,000</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 6,484</u></u>
Liabilities	
Due to other funds	<u>\$ 1,480</u>
Total liabilities	1,480
Net position	
Restricted for scholarship recipients	<u>5,004</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u><u>\$ 6,484</u></u>

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

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Private Purpose Trust Fund
Additions	
Contributions and earnings	\$ 5
Total additions	5
Deductions	
Scholarship awards	
Total deductions	-
Change in net position	5
Net position at beginning of year	4,999
Net position at end of year	\$ 5,004

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

## **ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### **Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies**

This summary of the Arickaree School District R-2's significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the financial statements and other data in this report. The policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

#### **A.1 – Reporting entity**

The Arickaree School District R-2 is a school district governed by an elected five-member board of education. The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The reporting entity's financial statements should present the funds of the primary government (including its blended component units, which are, in substance, part of the primary government) and provide an overview of the discretely presented component units.

The District has examined other entities that could be included as defined in number 2 and 3 above. Based on these criteria, the District has no component units.

#### **A.2 – Fund accounting**

The District uses funds to report its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." The District does not have any proprietary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked funds (special revenue funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service fund). The following are the District's major governmental funds:

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include local property taxes, specific ownership taxes, and State of Colorado equalization funding, as determined by the School Finance Act of 1994, as amended.

Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operation of the schools, except for certain capital outlay expenditures, debt service, food service operations and pupil activities.

Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund – This fund is a capital projects fund used to account for and report financial resources that have been designated for capital outlays acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets.

The following are the District's nonmajor governmental funds:

Food Service Fund – This fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the financial activities associated with the District's food service operations.

Pupil Activity Fund – This fund is special revenue fund used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

Fiduciary Funds focus on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations or other governments and are therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District has the following fiduciary fund:

Scholarship Trust Fund – This fund is a private-purpose trust fund used to account for resources held by the District in a fiduciary capacity for scholarships to be distributed to area students for post-secondary education.

**Note A.3 – Basis of presentation**

Government-wide financial statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared.

Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with a brief explanation to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

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

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources management focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, which reports the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

Fiduciary funds focus on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. The District's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address the activities or obligations of the District, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**A.4 – Basis of accounting**

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

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

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

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes collected within sixty days after year-end, interest, tuition, grants and student fees.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources - In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

Unearned revenue – Unearned revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenues also arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to meeting eligibility requirements. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and the revenue is recognized.

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

**A.5 – Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting is utilized by the District to record purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies to assure effective budgetary control and accountability. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled and reappropriated in the ensuing year’s budget.

**A.6 – Short-term interfund receivables/payables**

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as internal balances on the government-wide statement of net position, and are classified as due from other funds or due to other funds on the balance sheet.

**A.7 – Inventories**

Food Service Fund – purchased inventories are stated at cost as determined by the first-in, first-out method. Commodity inventories are stated at the United States Department of Agriculture’s assigned values, which approximate fair value, at the date of receipt. Expenditures for food items are recorded when consumed. The federal government donates surplus commodities to the national school lunch program. Commodity distributions used by the District are recorded as revenues at the date of their consumption.

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**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**A.8 – Capital assets**

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets with a unit cost greater than \$3,000 are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost, if actual cost is not available) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value on the date received. Infrastructure assets, consisting of certain improvements other than buildings (such as parking facilities, sidewalks, landscaping and lighting systems) are capitalized along with other capital assets. Improvements to assets are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated with the exception of land costs. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Buildings and improvements	10-40 years
Other equipment	10 years
Licensed vehicles	7-10 years

**A.9 – Compensated absences**

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Compensated absences benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Accumulated sick leave benefits are paid to employees upon termination of employment.

Certain personnel and full-time employees receive up to ten days of sick leave each year, which can be accumulated by the employee. Upon leaving employment with the District, employees shall be paid for 30 days of accumulated leave at a rate equal to the daily rate of a substitute.



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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the account “accrued compensated absences” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

The amount recorded as liabilities for all applicable compensated absences include salary-related payments associated with the payment of compensated absences, using the rates in effect at the balance sheet date.

**A.10 – Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, the noncurrent portion of compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds is reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. Bonds payable and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

**A.11 – Fund balance**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

*Nonspendable*, such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenditures, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned),

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

*Restricted* fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

*Committed* fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the board of education (the District's highest level of decision-making authority),

*Assigned* fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, and

*Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the District's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

Committed fund balance is established by a formal passage of a resolution. This is typically done through the adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the board of education through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service or for other purposes).

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available in governmental funds, the District applies expenditures against restricted fund balance first, and followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance.

**A.12 – Net position**

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

The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

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**Note A – Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**A.13 – Interfund transactions**

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. In general, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

**A.14 – Extraordinary and special items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the board of education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during the year.

