

**GATES COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Gatesville, North Carolina**

*Financial Statements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2024*

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Gates County Board of Education  
Gatesville, North Carolina

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

#### **Opinions**

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Gates County Board of Education, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, State Public School, Federal Grants and Other Specific Revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Gates County Board of Education 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 Gates County Board of Education's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Gates County Board of Education'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 Gates County Board of Education'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 Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 10 and the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, OPEB Liabilities (Assets) and the Schedules of Board Contributions on pages 48 through 53, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Gates County Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying individual fund budgetary schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act 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 individual fund budgetary schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 23, 2024, on our consideration of the Gates County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Gates County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Gates County Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

September 23, 2024  
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## **GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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This section of the Gates County Board of Education's (the "Board") financial report represents our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2024. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in this report.

### ***Financial Highlights***

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Board's total government-wide net position decreased by \$57 thousand. Governmental activities net position decreased by \$112 thousand and business-type activities net position increased by \$55 thousand.
- Total government-wide net investment in capital assets decreased by \$197 thousand from the prior year.
- Total governmental activities restricted net position increased by \$54 thousand over the prior year, while unrestricted net position increased by \$22 thousand.

### ***Overview of the Financial Statements***

The audited financial statements of the Gates County Board of Education consist of five components. They are as follows:

- *Independent Auditor's Report*
- *Management's Discussion and Analysis (required supplementary information)*
- *Basic Financial Statements*
- *Required supplemental section that presents the Schedules of the Board's Proportionate Share of Net Pension and OPEB Liabilities (Assets) and the Schedules of Board Contributions.*
- *Supplementary section that presents budgetary schedules for governmental and enterprise funds.*

The *Basic Financial Statements* include two types of statements that present different views of the Board's finances. The first is the *Government-wide Statements*. The government-wide statements are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting and include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. The statement of net position includes all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Assets and liabilities are classified in the order of relative liquidity for assets and due date for liabilities. This statement provides a summary of the Board's investment in assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and obligations to creditors. Liquidity and financial flexibility can be evaluated using the information contained in this statement. The statement of activities summarizes the Board's revenues and expenses for the current year. A net (expense) revenue format is used to indicate to what extent each function is self-sufficient.

The second set of statements included in the basic financial statements is the *Fund Financial Statements*, which are presented for the Board's governmental funds and proprietary funds. These statements present the governmental funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting, measuring the near-term inflows and outflows of financial resources and what is available at year-end to spend in the next fiscal year. The proprietary funds are presented on the full accrual basis of accounting. The fund financial statements focus on the Board's most significant funds. Because a different basis of accounting is used in the government-wide statements, reconciliation from the governmental fund financial statements to the government-wide statements is required. The government-wide statements provide information about the Board as an economic unit while the fund financial statements provide information on each of the financial resources of each of the Board's major funds.

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## **Government-wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the unit as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Board's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Board's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Board's assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. This is one way to measure the unit's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Board's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.
- To assess the Board's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of its school buildings and other physical assets.

The unit's activities are divided into two categories in the government-wide statements:

- *Governmental activities:* Most of the Board's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. County funding and State and federal aid finance most of these activities.
- *Business-type activities:* The Board charges fees to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. School food service is included here.

The government-wide statements are shown as Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Board's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the unit as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Board uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds are required by State law, such as the State Public School Fund.
- The Board has established other funds to control and manage money for a particular purpose or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as in the Federal Grants Fund.

Gates County Board of Education has two types of funds:

*Governmental funds:* Most of the Board's basic services are included in the governmental funds, which generally focus on two things – 1) how cash and other assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and 2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. As a result of this focus, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the coming year to finance the Board's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental fund statements, in the form of a reconciliation, explains the relationship (or differences) between the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The Board has several governmental funds: the General Fund, the State Public School Fund, the Federal Grants Fund, the Other Special Revenue Fund, the Capital Outlay Fund and the Individual Schools Fund. The governmental fund statements are shown as Exhibits 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this report.

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*Proprietary funds:* Services for which the Board charges a fee are generally reported in the proprietary funds. The proprietary fund statements are reported on the same full accrual basis of accounting as the government-wide statements. The Gates County Board of Education has two proprietary funds - both enterprise funds – the School Food Service Fund and the Child Care Fund. The proprietary fund statements are shown as Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 of this report.

**Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole**

Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded total assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$5.7 million as of June 30, 2024 as compared to \$5.6 million as of June 30, 2023, for a slight decline of \$57 thousand.

Following is a summary of the Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

**Table 1  
Condensed Statement of Net Position  
As of June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23
Current and other assets	\$ 1,840,872	\$ 1,463,707	\$ 208,041	\$ 320,273	\$ 2,048,913	\$ 1,783,980
Capital assets	18,655,027	18,777,885	52,817	61,833	18,707,844	18,839,718
Total assets	<u>20,495,899</u>	<u>20,241,592</u>	<u>260,858</u>	<u>382,106</u>	<u>20,756,757</u>	<u>20,623,698</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	11,944,488	10,640,501	374,559	424,017	12,319,047	11,064,518
Current liabilities	842,922	673,216	46,781	27,107	889,703	700,323
Long-term liabilities	31,344,304	27,419,484	994,396	1,098,142	32,338,700	28,517,626
Total liabilities	<u>32,187,226</u>	<u>28,092,700</u>	<u>1,041,177</u>	<u>1,125,249</u>	<u>33,228,403</u>	<u>29,217,949</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	5,360,021	7,783,755	168,084	310,175	5,528,105	8,093,930
Net investment in capital assets	18,445,107	18,633,483	52,817	61,833	18,497,924	18,695,316
Restricted net position	369,234	315,729	-	-	369,234	315,729
Unrestricted net position (deficit)	<u>(23,921,201)</u>	<u>(23,943,574)</u>	<u>(626,661)</u>	<u>(691,134)</u>	<u>(24,547,862)</u>	<u>(24,634,708)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (5,106,860)</u>	<u>\$ (4,994,362)</u>	<u>\$ (573,844)</u>	<u>\$ (629,301)</u>	<u>\$ (5,680,704)</u>	<u>\$ (5,623,663)</u>

Net position is an indicator of the fiscal health of the Board. The net position of the Board's governmental activities decreased \$112 thousand during the year, from \$(5.0) million at June 30, 2023 to \$(5.1) million at June 30, 2024, indicating a decline in the financial condition of the Board. Restricted net position increased by \$54 thousand while unrestricted net position increased \$22 thousand over the prior year. Net investment in capital assets decreased \$188 thousand due to an excess of depreciation and amortization expense over capital additions for the year. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relate entirely to the pension and OPEB plans which the Board participates in. The Board is required to record its proportionate share of these items along with its proportionate share of the plan liabilities. See Note 2 of the financial statements for more details regarding these plans.

Net position of the Board's business-type activities increased \$55 thousand during the year. This increase is the combined net profit generated by our school food service and child care operations during the 2024 fiscal year.

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The following table shows the revenues and expenses of the Board for the current and prior fiscal years:

**Table 2  
Condensed Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 573,850	\$ 528,301	\$ 499,097	\$ 555,122	\$ 1,072,947	\$ 1,083,423
Operating grants and contributions	16,852,683	15,974,431	742,311	747,494	17,594,994	16,721,925
Capital grants and contributions	161,512	49,248	-	-	161,512	49,248
General revenues:						
County appropriations	3,187,742	3,981,000	-	-	3,187,742	3,981,000
State appropriations	4,215,999	2,350,461	-	-	4,215,999	2,350,461
Other revenues	465,335	770,663	24,184	95,457	489,519	866,120
Total revenues	<u>25,457,121</u>	<u>23,654,104</u>	<u>1,265,592</u>	<u>1,398,073</u>	<u>26,722,713</u>	<u>25,052,177</u>
Expenses:						
Governmental activities:						
Instructional services	16,886,425	15,318,842	-	-	16,886,425	15,318,842
System-wide support services	7,490,612	5,287,831	-	-	7,490,612	5,287,831
Ancillary services	369,360	344,787	-	-	369,360	344,787
Payments to other governments	23,137	23,187	-	-	23,137	23,187
Interest on long-term debt	2,585	4,191	-	-	2,585	4,191
Unallocated depreciation	678,207	679,116	-	-	678,207	679,116
Business-type activities:						
School food service	-	-	1,018,671	1,222,517	1,018,671	1,222,517
Child care	-	-	310,757	418,558	310,757	418,558
Total expenses	<u>25,450,326</u>	<u>21,657,954</u>	<u>1,329,428</u>	<u>1,641,075</u>	<u>26,779,754</u>	<u>23,299,029</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over expenses before transfers	6,795	1,996,150	(63,836)	(243,002)	(57,041)	1,753,148
Transfers in (out)	(119,293)	(45,096)	119,293	45,096	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	(112,498)	1,951,054	55,457	(197,906)	(57,041)	1,753,148
Beginning net position (deficit)	(4,994,362)	(6,945,416)	(629,301)	(431,395)	(5,623,663)	(7,376,811)
Ending net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (5,106,860)</u>	<u>\$ (4,994,362)</u>	<u>\$ (573,844)</u>	<u>\$ (629,301)</u>	<u>\$ (5,680,704)</u>	<u>\$ (5,623,663)</u>

Total governmental activities generated revenues of \$25.5 million while expenses in this category also totaled \$25.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2024, resulting in a decrease in net position of \$112 thousand (including transfers to business-type activities of \$119 thousand). Comparatively, revenues were \$23.7 million, expenses totaled \$21.7 million and transfers out were \$45 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2023, resulting in an increase in net position of \$2.0 million. In comparing the two years, revenues increased \$1.8 million, or 7.6%, while expenses increased \$3.8 million, or 17.5%. The increases in revenues was primarily due to the receipt \$2.0 million of State Lottery Capital Funds used for various capital improvement needs throughout the district. Expenses were also significantly impacted by a \$2.9 million year-over-year increase in pension and OPEB expenses due to changes in actuarial valuations and allocation percentages.

