Centerville, Louisiana

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Dr. Buffy S. Fegenbush, Superintendent, and Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board Centerville, Louisiana

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

#### **Opinions**

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish School Board as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 St. Mary Parish School Board 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 St. Mary Parish School Board'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 St. Mary Parish School Board'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 St. Mary Parish School Board's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (pages 4 through 11), budgetary comparison information (pages 70 through 72), the schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability and related ratios (page 73), the schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability (page 74), and the schedule of contributions (page 75) 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 St. Mary Parish School Board's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, the combining and individual fiduciary fund financial statements, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, the combining and individual fiduciary fund financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial report. The other information comprises the Annual Report for Tax Year 2023 and the schedules required by state law, as listed in the table of contents, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 23, 2024, on our consideration of the St. Mary Parish School Board'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 St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

#### Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Lafayette, Louisiana December 23, 2024 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the St. Mary Parish School Board's (School Board) financial performance provides an overall review and an objective, easily readable analysis of the School Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the School Board's overall financial performance and to assist readers in assessing the financial position as a result of the year's operations. Therefore, readers should read the MD&A in conjunction with the School Board's Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements.

The MD&A is an element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2023-2024) and the prior year (2022-2023) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents key totals from the Statement of Net Position:

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets	\$ 84,057,342	\$ 76,907,330
Capital assets	171,040,401	\$ 154,916,450
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(89,624,544)	(84,595,817)
Capital assets, net of depreciation and amortization	81,415,857	70,320,633
Total assets	165,473,199	147,227,963
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	31,078,903	38,728,543
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 196,552,102</u>	<u>\$ 185,956,506</u>
LIABILITIES Current liabilities	15,368,002	12,874,453
Long-term liabilities	218,185,080	225,297,512
Total liabilities	233,553,082	238,171,965
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	30,690,367	49,822,438
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	56,939,273	43,878,993
Restricted	19,451,069	16,212,808
Unrestricted	(144,081,689)	(162,129,698)
Total net position	(67,691,347)	(102,037,897)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 196,552,102</u>	<u>\$ 185,956,506</u>

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

Net position increased by \$34,346,550 for the year ended June 30, 2024 as compared to an increase of \$40,014,413 for the year ended June 30, 2023. These net increases were composed of the following elements:

	2024			2023	
Net investment in capital assets	\$	13,060,280	\$	3,155,003	
Restricted for:					
Debt Service		808,249		512,748	
Capital Projects		71		70	
Maintenance		569,941		(772,546)	
Other Purposes		1,860,000		1,436,924	
Unrestricted		18,048,009		35,681,944	
Net Increase	<u>\$</u>	34,346,550	\$	40,014,143	

Total assets and deferred outflows increased \$10,595,596 for the year ended June 30, 2024 as compared to an increase of \$11,393,452 for the year ended June 30, 2023 attributed to the following elements:

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,769,638	\$ 14,489,876
Investments at fair value	384,865	60,238
Other receivables	18,252	(15,533)
Due from other governmental units	(4,544,429)	1,849,270
Prepaid items	494,680	1,321,648
Inventory, at cost	27,006	(1,067,255)
Capital assets, net of accumulated		
depreciation	11,095,224	(219,840)
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,354,749	6,723,536
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	 (9,004,389)	 (11,748,488)
Net increase	\$ 10,595,596	\$ 11,393,452

Total liabilities and deferred inflows decreased \$23,750,954 and decreased \$30,765,840 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2022, respectively, attributed to the following elements:

	2024		2023	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 2,020,816	\$	767,864	
Due to other governmental units	(916,882)		927,388	
Accrued liabilities	1,389,615		86,544	
Long term liabilities	(7,112,432)		13,863,994	
Deferred inflows	 (19,132,071)		(46,411,630)	
Net decrease	\$ (23,750,954)	\$	(30,765,840)	

The decrease in total liabilities for 2024 is due to the decrease in long-term liabilities related to other post-employment benefit and pension obligations.

Sales and use taxes are collected for and remitted to the St. Mary Parish School Board by the St. Mary Parish Sales and Use Tax Department. These revenues increased by approximately \$120,000 since the prior year.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

Ad valorem taxes parish wide and districts are based on property values of businesses and homesteads in the parish. These revenues increased by \$825,785 from the prior year. The total millage levied by the School Board was 94.33, which decreased from 100.33 mills in the prior year. However, only 20.65 mills were levied parish wide, with the remainder levied in special taxing districts.

The largest single revenue source continues to be the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) distribution from the state, amounting to \$48,844,622, which is a decrease of \$1.5 million from the prior year. This MFP formula establishes a standard of local support for each school system based on the State average local support relative to the system's capacity to raise local funds.

Non-payroll related expenditures remained consistent with the prior year. Payroll related expenditures reflect the annual salary step increase afforded all employees as is customary, in addition to current year stipends from federal stipends.

Grant revenue increased by \$4.7 million. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) is the largest federally funded program with \$13.8 million in revenue. Another large federal program is the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) with \$6.5 million.

#### USING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR)

The School Board's AFR consists of a series of financial statements and the associated notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the operations of the School Board as a financial whole, i.e., an entire operation entity, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The "Basic Financial Statements" Section, consisting of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (pages 13-15) provide consolidated financial information, and render a government-wide perspective of the School Board's financial condition. The Fund Financial Statements (pages 17-21) provide the next level of detail and look at the School Board's most significant funds and a total of all other non-major funds.

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present an aggregate view of the School Board's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. These statements seek to answer the question, "How did the School Board do financially during the 2023-2024 fiscal year?" These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting used by most private-sector enterprises. The accrual basis takes into account all of the Board's current year revenues and expenses regardless of when paid or received.

These two statements report the School Board's net position and changes in those assets. By showing the change in net position for the year, the reader may ascertain whether the School Board's financial condition has improved or deteriorated. The causes of the change may be the result of many factors, both financial and non-financial in nature. Indirect factors which may have an impact on the School Board's financial condition include the School Board's property and sales tax base, student enrollment, facility conditions, required educational programs for which little or no funding is provided, or other external factors.

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

#### Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School Board's governmental funds begins on page 17. Fund Financial Statements provide more in-depth reporting of the School Board's financial position and the results of operations. Fund basis financial information is presented in the "Fund Financial Statements" Section. The School Board uses many funds to account for the numerous funding sources provided annually. However, the Fund Financial Statements look at the School Board's most significant funds with all non-major funds presented in total in one column. These statements report governmental activities on a more current basis rather than a long-term basis, indicating sources and uses of funding and resources available for spending in future periods.

Fund Financial Statements provide more in-depth data on the School Board's most significant funds, such as its General Fund. This fund is considered a "major fund" under GASB Statement No. 34.

Governmental Funds – Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows in and out of those funds, the balances that are left at year end and the amount available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The relationship between governmental activities reported in the Basic Financial Statements and the governmental funds reported in the Fund Financial Statements are reconciled in the financial statements.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – This statement presents financial information relative to assets held by the School Board on behalf of students and others in a position of trust.

#### Governmental Activities

As reported in the *Statement of Activities* on page 15, the cost of the School Board's governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$106.0 million as compared to \$94.0 million for the prior year. The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges and grants offsetting some of those services. Grants and contributions of \$32.6 million subsidized certain programs, and charges for services, such as fees for school lunches, e-rate receipts, tuition from other LEA's, extended day tuition, summer school tuition. Student activity funds were the major contributors of charges for services totaling \$5.1 million. The remaining amount was financed by the taxpayers in the parish through ad valorem and sales and use taxes, as well as other local revenues totaling \$52.7 million.

The Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) from the State of Louisiana funded \$48.8 million and other general revenues contributed the remainder. In Table I below, the cost of the School Board's largest categories of expenses are presented as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). This "net cost" presentation allows the readers to determine the remaining cost of the various categories, and also allows them the opportunity to assess the cost of each function in comparison to the benefits provided by the function.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

Table I
Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024		2023		
	Total Cost	Net Cost	Total Cost	Net Cost	
	of Services	of Services	of Services	of Services	
Instruction:					
Regular programs	\$ 27,467,849	\$ 21,456,469	\$ 30,020,057	\$ 24,739,003	
Special education programs	10,156,435	8,833,113	7,855,774	6,820,393	
Vocational education programs	3,184,560	2,897,902	1,888,604	1,690,264	
Other instructional programs	4,474,938	3,545,232	1,923,569	1,288,314	
Special programs	3,948,909	(998,292)	4,469,983	(676,862)	
Adult and continuing education	-	(92,786)	34,494	34,494	
Support services:					
Pupil support services	5,764,094	3,864,666	5,039,118	2,453,054	
Instructional staff services	5,395,635	3,097,838	4,661,664	1,416,524	
General administration	4,724,493	4,666,155	5,471,565	5,315,894	
School administration	5,614,412	5,452,037	3,932,992	3,932,992	
Business services	4,153,854	4,097,036	559,841	526,150	
Operation and maintenance of plant	15,670,227	14,970,740	16,155,890	11,458,920	
Student transportion services	4,583,759	4,457,397	3,475,438	3,447,699	
Central services	2,900,275	2,590,911	1,610,242	1,179,998	
Non-instructional services:					
Food services	6,883,383	167,931	5,753,575	(1,198,603)	
Community service programs	24,765	24,765	24,765	24,765	
Facilities acquisition and expansion	-	(11,824,058)	-	_	
Other	390,019	390,019	347,581	347,581	
Interest and bank charges	719,363	719,363	773,593	773,593	
-					
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 106,056,970</u>	\$ 68,316,438	<u>\$ 93,998,745</u>	\$ 63,574,173	

#### THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FUNDS

The School Board uses funds to control and permit measurement in the short term of the revenues and expenditures of a particular activity or purpose (e.g., dedicated taxes and grant programs). The Fund Financial Statements allow the School Board to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. These statements also allow the reader to obtain more insight into the financial management of the School Board and assess further the School Board's overall financial stability.

As the School Board completed the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, its combined fund balance was \$68.5 million, as compared to a combined fund balance of \$63.9 million as of June 30, 2023. The fund financial statements begin on page 18 of the audit report.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

#### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The School Board's budget is prepared according to Louisiana law. During the course of the year, the School Board revises its budget to take into consideration significant changes in revenues or expenditures. Louisiana Revised Statue 39:1311 requires a budget amendment if either expected revenues are less or anticipated expenditures are in excess of budgetary goals by five percent (5%) or more. The original budget for the School Board was adopted on September 14, 2023. It was not necessary to amend the general fund budget.

A statement showing the School Board's original budget compared with actual operating results for the General Fund is provided beginning on page 70. The School Board's year-end actual results were above the amounts that had been budgeted, as conservative budgetary practices are customary. Revenues are forecast conservatively and expenditures are budgeted in anticipation of all possible costs and projects.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2024, the School Board had approximately \$81.4 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, furniture, vehicles, computers, and other equipment. This amount is net of accumulated depreciation and amortization to date. Increases during the year represent additions to those categories, while decreases represent retirements and sale of assets during the year and depreciation of depreciable assets for the year. Table II below shows the net book value of capital assets at the end of the 2024 and 2023 fiscal years.

#### Table II Capital Assets at June 30, 2024 and 2023

		2024		2023
Land	\$	4,067,185	\$	4,067,185
Building and improvements		53,905,680		51,300,067
Furniture and equipment		11,371,583		11,447,908
Construction in progress		10,568,185		2,140,936
Right to use lease - equipment		1,503,224		1,364,537
Totals	\$	81,415,857	\$	70,320,633

During the year ended June 30, 2024, additions of \$20.1 million of fixed assets were capitalized while assets totaling \$193,134 were disposed. Depreciation and amortization for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$3,567,441 for buildings and improvements, \$154,529 for furniture and equipment, and \$1,455,504 for right to use lease - equipment. For the year ended June 30, 2023, additions of \$5,332,308 of fixed assets were capitalized while assets totaling \$2,034,365 were disposed. Depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$2,460,998 for buildings and improvements, \$963,977 for furniture and equipment, and \$954,217 for right-to-use lease equipment. Construction in progress increased by \$8.4 million due to the commencement of several roofing projects throughout the districts.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

#### Debt Administration

		2024		2023
Bonded debt	\$	23,036,247		25,131,872
Other Post Employment Benefits	Ψ	106,993,508	Ψ	108,119,744
Net Pension Liability		81,653,429		85,491,347
Lease liability		1,536,584		1,415,640
Compensated absences		4,763,334	_	4,914,638
Totals	<u>\$</u>	217,983,102	<u>\$</u>	225,073,241

The bonded debt is scheduled for repayment by 2034 and was issued for the construction of a new school as well as the renovation of an existing school. See Note 13 for further explanation on the Other Post-Employment Benefits liability and Note 12 for further explanation of the Net Pension Liability.

#### 2024/2025 BUDGET

The General Fund, which is the St. Mary Parish School Board's largest fund, will have a projected deficit of revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$(3,393,218) for the 2024-2025 budget year. This budget reflects a decrease in state funding sources. As far as expenditures are concerned, this budget reflects an increase in the expenditures primarily due to funding spent on general administration and maintenance of plant.