**Note B – Cash and investments**

**Cash and deposits**

Colorado State statutes govern the District's deposit of cash. The Public Deposit Protection Acts (PDPA) for banks and savings and loans require state regulators to certify eligible depositories for public deposits. The PDPA require eligible depositories with public deposits in excess of federal insurance levels to create a single institution collateral pool of defined eligible assets. Eligible collateral includes obligations of the United States, obligations of the State of Colorado or Colorado local governments and obligations secured by first lien mortgages on real property located in the state. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group and not held in any individual government's name. The fair value of the assets in the pool must be at least equal to 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits.

Custodial credit risk – deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end, the District had total deposits of \$773,456, of which \$255,000 was insured and \$518,456 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

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**Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)**

**Investments**

Authorized Investments – Investment policies are governed by Colorado State Statutes and the District’s own investment policies and procedures. Investments of the District may include:

- Obligations of the U.S. Government such as treasury bills, notes and bonds
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of United States local government entities
- Bankers acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts

During the year, the District invested in Colotrust (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commission administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. COLOTRUST PLUS+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and repurchase agreements collateralized by certain obligations of U.S. government agencies. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust’s portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust’s investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. Investments are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of \$1.00. As of June 30, 2023, the District had invested \$5 in COLOTRUST PRIME and \$1,465,339 invested in COLOTRUST PLUS+. The District also invested in certificate of deposits.

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Investment maturities (in years)</u>			
	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>Less than 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>
Investment in Colotrust	<u>\$ 1,465,339</u>	<u>\$ 1,465,339</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The investment in Colotrust is maintained in the General Fund.

Credit risk – State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds to the highest rating from at least one nationally recognized rating agency at the time of purchase. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. At year-end, the District’s investment in Colotrust was rated AAA by Standard and Poor’s.

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**Note B – Cash and investments (Continued)**

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and investments on the statement of net position:

Cash in bank	\$ 708,855
Certificates of deposit	5,000
Investments in Colotrust	<u>1,465,339</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,179,191</u>
<u>Statement of net position</u>	
Cash	\$ 707,368
Investments	<u>1,465,339</u>
Subtotal	2,172,707
<u>Statement of fiduciary net position</u>	
Cash	1,484
Certificates of deposit	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>6,484</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,179,191</u>

**Note C – Receivables**

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Property taxes receivable	\$ 52,271
Grants receivable	177,908
Other receivables	<u>3,292</u>
Total	<u>\$ 233,471</u>

Property taxes are levied on December 15<sup>th</sup> and attach as a lien on property the following January 1<sup>st</sup>. They are payable in full by April 30<sup>th</sup> or are due in two equal installments on February 28<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. Washington County bills and collects property taxes for all taxing entities within the counties. The tax receipts collected by the counties are remitted to the District in the subsequent month.

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**Note D – Interfund transactions**

The following is a summary of interfund transactions for the year as presented in the fund financial statements:

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General fund	\$ 2,075	\$ -
Other governmental funds	<u>-</u>	<u>595</u>
Subtotal	2,075	595
<u>Fiduciary funds</u>		
Private-purpose trust fund	<u>-</u>	<u>1,480</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,075</u>	<u>\$ 2,075</u>

All balances resulted from the lag time between the dates that (1) interfund reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. Interfund receivables and payables are eliminated through the transfer of funds from one fund to another.

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Governmental funds</u>		
General fund	\$ -	\$ 280,000
Capital reserve capital projects fund	200,000	-
Other governmental funds	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 280,000</u>	<u>\$ 280,000</u>

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them. The District transferred funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the General Fund to the Other Governmental Funds to subsidize the costs of maintaining the District's food service operations. The district also transferred funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund in order to set aside funds for capital acquisitions.

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**Note E – Capital assets**

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions/ Transfers</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 29,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,645
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	29,645	-	-	29,645
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	2,119,202	29,371	-	2,148,573
Other equipment	319,298	19,016	-	338,314
Licensed vehicles	804,985	53,499	(142,075)	716,409
Total capital assets, being depreciated	3,243,485	101,886	(142,075)	3,203,296
Total capital assets	3,273,130	101,886	(142,075)	3,232,941
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,250,735)	(39,253)	-	(1,289,988)
Other equipment	(156,748)	(25,856)	-	(182,604)
Licensed vehicles	(545,531)	(39,631)	68,409	(516,753)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,953,014)	(104,740)	68,409	(1,989,345)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,320,116	\$ (2,854)	\$ (73,666)	\$ 1,243,596

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 2,414
Operations and maintenance	8,753
Student transportation	39,631
Food service operations	2,483
Unallocated	51,459
Total depreciation expense	\$ 104,740

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**Note F – Accrued salaries and benefits**

Salaries and benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July, but are earned during a school year of approximately nine to ten months. The salaries and benefits earned but not paid at year-end are estimated to be \$57,786. Accordingly, this accrued compensation is reflected as a liability in the accompanying financial statements.