The Board's primary sources of revenues were funding from the State of North Carolina, Gates County, and the United States Government, which respectively comprised 72.9%, 13.6% and 8.3% of our total revenues. As would be expected, the major component of our expenses was instructional services which

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accounted for 66.4% of our total expenses during the most recent fiscal year. Of the remaining 33.6% of our total expenses, 29.4% was attributable to system-wide support services.

Our business-type activities generated revenues of \$1.3 million, expenses of \$1.3 million and reported transfers in from governmental activities of \$119 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2024. For the year, net position increased by \$55 thousand. Comparatively, revenues were \$1.4 million, expenses were \$1.6 million and transfers in from governmental activities totaled \$45 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2023, resulting in a decrease in net position of \$198 thousand. In comparing the two periods, revenues decreased \$132 thousand while expenses decreased \$312 thousand. Revenues were down due to a decline in food sales and child care fees. The change in expenses was largely attributable to a year-over-year decrease of \$245 thousand in pension and OPEB expenses due to changes in actuarial valuations and allocation percentages.

### ***Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds***

*Governmental Funds:* The focus of Gates County Board of Education's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Board's financing requirements.

The Board's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1.7 million at June 30, 2024, an increase of \$283 thousand over the amount reported at June 30, 2023. Revenues were \$25.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$23.7 million in the prior year, an increase of \$1.8 million, or 7.6%. Expenditures were \$25.3 million for the current year, compared to \$23.7 million in the prior year, an increase of \$1.6 million, or 6.8%. The increases in both revenues and expenditures were primarily due to the receipt and expenditure of \$2.0 million of State Lottery Capital Funds used for various capital improvement needs throughout the district.

The Board's General Fund reported an increase in fund balance of \$312 thousand during the 2023-2024 year compared to an increase of \$70 thousand in the 2022-2023 year. Revenues were comparable to the prior year, increasing slightly by \$2 thousand. Expenditures decreased by \$1.1 million from the prior year, primarily due to reductions in instructional and system-wide support services costs.

The State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund do not carry fund balance. All revenues are expended in the year received. Combined revenues and expenditures in these funds increased by \$607 thousand over the previous year, primarily due to increased funding received through the State Public School Fund used largely for instructional services.

The Other Specific Revenue Fund reported fund balance of \$145 thousand at June 30, 2024, a slight decrease for the year of \$8 thousand compared to an increase of \$38 thousand for the 2023 year. Overall, activity was comparable to the prior year.

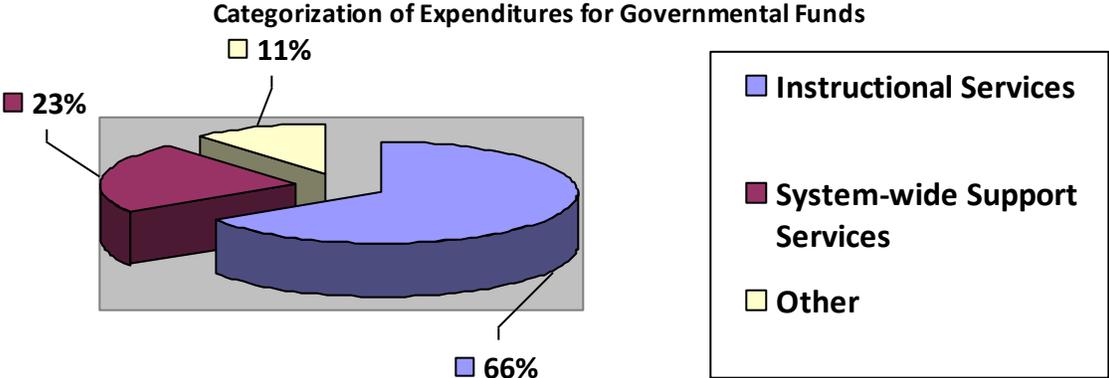
The Capital Outlay Fund reported fund balance of \$14 thousand at June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$30 thousand for the year. The district received increased funding from the State in 2024 over 2023 of \$1.8 million. This funding was used for various capital improvement needs throughout the district

The Individual Schools Fund reported fund balance of \$203 thousand at June 30, 2024, an increase for the year of \$8 thousand compared to an increase of \$6 thousand for the 2023 year. Both revenues and expenditures increased comparably due to school activities returning to more normal, pre-pandemic levels.

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The following chart summarizes governmental fund expenditures:



Expenditures presented on modified accrual basis of accounting.

*Proprietary Funds:* The Board’s business-type funds, the School Food Service and Child Care funds, reported a combined increase in net position of \$55 thousand for the current year compared to a combined decrease of \$198 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2023. See the section above *Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole*, for more detailed discussion regarding School Food Service and Child Care program operating results for the year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of a year, the Board will revise the budget, as necessary, to account for changes in revenue expectations and program allocations. Due to some State and federal revenue sources being uncertain at the start of the year, management budgeted \$375 thousand of fund balance in case it was needed to cover instructional or system-wide support service costs that could not be paid from State or federal funds. However, the Board was able to add \$312 thousand to fund balance due to actual expenditures being \$686 thousand under budget for the year. Variances between actual expenditures and final budget amounts relate to conservative budgeting practices and cost containment strategies implemented by the district.

**Capital Assets**

Total primary government capital assets were \$18.7 million at June 30, 2024 compared to \$18.8 million at June 30, 2023, a decrease of 0.7%. This decrease was due an excess of depreciation and amortization expense over capital additions for the year. More detailed information about the Board’s capital assets is contained in Note 2 to the financial statements.

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The following is a summary of the Board's capital assets, net of depreciation, at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

**Table 3  
Summary of Capital Assets  
As of June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/23
Right to use asset	\$ 45,195	\$ 90,390	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,195	\$ 90,390
Land	65,470	65,470	-	-	65,470	65,470
Construction in progress	101,930	-	-	-	101,930	-
Buildings	17,266,584	17,918,299	-	-	17,266,584	17,918,299
Building improvements	14,185	15,541	-	-	14,185	15,541
Equipment and furniture	135,040	119,451	52,817	61,833	187,857	181,284
Vehicles	1,026,623	568,734	-	-	1,026,623	568,734
Total	<u>\$ 18,655,027</u>	<u>\$ 18,777,885</u>	<u>\$ 52,817</u>	<u>\$ 61,833</u>	<u>\$ 18,707,844</u>	<u>\$ 18,839,718</u>

**Debt Outstanding**

During the current year, the Board's long-term debt increased by \$66 thousand. The Board is limited by North Carolina General Statutes with regards to the types of debt it can issue and for what purpose that debt can be used. More detailed information about the Board's outstanding debt is contained in the Note 2 to the financial statements.

**Economic Factors**

County funding is a major source of income for the Board; therefore, the County's economic outlook directly affects the school district. The following factors have affected the economic outlook of Gates County:

- As of June 30, 2024, Gates County experienced an unemployment rate of 3.6% as compared to an unemployment rate of 3.4% at June 30, 2023. The unemployment rate for the State of North Carolina at June 30, 2024 was 4.1 %.
- The Board continues to move forward on building improvements and expansions when made necessary by changes in enrollments and other needs. The Board is working diligently with the Gates County Board of Commissioners to find ways to fund these needs through the use of available funding sources.

**Requests for Information**

This report is intended to provide a summary of the financial condition of Gates County Board of Education. Questions or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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Gates County Board of Education  
205 Main Street  
Gatesville, NC 27938

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 1**

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,790,782	\$ 189,356	\$ 1,980,138
Due from other governments	-	13,455	13,455
Receivables	90	257	347
Internal balances	50,000	(50,000)	-
Inventories	-	54,973	54,973
Capital assets:			
Right to use leased assets, net of amortization	45,195	-	45,195
Land and construction in progress	167,400	-	167,400
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	18,442,432	52,817	18,495,249
Total capital assets	18,655,027	52,817	18,707,844
 Total assets	 20,495,899	 260,858	 20,756,757
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension and OPEB plans	11,944,488	374,559	12,319,047
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	56,039	26	56,065
Unearned revenue	93,995	20,597	114,592
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	692,888	26,158	719,046
Due in more than one year	31,344,304	994,396	32,338,700
 Total liabilities	 32,187,226	 1,041,177	 33,228,403
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Pension and OPEB plans	5,360,021	168,084	5,528,105
<b>Net position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	18,445,107	52,817	18,497,924
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by State statute	50,090	-	50,090
School capital outlay	14,442	-	14,442
Instructional services	96,923	-	96,923
Community Center	4,789	-	4,789
Individual schools activities	202,990	-	202,990
Unrestricted (deficit)	(23,921,201)	(626,661)	(24,547,862)
 Total net position (deficit)	 \$ (5,106,860)	 \$ (573,844)	 \$ (5,680,704)