#### CONTACTING THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

While this AFR is designed to provide full and complete disclosure of the financial condition and operations of the School Board, citizens groups, taxpayers, parents, students, other parish officials, investors or creditors may need further details. To obtain such details, please contact Alton Ray Perry, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, St. Mary Parish School Board, P.O. Box 170, Centerville, LA 70522, or by calling (337) 836-9661 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Central Time or e-mail aperry@stmary.k12.la.us.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and interest bearing deposits	\$	63,191,143
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Investments, at fair value		9,976,126
Other receivables		2,424,147
Due from other governmental unit		4,658,391
Prepaid items		3,163,425
Inventory, at cost		644,110
		84,057,342
Capital assets:		, ,
Land		4,067,185
Buildings and improvement		127,433,803
Furniture and equipment		24,333,428
Construction in progress		10,568,185
Right to use lease - equipmen		4,637,800
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization		(89,624,544)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation and amortization		81,415,857
Total assets		165,473,199
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows related to pension		26,087,884
Deferred outflows related to OPEE		4,991,019
Total deferred outflows of resources		31,078,903
Total deferred outflows of resources		31,070,903
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	196,552,102

#### Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

#### LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities 10,084,5 Other liabilities 1,117,4 Long-term liabilities: Portion due or payable within one year: Bonds Accrued interest 201,9 Finance lease liability 705,5	83 000 078 67 34 47
Bonds 2,161,00 Accrued interest 201,9	78 67 34 47 17
Accrued interest 201,9	78 67 34 47 17
Finance lease liability 705,5	34 47 17
	47 17
Compensated absences 2,682,3	17
Portion due or payable after one year:	17
Bonds Eineman land lightlite  20,875,2	
Finance lease liability 831,0 Compensated absences 2,081,0	
Other post employment benefit obligations 2,081,0	
Net pension liability 81,653,4	
Total liabilities	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES  Deferred inflows related to pensions 5,292,90 Deferred inflows related to OPEB 25,204,00 Other deferrals 193,40 Total deferred inflows of resources 30,690,30	26 32
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for: 56,939,2	73
Debt service 3,508,14	40
Capital projects 206,75	
Maintenance 4,801,0	
Other purposes 10,935,0	
Unrestricted (144,081,6)	
Total net position $ (67,691,34) $	<u>4/)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows	
of resources and net position \$\\ \\$ \\ 196,552,10	02

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

			Pı	rogram Revenu	ies	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Functions/Programs	Expenses		ges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction:						
Regular programs	\$ 27,467,849	\$ 3	3,870,296	\$ 2,141,084	\$ -	\$ (21,456,469)
Special education programs	10,156,435		-	1,323,322	-	(8,833,113)
Vocational education programs	3,184,560		-	286,658	-	(2,897,902)
Other instructional programs	4,474,938		122,452	807,254	-	(3,545,232)
Special programs	3,948,909		-	4,947,201	-	998,292
Adult and continuing education	-		-	92,786	-	92,786
Support services:						
Pupil support services	5,764,094		803,078	1,096,350	-	(3,864,666)
Instructional staff services	5,395,635		-	2,297,797	-	(3,097,838)
General administration	4,724,493		49,059	9,279	-	(4,666,155)
School administration	5,614,412		_	162,375	-	(5,452,037)
Business services	4,153,854		_	56,818	_	(4,097,036)
Operation and maintenance of plant	15,670,227		1,173	698,314	_	(14,970,740)
Student transportation services	4,583,759		_	126,362	_	(4,457,397)
Central services	2,900,275		213,194	96,170	_	(2,590,911)
Non-instructional services:	,, ,, ,,		-,-	,		( ) ) /
Food services	6,883,383		58,713	6,656,739	_	(167,931)
Community service programs	24,765		-	-	_	(24,765)
Facilities acquisition and expansion	,,		_	11,824,058	_	11,824,058
Other	390,019		_		_	(390,019)
Interest and bank charges	719,363		_	_	_	(719,363)
Total Governmental Activities	106,056,970	-	5,117,965	32,622,567	-	(68,316,438)
General Revenues: <u>Local Sources:</u> Taxes -						
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					24,557,713	
Sales taxes					24,758,991	
Rentals, leases, and royalties					240,828	
Interest and investment earnings					2,972,822	
Other local					174,192	
State Sources:						
Minimum Foundation Program					49,220,641	
State revenue sharing					354,758	
Pension revenue					383,043	
Total general revenues and special items					102,662,988	
	Chai	nge in r	net position	n		34,346,550
Net Position beginning					(102,037,897)	
Net Positionending					<u>\$ (67,691,347)</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2024

		Secondary School		
	General	Emergency Relief	Other	
ASSETS	Fund	Fund (ESSERF)	Governmental	Total
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 39,267,063	\$ -	\$ 23,924,080	\$ 63,191,143
Investments, at fair value	9,976,126	-	-	9,976,126
Receivables:				
Accounts	2,171,932	-	51,777	2,223,709
Accrued interest	200,438	-	-	200,438
Due from other governmental units	1,171,816	1,818,910	1,667,665	4,658,391
Due from other funds	2,946,959	3,918,457	17,662,609	24,528,025
Prepaid items	3,163,425	-	-	3,163,425
Inventory, at cost	261,565		382,545	644,110
Total assets	\$ 59,159,324	\$ 5,737,367	\$ 43,688,676	<u>\$ 108,585,367</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,667,157	\$ 881,133	\$ 550,738	\$ 4,099,028
Accrued liabilities	9,751,696	9,197	323,633	10,084,526
Due to other governmental units	-	66,965	-	66,965
Due to other funds	-	4,780,072	19,747,953	24,528,025
Other liabilities	1,117,483	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	1,117,483
Total liabilities	13,536,336	5,737,367	20,622,324	39,896,027
Deferred inflows of resources:	193,432	-	-	193,432
Fund balances:				
Non Spendable	3,618,871	-	-	3,618,871
Restricted	295,566	-	8,318,959	8,614,525
Committed	38,278,719	-	7,725,469	46,004,188
Assigned	3,154,507	-	7,021,924	10,176,431
Unassigned	81,893			81,893
Total fund balances	45,429,556		23,066,352	68,495,908
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of				
resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 59,159,324</u>	<u>\$ 5,737,367</u>	<u>\$43,688,676</u>	<u>\$ 108,585,367</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet To the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2024	171,040,401	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2024:		
Right to use lease - equipment	(3,134,576)	
Buildings and improvements	(73,528,123)	
Furniture and equipment	(12,961,845)	
		81,415,857
Elimination of interfund assets and liabilities:		
Due from other funds	24,528,025	
Due to other funds	(24,528,025)	
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2024:		-
Bonded debt payable	(23,036,247)	
Lease liability	(1,536,584)	
Compensated absences payable	(4,763,334)	
OPEB obligations	(106,993,508)	
Net pension liability	(81,653,429)	
		(217,983,102)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources at June 30, 2024:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	26,087,884	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(5,292,909)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	4,991,019	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(25,204,026)	
		581,968
Accrued interest payable		(201,978)
Total net position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (67,691,347)</u>

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Revenues:         Local sources:         Invalides SERF         Other Overnmental         Total           Ad valorem tax         \$ 13,253,548         \$ 1,304,165         \$ 24,557,713           Sales tax         24,758,991         \$ 1,304,165         \$ 24,558,991           Tutiton         143,707         \$ 1,304,165         \$ 24,558,991           Interest earnings         2,907,733         \$ 65,089         2,972,822           Leases and royalties         240,828         \$ 8,713         58,713           Food service         \$ 2,40,828         \$ 8,723         58,713           Other         1,240,698         \$ 8,72         \$ 8,713         58,713           State sources:         \$ 240,828         \$ 8,72         \$ 8,713         58,713           Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         \$ 1,60         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         \$ 1,60         4,866,115         2,8154,293           Other - commodities         \$ 12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         \$ 2,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Expenditures:         * 24,832,222         1,3775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293<				Secondary School		
Revenues:         Fund         Fund (ESSER)         Governmental         Total           Cocal sources:         1.00 (Sources)         1.00 (Sources)         1.00 (Sources)         24,758,991         2.00 (Sources)         24,758,991         2.00 (Sources)         247,758,991         2.00 (Sources)         247,758,991         2.00 (Sources)         143,707         2.00 (Sources)         143,707         2.00 (Sources)         2.007,733         2.00 (Sources)         2.007,822         2.00 (Sources)         2.00,828         2.00 (Sources)         2.00 (Sources)         2.00 (Sources)         2.00 (Sources)         2.00 (Sources)         2.00 (Sources)         3.00 (Sources)         3.00 (Sources)         2.00 (Sources)			General	Emergency Relief	Other	
Revenues:   Local sources:   Ad valorem tax   \$ 13,253,548   \$ - \$ 11,304,165   \$ 24,557,713   \$ Sales tax   24,758,991   24,758,991   \$ 24,758,991   \$ 24,758,991   \$ 24,758,991   \$ 24,758,991   \$ 143,707   \$ Interest earnings   2,907,733   65,089   2,972,822   \$ Leases and royalties   240,828   240,828   \$ 240,828   \$ 58,713   58,713   \$ 5,713   \$ 5,715   \$ 5,700   \$ 5,715   \$						Total
Local sources:	Revenues		Tulia	Tuna (ESSEITA)	Governmentar	10111
Ad valorem tax         \$ 13,253,548         -         \$ 11,304,165         \$ 24,578,991           Sales tax         24,758,991         -         -         24,758,991           Tuition         143,707         -         -         143,707           Interest earnings         2,907,733         -         65,089         2,972,822           Leases and royalties         240,828         -         -         240,828           Food service         -         -         58,713         58,713           Other         1,240,698         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         -         3510,519           Other         -         -         -         -         -         3510,519           Other         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         -         -         -         -         493,322         493,322         493,322         -         -						
Sales tax         24,758,991         -         -         24,758,991           Tuition         143,707         -         -         143,707           Interest earnings         2,907,733         -         65,089         2,972,822           Leases and royalties         240,828         -         -         240,828           Food service         -         -         58,713         58,713           Other         1,240,698         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         1,865         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Expenditures:         Current -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         29,590,		\$	13 253 548	\$	\$ 11 304 165	\$ 24 557 713
Tuition         143,707         -         -         143,707           Interest earnings         2,907,733         -         65,089         2,972,822           Leases and royalties         240,828         -         -         240,828           Food service         -         -         -         58,713         58,713           Other         1,240,698         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179		Ψ		Ψ -	\$ 11,504,105	
Interest earnings				-	_	
Leases and royalties         240,828         -         -         240,828           Food service         -         -         58,713         58,713           Other         1,240,698         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         -         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         -         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Current -         -         -         -         863,628         3,954,179<				-	65.080	
Food service         -         -         58,713         58,713           Other         1,240,698         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         -         -         -         4,93,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         493,322         140,020,477         -         -         -				-	05,089	
Other         1,240,698         -         4,084,439         5,325,137           State sources:         Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -           Instruction:         Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         <	•		240,828	-	- 50 712	
State sources:         Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         493,322         493,322           Other - commodities         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Current -         Instruction:         -         -         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,			1 240 609	-		
Unrestricted grants-in-aid         49,135,964         -         666,603         49,802,567           Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Current -         Instruction:         -         -         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,10			1,240,098	-	4,064,439	3,323,137
Restricted grants-in-aid         3,510,519         -         -         3,510,519           Other         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -           Instruction:         Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,105,545         4,819,420           Adult and continuing education programs         32,663         -         -         32,663           Support services:         7         7,14,988         180,032			40 125 064		666 602	40 902 567
Other         -         -         1,865         1,865           Federal sources:         Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:           Current -         Instruction:         Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,105,545         4,819,420           Adult and continuing education programs         32,663         -         -         -         32,663           Support services:         Pupil support services         5,714,988         180,032         806,376         6,701,396           Instructional st				-	000,003	
Federal sources:           Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -           Instruction:         Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,105,545         4,819,420           Adult and continuing education programs         32,663         -         -         -         32,663           Support services:         Pupil support services         5,714,988         180,032         806,376         6,701,396           Instructional staff services         4,552,305         157,814         1,526,357         6,236,476<			3,510,519	-	1.065	
Restricted         12,193         13,775,985         14,366,115         28,154,293           Other - commodities         -         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current -           Instruction:         Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,105,545         4,819,420           Adult and continuing education programs         32,663         -         -         32,663           Support services:         5,714,988         180,032         806,376         6,701,396           Instructional staff services         4,552,305         157,814         1,526,357         6,236,476			-	-	1,865	1,865
Other - commodities         -         -         493,322         493,322           Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:           Current -           Instruction:         Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,105,545         4,819,420           Adult and continuing education programs         32,663         -         -         32,663           Support services:         Pupil support services         5,714,988         180,032         806,376         6,701,396           Instructional staff services         4,552,305         157,814         1,526,357         6,236,476			12 102	12 555 005	14066115	20.154.202
Total revenues         95,204,181         13,775,985         31,040,311         140,020,477           Expenditures:         Current - Instruction:           Regular programs         29,590,967         863,628         3,954,179         34,408,774           Special education programs         11,140,743         45,131         799,061         11,984,935           Vocational education programs         3,345,838         62,650         178,893         3,587,381           Other instructional programs         4,054,691         -         777,832         4,832,523           Special programs         1,679,099         34,776         3,105,545         4,819,420           Adult and continuing education programs         32,663         -         -         32,663           Support services:         Pupil support services         5,714,988         180,032         806,376         6,701,396           Instructional staff services         4,552,305         157,814         1,526,357         6,236,476			12,193	13,775,985		
Expenditures: Current - Instruction:  Regular programs			-	-		
Current -         Instruction:       Regular programs       29,590,967       863,628       3,954,179       34,408,774         Special education programs       11,140,743       45,131       799,061       11,984,935         Vocational education programs       3,345,838       62,650       178,893       3,587,381         Other instructional programs       4,054,691       -       777,832       4,832,523         Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476			95,204,181	13,775,985	31,040,311	140,020,477
Instruction:       29,590,967       863,628       3,954,179       34,408,774         Special education programs       11,140,743       45,131       799,061       11,984,935         Vocational education programs       3,345,838       62,650       178,893       3,587,381         Other instructional programs       4,054,691       -       777,832       4,832,523         Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Expenditures:					
Regular programs       29,590,967       863,628       3,954,179       34,408,774         Special education programs       11,140,743       45,131       799,061       11,984,935         Vocational education programs       3,345,838       62,650       178,893       3,587,381         Other instructional programs       4,054,691       -       777,832       4,832,523         Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       -       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Current -					
Special education programs       11,140,743       45,131       799,061       11,984,935         Vocational education programs       3,345,838       62,650       178,893       3,587,381         Other instructional programs       4,054,691       -       777,832       4,832,523         Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       -       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Instruction:					
Vocational education programs       3,345,838       62,650       178,893       3,587,381         Other instructional programs       4,054,691       -       777,832       4,832,523         Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       -       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Regular programs		29,590,967	863,628	3,954,179	34,408,774
Other instructional programs       4,054,691       -       777,832       4,832,523         Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       -       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Special education programs		11,140,743	45,131	799,061	11,984,935
Special programs       1,679,099       34,776       3,105,545       4,819,420         Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       -       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Vocational education programs		3,345,838	62,650	178,893	3,587,381
Adult and continuing education programs       32,663       -       -       32,663         Support services:       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Other instructional programs		4,054,691	-	777,832	4,832,523
Support services:       Pupil support services       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Special programs		1,679,099	34,776	3,105,545	4,819,420
Support services:       Pupil support services       5,714,988       180,032       806,376       6,701,396         Instructional staff services       4,552,305       157,814       1,526,357       6,236,476	Adult and continuing education programs		32,663	-	-	32,663
Instructional staff services 4,552,305 157,814 1,526,357 6,236,476						
	Pupil support services		5,714,988	180,032	806,376	6,701,396
General administration 4,479,645 - 393,918 4,873,563	Instructional staff services		4,552,305	157,814	1,526,357	6,236,476
	General administration		4,479,645	-	393,918	4,873,563
School administration 6,326,736 - 623,177 6,949,913	School administration		6,326,736	-	623,177	6,949,913
Business services 935,723 - 159,214 1,094,937	Business services		935,723	-	159,214	1,094,937
Operation and maintenance of plant service 8,965,309 172,297 7,381,066 16,518,672	Operation and maintenance of plant service		8,965,309	172,297	7,381,066	16,518,672
Student transportation services 4,949,224 15,135 26,907 4,991,266	Student transportation services		4,949,224	15,135		4,991,266
Central services 2,975,811 - 203,226 3,179,037	Central services		2,975,811	- -	203,226	3,179,037
Non-instructional services:					,	
Food services 386,721 - 7,120,500 7,507,221			386,721	-	7,120,500	7,507,221
Community service programs 24,765 - 24,765	Community service programs		24,765	-	<u>-</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)	Other Governmental	Total
Facilities acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation	63,158	12,114,436	2,354,361	14,531,955
Other	376,019	-	14,000	390,019
Debt service - Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	2,086,000 673,485	2,086,000 673,485
Total expenditures	89,594,405	13,645,899	32,184,097	135,424,401
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	5,609,776	130,086	(1,143,786)	4,596,076
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers in	600,626		1,749,000	2,349,626
Operating transfers in	(1,500,000)	(130,086)	(719,540)	(2,349,626)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(899,374)	(130,086)	1,029,460	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)	4510 400		(11.1.22.0)	1.504.054
expenditures and other uses	4,710,402	-	(114,326)	4,596,076
Fund balances, beginning	40,719,154	<u>-</u>	23,180,678	63,899,832
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 45,429,556</u>	<u>s -</u>	\$ 23,066,352	<u>\$ 68,495,908</u>