**Note G – Long-term debt**

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt for the year:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Compensated absences	\$ 34,180	\$ 2,610*	\$ -	\$ 36,790	\$ -

\*The change in the compensated absences liability is presented as a net change.

**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

*Pensions.* The District participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

General Information about the Pension Plan

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the District are provided with pensions through the SCHDTF – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).



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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

*Benefits provided as of December 31, 2022.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. Section 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under C.R.S. Section 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

structure will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lessor of an annual increase of the 1.00% AI cap or the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

*Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2023.* Eligible employees of the District and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. Section 24-51-401, *et seq.* and Section 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 11.00% of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2022 Through <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Employer contribution rate	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-208(1)(f)	<u>(1.02)%</u>
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-411	<u>5.50%</u>
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	<u><u>20.38%</u></u>

\*\*Contribution rates for the SCHDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. Section 24-51-101(42).

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Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the District were \$259,780 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. Section 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund. House Bill (HB) 22-1029, instructed the State treasurer to issue an additional direct distribution to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars), upon enactment. The July 1, 2023, payment is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, payment will not be reduced due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022. Senate Bill (SB) 23-056, enacted June 2, 2023, requires an additional direct distribution of approximately \$14.5 million (actual dollars), for a total of approximately \$49.5 million (actual dollars) to be contributed July 1, 2023.

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At year end, the District reported a liability of \$2,811,731 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected a reduction for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

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District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,811,731
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the District	<u>819,367</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,631,098</u>

At December 31, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.0154%, which was a decrease of 0.0015% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$499,974 and revenue of \$69,871 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 28,447	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	53,915	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	334,189	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	11,280	146,345
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>127,159</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 554,990</u>	<u>\$ 146,345</u>

\$127,159 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

<u>Year Ended June 30, __</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (34,146)
2025	(13,191)
2026	109,121
2027	<u>219,702</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 281,486</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:	3.40%–11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

The total pension liability as of December 31, 2022, includes the anticipated adjustments to contribution rates and the AI cap, resulting from the 2020 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2022, and effective July 1, 2022.

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation, and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	<u>6.00%</u>	4.70%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.

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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- HB 22-1029, effective upon enactment in 2022, required the State treasurer to issue, in addition to the regularly scheduled \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution, a warrant to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2023, direct distribution is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, direct distribution will not be reduced from \$225 million (actual dollars) due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SCHDTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:



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**Note H – Defined benefit pension plan (Continued)**

	1% Decrease <u>(6.25%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.25%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.25%)</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>3,679,589</u>	\$ <u>2,811,731</u>	\$ <u>2,086,981</u>

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the SCHDTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

Payables to the pension plan

The District did not report any payables to the pension plan at year-end.

**Note I – Defined contribution pension plan**

Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 401(k) Plan)

*Plan description* - Employees of the District that are also members of the SCHDTF may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 401(k) Plan), an Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the C.R.S., as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provisions to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available ACFR which includes additional information on the PERAPlus 401(k) Plan. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Funding policy* - The PERAPlus 401(k) Plan is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended. The District does not offer matching contributions to its employees. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2023, program members contributed \$8,924 for the PERAPlus 401(k) Plan.

Voluntary Investment Program (PERAPlus 457 Plan)

*Plan description* - Employees of the District may voluntarily contribute to the Deferred Compensation Plan (PERAPlus 457 Plan), an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 16 of the C.R.S., as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provisions to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available ACFR which includes additional information on the PERAPlus 457 Plan. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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**Note I – Defined contribution pension plan (Continued)**

*Funding policy* - The PERAPlus 457 Plan is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 1603 of the C.R.S., as amended. The District does not offer matching contributions to its employees. Members are immediately vested in their own contributions and investment earnings. For the year ended June 30, 2023, there were no members participating in the PERAPlus 457 Plan.

**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

*OPEB.* The District participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

General Information about the OPEB Plan

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the District are provided with OPEB through the HCTF – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended, and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

C.R.S. Section 24-51-1202 *et seq.* specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare health benefits program is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

*PERA Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. Section 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

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*DPS Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

*Contributions.* Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02% of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from the District were \$13,003 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At year-end, the District reported a liability of \$95,723 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2022. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.0117%, which was an increase of 0.0007% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$279. At year-end, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 11	\$ 21,555
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,434	9,838
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	6,311	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	20,661	8,424
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>6,364</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,781</u>	<u>\$ 39,817</u>

\$6,364 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30, __</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (5,953)
2025	(5,615)
2026	(2,207)
2027	3,293
2028	(669)
2029	<u>(249)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (11,400)</u>