*The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 2**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	\$ 8,932,756	\$ -	\$ 8,411,071	\$ -	\$ (521,685)	\$ -	\$ (521,685)
Special populations	2,561,388	-	2,211,983	-	(349,405)	-	(349,405)
Alternative programs	1,579,102	-	1,481,355	-	(97,747)	-	(97,747)
School leadership	1,588,224	-	1,148,970	-	(439,254)	-	(439,254)
Co-curricular	533,544	422,435	-	-	(111,109)	-	(111,109)
School-based support	1,691,411	-	1,134,670	-	(556,741)	-	(556,741)
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	205,689	-	95,148	-	(110,541)	-	(110,541)
Special population support and development	102,724	-	59,090	-	(43,634)	-	(43,634)
Alternative programs and services support and development	17,434	-	17,250	-	(184)	-	(184)
Technology support	453,346	-	67,817	-	(385,529)	-	(385,529)
Operational support	4,933,241	151,415	1,277,981	161,512	(3,342,333)	-	(3,342,333)
Financial and human resource services	823,652	-	283,288	-	(540,364)	-	(540,364)
Accountability	120,710	-	86,240	-	(34,470)	-	(34,470)
System-wide pupil support	123,732	-	113,123	-	(10,609)	-	(10,609)
Policy, leadership and public relations	710,084	-	313,544	-	(396,540)	-	(396,540)
Ancillary services	369,360	-	135,754	-	(233,606)	-	(233,606)
Payments to other governments	23,137	-	15,399	-	(7,738)	-	(7,738)
Interest on long-term debt	2,585	-	-	-	(2,585)	-	(2,585)
Unallocated depreciation expense**	678,207	-	-	-	(678,207)	-	(678,207)
Total governmental activities	<u>25,450,326</u>	<u>573,850</u>	<u>16,852,683</u>	<u>161,512</u>	<u>(7,862,281)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,862,281)</u>
Business-type activities:							
School food service	1,018,671	184,167	734,302	-	-	(100,202)	(100,202)
Child care	310,757	314,930	8,009	-	-	12,182	12,182
Total business-type activities	<u>1,329,428</u>	<u>499,097</u>	<u>742,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(88,020)</u>	<u>(88,020)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 26,779,754</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,947</u>	<u>\$ 17,594,994</u>	<u>\$ 161,512</u>	<u>(7,862,281)</u>	<u>(88,020)</u>	<u>(7,950,301)</u>
			General revenues:				
			Unrestricted county appropriations - operating		2,953,000	-	2,953,000
			Unrestricted county appropriations - capital		234,742	-	234,742
			Unrestricted State appropriations - operating		2,230,080	-	2,230,080
			Unrestricted State appropriations - capital		1,985,919	-	1,985,919
			Investment earnings, unrestricted		215	115	330
			Miscellaneous, unrestricted		465,120	24,069	489,189
			Transfers		(119,293)	119,293	-
			Total general revenues and transfers		<u>7,749,783</u>	<u>143,477</u>	<u>7,893,260</u>
			Change in net position		(112,498)	55,457	(57,041)
			Net position (deficit) - beginning		(4,994,362)	(629,301)	(5,623,663)
			Net position (deficit) - ending		<u>\$ (5,106,860)</u>	<u>\$ (573,844)</u>	<u>\$ (5,680,704)</u>

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

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## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 3**

	Major Funds						Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Other Specific Revenue	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,332,238	\$ 93,805	\$ -	\$ 147,307	\$ 14,442	\$ 202,990	\$ 1,790,782
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	90	-	-	90
Due from other funds	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,382,238</u>	<u>\$ 93,805</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 147,397</u>	<u>\$ 14,442</u>	<u>\$ 202,990</u>	<u>\$ 1,840,872</u>
<b>Liabilities and fund balances</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 53,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,218	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,039
Unearned revenue	-	93,805	-	190	-	-	93,995
Total liabilities	<u>53,821</u>	<u>93,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,034</u>
Fund balances:							
Restricted:							
Stabilization by State statute	50,000	-	-	90	-	-	50,090
School capital outlay	-	-	-	-	14,442	-	14,442
Instructional services	-	-	-	96,923	-	-	96,923
Community Center	-	-	-	4,789	-	-	4,789
Individual schools	-	-	-	-	-	202,990	202,990
Assigned:							
Subsequent year's expenditures	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	250,000
Special revenues	-	-	-	43,187	-	-	43,187
Unassigned	1,028,417	-	-	-	-	-	1,028,417
Total fund balances	<u>1,328,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,989</u>	<u>14,442</u>	<u>202,990</u>	<u>1,690,838</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,382,238</u>	<u>\$ 93,805</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 147,397</u>	<u>\$ 14,442</u>	<u>\$ 202,990</u>	<u>\$ 1,840,872</u>

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 3 (continued)**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 1,690,838
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	18,655,027
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	7,261,781
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	4,682,707
Some liabilities, including those for compensated absences, installment purchases and leases are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(1,568,415)
Net pension liability	(12,400,226)
Net OPEB liability	(18,068,551)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(275,806)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(5,084,215)</u>
Net position (deficit) of governmental activities	<u>\$ (5,106,860)</u>

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 4**

	Major Funds						Total Governmental Funds
	General	State Public School	Federal Grants	Other Specific Revenue	Capital Outlay	Individual Schools	
Revenues:							
State of North Carolina	\$ -	\$ 16,062,832	\$ -	\$ 355,874	\$ 2,147,431	\$ -	\$ 18,566,137
Gates County:							
Local current expense	2,953,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,953,000
Other	-	-	-	274,535	234,742	-	509,277
U.S. Government	-	-	2,091,518	18,417	-	-	2,109,935
Contributions and donations	-	-	-	670	-	-	670
Other	36,085	-	-	876,402	215	422,435	1,335,137
Total revenues	<u>2,989,085</u>	<u>16,062,832</u>	<u>2,091,518</u>	<u>1,525,898</u>	<u>2,382,388</u>	<u>422,435</u>	<u>25,474,156</u>
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Instructional services:							
Regular instructional	224,048	8,036,952	420,890	106,260	-	-	8,788,150
Special populations	20,620	1,550,350	660,248	309,925	-	-	2,541,143
Alternative programs	3,512	521,944	826,942	210,001	-	-	1,562,399
School leadership	57,586	1,453,296	18,808	40,333	-	-	1,570,023
Co-curricular	120,051	-	-	-	-	413,965	534,016
School-based support	40,784	1,410,014	13,089	210,196	-	-	1,674,083
System-wide support services:							
Support and development	72,127	128,840	1,000	1,256	-	-	203,223
Special population support and development	39,169	46,136	12,954	2,422	-	-	100,681
Alternative programs and services support and development	-	-	17,250	-	-	-	17,250
Technology support	95,198	344,497	4,949	4,839	-	-	449,483
Operational support	1,487,064	1,327,369	28,722	157,919	273,776	-	3,274,850
Financial and human resource services	231,124	551,500	33,969	2,056	-	-	818,649
Accountability	31,376	86,376	-	1,123	-	-	118,875
System-wide pupil support	5,590	113,123	-	3,468	-	-	122,181
Policy, leadership and public relations	225,174	373,142	20,837	85,407	-	-	704,560
Ancillary services	198	-	16,461	349,016	-	-	365,675
Non-programmed charges	23,137	-	15,399	-	-	-	38,536
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	-	-	-	46,746	161,512	-	208,258
Interest and fees	-	-	-	2,585	-	-	2,585
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	2,250,546	-	2,250,546
Total expenditures	<u>2,676,758</u>	<u>15,943,539</u>	<u>2,091,518</u>	<u>1,533,552</u>	<u>2,685,834</u>	<u>413,965</u>	<u>25,345,166</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>312,327</u>	<u>119,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,654)</u>	<u>(303,446)</u>	<u>8,470</u>	<u>128,990</u>
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers to other funds	-	(119,293)	-	-	-	-	(119,293)
Installment purchase obligations issued	-	-	-	-	273,776	-	273,776
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(119,293)	-	-	273,776	-	154,483
Net change in fund balance	312,327	-	-	(7,654)	(29,670)	8,470	283,473
Fund balances:							
Beginning of year	1,016,090	-	-	152,643	44,112	194,520	1,407,365
End of year	<u>\$ 1,328,417</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 144,989</u>	<u>\$ 14,442</u>	<u>\$ 202,990</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,838</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 5**

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 283,473
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which depreciation and amortization exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	(122,858)
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	2,125,871
Contributions to the OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	874,224
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	23,714
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	(65,518)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Pension (expense) benefit	(3,275,231)
OPEB (expense) benefit	(15,771)
Compensated absences	<u>59,598</u>
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (112,498)</u>

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** **Exhibit 6**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
Gates County	\$ 2,953,000	\$ 2,953,000	\$ 2,953,000	-
Other	35,000	35,000	36,085	1,085
Total revenues	<u>2,988,000</u>	<u>2,988,000</u>	<u>2,989,085</u>	<u>1,085</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	824,395	842,395	466,601	375,794
System-wide support services	2,518,605	2,480,605	2,186,822	293,783
Ancillary services	-	10,000	198	9,802
Nonprogrammed charges	20,000	30,000	23,137	6,863
Total expenditures	<u>3,363,000</u>	<u>3,363,000</u>	<u>2,676,758</u>	<u>686,242</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(375,000)	(375,000)	312,327	687,327
Fund balance appropriated	<u>375,000</u>	<u>375,000</u>	-	<u>(375,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	312,327	<u>\$ 312,327</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>1,016,090</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 1,328,417</u>	

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Exhibit 6 (continued)**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	State Public School Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 15,834,044	\$ 16,450,215	\$ 16,062,832	\$ (387,383)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	12,754,264	13,176,626	12,972,556	204,070
System-wide support services	3,023,952	3,153,444	2,970,983	182,461
Total expenditures	15,778,216	16,330,070	15,943,539	386,531
Revenues over expenditures	55,828	120,145	119,293	(852)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers to other funds	(55,828)	(120,145)	(119,293)	852
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			\$ -	

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** **Exhibit 6 (continued)**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Federal Grants Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
U.S. Government	\$ 2,582,559	\$ 2,607,198	\$ 2,091,518	\$ (515,680)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	2,025,992	2,252,566	1,939,977	312,589
System-wide support services	247,436	230,311	119,681	110,630
Ancillary services	36,640	36,640	16,461	20,179
Nonprogrammed charges	<u>272,491</u>	<u>87,681</u>	<u>15,399</u>	<u>72,282</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,582,559</u>	<u>2,607,198</u>	<u>2,091,518</u>	<u>515,680</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			-	
End of year			<u>\$ -</u>	