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

Capital Assets: Capital outlay Lease expense in excess of interest expense on right to use lease asset Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2024	14,678,507 1,473,247 (5,177,474)	10,974,280
Long-Term Debt:		
Principal portion of debt service payments	2,086,000	
Bond premium amortization	9,625	
Excess of interest accrued over interest paid	22,293	
Compensated absences expense	151,304	
OPEB benefit	10,669,287	
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense:  Pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	13,159,878 (9,395,423)	
Amortization of excess contributions during the measurement period	1,690,187	
Some revenues reported in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources in governmental funds:		
Non employer pension contributions	383,043	
		18,776,194
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities		\$ 34,346,550

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2024

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and interest bearing deposits	<u>\$</u>	10,884
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable Total liabilities	\$	
NET POSITION Unrestricted	\$	10.884

#### Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Private Purpose Trust Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Additions	
Local sources -	
Interest earnings	\$ -
Subtractions	
Expenditures	(500)
Change in net position	(500)
Net position, beginning	11,384
	40.004
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 10,884</u>

### ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Centerville, Louisiana

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The St. Mary Parish School Board (School Board) was created by Louisiana Revised Statue (LSA-R.S.) 17:51 to provide public education for the children within St. Mary Parish. The School Board is authorized by LSA-R.S. 17:81 to establish policies and regulations for its own government consistent with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the regulations of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The School Board is comprised of eleven members who are elected for terms of four years.

The School Board operates twenty-two schools within the parish with a total enrollment of 7,520 pupils for the 2023-2024 year. In conjunction with the regular education programs, some of these schools offer special education and/or adult education programs. In addition, the School Board provides transportation and school food services for the students.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements of the St. Mary Parish School Board have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretation).

This financial report has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999.

#### Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the School Board includes all funds, activities, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the School Board. Because the School Board members are independently elected and are solely accountable for fiscal matters, which include (1) budget authority, (2) responsibility for funding deficits and operating deficiencies, and (3) fiscal management for controlling the collection and disbursement of funds, and because of the scope of public service provided by the School Board, the School Board is a separate governmental reporting entity (primary government).

Certain units of local government over which the School Board exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish council, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the School Board. The School Board is not a component unit of any other entity and does not have any component units which require inclusion in the financial statements of the School Board.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Fund Accounting**

The School Board uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Funds of the School Board are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follows:

#### Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the School Board are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the School Board's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is based upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the School Board's governmental fund types:

#### General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School Board. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

#### Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These funds account for the revenues and expenditures related to federal, state and local grant and entitlement programs.

#### **Debt Service Funds**

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

#### Capital Projects Funds

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources received and used to acquire, construct, or improve capital facilities not reported in other governmental funds.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the School Board. The following are the School Board's fiduciary fund types:

#### Private Purpose Trust Funds

Private purpose trust funds are trusts which exist to benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The resources, including both principal and revenues earned on that principal may be expended for purposes designated by the trust agreement (e.g., donations received for specific expendable purposes).

#### Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all financial activities of the School Board, except for the fiduciary funds. The fiduciary funds are only reported in the statement of fiduciary net position and the statement of changes in fiduciary net position at the fund financial statement level.

The government-wide financial statements and private purpose trust funds were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed).

#### **Program Revenues**

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a function and 2) requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Allocation of Indirect Expense

The School Board reports all direct expenses by function in the statement of activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the statement of activities. Depreciation expense which can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation on buildings is assigned to the "General Administration" function due to the fact that school buildings serve many purposes. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities.

#### Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements for governmental funds.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction that can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The School Board considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. The following practices in recording revenues and expenditures have been used for the governmental funds.

#### Revenues

Federal and state entitlements (unrestricted grants-in-aid, which include state equalization and state revenue sharing) are recorded when available and measurable. Federal and state grants which are restricted as to the purpose of the expenditures are recorded when the reimbursable expenditures have been made.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School Board's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Revenues (continued)

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed in November by the Parish Assessor based on the assessed value, become due on December 31 of each year, and become delinquent on January 1. An enforceable lien attaches to the property as of January 1. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. Property tax revenues are accrued at fiscal year end to the extent that they have been collected and are unremitted by the St. Mary Parish Tax Collector's Office. Such amounts are measurable and available to finance current operations.

Interest income on time deposits and revenues from rentals, leases, and royalties are recorded when earned, if collected within 60 days of the fiscal year end.

Sales and use tax revenues are recorded in the month collected by the St. Mary Parish Tax Collector.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

#### **Expenditures**

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Salaries are recorded as expenditures when incurred. Nine-month employee salaries are incurred over a nine-month period but paid over a twelve month period.

Compensated absences are recognized as expenditures when leave is actually taken or when employees (or heirs) are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death, while the cost of earned leave privileges not requiring current resources is recognized only when due.

Commitments under construction contracts are recognized as expenditures when earned by the contractor.

Principal and interest on general long-term obligations are not recognized until due.

#### Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (or any other type, such as right-ofuse or finance purchase lease transactions, debt extinguishment, long-term debt proceeds, et cetera) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Cash and interest-bearing deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits include interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less.

In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to deposit funds with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool.

#### Investments

Under state law, the School Board may invest funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The School Board may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, and time deposits of State banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

These investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is based on quoted market prices. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is estimated based on similar securities.

#### Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

#### Inventories

Inventory of the School Lunch Fund consists of food purchased by the School Board and commodities granted by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The commodities are recorded as revenues when received; however, all inventory items are recorded as expenditures when consumed. All purchased inventory items are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market, and commodities are assigned values based on information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Inventory of the General Fund consists of office supplies, custodial supplies, and textbooks maintained in the central warehouse for use in all departments and schools.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Capital and Right-of-Use Assets

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The School Board maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets for financial statement presentation.

Right-of-use assets are recorded for leases and contracts for information technology subscriptions in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87 and 96, respectively. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at the initial amount of the lease or contract liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement of the lease or contract date, plus certain indirect costs. Subsequently, the right-of-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its contract or lease term. The School Board's has set a capitalization threshold of \$250,000 for GASB 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs).

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements but not reported in the fund financial statements. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purposes by the School Board, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives are as follows:

Buildings 25-40 years Furniture and Equipment 5-12 years

#### Compensated Absences

All 12-month employees earn from 10 to 19 days of vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service with the School Board. Unused vacation leave at the end of each fiscal year can be carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year to a maximum of ten days. In accordance with the provisions of Statement No. 16, of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is recorded for non-vesting accumulating rights to receive vacation pay; however, a liability has been recorded for vesting accumulating rights to receive vacation pay.

Sabbatical leave may be granted for medical leave with doctor's certification and for professional and cultural improvement. Any employee with a teaching certificate is entitled, subject to approval by the School Board, to one semester of sabbatical leave after six semesters of continuous service or two semesters of sabbatical leave after twelve or more semesters of continuous service. At no time during the school year shall the number of persons on sabbatical leave exceed 5% of the total number of certificated personnel employed by the school district.

Due to its restrictive nature, sabbatical leave benefits are recorded as expenditures in the period taken and no liability is recorded in advance of the sabbatical.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Vested or accumulated sick leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. A liability has been recorded for up to 25 days of accumulated sick leave for all eligible employees.

#### **Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Debt issuance costs are reported as an expenditure.

#### **Equity Classifications**

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported in three categories, as follows:

- a. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position consists of net position items with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position consists of the net amount of assets and liabilities that do not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the School Board.

#### **Fund Financial Statements:**

The School Board applies GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. See Note 16 for further explanation.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Interfund Transactions**

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the School Board's management to make estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### Net Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations

The School Board applies GASB Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions." This pronouncement requires the School Board to calculate and recognize a net other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligation at June 30, 2024. See Note 13 for further details.

#### Pensions

The School Board applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions." This pronouncement requires the School Board to calculate and recognize a net pension liability at June 30, 2024. 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 and changes in fiduciary net position of the defined benefit pension plans in which the School Board participates have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 12 for further details.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School Board reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other post employment benefits (OPEB).

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The School Board reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other post employment benefits (OPEB).

See Note 12 and 13 for additional information related to deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

# **Subsequent Events**

The School Board has evaluated subsequent events through December 23, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS

Under state law, the School Board may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The School Board may invest in direct obligations of the United States government, bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and/or the United States government, and time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2024, the School Board had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$63,202,027 as follows:

	Governmental		]	Fiduciary		
	Activities		Activities		Total	
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	\$	54,032,247	\$	10,884	\$	54,043,131
Demand deposits		8,040,646		-		8,040,646
Money market	_	1,118,250		<u>-</u>		1,118,250
Total	\$	63,191,143	\$	10,884	\$	63,202,027

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS (CONTINUED)

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the School Board's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Under state law, deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The deposit balances were fully secured at June 30, 2024.

#### NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

Under Louisiana R.S. 33:2955, as amended, the School Board may invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Agencies and instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit and other investments as provided in the statute. Investments at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less Than One Year	One - Five Years
Governmental Activities: Certificates of deposit Total investments	\$ 9,976,126	\$ -	\$ 9,976,126
	\$ 9,976,126	\$ -	\$ 9,976,126

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of a loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The School Board Places no limit on the amount that the entity may invest in any one issuer. More than 5% of the School Board's investments are in certificates of deposit at a local financial institution. These investments are 100% of the School Board's total investments.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u> – <u>Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School Board's investment policy conforms to state law, which does not have a policy that limits maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.</u>

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u> – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School Board will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The U.S. Securities and certificates of deposit investments are registered in the School Board's name and are held in the custodial bank's trust account at its custodial agent. During the year ended June 30, 2024, there were no uninsured and unregistered investments held by the counterparty, or its trust department or agent, which were not in the School Board's name. Accordingly, the School Board had no custodial credit risk related to its investments at June 30, 2024.

Louisiana R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the School Board that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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# NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The School Board categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by GASB Statement No, 72. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets: Level 2 inputs ore significant other observable Inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The School Board had recurring investments at June 30, 2024, as follows:

		Fair Value Hierarchy				
		Quoted	Significant	Significant		
		Prices in (		eUnobservable		
		Active Markets	Inputs	Inputs		
Investment Type	Amount	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)		
Governmental Activities:						
Certificates of deposit	\$ 9,976,126	\$ -	\$ 9,976,126	\$ -		
Total investments at fair value level	\$ 9,976,126	\$ -	\$ 9,976,126	\$ -		

#### NOTE 4 AD VALOREM TAXES

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the School Board in September or October and are actually billed to taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff bills and collects the property taxes for the School Board. Property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, there were no property taxes held under protest in escrow with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff on behalf of the St. Mary Parish School Board.

# Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 4 AD VALOREM TAXES (CONTINUED)

For the year ended June 30, 2024 ad valorem taxes totaling 100.33 mills were levied on property and dedicated as follows:

	2024		
	Net		
	Assessed		
	Valuations	Mills	
Parish wide taxes:			
Constitutional	619,111,056	8.83	
Consolidated school district No. 5	619,111,056	11.82	
District taxes:			
Maintenance taxes -			
Consolidated school district No. 3			
(School maintenance district No. 1)	234,716,918	12.42	
Consolidated school district No. 2			
(School maintenance district No. 2)	185,964,313	12.73	
Sixth Ward special school district No. 3			
(School maintenance district No. 3)	196,683,095	12.53	
Bond and interest taxes -			
Consolidated school district No. 1	143,866,331	10.00	
Fourth Ward special school district	90,850,587	6.00	
Fifth Ward special school district	85,658,926	20.00	

The taxes levied were \$24,223,326 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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## NOTE 5 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfers funded from current revenues during the year ended June 30, 2024 consisted of:

	Transfers			
	In	Out		
Major governmental:				
General Fund:				
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 600,626	\$ -		
Capital Projects Funds	<del>-</del>	1,500,000		
Total major governmental	600,626	1,500,000		
Nonmajor governmental:				
Special Revenue Funds:				
General Fund	-	600,626		
Capital Projects Funds	-	249,000		
Capital Project Funds:				
General Fund	1,500,000	-		
Special Revenue Funds	249,000			
Total nonmajor governmental	1,749,000	849,626		
Total interfund transfers	<u>\$ 2,349,626</u>	\$ 2,349,626		

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 6 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2024 consisted of:

	Interfund	Interfund		
	Receivables	Payables		
Major governmental:				
General Fund:				
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 2,946,959	\$ -		
Special Revenue Funds:				
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief	3,918,457	4,780,072		
Total major governmental	6,865,416	4,780,072		
Nonmajor governmental:				
Special Revenue Funds:				
Special Revenue Funds	13,190,413	15,599,996		
Capital Projects Funds:				
General Fund	-	4,147,957		
Special Revenue Funds	1,342,101	-		
<u>Debt Service Funds:</u>				
General Fund	3,130,095	<u>-</u>		
Total nonmajor governmental	17,662,609	19,747,953		
Total interfund receivables/payables	<u>\$ 24,528,025</u>	<u>\$ 24,528,025</u>		

Due to/from general fund represents costs paid from the general fund bank account on behalf of individual funds that do not have checking accounts. These receivables and payables reverse in the normal course of operations. All remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between the funds are made. Also included in interfund balances at June 30, 2024 is a \$3.2 million loan from the General Fund to the District II Capital Projects Fund to cover costs associated with two large capital projects. This loan is to be repaid over 15 years at an estimated \$249,000 per year with an interest rate of approximately 1.25 percent. This payment is based on anticipated annual savings from the consolidation of the four schools that were replaced by Raintree Elementary and allocated to the three maintenance districts by a special formula. A payment in the amount of \$249,000 was made on this debt during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

## NOTE 7 ACCOUNTS, SALARIES AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Special General Revenue Fund Funds		Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total	
Accounts Salaries, withholdings,	\$ 2,667,157	\$1,431,871	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,099,028	
and other payables Total	9,751,696 \$ 12,418,853	332,830 \$1,764,701	<u> </u>	<u>-</u> \$ -	10,084,526 \$14,183,554	

# Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 8 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
Governmental activities:			_	_
Capital assets not being depreciated or amortized:				
Land	\$ 4,067,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,067,185
Construction in progress	2,140,936	13,108,902	(4,681,653)	10,568,185
Total capital assets not				
being depreciated	6,208,121	13,108,902	(4,681,653)	14,635,370
Capital assets being depreciated and amortized:				
Right to use lease - equipment	3,172,680	1,638,578	(173,458)	4,637,800
Buildings and improvements	121,260,749	6,173,054	-	127,433,803
Furniture and Equipment	24,274,900	78,204	(19,676)	24,333,428
Total capital assets being depreciated and amortized:	148,708,329	7,889,836	(193,134)	156,405,031
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:				
Right to use lease - equipment	(1,808,143)	(1,455,504)	129,071	(3,134,576)
Buildings and improvements	(69,960,682)	(3,567,441)	-	(73,528,123)
Furniture and Equipment	(12,826,992)	(154,529)	19,676	(12,961,845)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	(84,595,817)	(5,177,474)	148,747	(89,624,544)
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized, net	64,112,512	2,712,362	(44,387)	66,780,487
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 70,320,633</u>	<u>\$15,821,264</u>	<u>\$ (4,726,040)</u>	<u>\$81,415,857</u>

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 8 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation expense of \$3,721970 and amortization expense of \$1,455,504 for the year ended June 30, 2024 were charged to the following:

	Dej	preciation	Amortiz	ation
Instruction:				
Regular programs	\$	90,932	\$	-
Special Ed		18,186		-
Vocational		18,186		-
Other instructional programs		36,373		-
Support:				
Pupil Support		54,559		-
Instructional staff services		18,186		-
School Administration		36,373		-
Business services		36,373		-
General administration	3	3,230,939		-
Operation and maintenance of plant		109,118		-
Student transportation services		18,186	1,455	5,504
Food services		54,559		
	\$ 3	3,721,970	<u>\$ 1,455</u>	<u>5,504</u>

## NOTE 9 CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions of the St. Mary Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance July 1, 2023		Additions		Deductions		Balance June 30, 2024	_	ue Within One Year
Bonds payable:									
General obligation bonds	\$	25,026,000	\$	-	\$	(2,086,000)	\$ 22,940,000	\$	2,161,000
Premium on bonds payable		105,872				(9,625)	96,247		_
Total bonds payable		25,131,872		-		(2,095,625)	23,036,247		2,161,000
Other liabilities:									
Finance lease payable		1,415,640		1,532,154		(1,411,210)	1,536,584		705,567
Compensated absences		4,914,638		2,722,747		(2,874,051)	4,763,334		2,682,334
Other postemployment benefits	]	108,119,744		7,088,186		(8,214,422)	106,993,508		-
Net pension liability		85,491,347		_		(3,837,918)	81,653,429		<u>-</u>
Total other liabilities		199,941,369		11,343,087		(16,337,601)	194,946,855		3,387,901
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 2</u>	225,073,241	\$	11,343,087	\$	(18,433,226)	<u>\$ 217,983,102</u>	\$	5,548,901

Compensated absences reported at June 30, 2024 of \$4,763,334 reflect amounts due to eligible employees, for unused sick leave, up to a maximum of 25 days and unused vacation leave.

See Note 13 for further explanation on other post-employment benefits liability.

See Note 12 for further explanation on net pension liability.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 9 CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024 is comprised of the following individual issues:

\$16,679,000 General Obligations School Refunding Bonds Series 2015 of Consolidated School District No. 1 (to defease \$17,675,000 of 2007 General Obligation Bonds) dated September 10, 2015, due in annual installments of \$167,000 to \$1,430,000, maturing March 1, 2032; interest variable from 1.2% to 2.9%; payable from annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

\$ 7,552,000

\$3,254,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds Series 2015 of Special School District No. 4 (to defease \$3,570,000 of 2007 General Obligation Bonds) dated September 10, 2015, due in annual installments of \$34,000 to \$286,000, maturing March 1, 2032; interest variable from 1.2% to 2.6%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

1,443,000

\$21,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2014 of Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school related facilities and to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools with the district) dated July 29, 2014, due in annual installments of \$715,000 to \$1,610,000, maturing March 1, 2028; interest variable from 2% to 4%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

4,590,000

\$9,685,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds Series 2021 of Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (to defease \$7,530,000 of 2014 General Obligation Bonds) dated September 29, 2021, due in annual installments of \$105,000 to \$1,595,000, maturing March 1, 2034; interest variable from 0.47% to 2.4%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

9,355,000

Total bonded debt \$ 22,940,000

# Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 9 CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Consolidat District		Special School District No. 4			
Year Ended						
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
2025	827,000	214,388	159,000	37,890		
2026	856,000	192,000	165,000	33,890		
2027	888,000	168,434	172,000	29,674		
2028	921,000	143,624	178,000	25,222		
2029	957,000	117,570	183,000	20,559		
2030-2032	3,103,000	183,049	586,000	31,882		
	<u>\$ 7,552,000</u>	<u>7,552,000</u> <u>\$ 1,019,065</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>\$ 179,117</u>		
	Fifth War School District N	d Special o. 1, Series 2014	Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1, Series 2021			
Year Ended						
Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
	Principal 1,070,000	Interest 157,331	Principal 105,000	Interest 196,323		
June 30,	. <del></del>					
June 30, 2025	1,070,000	157,331	105,000	196,323		
June 30, 2025 2026	1,070,000 1,120,000	157,331 114,531	105,000 110,000	196,323 195,263		
June 30, 2025 2026 2027	1,070,000 1,120,000 1,175,000	157,331 114,531 79,531	105,000 110,000 110,000	196,323 195,263 193,877		
June 30, 2025 2026 2027 2028	1,070,000 1,120,000 1,175,000	157,331 114,531 79,531	105,000 110,000 110,000 110,000	196,323 195,263 193,877 192,260		

No interest was capitalized during 2024. Interest incurred and charged to expense totaled \$672,811

# NOTE 10 LEASES

The following is a summary of the current lease agreements of the St. Mary Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Commencement	Payment	Payment Interest		Original Lease		Balance at								
	Date	Terms	Amount		Amount		Amount		erms Amount		Rate Liability		<u>Liability</u>		ne 30, 2024
Office equipment	Various	Various	\$	4,055	2.68%	\$	214,397	\$	84,332						
Buses	Various	Various	\$ 1,	397,400	2.68%		5,742,021	_	1,452,252						
Total lease agreeme	ents					\$	5,956,418	\$	1,536,584						

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 10 LEASES (CONTINUED)

The School Board is a party to several separate agreements with entities to lease certain copier/duplication equipment and certain buses. The term of each lease ranges from twelve (12) months to sixty (60) months beginning on various dates. The lease agreements provide that the School Board shall pay regular lease payments as provided for in the separate lease contracts. Each lease contains provisions allowing cancellation in the event the School Board does not appropriate funds in future periods to be paid and allows the equipment to be returned.

Annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending					
June 30,	Principal		Interest	Total	
2025	\$	705,567	\$41,180	\$	746,747
2026		686,101	22,271		708,372
2027		144,916	3,884		148,800
	<u>\$</u>	1,536,584	<u>\$67,335</u>	\$	1,603,919

#### NOTE 11 SALES TAX

On December 7, 1965, the voters of the parish approved a one percent (1%) sales and use tax to be levied by the St. Mary Parish Council, of which 30 percent of the net proceeds is to be remitted to the St. Mary Parish School Board. The proceeds received by the School Board are dedicated to supplement the salaries of teachers and school employees and for general operations of the public schools of St. Mary Parish.

On August 14, 1975, the voters of the parish approved a one-fourth of one percent (1/4 %) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The net proceeds of the tax are used to provide additional funds for the payment of salaries of teachers and other school board personnel and/or for other employee benefits.

On April 12, 1979, the voters of the parish approved a seven-tenths of one percent (7/10 %) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The proceeds of the tax were used first for payment of debt service requirements on bonds issued for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction and acquisition of air conditioning facilities and equipment for parish schools. The net proceeds after satisfying the bond service requirements, which have been retired since February 1, 1995, are used each month in the following priority:

- Payment of the cost of utilities.
- An amount equal to 65 percent of the total net proceeds of this tax is set aside and used to supplement other funds for the payment of salaries and/or other employee benefits of teachers and other school board personnel.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 11 SALES TAX (CONTINUED)

• The remainder of the proceeds of this tax is used to construct, maintain, and acquire capital improvements and for other school purposes provided that such proceeds are not used to construct new classroom facilities.

On March 8, 1988, the voters of the parish approved a one-half of one percent (1/2 %) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The net proceeds of the tax are used to provide additional support to public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for salary obligations and educational management, advancement, and enrichment.

On July 1, 2021, the voters of the parish approved a point four five percent (.45%) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The net proceeds of the tax are to be used to supplement salaries and benefits paid by the School Board for teachers and other personnel. The tax will be up for renewal on July 1, 2026.

Sales and use taxes are collected for and remitted to the School Board by the St. Mary Parish Sales and Use Tax Department.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, there were approximately \$13,118 of sales and use taxes held under protest in escrow at the St. Mary Parish Sales and Use Tax Department on behalf of the St. Mary Parish School Board. These funds are not included in the School Board's June 30, 2024 financial statements.

#### NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS

#### Plan Descriptions

Substantially all employees of the School Board are provided with pensions through cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS), or Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). The authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS was granted to the respective Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature by Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS each issues publicly available financial reports that can be obtained at www.trsl.org, www.lsers.net, and www.lasersonline.org, respectively.

## Benefits Provided

## Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

#### Retirement Benefits

TRSL administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees who meet the legal definition of a "teacher" as provided for in R.S 11:701. Eligibility for retirement benefits and the calculation of retirement benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:761. Statutory changes closed existing, and created new, sub-plans for members hired on or after January 1, 2011.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Members hired prior to July 1, 1999:

- 2.0% benefit factor:
  - ➤ At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit
- 2.5% benefit factor:
  - At least age 65 with at least 20 years of service credit
  - At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

## Members joining system between July 1, 1999 and December 31, 2010:

- 2.5% benefit factor:
  - ➤ At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - ➤ At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
  - ➤ Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)
  - Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

# Members first eligible to join and hired between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2015:

- 2.5% benefit factor:
  - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

## Members first eligible to join and hired on or after July 1, 2015:

- 2.5% benefit factor:
  - At least age 62 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

# All Plan A Members (Plan A is closed to new entrants):

- 3.0% benefit factor:
  - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

# Plan B Members hired before July 1, 2015:

- 2.0% benefit factor:
  - > At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - At least age 55 with at least 30 years of service credit

# Plan B Members first eligible to join and hired on after July 1, 2015:

- 2.0% benefit factor:
  - At least age 62 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - At any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

## **Deferred Retirement Benefits**

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, an eligible member can begin participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) on the first retirement eligibility date for a period not to exceed three years. A member has a 60 day window from his first eligible date to participate in the program in order to participate for the maximum number of years. Delayed participation reduces the three year participation period. During participation, benefits otherwise payable are fixed, and deposited in an individual DROP account. Upon termination of DROP participation, the member can continue employment and earn additional accruals to be added to the fixed pre-DROP benefit. Upon termination of employment, the member is entitled to the fixed benefit, an additional benefit based on post-DROP service (if any), and the individual DROP account balance which can be paid in a lump sum or an additional annuity based upon the account balance.