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs for the School Division:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40%-11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	6.50% in 2022, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2030
Medicare Part A premiums	3.75% in 2022, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2029
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

The total OPEB liability for the HCTF, as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date, was adjusted to reflect the disaffiliation, allowable under C.R.S. Section 24-51-313, of Tri-County Health Department (TriCounty Health), effective December 31, 2022. As of the close of the 2022 fiscal year, no disaffiliation payment associated with Tri-County Health was received, and therefore no disaffiliation dollars were reflected in the FNP as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option; based on 2022 premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors are then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend. This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions		
Participant Age	Annual Increase (Male)	Annual Increase (Female)
65-69	3.0%	1.5%
70	2.9%	1.6%
71	1.6%	1.4%
72	1.4%	1.5%
73	1.5%	1.6%
74	1.5%	1.5%
75	1.5%	1.4%
76	1.5%	1.5%
77	1.5%	1.5%
78	1.5%	1.6%
79	1.5%	1.5%
80	1.4%	1.5%
81 and older	0.0%	0.0%

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$1,704	\$1,450	\$583	\$496	\$1,923	\$1,634
70	\$1,976	\$1,561	\$676	\$534	\$2,229	\$1,761
75	\$2,128	\$1,681	\$728	\$575	\$2,401	\$1,896

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,514	\$5,542	\$4,227	\$3,596	\$6,752	\$5,739
70	\$7,553	\$5,966	\$4,901	\$3,872	\$7,826	\$6,185
75	\$8,134	\$6,425	\$5,278	\$4,169	\$8,433	\$6,657

The 2022 Medicare Part A premium is \$499 (actual dollars) per month.

All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, as discussed below.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2021, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates used to measure the total OPEB liability are summarized in the table below:



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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>PERACare Medicare Plans</u>	<u>Medicare Part A Premiums</u>
2022	6.50%	3.75%
2023	6.25%	4.00%
2024	6.00%	4.00%
2025	5.75%	4.00%
2026	5.50%	4.25%
2027	5.25%	4.25%
2028	5.00%	4.25%
2029	4.75%	4.50%
2030+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the total OPEB liability for the HCTF, but developed on a headcount-weighted basis. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

Disabled mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll-forward calculation for the Trust Fund:

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2021, valuation date for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits have been updated to reflect costs for the 2022 plan year.
- The December 31, 2021, valuation utilizes premium information as of January 1, 2022, as the initial per capita health care cost. As of that date, PERACare health benefits administration is performed by UnitedHealthcare. In that transition, the costs for the Medicare Advantage Option #2 decreased to a level that is lower than the maximum possible service-related subsidy as described in the plan provisions.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then current expectation of future increases in those premiums. Medicare Part A premiums continued with the prior valuation trend pattern.

Actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed and updated annually by PERA Board's actuary, as discussed above.

Effective for the December 31, 2022, measurement date, the timing of the retirement decrement was adjusted to middle-of-year within the valuation programming used to determine the total OPEB liability, reflecting a recommendation from the 2022 actuarial audit report, dated October 14, 2022, summarizing the results of the actuarial audit performed on the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates.* The following presents the net OPEB liability using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	<u>1% Decrease in Trend Rates</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase in Trend Rates</u>
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate <sup>1</sup>	5.25%	6.25%	7.25%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 93,014	\$ 95,723	\$ 98,671

<sup>1</sup>For the January 1, 2023, plan year.

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note J – Defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan (Continued)**

	1% Decrease <u>(6.25%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.25%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.25%)</u>
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ <u>110,971</u>	\$ <u>95,723</u>	\$ <u>82,681</u>

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the HCTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

Payables to the OPEB plan

The District did not report any payables to the OPEB plan at year-end.

**Note K – Risk management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participates in the Colorado School Districts Self-Insurance Pool (the Pool). The Pool's objectives are to provide member school districts defined property and liability coverages through self-insurance and excess insurance purchased from commercial companies. The District pays an annual contribution to the Pool for its insurance coverages. The District's contribution for the year was \$121,863. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage or the deductible in any of the past three fiscal years. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year in any of the major categories of risk.

**Note L – Commitments and contingencies**

Federal and state funding

The District receives revenues from various federal and state grant programs which are subject to final review and approval by the grantor agencies. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note L – Commitments and contingencies (Continued)**

Budget law

Expenditures in the General Fund exceeded appropriations by \$90,937, which may be a violation of local government budget laws.