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Exhibit 6 (continued)*

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**GENERAL FUND AND ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Other Specific Revenue Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:				
State of North Carolina	\$ 435,499	\$ 540,175	\$ 355,874	\$ (184,301)
Gates County	290,386	290,386	274,535	(15,851)
U.S. Government	70,119	35,287	18,417	(16,870)
Contributions and donations	26,100	26,100	670	(25,430)
Other	<u>760,026</u>	<u>1,128,995</u>	<u>876,402</u>	<u>(252,593)</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,582,130</u>	<u>2,020,943</u>	<u>1,525,898</u>	<u>(495,045)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instructional services	905,157	1,332,328	876,715	455,613
System-wide support services	339,237	302,907	258,490	44,417
Ancillary services	<u>362,736</u>	<u>362,736</u>	<u>349,016</u>	<u>13,720</u>
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	46,746	46,746	-
Interest and fees	-	<u>2,585</u>	<u>2,585</u>	-
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>49,331</u>	<u>49,331</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,607,130</u>	<u>2,047,302</u>	<u>1,533,552</u>	<u>513,750</u>
Revenues under expenditures	(25,000)	(26,359)	(7,654)	18,705
Fund balance appropriated	<u>25,000</u>	<u>26,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,359)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(7,654)</u>	<u>\$ (7,654)</u>
Fund balances:				
Beginning of year			<u>152,643</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 144,989</u>	

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit 7**

	Enterprise		
	Major Funds		Totals
	School Food Service	Child Care	
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 141,209	\$ 48,147	\$ 189,356
Due from other governments	13,455	-	13,455
Receivables	257	-	257
Inventories	54,973	-	54,973
Total current assets	<u>209,894</u>	<u>48,147</u>	<u>258,041</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Furniture and equipment, net	52,817	-	52,817
Total assets	<u>262,711</u>	<u>48,147</u>	<u>310,858</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension and OPEB plans	<u>224,081</u>	<u>150,478</u>	<u>374,559</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	26	-	26
Due to other funds	-	50,000	50,000
Compensated absences	13,167	12,991	26,158
Unearned revenue	20,597	-	20,597
Total current liabilities	<u>33,790</u>	<u>62,991</u>	<u>96,781</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Net pension liability	232,633	156,219	388,852
Net OPEB liability	338,974	227,628	566,602
Compensated absences	20,466	18,476	38,942
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>592,073</u>	<u>402,323</u>	<u>994,396</u>
Total liabilities	<u>625,863</u>	<u>465,314</u>	<u>1,091,177</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Pension and OPEB plans	<u>100,558</u>	<u>67,526</u>	<u>168,084</u>
<b>Net position</b>			
Investment in capital assets	52,817	-	52,817
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(292,446)</u>	<u>(334,215)</u>	<u>(626,661)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (239,629)</u>	<u>\$ (334,215)</u>	<u>\$ (573,844)</u>

*The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES**  
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**Exhibit 8**

	Enterprise		Totals
	Major Funds		
	School Food Service	Child Care	
Operating revenues:			
Food sales	\$ 184,167	\$ -	\$ 184,167
Child care fees	-	314,930	314,930
Other	<u>2,331</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>2,666</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>186,498</u>	<u>315,265</u>	<u>501,763</u>
Operating expenses:			
Food cost:			
Purchase of food	340,640	23,968	364,608
Donated commodities	61,192	-	61,192
Salaries and benefits	518,741	280,216	798,957
Materials and supplies	35,993	5,102	41,095
Repairs and maintenance	21,443	-	21,443
Depreciation	9,016	-	9,016
Contracted services	13,880	-	13,880
Other	<u>17,766</u>	<u>1,471</u>	<u>19,237</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,018,671</u>	<u>310,757</u>	<u>1,329,428</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(832,173)</u>	<u>4,508</u>	<u>(827,665)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:			
Federal reimbursements	668,374	-	668,374
Federal commodities	61,192	-	61,192
State grants	4,736	8,009	12,745
Interest earned	115	-	115
Contracted service revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>21,403</u>	<u>21,403</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>734,417</u>	<u>29,412</u>	<u>763,829</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	(97,756)	33,920	(63,836)
Transfers from other funds	<u>119,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,293</u>
Change in net position	21,537	33,920	55,457
Net position (deficit), beginning of year	<u>(261,166)</u>	<u>(368,135)</u>	<u>(629,301)</u>
Net position (deficit), end of year	<u>\$ (239,629)</u>	<u>\$ (334,215)</u>	<u>\$ (573,844)</u>

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
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**Exhibit 9**

	Enterprise		
	Major Funds		
	School Food Service	Child Care	Totals
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 200,158	\$ 314,930	\$ 515,088
Cash paid for goods and services	(449,057)	(30,541)	(479,598)
Cash paid to employees for services	(503,241)	(369,376)	(872,617)
Other operating revenue	2,331	335	2,666
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(749,809)</u>	<u>(84,652)</u>	<u>(834,461)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Due to other funds	-	50,000	50,000
Due from other funds	3,690	-	3,690
Federal and State grants and reimbursements	683,724	8,009	691,733
Contracted service revenue	-	21,403	21,403
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>687,414</u>	<u>79,412</u>	<u>766,826</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest earned on investments	115	-	115
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(62,280)	(5,240)	(67,520)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	203,489	53,387	256,876
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 141,209</u>	<u>\$ 48,147</u>	<u>\$ 189,356</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash used by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (832,173)	\$ 4,508	\$ (827,665)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash used by operating activities:			
Depreciation	9,016	-	9,016
Donated commodities	61,192	-	61,192
Salaries paid by special revenue fund	119,293	-	119,293
Changes in assets, liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows:			
Increase in accounts receivable	(257)	-	(257)
Increase in inventories	(19,335)	-	(19,335)
Increase in unearned revenue	16,248	-	16,248
Decrease in net pension liability	(29,230)	(25,342)	(54,572)
Decrease in net OPEB liability	(22,168)	(22,766)	(44,934)
Decrease in deferred outflows	26,322	23,136	49,458
Decrease in deferred inflows	(82,615)	(59,476)	(142,091)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	3,898	(4,712)	(814)
Total adjustments	<u>82,364</u>	<u>(89,160)</u>	<u>(6,796)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (749,809)</u>	<u>\$ (84,652)</u>	<u>\$ (834,461)</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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*Exhibit 9 (continued)*

**NONCASH OPERATING AND NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

The School Food Service Fund received donated commodities with a value of \$61,192 during the fiscal year. The receipt of these commodities is reflected as a nonoperating revenue on Exhibit 8. The consumption of these commodities is recorded as an operating expense.

The State Public School Fund paid salaries and benefits of \$119,293 to administrative personnel of the School Food Service Fund during the fiscal year. The payment is reflected as a transfer in and an operating expense on Exhibit 8.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of Gates County Board of Education conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Gates County Board of Education (Board) is a Local Education Agency empowered by State law [Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes] with the responsibility to oversee and control all activities related to public school education in Gates County, North Carolina. The Board receives State, local, and federal government funding and must adhere to the legal requirements of each funding entity. The Board has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation

*Government-wide Statements:* The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Board. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the effect of internal activities upon revenues and expenses. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Board. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the Board and for each function of the Board's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements:* The fund financial statements provide information about the Board's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. All expenses are considered to be operating expenses.

The Board reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund.* The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Board. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are accounted for in another fund.

*State Public School Fund.* The State Public School Fund includes appropriations from the Department of Public Instruction for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

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*Federal Grants Fund.* The Federal Grants Fund includes appropriations from the U.S. Government for the current operating expenditures of the public school system.

*Other Specific Revenue Fund.* The Other Special Revenue Fund is used to account for revenues from reimbursements, including indirect costs, fees for actual costs, tuition, sales tax refunds, gifts and grants restricted as to use, federal and State grants restricted as to use, federal and State appropriations made directly to local school administrative units, funds received for prekindergarten programs and special programs.

*Capital Outlay Fund.* The Capital Outlay Fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). It is mandated by State law [G.S.115C-426]. Capital projects are funded by Gates County appropriations, restricted sales tax moneys, proceeds of county debt issued for public school construction, lottery proceeds as well as certain State assistance.

*Individual Schools Fund.* The Individual Schools Fund includes revenues and expenditures of the activity funds of the individual schools. The primary revenue sources include funds held on the behalf of various clubs and organizations, receipts from athletic events, and proceeds from various fundraising activities. The primary expenditures are for athletic teams, club programs, activity buses and instructional needs.

The Board reports the following major enterprise funds:

*School Food Service Fund.* The School Food Service Fund is used to account for the food service program within the school system.

*Child Care Fund.* The Child Care Fund is used to account for the afterschool care program at the elementary schools within the school system. The costs associated with these programs are recovered by user charges.

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

*Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements.* The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Board gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements.* Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Board considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. These could include federal, State, and county grants, and some charges for services. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Acquisitions under leases qualifying as other than short-term are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Board funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Board's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs and then general revenues.

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D. Budgetary Data

The Board's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Annual budgets are adopted for all funds, except for the individual schools special revenue funds, as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. No budget is required by State law for individual school funds. All appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level for all annually budgeted funds. The Board has authorized the Superintendent to move moneys within a fund without limitations and without a report to the Board of Education being required. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund. All amendments must be approved by the Board of Education. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balances

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 115C-444]. The Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Board may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. The Board also has money credited in its name with the State Treasurer and may issue State warrants against these funds.

State law [G.S. 115C-443] authorizes the Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT), an SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund; and the North Carolina State Treasurer's Short Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF is managed by the staff of the Department of State Treasurer and operated in accordance with State laws and regulations. It is not registered with the SEC. It consists of an internal portion and an external portion in which the Board participates. Investments are restricted to those enumerated in G.S. 147-69.1.

The Board's investments are reported at amortized cost or at fair value determined by either quoted market prices or a matrix pricing model. Bank deposits are measured at amortized cost. The NCCMT is reported at fair value. Ownership interest of the STIF is determined on a fair market valuation basis as of fiscal year end in accordance with the STIF operating procedures. Valuation of the underlying assets is performed by the custodian. Under the authority of G.S. 147-69.3, no unrealized gains or losses of the STIF are distributed to external participants of the fund.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Board pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments with original maturities of three months or less are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents.

3. Inventories

The inventories of the Board are valued at cost and the Board uses the first-in, first-out (FIFO) flow assumption in determining cost. Proprietary Fund inventories consist of food and supplies and are recorded as expenses when consumed.

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4. Capital Assets

Donated assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation or forfeiture. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other capital assets are recorded at original cost. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Certain items acquired before July 1, 1990 are recorded at an estimated original historical cost. The total of these estimates is not considered large enough that any errors would be material when capital assets are considered as a whole.