## **Disability Benefits**

Active members of TRSL whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system before January 1, 2011, and who have five or more years of service credit, are eligible for disability retirement benefits if certified by the State Medical Disability Board to be disabled from performing their job. All other members must have at least 10 years of service to be eligible for a disability benefit. Calculation of the disability benefit as well as the availability of a minor child benefit is determined by the plan to which the member belongs and the date on which the member's first employment made them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system.

# Survivor's Benefits

Provisions for TRSL survivor benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:762. A surviving spouse with minor children of an active member with at least five years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) 50% of the member's benefit calculated at the 2.5% accrual rate for all creditable service. When minor children are no longer eligible to receive survivor benefits, the spouse's benefit reverts to a survivor benefit in accordance with the provisions for a surviving spouse with no minor children. Benefits for the minor children cease when they are no longer eligible. Each minor child (maximum of two) shall receive an amount equal to the greater of (a) 50% of the spouse's benefit or (b) \$300 (up to two eligible children). Benefits to minors cease at attainment of age 21, marriage, or age 23 if enrolled in an approved institution of higher education.

A surviving spouse without minor children of an active member with 10 years of creditable service (2 years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) the option 2 equivalent of the benefit calculated at the 2.5% benefit factor for all creditable service.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Permanent Benefit Increase/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, TRSL allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

## Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)

The Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) was established for academic employees of public institutions of higher education who are eligible for membership in TRSL. This plan was designed to provide certain academic and unclassified employees of public institutions of higher education an optional method of funding for their retirement.

The ORP is a defined contribution pension plan which provides for portability of assets and full and immediate vesting of all contributions submitted on behalf of the affected employees to the approved providers. These providers are selected by the TRSL Board of Trustees. Monthly employer and employee contributions are invested as directed by the employee to provide the employee with future retirement benefits. The amount of these benefits is entirely dependent upon the total contributions and investment returns accumulated during the employee's working lifetime. Employees in eligible positions of higher education can make an irrevocable election to participate in the ORP rather than TRSL and purchase annuity contracts—fixed, variable, or both—for benefits payable at retirement.

# Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

#### Retirement Benefits

LSERS provides retirement, deferred retirement option (DROP), and disability benefits.

## Members hired prior to July 1, 2010:

- 3.33% benefit factor:
  - At least age 60 with at least 10 years of service credit
  - At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)
  - > Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

## Members hired between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2015:

- 2.50% benefit factor:
  - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

## Members hired after July 1, 2015:

- 2.50% benefit factor:
  - ➤ At least age 62 with at least 5 years of service credit
  - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

For members who joined LSERS prior to July 1, 2006, the maximum retirement benefit is an amount equal to 3.33% of the average compensation for the three highest consecutive years of membership service, subject to the 10% salary limitation, multiplied by the number of years of service limited to 100% of final average compensation plus a supplementary allowance of \$2.00 per month for each year of service. For members who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010, 3.33% of the average compensation is used to calculate benefits; however, the calculation consists of the five highest consecutive years of membership service, subject to the 10% salary limitation.

For members who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2010, 2.5% of the average compensation is used to calculate benefits and consists of the five highest consecutive years' average salary, subject to the 15% salary limitation. The supplemental allowance was eliminated for members entering LSERS on or after July 1, 1986. Effective January 1, 1992, the supplemental allowance was reinstated to all members whose service retirement became effective after July 1, 1971.

# **Deferred Retirement Option**

Members of LSERS may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and defer the receipt of benefits. The election may be made only one time and the duration is limited to three years. Once an option has been selected, no change is permitted. Upon the effective date of the commencement of participation in the DROP Plan, active membership in the regular retirement plan of the System terminates. Average compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the System. The monthly retirement benefits, that would have been payable had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund Account.

LSERS maintains subaccounts within this account reflecting the credits attributed to each participant in the DROP program. Interest credited and payments from the DROP account are made in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:1152(F)(3). Upon termination of participation in both the DROP program and employment, a participant may receive his DROP monies either in a lump sum payment from the account or systematic disbursements.

LSERS also provides for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits become payable.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

## **Disability Benefits**

A member is eligible to retire and receive disability benefits if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has become totally and permanently disabled, and is certified as disabled by the Medical Board. A vested person with 20 or more years of creditable service, who has withdrawn from active service prior to the age at which he is eligible for retirement benefits, is eligible for a disability benefit until normal retirement age. A member who joins the System on or after July 1, 2006, must have at least 10 years of service to qualify for disability benefits.

Upon the death of a member with five or more years of creditable service, the System provides benefits for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, a spouse is entitled to 75% of the member's benefit.

## Initial Benefit Retirement Plan

Effective January 1, 1996, the state legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Retirement Plan (IBRP) program. IBRP is available to members who have not participated in DROP and who select certain benefit options. Thereafter, these members are ineligible to participate in the DROP. The IBRP program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of a regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest credited and payments from IBRP account are made in accordance with R.S. 11:1152(F)(3).

## Permanent Benefit Increase/Cost-of-Living Adjustment

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the system and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

# Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

#### <u>Retirement Benefits</u>

LASERS administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in R.S. 11:411-414. The age and years of creditable service (service) required in order for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by R.S. 11:441 and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. Act 992 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature closed existing sub-plans for members hired before January 1, 2011, and created new sub-plans for regular members, hazardous duty members, and judges. Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members.

Eligibility for retirement benefits and the computation of retirement benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:444. All Louisiana Legislative Auditor's members are regular plan members.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# Members hired prior to July 1, 2006:

- At age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
- At least age 60 with at least 10 years of service credit
- ➤ Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

## Members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015:

At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit

## Members hired after June 30, 2015:

➤ At least age 62 with at least 5 years of service credit

Additionally, all regular plan members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit. The basic annual retirement benefit for regular plan members is equal to 2.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, generally not to exceed 100% of average compensation. Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed before July 1, 2006, or highest 60 consecutive months of employment for members employed on or after that date.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

# **Deferred Retirement Benefits**

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account.

Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

#### Disability Benefits

All members with 10 or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age. Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees. For injuries sustained in the line of duty, members in the hazardous duty plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation.

## Survivor's Benefits

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

# Permanent Benefit Increase/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, LASERS allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### **Contributions**

# <u>Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)</u>

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 101-104 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:101-11:104) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature.

Members participating in the TRSL Regular Plan are required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salaries and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 24.1% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to TRSL for the Regular Plan for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$11,307,924.

Members participating in the TRSL Plan B are required by state statute to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salaries and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 24.1% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to TRSL for the Plan B for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$475,271.

There were no participants in the TRSL Plan A and Optional Plan for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Act 81 of 1988 and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salaries if hired before July 1, 2010 (closed plan) and 8.0% of their annual covered salaries if hired on or after July 1, 2010, and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 27.6% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to LSERS for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$1,303,023.

## Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Substantially all of the School Board employees participating in LASERS are included in the Regular Plan. Members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salaries if hired before July 1, 2006 (closed plan) and 8.0% of their annual covered salaries if hired after July 1, 2006, and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 41.3% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to LASERS for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$73,660.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

The following table reflects the School Board's reported net pension liability, pension expense, proportion share of the net pension liability and changes in proportion as of June 30, 2024.

Net Pension Liability	TRSL \$72,851,313	<b>LSERS</b> \$ 8,295,215	<b>LASERS</b> \$ 506,901	Total \$ 81,653,429
Pension Expense	\$ 8,246,647	\$ 1,072,463	\$ 76,313	\$ 9,395,423
Proportion of Net Pension Liability	0.8059%	1.3711%	0.0076%	
Change in Proportion Increase (Decrease)	0.01147%	0.00520%	.00018%	

The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2023 for TRSL, LSRS and LASERS. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of these dates. The School Board's proportion of the net pension liability for TRSL and LASERS was based on a projection of the School Board's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The School Board's proportion of the net pension liability of LSERS was based on the School Board's historical contributions.

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

## **Deferred Outflows of Resources**

	TRSL		LSERS	LASERS		Total
Differences between expected and actual						
experience	\$	3,421,300	\$ 239,437	\$	10,973	\$ 3,671,710
Changes in assumptions		3,285,708	110,772		-	3,396,480
Difference between projected and actual						
earnings on pension plan investments		4,986,932	-		2,898	4,989,830
Difference between employer contributions						
and proportionate share of contributions		847,072	-		6,215	853,287
Changes in proportion		-	16,699		-	16,699
Employer contributions subsequent to						
measurement date		11,783,195	1,303,023		73,660	13,159,878
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Total	\$	24,324,207	\$1,669,931		93,746	\$26,087,884

## Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# **Deferred Inflows of Resources**

	TRSL		LSERS		LASERS		Total	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,136	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,136	
Changes in assumptions	2,375,514		313,466		-		2,688,980	
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-		334,710		_		334,710	
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,091,055		7,581		14,518		2,113,154	
Changes in proportion	-		151,929		-		151,929	
Total	\$ 4,470,705	\$	807,686	\$	14,518	\$	5,292,909	

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS net pension liability during the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

Year ended June 30:	TRSL		LSERS		L	ASERS	Total		
2025	\$	1,102,244	\$	(275,636)	\$	5,553	\$	832,161	
2026		(995,254)		(560,138)		(18,306)		(1,573,698)	
2027		7,390,805		424,435		24,966		7,840,206	
2028		572,512		(29,439)		(6,645)		536,428	
Totals	\$	8,070,307	\$	(440,778)	\$	5,568	\$	7,635,097	

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

## **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the actuarial valuations for TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS
Valuation date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:			
Expected Remaining Service			
Lives	5 years	3 years	2 years
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%	6.800%	7.25%
Inflation Rate	2.4% per annum	2.5% per annum	2.3% per annum
Projected Salary Increases	2.41% - 4.85%	3.75%	3.0% - 12.8%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None	See plan description	See plan description
Dates of Experience Study	2018 - 2022	2018 - 2022	2014 - 2018
Mortality Rates	Pub2010T-Below Median Employee, Pub2010T-Below Median Retiree, Pub2010T- Disability, Pub 2010T-Below Median Contingent Survivor	Pub-2010 Median Healthy Retiree Tables, Pub-2010 General Below Median Sex Distinct Employee Table, Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Sex Distinct Table	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS were determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The target allocation and expected real rates of return for each major asset class of as of June 30, 2023 for TRSL, LSERS and LASERS are summarized in the following tables:

# Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

# <u>Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL):</u>

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	22.5%	4.55%
International equity	11.5%	5.01%
Domestic fixed income	8.0%	2.20%
International fixed income	6.0%	-0.29%
Private equity	37.0%	8.24%
Other private assets	15.0%	4.32%
Total	100%	
Louisiana School Employees' Retirement Sy	vstem (LSERS):	
Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	26%	0.97%
Equity	39%	2.84%
Alternative investments	23%	1.89%
Real estate	12%	0.61%
Total	100%	6.31%
Inflation		2.40%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		8.71%
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement Syst	tem (LASERS):	
		Long-term Expected
		Portfolio Real
Asset Class		Rate of Return
Cash		0.80%
Domestic equity		4.45%
International equity		5.44%
Domestic fixed income		2.04%
International fixed income		5.33%
Alternative investments		8.19%
Total fund		5.75%

Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS was 7.25%, 6.80%, and 7.25%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# Sensitivity of the School Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability of TRSL, LSERS and LASERS as of June 30, 2024 using the current discount rates of 7.25%, 6.80%, and 7.25%, respectively, as well as what the School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

School Board's	proportionate	share of the	net pension	liability
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				Current			
	1.0	% Decrease	Dis	scount Rate	1.0% Increase		
TRSL	\$	103,196,549	\$	72,851,313	\$	47,321,292	
LSERS	\$	11,909,569	\$	8,295,215	\$	5,196,726	
LASERS	\$	663,745	\$	506,901	\$	374,021	

## **Support of Non-employer Contributing Entities**

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. The School Board recognizes revenue in an amount equal to their proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employer contributing entities. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$383,043 for its participation in TRSL. LSERS and LASERS do not receive support from non-employer contributing entities and as a result no revenue was recorded for the participation in LSERS or LASERS for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

## **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plans fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial reports for TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS and can be obtained on the plans' respective websites or on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website: www.lla.la.gov.

# **Payables to the Pension Plans**

At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported a payable of \$730,228 and \$108,253 for the outstanding amount of contributions due to TRSL and LSERS, respectively.

#### NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

#### **Plan Description**

The St. Mary Parish School Board provides certain continuing medical and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The plan is a self-funded single employer plan administered by BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana. The plan issues a separate financial report. The report may be obtained by writing to BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana, P. O. Box 98029, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9029 or by calling (225) 295-3307. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

#### **Benefits Provided**

Requirements for eligibility for these benefits are that retirees at age 65 have not less than fifteen years with the St. Mary Parish School Board or twenty years total service with the last ten years of employment being with the St. Mary Parish School Board. At any age below 65 the retiree must have not less than 30 years of service with at least twenty years with the St. Mary Parish School Board. The monthly premiums of these benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are paid jointly by the employee and the School Board.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the School Board are established and may be amended by the School Board. The School Board determines the required contribution based on projected pay-as-you-go financing. Current monthly contribution rates for medical insurance at July 1, 2022 were as follows:

		Pla	ın 1		Plan 2			
	Pre-Medicare		Post-Medicare		Pre-Medicare		Post-Medicare	
Retiree Only	\$	223	\$	90	\$	120	\$	90
Retiree and Spouse		481		180		310		180
Surviving Spouse		368		220		318		220

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Retirees eligible for Medicare are required to enroll in Part A which affects their monthly required premium amount. Employees are also eligible for Basic Life Insurance upon retirement. The School Board will pay one-half of the premium with the retiree being responsible for the other half of the premium. In addition, retirees may elect a Supplemental Life Insurance benefit equal to the minimum of (1) 1.5 times their salary at retirement and (2) \$40,000. The School Board will pay one-half of the premium with the retiree being responsible for the other half of the premium.