TABOR Amendment

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), to the State Constitution (Article X, Section 20) which limits the revenue raising and spending abilities of state and local governments. The limits on property taxes, revenue, and "fiscal year spending" include allowable annual increases tied to inflation and local growth in student enrollment. Fiscal year spending as defined by the amendment excludes spending from certain revenue and financing sources such as federal funds, gifts, property sales, fund transfers, damage awards, and fund reserves (balances). The amendment requires voter approval for any increase in mill levy or tax rates, new taxes, or creation of multi-year debt. Revenue earned in excess of the "spending limit" must be refunded or approved to be retained by the District under specified voting requirements by the entire electorate. During the year ended June 30, 1998, the voters of the District approved a ballot initiative permitting the District to retain, appropriate, and utilize, by retention for reserve, carryover fund balance, or expenditure, the full proceeds and revenues received from every source whatsoever, without limitation, in this fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years notwithstanding any limitation of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of TABOR. However, the District has made certain interpretations of TABOR's language in order to determine its compliance. The District has reserved funds in the General Fund in the amount of \$70,000 for the emergency reserve.

**Note M – Joint venture**

The District participates in the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). This joint venture does not meet the criteria for inclusion within the reporting entity because the BOCES:

- is financially independent and responsible for its own financing deficits and entitled to its own surpluses,
- has a separate governing board from that of the District,
- has a separate management which is responsible for the day to day operations and is accountable to the separate board,
- governing board and management have the ability to significantly influence operations by approving budgetary requests and adjustments, signing contracts, hiring personnel, exercising control over facilities and determining the outcome or disposition of matters affecting the recipients or services provided, and

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note M – Joint venture (Continued)**

- has absolute authority over all funds and fiscal responsibility including budgetary responsibility and reporting to state agencies and controls fiscal management.

The District has one member on the board. The board has final authority for all budgeting and financing of the joint venture.

Separate financial statements of the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services are available by contacting their administrative office in Limon, Colorado.

For the year, the District's contribution was \$60,779.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – PERA's School Division Trust Fund
- Schedule of District Contributions – PERA's School Division Trust Fund
- Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability – PERA's Health Care Trust Fund
- Schedule of District Contributions – PERA's Health Care Trust Fund



**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 891,000	\$ 894,435	\$ 989,786	\$ 95,351
Intermediate sources	90	90	91	1
State sources	1,239,507	1,291,275	1,417,909	126,634
Federal sources	178,900	224,000	247,679	23,679
Total revenues	2,309,497	2,409,800	2,655,465	245,665
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,090,060	1,188,386	1,429,211	(240,825)
Supporting services	1,186,670	1,217,670	1,306,726	(89,056)
Contingency reserve	66,020	238,944		238,944
Total expenditures	2,342,750	2,645,000	2,735,937	(90,937)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(33,253)	(235,200)	(80,472)	154,728
Other financing uses				
Transfers out	(230,000)	(280,000)	(280,000)	-
Net change in fund balance	\$ (263,253)	\$ (515,200)	(360,472)	\$ 154,728
Fund balance at beginning of year			2,226,921	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 1,866,449	

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**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**PERA's School Division Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2023**

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0154%	0.0169%	0.0167%	0.0167%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,811,731	\$ 1,962,326	\$ 2,527,024	\$ 2,495,745
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	819,367	224,956	-	316,554
Total	<u>\$ 3,631,098</u>	<u>\$ 2,187,282</u>	<u>\$ 2,527,024</u>	<u>\$ 2,812,299</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,189,699	\$ 1,053,839	\$ 893,583	\$ 981,404
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	236.34%	186.21%	282.80%	254.30%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.79%	74.86%	66.99%	64.52%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.

June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
0.0161%	0.0181%	0.0188%	0.0194%	0.0198%	0.0186%
\$ 2,847,091	\$ 5,868,667	\$ 5,611,189	\$ 2,973,639	\$ 2,681,194	\$ 2,370,581
389,300	-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 3,236,391</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,667</u>	<u>\$ 5,611,189</u>	<u>\$ 2,973,639</u>	<u>\$ 2,681,194</u>	<u>\$ 2,370,581</u>
\$ 883,940	\$ 837,181	\$ 845,843	\$ 847,313	\$ 828,744	\$ 749,242
322.09%	701.00%	663.38%	350.95%	323.52%	316.40%
57.01%	43.96%	43.10%	59.20%	62.84%	64.06%

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**PERA's School Division Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2023**

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	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Contractually required contribution	\$ 259,780	\$ 216,404	\$ 191,726	\$ 190,218
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(259,780)	(216,404)	(191,726)	(190,218)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,274,835	\$ 1,088,547	\$ 964,411	\$ 981,514
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.38%	19.88%	19.88%	19.38%

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June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
\$ 175,601	\$ 161,544	\$ 151,456	\$ 152,067	\$ 144,974	\$ 125,642
(175,601)	(161,544)	(151,456)	(152,067)	(144,974)	(125,642)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 917,934	\$ 855,494	\$ 823,952	\$ 857,418	\$ 859,007	\$ 786,060
19.13%	18.88%	18.38%	17.74%	16.88%	15.98%