For capital assets utilized in governmental and business-type activities, it is the policy of the Board to capitalize those assets costing more than \$5 thousand with an estimated useful life of two or more years. The cost of normal repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives is not capitalized.

Gates County holds title to certain properties, which are reflected as capital assets in the financial statements of the Board. The properties have been deeded to the County to permit installment purchase financing of acquisition and construction costs and to permit the County to receive refunds of sales tax paid for construction costs. Agreements between the County and the Board gives the schools full use of the facilities, full responsibility for maintenance of the facilities, and provides that the County will convey title of the property back to the Board, once all restrictions of the financing agreements and all sales tax reimbursement requirements have been met.

The Board’s capital assets also include certain right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	10 - 40
Equipment and furniture	5 - 15
Vehicles	10

5. Deferred Outflows and 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 assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Board has two items that meet this criterion – pension and other post-employment benefit-related deferrals. The statement of financial position also reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Board has two items that meet this criterion – pension and other post-employment benefit-related deferrals.

6. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities.

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7. Compensated Absences

The Board follows the State's policy for vacation and sick leave. Employees may accumulate up to thirty (30) days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Board, the current portion of the accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material. The Board's liability for accumulated earned vacation and the salary-related payments as of June 30, 2024 is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements on a FIFO basis. An estimate has been made based on prior years' records of the current portion of compensated absences.

The sick leave policy of the Board provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Board has no obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

8. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through State statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of three classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

*Restricted fund balance* – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute – portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute for amounts owed to the district at year end [G.S. 115C-425(a)]. The restriction will be released as of the beginning of the subsequent fiscal year following collection of the amounts owed to the district.

Restricted for school capital outlay - portion of fund balance that can only be used for school capital outlay. [G.S. 159-18 through 22]

Restricted for instructional services – grant and other revenues restricted for expenditure for various instructional services, as allowable by the funding source.

Restricted for Community Center –revenues restricted for expenditure for the Gates County Community Center.

Restricted for individual schools – revenue sources restricted for expenditures for the various clubs and organizations, athletic events, and various fundraising activities for which they were collected.

*Assigned fund balance* – portion of fund balance that the Board of Education intends to use for specific purposes. The assignment of fund balance is governed by NC General Statutes. The Board of Education is authorized to approve appropriations of fund balance in accordance with restrictions established by N.C. General Statutes.

Subsequent year's expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted. The Board of Education approves the appropriation.

Special revenues – portion of fund balance that represents the residual amount of revenues from certain grants, reimbursements, indirect costs and other financial resources in excess of related

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expenditures that will be used for instructional services, system-wide support services, ancillary services or non-programmed charges, as determined by the Board of Education.

*Unassigned fund balance* – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds. A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes.

The Board of Education has a management policy for revenue spending that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. All appropriations shall be paid firstly from revenues restricted as to use, and then from general, unrestricted revenues. The Superintendent and Finance Officer have the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Board of Education.

9. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

a. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net position – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The net adjustment of \$(6,797,698) consists of several elements as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds (total capital assets at historical cost on government-wide statement in governmental activities column)	\$ 34,519,527
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(15,864,500)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>18,655,027</u>
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	7,261,781
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	4,682,707
Liabilities that, because they are not due and payable in the current period, do not require current resources to pay and are therefore not recorded in the fund statements:	
Installment purchases	(161,512)
Lease liabilities	(48,408)
Compensated absences	(1,358,495)
Net pension liability	(12,400,226)
Net OPEB liability	(18,068,551)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(275,806)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(5,084,215)</u>
Total adjustment	<u>\$ (6,797,698)</u>

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b. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. There are several elements of that total adjustment of \$(395,971) as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital outlay expenditures recorded in the fund statements but capitalized as assets in the statement of activities	\$ 723,899
Depreciation and amortization expense, the allocation of those assets over their useful lives, that is recorded on the statement of activities but not in the fund statements	(846,757)
New debt issued during the year is recorded as a source of funds on the fund statements; it has no effect on the statement of activities - it affects only the government-wide statement of net position	(273,776)
Principal payments on debt owed and lease liabilities are recorded as a use of funds on the fund statements but affect only the statement of net position on the government-wide statements	208,258
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	2,125,871
Contributions to the OPEB plans in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	874,224
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
OPEB nonemployer contributions	23,714
Expenses reported in the Statement of Activities that do not require the use of current resources to pay are not recorded as expenditures in the fund statements	
Pension (expense) benefit	(3,275,231)
OPEB (expense) benefit	(15,771)
Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements but not in the fund statements because they do not use current resources	59,598
Total adjustment	<u>\$ (395,971)</u>

10. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF), and the Disability Income Plan of NC (DIPNC) and additions to/deductions from TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Board's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Board has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and

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payable in accordance with the terms of TSERS, RHBF, and DIPNC. Investments are reported at fair value.

**NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All of the Board's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Board's agents in the unit's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Board or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Board has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2024, the Board had deposits with banks and savings and loans with a carrying amount of \$1,886,133 and with the State Treasurer of \$93,805. The bank balances with the financial institutions and the State Treasurer were \$1,959,226 and \$549,964, respectively. Of these balances, \$467,801 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$2,041,389 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the name of the State Treasurer. The Board also had cash on hand of \$200 at June 30, 2024.

2. Accounts Receivable

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Due from (to) Other Funds (Internal Balances)	Due from other governments	Other	Total
Governmental activities:				
General Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Other governmental activities	-	-	90	90
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 90</u>	<u>\$ 50,090</u>
Business-type activities:				
School Food Service Fund	\$ -	\$ 13,455	\$ 257	\$ 13,712
Child Care Fund	(50,000)	-	-	(50,000)
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ (50,000)</u>	<u>\$ 13,455</u>	<u>\$ 257</u>	<u>\$ (36,288)</u>

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Due from other governments consists of the following:

Business-type activities:		
School Food Service Fund	\$	<u>13,455</u> Federal funds

3. Capital Assets

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

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balances</u>
Governmental activities:				
Intangible assets:				
Right to use asset, net of amortization	\$ 90,390	\$ -	\$ 45,195	\$ 45,195
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	65,470	-	-	65,470
Construction in progress	-	101,930	-	101,930
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>65,470</u>	<u>101,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,400</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	29,651,362	-	-	29,651,362
Building improvements	20,345	-	-	20,345
Equipment and furniture	1,314,763	40,725	-	1,355,488
Vehicles	2,517,712	581,244	-	3,098,956
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>33,504,182</u>	<u>621,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,126,151</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	11,733,063	651,715	-	12,384,778
Building improvements	4,804	1,356	-	6,160
Equipment and furniture	1,195,312	25,136	-	1,220,448
Vehicles	1,948,978	123,355	-	2,072,333
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>14,882,157</u>	<u>801,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,683,719</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>18,622,025</u>			<u>18,442,432</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 18,777,885</u>			<u>\$ 18,655,027</u>
Business-type activities:				
School Food Service Fund:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment and furniture	\$ 373,445	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,445
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment and furniture	<u>311,612</u>	<u>9,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320,628</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 61,833</u>			<u>\$ 52,817</u>

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Amortization of \$45,195 was charged to operational support services. Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Operational support services	\$ 123,355
Unallocated depreciation	678,207
Total	<u>\$ 801,562</u>

4. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Board entered into a \$8.2 million contract with a construction company for upgrades at the high school. No amounts were expended on this contract prior to June 30, 2024.

5. Right to Use Leased Assets

The Board has recorded one right to use leased asset. The asset is a right to use asset for leased copiers. The related lease is discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of the footnotes. The right to use leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Right to use asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Right to use assets:				
Leased equipment	\$ 225,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,976
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased equipment	<u>135,586</u>	<u>45,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,781</u>
Right to use assets, net	<u>\$ 90,390</u>	<u>\$ (45,195)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,195</u>

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan and Other Postemployment Obligations

a. Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System

*Plan Description.* The Board is a participating employer in the statewide Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. TSERS membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the employees of Local Education Agencies and charter schools. Article 1 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the TSERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for TSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at [www.osc.nc.gov](http://www.osc.nc.gov).

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*Benefits Provided.* TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

TSERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

*Contributions.* Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Board employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the TSERS Board of Trustees. The Board's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 was 17.63% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Board were \$2,192,535 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

*Refunds of Contributions* – Board employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of TSERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60-day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by TSERS.

At June 30, 2024, the Board reported a liability of \$12,789,078 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Board's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating TSERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Board's proportion was 0.0767% and 0.0780%, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Board recognized pension expense of \$3,341,726. At June 30, 2024, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,042,612	\$ 94,392
Changes of assumptions	449,136	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	3,561,757	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	243,459	190,063
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,192,535	-
Total	\$ 7,489,499	\$ 284,455

\$2,192,535 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ 1,652,147
2026	965,688
2027	2,242,528
2028	152,146
Total	\$ 5,012,509

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	3.25 to 8.05 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated

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for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33.0%	0.9%
Global Equity	38.0%	6.5%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.9%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.2%
Credit	7.0%	5.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	2.7%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2017 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including TSERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

*Discount rate.* The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability reported at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was 6.50% for both years. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50 percent, as well as what the Board's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.50%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (6.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.50%)</u>
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 21,955,850	\$ 12,789,078	\$ 5,226,788

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina.

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b. Other Postemployment Benefits

1. Healthcare Benefits

*Plan description.* The Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF) has been established as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is established in Chapter 135, Article 1 of the General Statutes. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, LEAs, charter schools, and some select local governments also participate.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

*Benefits provided.* Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees. The plan options change when former employees become eligible for Medicare. Medicare retirees have the option of selecting one of two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PDP) options of the self-funded Traditional 70/30 preferred Provider Organization plan option that is also offered to non-Medicare members. If the Traditional 70/30 Plan is selected by a Medicare retiree, the self-funded State Health Plan coverage is secondary to Medicare.

Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) and retirees of the TSERS, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program (ORP), and a small number of local governments, with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007, future coverage as retired employees and retired members of the General Assembly is subject to the requirement that the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the State Health Plan's noncontributory premium.

Section 35.21 (c) and (d) of Session Law 2017-57 repeals retiree medical benefits for employees first hired January 1, 2021. The new legislation amends Article 3B of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes to require that retirees must earn contributory retirement service in TSERS (or in an allowed local system unit), CJRS, or LRS prior to January 1, 2021, and not withdraw that service, in order to be eligible for retiree medical benefits under the amended law. Consequently, members first hired on and after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits.

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RHBF’s benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 1 and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

*Contributions.* By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to RHBF are irrevocable. Also, by law, fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF. However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer the RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state—supported retired employees’ health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis are determined by the General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Board contributed 7.14% of covered payroll, which amounted to \$887,958 for the entire fiscal year. During the current fiscal year, the plan also recognized a one-time transfer of excess funding from the Public Employees Health Benefits Fund totaling \$35.0 million, which was isolated from the OPEB expense and allocated to participating employers as a separate revenue item. The Board’s proportionate share of this allocation totaled \$24,458.

At June 30, 2024, the Board reported a liability of \$18,617,520 for its proportionate share of the net RHBF OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board’s proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board’s present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Board’s proportion was 0.0699% and 0.0671%, respectively.

\$887,958 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ (740,528)
2026	(824,537)
2027	(255,217)
2028	<u>477,595</u>
Total	<u>\$ (1,342,687)</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

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Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25-8.05%, include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.50%

Healthcare cost trend rates:

Medical	5.00-6.50%
Prescription drug	5.00-10.00%
Administrative costs	3.00%
Post-retirement mortality rates	Pub-2010 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and females, adjusted for classification for some Participants, further adjusted with scaling factors varying by participant group, and projected for mortality improvement using Scale MP-2019

*Discount rate.* The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability for the RHBF at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were 3.65% and 3.54%, respectively. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 3.65% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 3.65% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2023.

*Sensitivity of the Board’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Board’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.65 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.65 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% decrease (2.65%)	Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 21,964,130	\$ 18,617,520	\$ 15,893,809

*Sensitivity of the Board’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare trend rates.* The following presents the Board’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	Healthcare Trend Rates		
	1% Decrease (Medical - 4.00-5.50%, Pharmacy - 4.00-9.00%, Medicare Advantage - 4.00%, Administrative - 2.00%)	(Medical - 5.00-6.50%, Pharmacy - 5.00-10.00%, Medicare Advantage - 5.00%, Administrative - 3.00%)	1% increase (Medical -6.00- 7.50%, Pharmacy - 6.00- 11.00%, Medicare Advantage - 6.00%, Administrative - 4.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 15,371,288	\$ 18,617,520	\$ 22,805,842

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ACFR for the State of North Carolina.

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2. Disability Benefits

*Plan description.* Short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided through the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to the eligible members of TSERS which includes employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, certain Local Education Agencies, and ORP.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's ACFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

*Benefits Provided.* Long-term disability benefits are payable as an OPEB from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provide the following requirements are met: (1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in TSERS or ORP, earned within 96 months prior to the end of the short-term disability period or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers' Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3) the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS after (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing 5 years of membership service, or (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service, or (3) completing 30 years of service at any age.

*Contributions.* Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Bill by the General Assembly and coincide with the State fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, employers made a statutory contribution of 0.11% of covered payroll which was equal to the actuarially required contribution. Board contributions to the plan were \$13,680 for the year ended June 30, 2024. The contributions cannot be separated between the amounts that relate to other postemployment benefits and employment benefits for active employees. Those individuals who are receiving extended short-term disability benefit payments cannot be separated from the number of members currently eligible to receive disability benefits as an other postemployment benefit.

At June 30, 2024, the Board reported a liability of \$17,633 for its proportionate share of the net DIPNC OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Board's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Board's proportion was 0.0663% and 0.0676%, respectively.

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\$13,680 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ 8,696
2026	5,274
2027	7,856
2028	2,722
2029	1,362
Thereafter	<u>1,037</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,947</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans follow individual note disclosures for each OPEB plan.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.25%-8.05%, include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	3.00%, net of OPEB plan expense, including inflation

*Sensitivity of the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.00 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.00 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.00%)	Discount Rate (3.00%)	1% Increase (4.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 21,197	\$ 17,633	\$ 14,004

*Common actuarial assumptions for both OPEB plans.* The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB liability was calculated through the use of update procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The update procedures incorporated the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. The entry age normal cost method was utilized.

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer), and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

DIPNC is primarily invested in the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2023. The long-term expected rate of return was determined based on the combination of expected future real rates of return and expected inflation. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2023 is 1.2%.

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Following is information related to OPEB expense, proportionate share, assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources reported by the Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	<u>RHBF</u>	<u>DIPNC</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPEB expense (benefit)	\$ (172,703)	\$ 24,662	\$ (148,041)
OPEB liability (asset)	18,617,520	17,633	18,635,153
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability / asset	0.0699%	0.0663%	
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 205,015	\$ 15,453	\$ 220,468
Changes of assumptions	2,016,844	1,285	2,018,129
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	148,726	23,031	171,757
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,516,629	927	1,517,556
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>887,958</u>	<u>13,680</u>	<u>901,638</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 4,775,172</u>	<u>\$ 54,376</u>	<u>\$ 4,829,548</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 18,241	\$ 9,767	\$ 28,008
Changes of assumptions	4,967,004	3,010	4,970,014
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>244,656</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>245,628</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 5,229,901</u>	<u>\$ 13,749</u>	<u>\$ 5,243,650</u>

2. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Vendors and Other</u>
Governmental activities:	
General Fund	\$ 53,821
Other governmental activities	<u>2,218</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 56,039</u>
Business-type activities:	
School Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 26</u>

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3. Unearned Revenues

The balance in unearned revenues at year-end is composed of the following item:

Governmental activities:	
Grants not yet earned (State Public School Fund)	\$ 93,805
Prepayments of tuition (Other Specific Revenue Fund)	<u>190</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 93,995</u>
Business-type activities:	
Prepayments of meals (School Food Service Fund)	<u>\$ 20,597</u>

4. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The balances in deferred outflows and inflows of resources at year-end are composed of the following:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,263,080	\$ 122,400
Changes of assumptions	2,467,265	4,970,014
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension and OPEB plan investments	3,733,514	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,761,015	435,691
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>3,094,173</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,319,047</u>	<u>\$ 5,528,105</u>

5. Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Board participates in the North Carolina School Boards Trust (the Trust), a member funded risk management program administered by the North Carolina School Boards Association. Through the Trust, the Board maintains general liability and errors and omissions coverage of \$1,000,000 each claim made / \$3,150,000 coverage period aggregate. The Trust is reinsured through commercial companies for losses in excess of \$150,000 per claim for errors and omissions and general liability coverage.

Statutory workers' compensation coverage is purchased through a private insurer for employees to the extent they are paid from Federal and local funds. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the State of North Carolina through a self-insured fund, to the extent employees are paid from State funds.

The Board also participates in the State Public Education Property Insurance Fund (the Fund), a voluntary, self-insured risk control and risk financing fund administered by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The Fund insures the tangible property assets of the Board. Coverage is provided on an "all risk" perils contract. Buildings and contents are insured on a replacement cost basis. The Fund purchases excess reinsurance to protect the assets of the Fund in the event of a catastrophic event. The Fund maintains a self-insured retention of \$10 million. Excess reinsurance is purchased through

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commercial insurers. A limit of \$5 million per occurrence is provided on flood, earthquake, business interruption and extra expense. \$10 million per occurrence is provided on increased cost of construction.

The Board also participates in the Teachers’ and State Employees’ Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, a self-funded risk financing pool of the State administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. Through the Plan, permanent full-time employees of the Board are eligible to receive health care benefits. The Board pays most of the cost of coverage for employees enrolled in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.

In accordance with G.S. 115C-442, the Board’s employees who have custody of the Board’s monies at any given time are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$50,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded for either \$5,000 or \$10,000.

The Board carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

6. Long-Term Obligations

a. Leases

The Board has entered into an agreement to lease certain equipment. The lease agreement qualifies as an other than short-term lease under GASB 87 and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of its inception.

The agreement was executed on July 1, 2020, to lease copier machines and requires 60 monthly payments of \$4,110.90. There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liability is measured at an imputed discount rate of 3.50%. As a result of the lease, the Board has recorded a right to use asset with a net book value of \$45,195 on June 30, 2024. The right to use asset is discussed in more detail in Note 2.4.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments and the net present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	<u>\$ 48,408</u>	<u>\$ 923</u>	<u>\$ 49,331</u>

b. Direct Placement Installment Purchases

The Board is authorized to finance the purchase of school buses under G.S. 115C-528(a). Session law 2003-284, section 7.25 authorized the State Board of Education to allot monies for the payments on financing contracts entered into pursuant to G.S. 115C-528. The State has accepted the bid to purchase Thomas Built Buses through special third-party direct placement financing arrangements. During the current fiscal year, the Board entered into such a contract for the purchase of a school bus. The bus is pledged as collateral for the debt while the debt is outstanding. The gross amount capitalized under the outstanding installment purchase contracts totaled \$98,496 at June 30, 2024. The financing contract requires four equal principal-only payments with the first payment due within 10 days of receipt of the bus and the following 3 payments due on the next 3 immediately following November 15<sup>th</sup> dates. The future minimum payments of the installment purchase are as follows:

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Year Ending June 30:	Governmental Activities
	Principal
2025	\$ 93,068
2026	68,444
Totals	<u>\$ 161,512</u>

c. Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the Board’s long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	July 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2024	Current Portion
Governmental activities:					
Direct placement	\$ 49,248	\$ 273,776	\$ 161,512	\$ 161,512	\$ 93,068
installment purchases					
Lease liabilities	95,154	-	46,746	48,408	48,408
Net pension liability	11,127,585	1,272,641	-	12,400,226	-
Net OPEB liability	15,346,278	2,722,273	-	18,068,551	-
Compensated absences	1,418,093	868,548	928,146	1,358,495	551,412
Total	<u>\$ 28,036,358</u>	<u>\$ 5,137,238</u>	<u>\$ 1,136,404</u>	<u>\$ 32,037,192</u>	<u>\$ 692,888</u>
Business-type activities:					
Net pension liability	\$ 443,424	\$ -	\$ 54,572	\$ 388,852	\$ -
Net OPEB liability	611,536	-	44,934	566,602	-
Compensated absences	65,914	42,949	43,763	65,100	26,158
Total	<u>\$ 1,120,874</u>	<u>\$ 42,949</u>	<u>\$ 143,269</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,554</u>	<u>\$ 26,158</u>

Compensated absences, net pension and net OPEB liabilities related to governmental activities are typically liquidated by the General and other governmental funds. Installment purchases and lease liabilities are typically liquidated by the Other Specific Revenue and Capital Outlay funds.