#### Plan Membership

Membership in the plan consisted of the following at July 1, 2022, the date of the last full actuarial valuation.

Active employees	1,111
Retirees	886
Beneficiaries	38
Spouses of current retirees	234
Total	2,269

## **Total OPEB Liability**

The School Board total OPEB liability of \$106,993,508 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

## **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation date: July 1, 2022
Measurement date: June 30, 2024
Actuarial cost method: Entry age normal

Inflation rate 2.30%

Salary scale Years of service, as follows:

1 - 2.25%; 2-5 - 1.37%; 6-13 - 1.17%;

14+ - 0.88% (merit rates compounded with inflation)

Discount rate 3.93%

Healthcare cost trend 3.70% - 6.50%

Mortality rates PubG.H-2010 projected forward (fully generational) with MP-

2021. Pub-2010 for disabled lives and contingent survivors.

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer's General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index.

The plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# **Changes in total OPEB Liability**

		Increase (Decrease) Total OPEB Liability			
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$	108,119,744			
Changes for the year: Service cost Interest on total OPEB liability Effect of assumptions changes or inputs Benefit payments		3,108,309 3,979,877 (3,794,100) (4,420,322)			
Net changes		(1,126,236)			
Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$</u>	106,993,508			

# **Sensitivity Analysis**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School Board, calculated using the discount rate of 3.93%, as well as what the School Board's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.93%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.93%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 2.93%		
Total OPEB liability	\$ 121,587,071	\$ 106,993,508	\$ 95,005,383

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School Board, calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the School Board's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current trend rates.

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 93,055,031	\$ 106,993,508	\$ 124,304,212

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

# OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Board recognized OPEB expense (benefit) of (\$10,669,287). At June 30, 2024, the School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows		Deferred Outflows	
	0	f Resources	of	Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	(10,517,376)	\$	4,991,019
Changes of assumptions		(14,686,650)		<u>-</u>
Total	\$	(25,204,026)	\$	4,991,019

Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending.	June 30:
2025	\$ (11,286,684)
2026	(5,388,792)
2027	(3,115,963)
2028	(421,568)
Total	\$ (20,213,007)

## NOTE 14 RISK MANAGEMENT

# Workers' Compensation

The School Board replaced the limited risk management program for workers' compensation with a fully insured plan on May 1, 1999. Management Service, USA was hired by the School Board as administrator of this limited risk program. While under this limited risk plan, the School Board purchased commercial insurance for individual claims in excess of \$1,000,000. The School Board, unable to obtain reasonable worker's compensation insurance coverage, once again elected to participate in another limited risk management program, effective May 1, 2004. Claims Administrative Services, Inc. serves as the administrator of this plan. The School Board incurred \$556,861 in benefits and administrative costs under the limited risk plans during fiscal year 2024. Incurred but not paid claims have been accrued as a liability in the general fund.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 14 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### Reconciliation of Claims Liabilities

Changes in the claims liability amounts for the risk management programs are as follows:

	Beginning of Fiscal year Liability	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Benefit Payments and Claims	Balance at Fiscal Year - End
Workers' Compensation	<u>\$ 792,484</u>	\$ 881,860	<u>\$ (556,861)</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,483</u>

Claims payable of \$1,117,483 for workers' compensation at June 30, 2024 was obtained from information provided by the third party administrator.

# **General Liability**

The School Board, unable to obtain reasonable commercial insurance coverage, elected to participate in a self-insurance pool called LARMA (Louisiana Risk Management Agency), effective April 1, 2004. This pool consists of other school boards and is structured where a loss fund is established from actuarial numbers. Aggregate excess coverage of \$4 million is also provided to protect the fund. This fund covers general liability as well as automobile, board errors and omissions liability, and fidelity and forgery insurance. Building and contents coverage is still being provided by a commercial insurance carrier.

## NOTE 15 PENDING LITIGATION

#### Contingencies

At June 30, 2024, the School Board was a defendant in lawsuits principally arising from the normal course of operations. The School Board's legal counsel has reviewed the School Board's claims and lawsuits in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the School Board. It is the opinion of the School Board, after conferring with legal counsel, that the liabilities, if any, which might arise from these lawsuits could have a material adverse effect on the School Board's financial position in the amount of approximately \$2 million.

#### NOTE 16 FUND BALANCES

The School Board applies GASB Statement No. 54, which redefined how fund balances of the governmental funds are presented in the financial statements. Fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable Fund Balance**—amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 16 FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

**Restricted Fund Balance**—amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance—amounts constrained to specific purposes by the School Board itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

**Assigned Fund Balance**—amounts the School Board intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the School Board or by an official or body to which the School Board delegates the authority.

Unassigned Fund Balance—amounts that are available for any purpose.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the School Board considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the School Board considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the School Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

# Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 16 FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

The following is a schedule of fund balances as of June 30, 2024:

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Non Spendable:			
Inventory	\$ 261,565	\$ -	\$ 261,565
Prepaid Expenses	3,163,425	-	3,163,425
Truancy	193,881	-	193,881
Restricted:			
Education Excellence	295,566	-	295,566
Debt Service	-	3,517,903	3,517,903
Maintenance	-	4,801,056	4,801,056
Committed:			
Future Occurrences	25,878,000	-	25,878,000
Backflow Preventers	180,300	-	180,300
District II Construction Loan	1,156,000	-	1,156,000
Asbestos Abatement	50,000	-	50,000
Band Uniforms	35,000	-	35,000
Insurance Deductibles	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Floor Tile	100,000	-	100,000
Self-funded insurance	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Computer Software Programs	250,000	-	250,000
Worker's Comp. Self Ins. Loss	500,000	-	500,000
Technology	6,055,121	-	6,055,121
Construction	-	7,725,469	7,725,469
Other	74,298	-	74,298
Assigned:			
Student Activity Funds	_	3,239,849	3,239,849
Technology	_	- , ,	-
Federal Programs	3,154,507	_	3,154,507
Food Service	-	3,782,075	3,782,075
Unassigned:	81,893		81,893
Total fund balances	\$45,429,556	\$23,066,352	<u>\$ 68,495,908</u>

## Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 17 COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

A detail of the compensation paid to individual board members for the year ending June 30, 2024 follows:

Alaina Black, President	\$ 8,400
Tammie Moore, Vice President	7,200
Andrew Mancuso	7,200
Chad Paradee	7,200
Debra Jones	7,200
Ginger Griffin	7,200
Joseph Foulcard	3,210
Lindsey Anslem	7,200
Marilyn LaSalle	7,200
Murphy Pontiff Jr.	7,200
Rhonda Dennis	7,200
Guienzy Brent	 3,600
Total	\$ 80,010

# NOTE 18 COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments made to Superintendent Dr. Buffy Fegenbush for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

Purpose		Dr. Fegenbush	
Salary	\$	140,000	
Benefits - insurance		10,184	
Car allowance		12,000	
Dues		1,000	
Travel		2,662	
Registration fees		1,570	
Conference travel		584	
Total	<u>\$</u>	168,000	

## NOTE 19 OTHER DEFERRALS

Other deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

Millennium Trust Funds	\$ 193,432
Total other deferred inflows of resources	\$ 193,432

#### Notes to Financial Statements

## NOTE 19 OTHER DEFERRALS (CONTINUED)

The Louisiana State Legislature created the Millennium Trust in 1999 to provide for the disposition of proceeds from the tobacco settlement. The same legislation that created the Millennium Trust, Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS): 39:98.1-98.5, also established the Education Excellence Fund as a component of the Millennium Trust. By legislative mandate, the Louisiana Department of Education has the responsibility of providing the appropriations and oversight of monies from the Education Excellence Fund with the specific purpose of ensuring that all expenditures are used to support "excellence in educational practice." Funds are obtained by the submission of an approved Education Excellence Expenditure Plan to the Louisiana Department of Education. For further information the St. Mary Parish School Board maintains a copy of the Educational Excellence Expenditure Plan and can be viewed at the St. Mary Parish School Board's central office at 474 Highway 317, Centerville, Louisiana 70538.

## NOTE 20 GRANT AUDIT

The School Board receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by governmental agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the grantor for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency. In the opinion of the School Board, such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

#### NOTE 21 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) and the Government Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund), the Department of Education has awarded grants to State Educational Agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The School Board was awarded \$43,722,296 under multiple CARES Act ESSERF and Achieve! grants. The award periods range from May 1, 2020 to December 16, 2024. As of June 30, 2024, the School Board had earned \$35,016,667.

## NOTE 22 SUBSEQUENT EVENT – MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

In December 2024, the School Board became aware of possible misappropriation of funds by an employee at the Central Office. The employee is no longer employed at the School Board and was arrested in connection with allegations of theft. The case is currently ongoing and being investigated by the St. Mary Parish Sherrif's Office and the School Board's external auditors.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

# ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Centerville, Louisiana

#### MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

#### GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in other funds.

#### ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLEMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ESSERF)

The Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) was established as part of the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) in the CARES Act, State educational agencies (SEAs) awarded subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation.

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem tax	\$ 12,105,000	\$ 12,105,000	\$ 13,253,548	\$ 1,148,548
Sales taxes	23,412,000	23,412,000	24,758,991	1,346,991
Tuition	141,680	141,680	143,707	2,027
Interest earnings	1,956,070	1,956,070	2,907,733	951,663
Leases and royalties	225,000	225,000	240,828	15,828
Other	870,000	870,000	1,240,698	370,698
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	49,133,077	49,133,077	49,135,964	2,887
Restricted grants-in-aid	3,468,995	3,468,995	3,510,519	41,524
Federal sources:	, ,	, ,	, ,	,
Restricted	82,375	82,375	12,193	(70,182)
Total revenues	91,394,197	91,394,197	95,204,181	3,809,984
Expenditures:	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	36,452,284	36,452,284	29,590,967	6,861,317
Special education programs	10,275,250	10,275,250	11,140,743	(865,493)
Vocational education programs	2,529,547	2,529,547	3,345,838	(816,291)
Other instructional programs	1,522,120	1,522,120	4,054,691	(2,532,571)
Special programs	1,517,724	1,517,724	1,679,099	(161,375)
Adult and continuing education	1,517,721	1,517,721	1,075,055	(101,575)
programs	37,700	37,700	32,663	5,037
Support services:	31,100	31,100	32,003	3,037
Pupil support services	5,305,089	5,305,089	5,714,988	(409,899)
Instructional staff services	5,082,658	5,082,658	4,552,305	530,353
General administration	2,722,247	2,722,247	4,479,645	(1,757,398)
School administration	6,196,782	6,196,782	6,326,736	(129,954)
Business services	874,840	874,840	935,723	(60,883)
Operation and maintenance of plant	071,010	07 1,0 10	755,125	(00,003)
services	10,233,061	10,233,061	8,965,309	1,267,752
Student transportation services	5,267,320	5,267,320	4,949,224	318,096
Central services	1,666,411	1,666,411	2,975,811	(1,309,400)
Non-instructional services:	1,000,711	1,000,711	2,713,011	(1,507,700)
Food service operations	283,007	283,007	386,721	(103,714)
Community service programs	24,765	24,765	24,765	(103,/14)
Continuinty service programs	2 <del>4</del> ,/03	4 <del>4</del> ,703	2 <del>4</del> ,703	-

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Facilities acquisition,	Ф	•	¢ (2.150	A (62.150)
expansion and rehabilitation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,158	\$ (63,158)
Other Total expenditures	353,091 90,343,896	353,091 90,343,896	376,019 89,594,405	(22,928) 749,491
Excess of revenues over		<u> </u>	69,394,403	<u> </u>
expenditures	1,050,301	1,050,301	5,609,776	4,559,475
Other financing sources:				
Operating transfers in	573,455	573,455	600,626	27,171
Operating transfers out	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	
Total other financing				
sources	(926,545)	(926,545)	(899,374)	27,171
Excess of revenues and				
and other sources over (under)	100	100	4 = 4 0 4 0 0	
expenditures and other uses	123,756	123,756	4,710,402	4,586,646
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	40,719,154	40,719,154	40,719,154	
End of year	<u>\$ 40,842,910</u>	<u>\$ 40,842,910</u>	<u>\$ 45,429,556</u>	<u>\$ 4,586,646</u>

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Federal sources:				
Restricted	\$ 22,298,605	\$ 22,298,605	\$ 13,775,985	(8,522,620)
Total revenues	22,298,605	22,298,605	13,775,985	(8,522,620)
Expenditures: Current - Instruction:	, : :,:::	, : :,:::	- / /.	(-)- ))
Regular programs	13,922	13,922	863,628	(849,706)
Special education programs	363,176	363,176	45,131	318,045
Vocational education programs	505,170	505,170	62,650	(62,650)
Other instructional programs	268	268	02,030	268
Special programs	698,697	698,697	34,776	663,921
Support services:	0,0,0,7	0,0,0,7	31,770	003,521
Pupil support services	96,644	96,644	180,032	(83,388)
Instructional staff services	935,747	935,747	157,814	777,933
Operation and maintenance of plant	,	,	,	,
services	547,378	547,378	172,297	375,081
Student transportation services Non-instructional services: Facilities acquisition,	-	· -	15,135	(15,135)
expansion and rehabilitation	19,505,934	19,505,934	12,114,436	\$ 7,391,498
Total expenditures	22,161,766	22,161,766	13,645,899	8,515,867
Excess of revenues over	22,101,700	22,101,700	13,043,077	0,515,007
expenditures	136,839	136,839	130,086	(6,753)
Other financing sources:  Operating transfers out	(136,839)	(136,839)	(130,086)	6,753
Total other financing	· · · · · · · · ·		, ,	
sources	(136,839)	(136,839)	(130,086)	6,753
Excess of revenues and				
and other sources over (under)				
expenditures and other uses	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	-	-	-	-
End of year	\$ -	\$	\$	<u>\$</u>

## Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 3,108,309	\$ 2,948,184	\$ 4,218,443	\$ 5,398,389	\$ 3,688,049
Interest on total OPEB liability	3,979,877	4,465,338	3,290,275	3,098,257	4,548,841
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	-	(18,931,276)	-	38,264,483	-
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	(3,794,100)	(1,524,190)	(28,259,851)	(29,316,949)	4,337,950
Benefit payments	(4,420,322)	(4,024,218)	(4,321,048)	(3,939,119)	(4,165,463)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(1,126,236)	(17,066,162)	(25,072,181)	13,505,061	8,409,377
Total OPEB liability, beginning	108,119,744	125,185,906	150,258,087	136,753,026	128,343,649
Total OPEB liability, ending	\$ 106,993,508	\$108,119,744	<u>\$ 125,185,906</u>	<u>\$ 150,258,087</u>	<u>\$136,753,026</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 51,052,079	\$ 49,339,982	\$ 46,514,130	\$ 45,930,809	\$ 43,275,778
Total OPEB liability as a % of covered payroll	209.58%	219.13%	269.14%	327.14%	316.00%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

### Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

						Proportionate share	
						of the net pension	Plan fiduciary
						liability (asset) as a	net position
	Proportion of	Pro	portionate share			percentage of its	as a percentage
Fiscal	the net pension	of	the net pension	Cov	ered-employee	covered-employee	of the total
Year*	liability (asset)		iability (asset)		payroll	payroll	pension liability
Teachers'	Retirement Syst	em o	f Louis iana				
2024	0.80593%	\$	72,851,313	\$	48,892,844	149.00%	74.30%
2023	0.79446%	\$	75,849,196	\$	44,837,130	169.17%	72.40%
2022	0.84732%	\$	45,236,692	\$	41,807,445	108.20%	83.90%
2021	0.83393%	\$	92,763,012	\$	42,266,440	219.47%	65.60%
2020	0.86840%	\$	86,188,637	\$	41,150,074	209.45%	68.60%
2019	0.91810%	\$	90,230,560	\$	41,500,969	217.42%	68.20%
2018	0.92645%	\$	94,978,413	\$	42,853,100	221.64%	65.60%
2017	0.97802%	\$	114,789,726	\$	43,709,773	262.62%	59.90%
2016	0.99793%	\$	107,299,878	\$	44,988,296	238.51%	62.50%
2015	1.03000%	\$	104,944,078	\$	45,987,288	228.20%	63.70%
Louisiana S	School Employe	es' R	etirement Syste	m			
2024	1.37114%	\$	8,295,215	\$	4,757,396	174.36%	78.50%
2023	1.36594%	\$	9,083,486	\$	4,740,749	191.60%	76.31%
2022	1.43748%	\$	6,832,595	\$	4,425,686	154.38%	82.50%
2021	1.39281%	\$	11,190,587	\$	4,392,705	254.75%	69.67%
2020	1.45454%	\$	10,182,706	\$	4,191,444	242.94%	73.49%
2019	1.40207%	\$	9,367,753	\$	4,212,639	222.37%	-74.40%
2018	1.34481%	\$	8,605,783	\$	4,070,634	211.41%	-75.00%
2017	1.33999%	\$	10,108,246	\$	3,898,720	259.27%	-70.09%
2016	1.39067%	\$	8,818,639	\$	3,814,283	231.20%	74.49%
2015	1.44000%	\$	8,347,312	\$	3,908,816	213.55%	76.18%
Louisiana S	State Employees	' Ret	irement System				
2024	0.00757%	\$	506,901	\$	178,537	283.92%	68.40%
2023	0.00739%	\$	558,665	\$	169,957	328.71%	63.70%
2022	0.00702%	\$	386,214	\$	150,702	256.28%	72.80%
2021	0.00644%	\$	532,962	\$	145,538	366.20%	58.00%
2020	0.00494%	\$	358,189	\$	122,267	292.96%	62.90%
2019	0.00724%	\$	493,626	\$	119,685	412.44%	64.30%
2018	0.00744%	\$	523,407	\$	139,367	375.56%	62.50%
2017	0.00730%	\$	573,079	\$	138,251	414.52%	57.70%
2016	0.00716%	\$	486,648	\$	137,114	354.92%	62.70%
2015	0.95400%	\$	596,401	\$	142,919	417.30%	65.00%

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented above have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

### Schedule of Contributions For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

					(b)					
			(a)	(	Contributions					Contributions
		S	Statutorily	in	relation to the		(a-b)			as a percentage of
	Fiscal		Required		statutorily	C	Contribution	Cov	ered-employee	covered-employee
	Year*	C	ontribution	requ	ired contribution	Defic	ciency (Excess)		payroll	payroll
Teac	he rs'	Retir	rement Sys	tem o	f Louis iana					
	2024	\$	11,783,176	\$	11,783,195	\$	(19)	\$	48,892,844	24.1%
	2023	\$	11,119,608	\$	11,120,685	\$	(1,077)	\$	44,837,130	24.8%
	2022	\$	10,535,476	\$	10,539,067	\$	(3,591)	\$	41,807,445	25.2%
	2021	\$	10,904,742	\$	11,016,468	\$	(111,726)	\$	42,266,440	26.1%
	2020	\$	10,699,019	\$	10,699,027	\$	(8)	\$	41,150,074	26.0%
	2019	\$	11,080,759	\$	11,083,015	\$	(2,256)	\$	41,500,969	26.7%
	2018	\$	11,399,311	\$	11,399,311	\$	-	\$	42,853,100	26.6%
	2017	\$	11,192,739	\$	11,192,739	\$	-	\$	43,709,773	25.6%
	2016	\$	11,879,586	\$	11,888,742	\$	(9,156)	\$	44,988,296	26.4%
	2015	\$	12,908,085	\$	12,906,752	\$	1,333	\$	45,987,288	28.1%
Louis	siana S	Schoo	ol Employe	es' Re	etirement Syste	m				
	2024	\$	1,313,041	\$	1,303,023	\$	10,018	\$	4,757,396	27.4%
	2023	\$	1,308,447	\$	1,313,304	\$	(4,857)	\$	4,740,749	27.7%
	2022	\$	1,270,172	\$	1,270,449	\$	(277)	\$	4,425,686	28.7%
	2021	\$	1,260,706	\$	1,272,709	\$	(12,003)	\$	4,392,705	29.0%
	2020	\$	1,232,285	\$	1,232,296	\$	(11)	\$	4,191,444	29.4%
	2019	\$	1,179,539	\$	1,179,539	\$	-	\$	4,212,639	28.0%
	2018	\$	1,123,496	\$	1,123,496	\$	-	\$	4,070,634	27.6%
	2017	\$	1,064,352	\$	1,064,352	\$	-	\$	3,898,720	27.3%
	2016	\$	1,151,914	\$	1,151,914	\$	-	\$	3,814,283	30.2%
	2015	\$	1,289,909	\$	1,289,909	\$	-	\$	3,908,816	33.0%
Louis	siana S	State	Employees	s' Ret	irement System					
	2024	\$	73,736	\$	73,660	\$	76	\$	178,537	41.3%
	2023	\$	68,663	\$	68,616	\$	47	\$	169,957	40.4%
	2022	\$	59,527	\$	61,680	\$	(2,153)	\$	150,702	40.9%
	2021	\$	58,361	\$	58,361	\$	-	\$	145,538	40.1%
	2020	\$	49,763	\$	49,763	\$	-	\$	122,267	40.7%
	2019	\$	45,361	\$	45,361	\$	-	\$	119,685	37.9%
	2018	\$	52,820	\$	52,825	\$	(5)	\$	139,367	37.9%
	2017	\$	49,494	\$	49,494	\$	-	\$	138,251	35.8%
	2016	\$	51,006	\$	51,006	\$	-	\$	137,114	37.2%
	2015	\$	52,880	\$	52,880	\$	-	\$	142,919	37.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

#### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

#### NOTE 1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

#### NOTE 2 BUDGETARY PRACTICES

#### **Budgetary Information**

Proposed budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and are presented to the School Board by the Superintendent prior to the commencement of each fiscal year. After public hearings, the proposed budgets, after any amendments deemed necessary, are adopted by the Board. Budgetary amendments are processed in the same manner. Budgets are prepared only for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds.

All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

#### Appropriations and Budgeted Expenditures

For the year ended June 30, 2024, actual expenditures were less than appropriations in the General Fund.

#### NOTE 3 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Changes of benefit terms. There were no changes of benefit terms for the OPEB Plan during the year presented.

*Changes of assumptions*. The discount rate changed from 3.65% to 3.93% during the June 30, 2024 fiscal year.

#### NOTE 4 PENSION PLANS - CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS

#### Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

There were no changes of benefit terms for measurement period ended June 30, 20234.

#### Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

There were no changes of benefit terms for measurement period ended June 30, 20234.

#### Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

There were no changes of benefit terms for measurement period ended June 30, 20234.

#### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

#### NOTE 5 PENSION PLANS - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

#### Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

Amounts reported in the actuary valuation dated June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Valuation date:	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Discount rate	7.25%	7.25%
Inflation rate	2.4%	2.3%
Projected salary increases	2.41% - 4.85%	3.1% - 4.6%
Experience study	2018-2022	2012-2017
Mortality rates	Pub-2010 Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

## Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Amounts reported in the actuary valuation dated June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Valuation date:	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Discount rate	6.8%	6.8%
Inflation rate	2.5%	2.5%
Projected salary increases	3.75%	3.25%
Experience study	2018-2022	2013-2017
Mortality rates	Pub-2010 Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

#### Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Amounts reported in the actuary valuation dated June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Valuation date:	June 30, 2023	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Discount rate	7.25%	7.25%
Inflation rate	2.3%	2.3%
Projected salary increases	3.0%-12.8%	3.0%-13.8%
Experience study	2014-2018	2014-2018
Mortality rates	RP-2014 Mortality Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

#### **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

#### Elementary and Secondary Education Act - As Amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, including ARRA funding, is a program for economically and educationally disadvantaged school children that is federally financed, state-administered, and locally operated by the School Board. Title I services are provided through various projects that are designed to meet the special needs of educationally disadvantaged children. The activities supplement, rather than replace, state and locally mandated activities. Title I Migrant is a program for children of migrant parents that is federally financed, state-administered, and locally operated by the School Board. This service is supplementary and is designed to meet the special needs of migratory children.

Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is a program to help local educational agencies and schools improve the teaching and learning of children failing, or most as-risk of failing, to meet challenging State academic achievement standards.

Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a program by which the federal government provides funds to the School Board for projects that are designed to improve the skills of teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, computer learning, and foreign languages and to increase the accessibility of such instruction to all students.

Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a federal grant that focuses on assisting school districts in teaching English to Limited English Proficiency students in an effort to meet the challenges of state standards required of all students.

Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Fund of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a program by which the federal government provides funds to the School Board for drug abuse education and prevention that is coordinated with related community efforts and resources.

#### Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Title IV Temporary Assistance for Needy Families of the Social Security Act is comprised of several programs by which the federal government provides funds to the School Board to assist needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes; reduce dependency by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to reduce and prevent out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

#### Rural Education Achievement Program

The Rural Education Achievement Program is a program to provide financial assistance to rural districts to carry out activities to help improve the quality of teaching and learning in their schools.

#### Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Preschool Incentive Fund, including ARRA funding, is a program for expanding educational services to children with disabilities ages three through five years, and at a State's discretion, to two year old children with disabilities who will reach age three during the school year.

#### NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

#### Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Continued)

Special education funds, including ARRA funding, are programs used to help provide the special education and related services needed to make a free appropriate public education available to eligible children and, in some cases, to provide early intervening services.

#### School Districts Maintenance Funds

The School Districts Maintenance Fund accounts for the purchases of new equipment, for repairs and renovation of existing buildings and equipment and for the maintenance of the grounds for School Districts I, II and III. Financing is provided primarily by a special property tax levy on property within each district and by the related state revenue sharing. Individual fund balances of the School Districts Maintenance Funds at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

District I	\$ 483,509
District II	1,417,348
District III	2,900,199
Total fund equity	\$ 4,801,056

#### School Lunch Fund

The School Lunch Fund is a program that provides nourishing morning and noon meals for students in all grades. This fund is supplemented by both federal and state funds that are based on reimbursement and participation.

#### Vocational/Adult Education

This is made up of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Fund, Adult Education Workplace Literacy Funds, and Adult Education Funds. These provide funding for the instructional needs of vocational and adult education in St. Mary Parish.

#### Redesign Planning Grant

The Redesign Planning Grant is a program that provides for the planning and redesign of schools.

#### **Direct Student Services**

The Direct Student Services Grant is to ensure school systems support students in gaining access to academic courses, credentials, and services that are not otherwise available at their schools.

#### Reserve Officers' Training Corps

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a leadership course that instills the values of citizenship, national and community service, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment in high school students.

#### NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

#### Comprehensive Literacy State Development

The Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) program is authorized under Sections 2222-2225 of the ESEA. The purpose of the CLSD discretionary grants is to create a comprehensive literacy program to advance literacy skills, including pre- literacy skills, reading, and writing, for children from birth through grade 12, with an emphasis on disadvantaged children, including children living in poverty, English learners, and children with disabilities.

#### **School Activity**

The school activity agency fund is custodial in nature and accounts for activities within all twenty-two schools comprising the system. Monies accumulated within the student activity agency fund are under the supervision of the School Board; however, the monies are the properties of the respective schools and student bodies and are not available for use by the School Board.

#### **DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

Consolidated School District No. 1, Special School District No. 4, Fifth Ward Special School District No 1, and Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3.