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability <sup>1</sup>**  
**PERA's Health Care Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2023**

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0117%	0.0110%	0.0097%	0.0109%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 95,723	\$ 94,938	\$ 91,820	\$ 122,681
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,189,699	\$ 1,053,839	\$ 893,583	\$ 981,404
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	8.05%	9.01%	10.28%	12.50%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	38.57%	39.40%	32.78%	24.49%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup> Information is not available prior to June 30, 2017. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

Notes to schedule:

Effective for the December 31, 2022, measurement date, the timing of the retirement decrement was adjusted to middle-of-year within the valuation programming used to determine the TOL, reflecting a recommendation from the 2022 actuarial audit report, dated October 14, 2022, summarizing the results of the actuarial audit performed on the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation.

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June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
0.0105%	0.0103%	0.0107%
\$ 142,195	\$ 134,015	\$ 138,889
\$ 883,940	\$ 837,181	\$ 845,843
16.09%	16.01%	16.42%
17.03%	17.53%	16.72%



**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Schedule of District Contributions <sup>1</sup>**  
**PERA's Health Care Trust Fund**  
**June 30, 2023**

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Contractually required contribution	\$ 13,003	\$ 11,103	\$ 9,837	\$ 10,011
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(13,003)	(11,103)	(9,837)	(10,011)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,274,835	\$ 1,088,547	\$ 964,411	\$ 981,514
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

<sup>1</sup> Information is not available prior to June 30, 2017. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

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June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
\$ 9,363	\$ 8,726	\$ 8,404
(9,363)	(8,726)	(8,404)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 917,934	\$ 855,494	\$ 823,952
1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information**

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**Note A – Budgetary data**

The District adheres to the following procedures in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes, establishing the budgetary data in the financial statements:

1. Budgets are required by state law for all funds. Prior to May 31, the superintendent of schools submits to the board of education a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted by the board of education to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
4. Prior to January 31, the board of education submits its adopted annual budget to the department of education.
5. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Authorization to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund and reallocation of budget line items within any department in the General Fund rests with the superintendent of schools. Revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the board of education.
6. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
7. Budgeted amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted and as amended by the board of education throughout the year. After budget approval, the District board of education may approve supplemental appropriations if an occurrence, condition, or need exists which was not known at the time the budget was adopted.
8. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

**Note B – Factors affecting trends in amounts reported in the pension and OPEB schedules**

Information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amounts reported in the Schedules of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension and OPEB Liabilities and the Schedules of District Contributions is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

### **Other Supplementary Information**

Other supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

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### **Budgetary Comparison Schedules - General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for all transactions of the District not required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund represents an accounting of the District's ordinary operations financed primarily from property and specific ownership taxes and state aid. It is the most significant fund in relation to the District's overall operations. The schedules of revenues and expenditures are included to provide a greater level of detail to the reader of the financial statements.

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources				
Property taxes	\$ 750,000	\$ 748,752	\$ 792,609	\$ 43,857
Specific ownership taxes	75,000	79,683	89,567	9,884
Delinquent taxes and interest	1,500	1,500	1,426	(74)
Earnings on investments	3,500	3,500	59,521	56,021
Other local revenue	61,000	61,000	46,663	(14,337)
Total local sources	891,000	894,435	989,786	95,351
Intermediate sources	90	90	91	1
State sources				
Equalization	1,150,000	1,201,768	1,228,758	26,990
English language proficiency	2,000	2,000		(2,000)
Transportation	30,000	30,000	40,958	10,958
State grants to libraries	3,500	3,500	4,500	1,000
Small rural schools funding	45,757	45,757	45,757	-
Additional at-risk funding			625	625
READ Act	750	750	4,189	3,439
Vocational education	7,500	7,500	8,300	800
On-behalf payment			69,871	69,871
Services within the BOCES			14,951	14,951
Total state sources	1,239,507	1,291,275	1,417,909	126,634
Federal sources				
ARP ESSER III 90% allocation		130,000	52,317	(77,683)
ESSER II distribution 90%		25,100	25,344	244
ESSER	135,000	25,000	14,745	(10,255)
ARP ESSER III state set aside			3,000	3,000
ESF 10% discretionary			10,255	10,255
State library program			3,067	3,067
REAP	10,000	10,000	12,446	2,446
Revenue from other agencies			84,885	84,885
Services within the BOCES	33,900	33,900	41,620	7,720
Total federal sources	178,900	224,000	247,679	23,679
Total revenues	\$ 2,309,497	\$ 2,409,800	\$ 2,655,465	\$ 245,665