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

1. Interfund Balances

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 consisted of \$50,000 owed to the General Fund from the Child Care Fund for operating cash advances. This balance is expected to be paid by June 30, 2025.

2. Transfers to/from other Funds

The State Public School Fund transferred \$119,293 to the School Food Service Fund. This transfer was made at the request of the State of North Carolina to ensure that the State was in compliance with State matching requirements contained within the National School Lunch Program grant agreement.

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D. Net Position / Fund Balance

1. Net Investment in Capital Assets – Governmental Activities

Net investment in capital assets presented in Exhibit 1 is calculated as follows:

Total governmental activities capital assets	\$ 18,655,027
Less:	
Installment purchase obligations for school buses	(161,512)
Lease liabilities	<u>(48,408)</u>
Net investment in capital assets, governmental activities	<u>\$ 18,445,107</u>

2. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance that is unassigned and available for appropriation at June 30, 2024:

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 1,328,417
Less:	
Stabilization by State statute	(50,000)
Appropriated fund balance in the 2024-2025 budget	<u>(250,000)</u>
Unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 1,028,417</u>

**NOTE 3 – OTHER SPECIFIC REVENUE FUND – OTHER REVENUES**

Other revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

Medicaid reimbursement program	\$ 64,038
Contracted services revenue	10,000
Indirect costs allocated	15,399
Activity bus / vehicle use revenue	107,504
Private grants and programs	489,414
Tuition and fees	144,020
Other	<u>46,027</u>
Total other revenues	<u>\$ 876,402</u>

**NOTE 4 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES**

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Board has received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

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## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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Schedule of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
*Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System*

Schedule of Board Contributions  
*Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System*

Schedule of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)  
*Retiree Health Benefit Fund*

Schedule of Board Contributions  
*Retiree Health Benefit Fund*

Schedule of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)  
*Disability Income Plan of North Carolina*

Schedule of Board Contributions  
*Disability Income Plan of North Carolina*

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SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS\***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Board's proportion of the net pension liability/asset	0.077%	0.078%	0.073%	0.075%	0.074%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 12,789,078	\$ 11,571,009	\$ 3,418,299	\$ 9,057,873	\$ 7,680,878
Board's covered payroll	\$ 12,851,876	\$ 13,014,725	\$ 11,839,958	\$ 11,639,609	\$ 11,541,678
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	99.51%	88.91%	28.87%	77.82%	66.55%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.97%	84.14%	94.86%	85.98%	87.56%
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Board's proportion of the net pension liability/asset	0.075%	0.076%	0.079%	0.082%	0.081%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 7,427,242	\$ 6,018,273	\$ 7,265,511	\$ 3,015,966	\$ 952,123
Board's covered payroll	\$ 10,948,882	\$ 10,840,597	\$ 10,389,300	\$ 11,132,481	\$ 10,403,098
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	67.84%	55.52%	69.93%	27.09%	9.15%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.61%	89.51%	87.32%	94.64%	98.24%

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SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS  
TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,192,535	\$ 2,233,656	\$ 2,131,812	\$ 1,749,946	\$ 1,509,657
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>2,192,535</u>	<u>2,233,656</u>	<u>2,131,812</u>	<u>1,749,946</u>	<u>1,509,657</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Board's covered payroll	\$ 12,436,387	\$ 12,851,876	\$ 13,014,725	\$ 11,839,958	\$ 11,639,609
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.63%	17.38%	16.38%	14.78%	12.97%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,418,472	\$ 1,180,290	\$ 1,081,892	\$ 950,621	\$ 1,018,622
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>1,418,472</u>	<u>1,180,290</u>	<u>1,081,892</u>	<u>950,621</u>	<u>1,018,622</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Board's covered payroll	\$ 11,541,678	\$ 10,948,882	\$ 10,840,597	\$ 10,389,300	\$ 11,132,481
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.29%	10.78%	9.98%	9.15%	9.15%

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SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS\***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.070%	0.067%	0.064%	0.065%	0.064%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 18,617,520	\$ 15,937,707	\$ 19,774,223	\$ 17,935,332	\$ 20,102,969
Board's covered payroll	\$ 12,851,876	\$ 13,014,725	\$ 11,839,958	\$ 11,639,609	\$ 11,541,678
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	144.86%	122.46%	167.01%	154.09%	174.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	10.73%	10.58%	7.72%	6.92%	4.40%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>		
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.065%	0.067%	0.067%		
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 18,585,644	\$ 22,044,368	\$ 29,058,318		
Board's covered payroll	\$ 10,948,882	\$ 10,840,597	\$ 11,486,641		
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	169.75%	203.35%	252.97%		
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	4.40%	3.52%	2.41%		

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS  
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 887,958	\$ 885,494	\$ 818,626	\$ 790,909	\$ 753,083
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>887,958</u>	<u>885,494</u>	<u>818,626</u>	<u>790,909</u>	<u>753,083</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Board's covered payroll	\$ 12,436,387	\$ 12,851,876	\$ 13,014,725	\$ 11,839,958	\$ 11,639,609
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.14%	6.89%	6.29%	6.68%	6.47%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 723,663	\$ 662,407	\$ 630,166		
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>723,663</u>	<u>662,407</u>	<u>630,166</u>		
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		
Board's covered payroll	\$ 11,541,678	\$ 10,948,882	\$ 10,840,597		
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.27%	6.05%	5.81%		

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)  
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS\***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.066%	0.068%	0.065%	0.066%	0.065%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 17,633	\$ 20,107	\$ (10,571)	\$ (32,266)	\$ (28,117)
Board's covered payroll	\$ 12,851,876	\$ 13,014,725	\$ 11,839,958	\$ 11,639,609	\$ 11,541,678
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.14%	0.15%	0.09%	0.28%	0.24%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	90.61%	90.34%	105.18%	115.57%	113.00%

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	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.065%	0.066%	0.069%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (19,793)	\$ (40,486)	\$ (43,122)
Board's covered payroll	\$ 10,948,882	\$ 10,840,597	\$ 11,486,641
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.18%	0.37%	0.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	108.47%	116.23%	116.06%

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SCHEDULE OF BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS  
DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 13,680	\$ 12,852	\$ 11,713	\$ 10,656	\$ 11,640
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>13,680</u>	<u>12,852</u>	<u>11,713</u>	<u>10,656</u>	<u>11,640</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Board's covered payroll	\$ 12,436,387	\$ 12,851,876	\$ 13,014,725	\$ 11,839,958	\$ 11,639,609
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.11%	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 16,158	\$ 15,328	\$ 41,194		
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>16,158</u>	<u>15,328</u>	<u>41,194</u>		
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		
Board's covered payroll	\$ 11,541,678	\$ 10,948,882	\$ 10,840,597		
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.14%	0.14%	0.38%		

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**INDIVIDUAL FUND BUDGETARY SCHEDULES**

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**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues:			
Gates County:			
County appropriation	\$ 2,953,000	\$ 2,953,000	\$ -
Other:			
Fines and forfeitures	35,000	36,085	1,085
Total revenues	<u>2,988,000</u>	<u>2,989,085</u>	<u>1,085</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instructional services:			
Regular instructional	321,000	224,048	96,952
Special populations	239,434	20,620	218,814
Alternative programs	14,600	3,512	11,088
School leadership	90,000	57,586	32,414
Co-curricular	126,361	120,051	6,310
School-based support	51,000	40,784	10,216
Total instructional services	<u>842,395</u>	<u>466,601</u>	<u>375,794</u>
System-wide support services:			
Support and development	84,700	72,127	12,573
Special population support and development	59,609	39,169	20,440
Technology support	127,000	95,198	31,802
Operational support	1,489,051	1,487,064	1,987
Financial and human resource services	297,430	231,124	66,306
Accountability	36,000	31,376	4,624
System-wide pupil support	116,315	5,590	110,725
Policy, leadership and public relations	270,500	225,174	45,326
Total system-wide support services	<u>2,480,605</u>	<u>2,186,822</u>	<u>293,783</u>
Ancillary services:			
Nutrition	10,000	198	9,802
Non-programmed charges:			
Payments to other governments	30,000	23,137	6,863
Total expenditures	<u>3,363,000</u>	<u>2,676,758</u>	<u>686,242</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(375,000)	312,327	687,327

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (Continued)**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Fund balance appropriated	<u>375,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(375,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	312,327	<u>\$ 312,327</u>
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		<u>1,016,090</u>	
End of year		<u>\$ 1,328,417</u>	

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Revenues:			
State of North Carolina:			
State appropriations - buses	\$ 440,186	\$ 161,512	\$ (278,674)
Gates County:			
General county appropriations	200,000	234,742	34,742
Other:			
Interest earned on investments	-	215	215
Total revenues	<u>640,186</u>	<u>396,469</u>	<u>(243,717)</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
System-wide support services:			
Operational support	552,450	273,776	278,674
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	161,512	161,512	-
Capital outlay	<u>244,112</u>	<u>264,627</u>	<u>(20,515)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>958,074</u>	<u>699,915</u>	<u>258,159</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(317,888)</u>	<u>(303,446)</u>	<u>14,442</u>
Other financing sources:			
Installment purchase obligations issued	273,776	273,776	-
Fund balance appropriated	<u>44,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,112)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(29,670)</u>	<u>\$ (29,670)</u>
Non-budgeted reconciling items:			
Amounts reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Exhibit 4) are different from the Budget and Actual Statement due to capital outlay activity incurred by Gates County on behalf of the Board:			
Capital outlay contributed to the Board:			
Financed through Lottery Capital Funds		1,985,919	
Total County expenditures made on behalf of the Board		<u>(1,985,919)</u>	
Fund balance:			
Beginning of year		<u>44,112</u>	
End of year		<u>\$ 14,442</u>	

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)**  
**SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Operating revenues:			
Food sales	\$ 191,100	\$ 184,167	\$ (6,933)
Other	-	2,331	2,331
Total operating expenditures	<u>191,100</u>	<u>186,498</u>	<u>(4,602)</u>
Operating expenditures:			
Business support services:			
Purchase of food		359,975	
Donated commodities		61,192	
Salaries and benefits		503,241	
Materials and supplies		35,993	
Repairs and maintenance		21,443	
Contracted services		13,880	
Other		17,766	
Total operating expenditures	<u>1,006,100</u>	<u>1,013,490</u>	<u>(7,390)</u>
Operating loss	<u>(815,000)</u>	<u>(826,992)</u>	<u>(11,992)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:			
Federal reimbursements	750,000	668,374	(81,626)
Federal commodities	65,000	61,192	(3,808)
State reimbursements	-	4,736	4,736
Interest earned	-	115	115
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>815,000</u>	<u>734,417</u>	<u>(80,583)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(92,575)</u>	<u>\$ (92,575)</u>
Reconciliation of modified accrual to full accrual basis:			
Reconciling items:			
Depreciation		(9,016)	
Salaries paid by other funds		(119,293)	
Non-cash transfers from other funds for salaries		119,293	
Net pension liability		29,230	
Net OPEB liability		22,168	
Deferred outflows - pension and OPEB		(26,322)	
Deferred inflows - pension and OPEB		82,615	
Increase in compensated absences payable		(3,898)	
Increase in inventory		19,335	
Change in net position (full accrual)		<u>\$ 21,537</u>	

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)**  
**CHILD CARE FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Operating revenues:			
Child care fees	\$ 307,000	\$ 314,930	\$ 7,930
Other	900	335	(565)
Total operating revenues	<u>307,900</u>	<u>315,265</u>	<u>7,365</u>
Operating expenditures:			
Regular community services:			
Purchase of food		23,968	
Salaries and benefits		369,376	
Materials and supplies		5,102	
Other		1,471	
Total operating expenditures	<u>427,768</u>	<u>399,917</u>	<u>27,851</u>
Operating loss	<u>(119,868)</u>	<u>(84,652)</u>	<u>35,216</u>
Nonoperating revenues:			
State grant revenues	15,000	8,009	(6,991)
Contracted service revenues	20,000	21,403	1,403
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>35,000</u>	<u>29,412</u>	<u>(5,588)</u>
Revenues under expenditures	(84,868)	(55,240)	29,628
Other financing sources:			
Transfers from other funds	50,000	-	(50,000)
Fund balance appropriated	<u>34,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,868)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(55,240)</u>	<u>\$ (55,240)</u>
Reconciliation of modified accrual to full accrual basis:			
Reconciling items:			
Net pension liability		25,342	
Net OPEB liability		22,766	
Deferred outflows - pension and OPEB		(23,136)	
Deferred inflows - pension and OPEB		59,476	
Decrease in compensated absences payable		4,712	
Change in net position (full accrual)		<u>\$ 33,920</u>	

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## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance  
with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Gates County Board of Education  
Gatesville, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gates County Board of Education, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprises the Gates County Board of Education, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 23, 2024.

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

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### ***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

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

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

*September 23, 2024  
Rockingham, North Carolina*



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Report On Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on  
Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit  
Implementation Act

To the Gates County Board of Education  
Gatesville, North Carolina

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

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

We have audited Gates County Board of Education, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Gates County Board of Education's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

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

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of Gates County Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Gates County Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Gates County Board of Education's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we

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

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

#### ***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

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

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

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

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

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

September 23, 2024  
Rockingham, North Carolina



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Report On Compliance for Each Major State Program and Report on  
Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit  
Implementation Act

To the Gates County Board of Education  
Gatesville, North Carolina

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

#### **Opinion on Each Major State Program**

We have audited Gates County Board of Education, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Board's major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Gates County Board of Education's major State programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Gates County Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### **Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and applicable sections of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report. We are required to be independent of Gates County Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Gates County Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Gates County Board of Education's State programs.

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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we

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

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

*Anderson Smith & Wike PLLC*

September 23, 2024  
Rockingham, North Carolina

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

***Financial Statements***

Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance to GAAP: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None Identified for Reporting*

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? *No*

***Federal Awards***

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None Identified for Reporting*

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: *Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? *No*

Identification of major federal programs:

<b>AL Number</b>	<b>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</b>
84.425	COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs *\$ 750,000*

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? *Yes*

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (Continued)**

**State Awards**

Internal control over major State programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None Identified for Reporting

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major State programs:

*Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act?

*No*

Identification of major State programs:

Program Name

State Public School Fund  
Lottery Capital Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Major State Programs

\$ 500,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

*Yes*

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

None reported.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported.

**Section IV - State Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported.

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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No findings were reported in the prior year.

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Grantor/Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>AL</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>State/</u> <u>Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor's</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>Federal Grants:</b>			
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Noncash Assistance (Commodities):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	\$ 61,192
Cash Assistance:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	PRC 035	193,761
Supply Chain Assistance Funds	10.555	PRC 035	39,735
National School Lunch Program	10.555	PRC 035	407,263
After School Snack Program	10.555	PRC 035	4,308
Seamless Summer Program	10.555	PRC 035	23,307
Cash assistance subtotal			<u>668,374</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>729,566</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>729,566</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
Direct Programs:			
GEAR UP N.C. Grant	84.334		18,417
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:			
Title I, Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	PRC 050	338,923
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	PRC 103	59,463
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	PRC 108	23,340
Rural and Low Income Schools	84.358	PRC 109	22,090
Twenty-first Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	PRC 110	264,946
Special Education Cluster:			
Grants to States - IDEA, part B (611)	84.027	PRC 060	348,444
Special Needs Targeted Assistance	84.027	PRC 118	858
Preschool Grants - IDEA, Part B (619)	84.173	PRC 049	27,105
Preschool Targeted Assistance	84.173	PRC 119	966
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>377,373</u>
Special Education - State Personnel Development	84.323	PRC 082	1,715
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States Program Development	84.048	PRC 017	26,178

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Grantor/Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>AL</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>State/</u> <u>Pass-through</u> <u>Grantor's</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund:			
CARES Act:			
COVID-19 - Rethink Education Stipends	84.425B	PRC 146	3,980
CRRSA:			
COVID-19 - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund - ESSER II	84.425D	PRC 171	99,264
COVID-19 - ESSER II - Learning Loss Funding	84.425D	PRC 176	6,742
COVID-19 - ESSER II - Summer Career Accel. Program	84.425D	PRC 177	25,548
ARP:			
COVID-19 - ESSER III - K-12 Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	PRC 181	783,977
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Homeless	84.425W	PRC 183	7,027
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Homeless II	84.425W	PRC 184	7,031
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Summer Career Accel. Programs	84.425U	PRC 188	23,902
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Math Enrichment Programs	84.425U	PRC 189	6,782
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Ed. and Comp. After-School Robotics Grant Program	84.425U	PRC 201	7,958
COVID-19 - ESSER III - Principal Retention Supplements	84.425U	PRC 206	5,279
Total COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		<u>977,490</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>2,109,935</u>
<b>Total Federal Assistance</b>			<b><u>2,839,501</u></b>
<b>State Grants:</b>			
<u>N.C. Department of Public Instruction:</u>			
Cash Assistance:			
State Public School Fund		Various	15,044,569
Career and Technical Education:			
State Months of Employment		PRC 013	689,523
Program Support Funds		PRC 014	284,471
Driver Training		PRC 012	27,129
School Technology Fund		PRC 015	<u>17,140</u>
Passed-through Gates County:			
Lottery Capital Funds:			
Public School Building Capital Fund			448,657
Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund			<u>1,537,262</u>
Total Lottery Capital Funds			<u>1,985,919</u>
Cash assistance subtotal			<u>18,048,751</u>
Non-Cash Assistance:			
State Buses Appropriation		PRC 120	<u>161,512</u>
Total N.C. Department of Public Instruction			<u>18,210,263</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Public Safety:</u>			
Division of Juvenile Justice			
Student Assistance Program		PRC 414	35,791

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal AL Number</u>	<u>State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Agriculture:</u>			
State Reduced Breakfast Program			1,754
State Reduced Lunch Program			<u>2,982</u>
Total N.C. Department of Agriculture			<u>4,736</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Health and Human Services:</u>			
Division of Child Development			
N.C. Pre-Kindergarten Program		PRC 413	196,874
Child and Adult Care Food Program			8,009
Division of Public Health:			
Passed-through Albemarle Regional Health Services:			
State School Nurse Initiative		PRC 615	<u>90,000</u>
Total N.C. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>294,883</u>
<u>N.C. Department of Environmental Quality:</u>			
North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission:			
North Carolina Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission:			
North Carolina Trailblazer Outdoor Clubs		PRC 320	10,000
<u>N.C. Department of Cultural Resources:</u>			
North Carolina Arts Council			
Cultural Resources Grant		PRC 422	<u>23,209</u>
<b>Total State Assistance</b>			<b><u>18,578,882</u></b>
<b>Total Federal and State Assistance</b>			<b><u>\$ 21,418,383</u></b>

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards:

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of Gates County Board of Education under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Gates County Board of Education, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Gates County Board of Education.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Gates County Board of Education has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.