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**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Salaries	\$ 701,780	\$ 738,356	\$ 788,091	\$ (49,735)
Employee benefits	261,980	284,230	350,960	(66,730)
Purchased services	64,050	74,550	74,744	(194)
Supplies and materials	51,000	80,000	195,526	(115,526)
Property	5,000	5,000	11,187	(6,187)
Other	6,250	6,250	8,703	(2,453)
Total instruction	1,090,060	1,188,386	1,429,211	(240,825)
Supporting services				
Students				
Purchased services	7,500	7,500	130	7,370
Supplies and materials			1,663	(1,663)
Other			475	(475)
Total students	7,500	7,500	2,268	5,232
Instructional staff				
Salaries	13,720	14,720	15,942	(1,222)
Employee benefits	4,500	4,500	4,924	(424)
Purchased services	3,500	3,500	108	3,392
Supplies and materials	5,500	5,500	11,811	(6,311)
Total instructional staff	27,220	28,220	32,785	(4,565)
General administration				
Salaries	100,000	103,000	103,700	(700)
Employee benefits	50,000	55,000	52,045	2,955
Purchased services	145,150	145,650	162,574	(16,924)
Supplies and materials	4,000	4,000	5,210	(1,210)
Property	500	500		500
Other	20,650	20,650	20,760	(110)
Total general administration	320,300	328,800	344,289	(15,489)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
School administration				
Salaries	73,000	73,000	59,715	13,285
Employee benefits	15,900	15,900	24,577	(8,677)
Purchased services			57	(57)
Supplies and materials	1,000	1,000	2,030	(1,030)
Total school administration	89,900	89,900	86,379	3,521
Business services				
Salaries	50,150	55,150	56,703	(1,553)
Employee benefits	28,500	28,500	25,062	3,438
Purchased services	750	750	1,756	(1,006)
Supplies and materials	1,500	1,500	1,227	273
Other	500	500	3,729	(3,229)
Total business services	81,400	86,400	88,477	(2,077)
Operations and maintenance				
Salaries	73,500	90,000	129,595	(39,595)
Employee benefits	36,500	36,500	59,986	(23,486)
Purchased services	55,000	55,000	48,510	6,490
Supplies and materials	182,500	182,500	185,208	(2,708)
Other			89	(89)
Total operations and maintenance	347,500	364,000	423,388	(59,388)
Student transportation				
Salaries	72,500	72,500	67,673	4,827
Employee benefits	32,000	32,000	23,549	8,451
Purchased services	20,100	20,100	17,156	2,944
Supplies and materials	45,000	45,000	50,308	(5,308)
Other			110	(110)
Total student transportation	169,600	169,600	158,796	10,804

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**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

(continued)	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Central support services				
Purchased services	143,250	143,250	147,176	(3,926)
Total central support services	143,250	143,250	147,176	(3,926)
Food service operations				
Salaries			1,500	(1,500)
Property			21,668	(21,668)
Total food service operations	-	-	23,168	(23,168)
Total supporting services	1,186,670	1,217,670	1,306,726	(89,056)
Contingency reserve	66,020	238,944		238,944
Total expenditures	\$ 2,342,750	\$ 2,645,000	\$ 2,735,937	\$ (90,937)

## **Budgetary Comparison Schedules - Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

The District reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Special Revenue Funds – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

- Food Service Fund – This fund is used to record financial transactions related to the District's food service operations.
- Pupil Activity Fund – This fund is used to record transactions related to school-sponsored pupil organizations and activities.

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2023**

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Totals
Assets			
Cash	\$ 28,078	\$ 160,388	\$ 188,466
Grant receivables	4,317		4,317
Other receivables	3,292		3,292
Inventories	2,166		2,166
Total assets	<u>\$ 37,853</u>	<u>\$ 160,388</u>	<u>\$ 198,241</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 28	\$ 3,113	\$ 3,141
Due to other funds		595	595
Accrued salaries and benefits	1,933		1,933
Unearned revenues	4,525		4,525
Total liabilities	6,486	3,708	10,194
Fund balance			
Nonspendable inventories	2,166		2,166
Restricted for food service operations	29,201		29,201
Committed to pupil activities		156,680	156,680
Total fund balance	<u>31,367</u>	<u>156,680</u>	<u>188,047</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 37,853</u>	<u>\$ 160,388</u>	<u>\$ 198,241</u>

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2****Nonmajor Governmental Funds****Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance****For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Food Service Fund	Pupil Activity Fund	Totals
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 29,824	\$ 157,362	\$ 187,186
State sources	985		985
Federal sources	53,335		53,335
Total revenues	84,144	157,362	241,506
Expenditures			
Instruction		122,232	122,232
Supporting services	135,366		135,366
Total expenditures	135,366	122,232	257,598
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(51,222)	35,130	(16,092)
Other financing sources			
Transfers in	80,000		80,000
Net change in fund balances	28,778	35,130	63,908
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,589	121,550	124,139
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 31,367	\$ 156,680	\$ 188,047

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Food Service Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 29,824	\$ (6,176)
State sources	600	600	985	385
Federal sources		30,000	53,335	23,335
Total revenues	36,600	66,600	84,144	17,544
Expenditures				
Food service operations				
Salaries	36,200	36,200	32,374	3,826
Employee benefits	13,250	13,250	9,127	4,123
Supplies and materials	67,350	73,350	93,865	(20,515)
Contingency reserve		27,200		27,200
Total expenditures	116,800	150,000	135,366	14,634
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(80,200)	(83,400)	(51,222)	32,178
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	80,000	80,000	80,000	-
Net change in fund balance	\$ (200)	\$ (3,400)	28,778	\$ 32,178
Fund balance at beginning of year			2,589	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 31,367	

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Pupil Activity Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Pupil activities	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 157,362	\$ 57,362
Total revenues	100,000	100,000	157,362	57,362
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Purchased services	100,000	50,000	47,469	2,531
Supplies and materials		75,000	72,963	2,037
Other		25,000	1,800	23,200
Total expenditures	100,000	150,000	122,232	27,768
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	35,130	\$ 85,130
Fund balance at beginning of year			121,550	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 156,680	



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## **Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Capital Projects Fund**

The District reports the following major capital projects fund:

Capital Projects Fund – These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

- Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund – This fund was established to account for and report financial resources that have been designated for capital outlays acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets.

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Local sources		\$ 170,176		\$ (170,176)
Total revenues	\$ -	170,176	\$ -	(170,176)
Expenditures				
Capital outlay				
Purchased services	50,000	50,000	62,238	(12,238)
Property	110,000	335,000	63,862	271,138
Total expenditures	160,000	385,000	126,100	258,900
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(160,000)	(214,824)	(126,100)	88,724
Other financing sources				
Proceeds from the sale of assets			102,677	102,677
Transfers in	150,000	200,000	200,000	-
Total other financing sources	150,000	200,000	302,677	102,677
Net change in fund balance	\$ (10,000)	\$ (14,824)	176,577	\$ 191,401
Fund balance at beginning of year			16,736	
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 193,313	

### **Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Fiduciary Fund**

These funds focus on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds.

Private-purpose trust funds – These funds are used to report trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

- Scholarship Trust Fund – This fund is used to record the financial transactions related to the administration of a scholarship trust that is used to award scholarships to area students.

**ARICKAREE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-2**  
**Scholarship Trust Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Contributions and earnings	\$ 505	\$ 505	\$ 5	\$ (500)
Total revenues	505	505	5	(500)
Expenditures				
Scholarship awards	1,000	1,000		1,000
Total expenditures	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Change in net position	\$ (495)	\$ (495)	5	\$ 500
Net position at beginning of year			4,999	
Net position at end of year			\$ 5,004	

**Colorado Department of Education  
Supplementary Schedule**

Auditors' integrity report – This fiscal-year report is required by the Colorado Department of Education to maintain statewide consistency in financial reporting. This report is also used to gather financial data that could affect future state funding.



**Colorado Department of Education**  
**Auditors Integrity Report**  
District: 3040 - Arickaree R-2  
Fiscal Year 2022-23  
Colorado School District/BOCES

Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Fund

Fund Type & Number	Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	+	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	=	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
<b>Governmental</b>						
10 General Fund	2,226,680		2,228,465	2,588,761		1,866,384
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	241		147,000	147,176		65
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	0		0	0		0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2,226,921</b>		<b>2,375,465</b>	<b>2,735,937</b>		<b>1,866,449</b>
11 Charter School Fund	0		0	0		0
20,26-29 Special Revenue Fund	0		0	0		0
06 Supplemental Cap Const. Tech. Main. Fund	0		0	0		0
07 Total Program Reserve Fund	0		0	0		0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	2,589		164,144	135,367		31,367
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0		0	0		0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	121,550		157,362	122,232		156,680
25 Transportation Fund	0		0	0		0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	0		0	0		0
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0		0	0		0
41 Building Fund	0		0	0		0
42 Special Building Fund	0		0	0		0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	16,736		302,677	126,100		193,313
46 Supplemental Cap Const. Tech. Main Fund	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,367,797</b>		<b>2,995,649</b>	<b>3,115,636</b>		<b>2,247,809</b>
<b>Proprietary</b>						
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0		0	0		0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0		0	0		0
60,65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Fiduciary</b>						
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0		0	0		0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	4,999		5	0		5,004
73 Agency Fund	0		0	0		0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0		0	0		0
79 GASB 34/Permanent Fund	0		0	0		0
85 Foundations	0		0	0		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,999</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>5,004</b>
<b>FINAL</b>						