The school district debt service funds accumulate monies to retire the outstanding bond issues of the respective school districts. The bond issues are financed by a special tax levy on property within the territorial limits of the various school districts.

The bond issue for Sixth Ward Special District No. 3 has been retired. Remaining assets represent collections of prior year ad valorem taxes and are reserved for school district expenditures.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

#### <u>District Capital Project Funds</u>

The board appropriates funds to provide for construction and major repair projects at each District.

#### Consolidated School District No. 1 Fund

Consolidated School District No. 1 Fund is used to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school-related facilities within the district. In addition, it is used to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools. Funding has been provided by the proceeds of the \$24,000,000 bond issue dated May 1, 2007.

#### Special School District No. 1 Fund

Special School District No. 1 Fund is used to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school – related facilities within the district. In addition, it is used to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools. Funding is provided by the proceeds of the \$21,000,000 bond issue dated July 29, 2014.

#### NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

### Special School District No. 4 Fund

Special School District No. 4 Fund is used to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school – related facilities within the district. In addition, it is used to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools. Funding has been provided by the proceeds of the \$4,700,000 bond issue dated May 1, 2007.

# Combined Balance Sheet Non-Major Governmental Funds By Fund Type June 30, 2024

ASSETS	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 13,017,329	\$ 375,426	\$ 10,531,325	\$ 23,924,080
Receivables:	20.205	12 202		51.777
Accounts	39,395	12,382	-	51,777
Due from other governmental units	1,667,665	-	-	1,667,665
Due from other funds	13,190,413	3,130,095	1,342,101	17,662,609
Inventory, at cost	382,545		<del>-</del>	382,545
Total assets	<u>\$ 28,297,347</u>	<u>\$ 3,517,903</u>	<u>\$ 11,873,426</u>	<u>\$ 43,688,676</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities:	<b>A 110 100</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 550,738	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,738
Accrued liabilities	323,633	-	-	323,633
Due to other funds	15,599,996	<del>_</del>	4,147,957	19,747,953
Deposits due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<del>_</del>	<del>_</del>	
Total liabilities	16,474,367		4,147,957	20,622,324
Fund balances:				
Restricted for debt service	-	3,517,903	-	3,517,903
Restricted for maintenance	4,801,056	, , , <u>-</u>	_	4,801,056
Assigned for food service	7,021,924	_	_	7,021,924
Committed for construction	-	_	7,725,469	7,725,469
Total fund balances	11,822,980	3,517,903	7,725,469	23,066,352
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 28,297,347</u>	\$ 3,517,903	<u>\$ 11,873,426</u>	<u>\$ 43,688,676</u>

Special Revenue Funds

# Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2024

	No Child Left Behind Act							
	Title I		Title II		Title III		Title IV	
ASSETS								
Cash and interest-bearing deposits Receivables: Accounts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- -	\$	-
Due from other governmental units Due from other funds Inventory, at cost		894,303 11,700,214		67,530 34,359		28,492		34,373 1,437
Total assets	\$	12,594,517	\$	101,889	\$	28,492	\$	35,810
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$	95,708	\$	2,396	\$	9,634	\$	-
Accrued liabilities		122,611		11,623		-		5,028
Due to other funds		12,376,198		87,870		18,858		30,782
Total liabilities		12,594,517		101,889		28,492		35,810
Fund balances:								
Restricted for maintenance		-		_		_		_
Assigned		<u> </u>						_
Total fund balances								
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	12,594,517	\$	101,889	\$	28,492	\$	35,810

# ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Special Revenue Funds

# Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) June 30, 2024

	Rural Education		Individuals v Educa	vith Disa tion Act			School			
	nievement		reschool		Special		Districts	School		
P	rogram	Incentive		Education		M	aintenance	Lunch		
\$	-	\$	-	\$	- -	\$	5,155,828 39,395	\$	4,621,652	
	66,059		21,399		319,619		-		_	
	-		-		273,641		260,355		542,276	
			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		382,545	
<u>\$</u>	66,059	<u>\$</u>	21,399	<u>\$</u>	593,260	<u>\$</u>	5,455,578	<u>\$</u>	5,546,473	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,807		219,868	\$	213,325	
	12,887		3,890		35,976		2,034		101,642	
	53,172		17,509	-	547,477		432,620		1,449,431	
	66,059		21,399		593,260		654,522		1,764,398	
	-		-		-		4,801,056		2 792 075	
					<u>-</u>		4 001 056		3,782,075	
			<del>-</del>		<del></del>		4,801,056		3,782,075	
\$	66,059	\$	21,399	\$	593,260	\$	5,455,578	\$	5,546,473	

# ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Special Revenue Funds

### Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) June 30, 2024

	Vocational/ Adult Education		School Nurses Behavioral Grant		Redesign Planning Grant		Direct Student Services		Reserve Officers' Training Corps	
ASSETS										
Cash and interest-bearing deposits Receivables: Accounts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Due from other governmental units		103,600		-		12,484		-		-
Due from other funds Inventory, at cost		281,966 		1,786		<u>-</u>		61,605		<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	385,566	\$	1,786	\$	12,484	\$	61,605	\$	<u> </u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Due to other funds Total liabilities		11,601 373,965 385,566	\$	1,786 1,786		12,484 12,484	\$	61,605 61,605	\$	- - -
Fund balances: Restricted for maintenance Assigned		-		- -		-		-		-
Total fund balances		-								
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	385,566	\$	1,786	\$	12,484	\$	61,605	\$	<u>-</u>

Special Revenue Funds

# Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) June 30, 2024

Lite	prehensive eracy State velopment		School Activities Fund		Total
\$	- 119,806 32,774	\$	3,239,849	\$	13,017,329 39,395 1,667,665 13,190,413
\$	152,580	<u>\$</u>	3,239,849	<u>\$</u>	382,545
\$	_	\$	_	\$	550,738
	16,341 136,239 152,580		- - -	_	323,633 15,599,996 16,474,367
	- - -	_	3,239,849 3,239,849	_	4,801,056 7,021,924 11,822,980
\$	152,580	\$	3,239,849	\$	28,297,347

## Debt Service Funds Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2024

		Consolidated District No. 1		Special School District No. 4		Special School District No. 1		Special School District No. 3		Total
ASSETS										
Cash and interest-bearing deposits Accounts receivable Due from other funds Total assets	\$ 	130,726 5,147 1,399,641 1,535,514	\$ 	61,196 2,054 875,363 938,613	\$ 	183,504 5,181 845,329 1,034,014	\$ 	9,762 9,762	\$ 	375,426 12,382 3,130,095 3,517,903
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Fund balances: Restricted for debt service	<u>\$</u>	1,535,514	<u>\$</u>	938,613	<u>\$</u>	1,034,014	<u>\$</u>	9,762	<u>\$</u>	3,517,903
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	1,535,514	\$	938,613	\$	1,034,014	\$	9,762	\$	3,517,903

# Capital Projects Funds Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2024

ASSETS									
Cash and interest-bearing deposits Due from other funds	\$	9,828,001 1,342,101	\$ 207,661	\$	442,170	\$	53,493	\$	10,531,325 1,342,101
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	11,170,102	\$ 207,661	<u>\$</u>	442,170	\$	53,493	<u>\$</u>	11,873,426
LIA BILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities: Due to other funds	\$	3,651,321	\$ 14,638	\$	439,681	\$	42,317	\$	4,147,957
Total liabilities		3,651,321	 14,638		439,681		42,317		4,147,957
Fund balances: Committed for Construction		7,518,781	 193,023		2,489		11,176		7,725,469
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	11,170,102	\$ 207,661	\$	442,170	<u>S</u>	53,493	\$	11,873,426

# Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances Non-Major Governmental Funds by Fund Type Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Revenue	Service	Projects	Total
Revenues:		-		_
Local sources -	Ф. <b>7</b> .610.0 <b>7</b> 0	Φ 2 (04 207	Φ.	Φ 11 204 165
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 7,619,878	\$ 3,684,287	\$ -	\$ 11,304,165
Interest earnings	52,729	12,289	71	65,089
Food service	58,713	-	-	58,713
Other	4,084,439	-	-	4,084,439
State sources -				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	666,603	1.065	-	666,603
Other	-	1,865	=	1,865
Federal sources - Restricted grants-in-aid	14,366,115			14,366,115
_		-	-	
Other - commodities Total revenues	493,322	3,698,441	<del></del>	493,322 31,040,311
	27,341,799	3,090,441	/1	31,040,311
Expenditures: Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	3,954,179	=	-	3,954,179
Special education programs	799,061	-	-	799,061
Vocational education programs	178,893	-	-	178,893
Other instructional programs	777,832	=	-	777,832
Special programs	3,105,545	_	_	3,105,545
Support services:	2,202,010			-,,
Pupil support services	806,376	-	-	806,376
Instructional staff services	1,526,357	-	-	1,526,357
General administration	262,337	129,908	1,673	393,918
School administration	623,177	-		623,177
Business services	158,414	800	_	159,214
	6,242,928	800	1,138,138	7,381,066
Operation and maintenance of plant		-	1,130,130	
Student transportation services	26,907	-	-	26,907
Central services Non-instructional services -	203,226	-	-	203,226
	7 120 500			7 120 500
Food service operations	7,120,500	-	-	7,120,500
Facilities acquisition, expansion	211 711		2 1 42 650	2 254 261
and rehabilitation	211,711	=	2,142,650	2,354,361
Other Debt service -	-	-	14,000	14,000
Principal retirement		2,086,000		2,086,000
Interest and fiscal charges	_		-	673,485
_	25 007 442	<u>673,485</u> 2,890,193	3.296.461	
Total expenditures	25,997,443	2,890,193	3,290,401	32,184,097
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over (under) expenditures	1,344,356	808,248	(3,296,390)	(1,143,786)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating transfers in	-	-	1,749,000	1,749,000
Operating transfers out	(719,540)	-	-	(719,540)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(719,540)	=	1,749,000	1,029,460
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other				
sources over (under) expenditures and other	624,816	808,248	(1,547,390)	(114,326)
· · · · -				
Fund balances, beginning	11,198,164	2,709,655	9,272,859	23,180,678
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 11,822,980</u>	\$ 3,517,903	<u>\$ 7,725,469</u>	<u>\$ 23,066,352</u>



# Special Revenue Funds Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Title I	Title II	Title III	Title IV
Revenues:				
Local sources -				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest earnings	-	-	-	-
Food service	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
State sources -				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	-	-	-	-
Federal sources -				
Restricted grants-in-aid	3,608,665	488,145	68,859	272,451
Other - commodities	<del>-</del>			
Total revenues	3,608,665	488,145	68,859	272,451
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	15,432	-	-	-
Special education programs	1,360	-	-	-
Vocational education programs	-	-	-	-
Other instructional programs	44,585	-	-	-
Special programs	2,521,257	246,719	49,025	38,376
Support services:				
Pupil support services	92,189	-	-	-
Instructional staff services	498,825	227,388	15,600	43,517
General administration	-	-	-	-
School administration	172,714	-	-	173,823
Business services	3,447	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant				
services	-	-	-	-
Student transportation services	1,244	-	-	-
Central services	40,328	-	-	-
Non-instructional services -				
Food service operations	-	-	-	-
Facilities acquisition, expansion				
and rehabilitation				-
Total expenditures	3,391,381	474,107	64,625	255,716
Excess revenues over expenditures	217,284	14,038	4,234	16,735
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating transfers out	(217,284)	(14,038)	(4,234)	(16,735)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(217,284)	(14,038)	(4,234)	(16,735)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other				
uses over (under) expenditures				
and other uses	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<u> </u>
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# Special Revenue Funds Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2024

Achieveme Program			eschool		oecial acation	Districts Maintenance			School Lunch
\$ 261,4	- - - -	\$	- - - - 76,901	\$	- - - - - 2,477,090	\$	7,619,878 38,011 - - 193,600	\$	14,718 58,713 322,870 473,003 5,701,369
261,4	<u>-</u>		76,901		<u>-</u> 2,477,090		7,851,489	_	493,322 7,063,995
	-		310		362		17,752		-
	-		65,461		732,240		-		-
	-		-		78		-		-
	-		-		63,633		14,084		-
245,2	78		2,250		-		-		-
					712 724				
	-		4,500		713,724		-		-
	-		4,300		484,310		262,337		-
	-		-		276,640		202,337		-
	_		_		30,985		123,982		_
							,		
	-		-		6,238		6,236,690		-
	-		-		22,569		3,094		-
	-		-		-		162,898		-
	-		-		-		-		7,120,500
							211,711		
245,2	78		72,521		2,330,779		7,032,548		7,120,500
16,2	12		4,380		146,311		818,941		(56,505)
(16,2)			(4,380) (4,380)		(146,311) (146,311)		(249,000) (249,000)	_	
							569,941		(56,505)
	-		-		-				
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\$	<u> </u>	\$	<del></del>	\$		\$	4,801,056	\$	3,782,075

# Special Revenue Funds Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Adult Education	Behavioral Grant	Planning Grant	Student Services	Training Corps
Revenues:					
Local sources -					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Interest earnings	-	-	-	-	-
Food service	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
State sources -					
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources -					
Restricted grants-in-aid	440,611	-	234,502	-	87,472
Other - commodities					
Total revenues	440,611		234,502		87,472
Expenditures:					
Current -					
Instruction:					
Regular programs	12,686	-	164,650	-	-
Special education programs	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational education programs	142,426	-	-	-	-
Other instructional programs	285,499	-	-	-	87,472
Special programs	-	-	-	-	-
Support services:					
Pupil support services	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional staff services	-	-	58,147	-	-
General administration	-	-	-	-	-
School administration	-	-	-	-	-
Business services	-	-	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant					
services	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation services	-	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-
Non-instructional services -					
Food service operations	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities acquisition expansion					
and rehabilitation					
Total expenditures	440,611		222,797		87,472
Excess revenues over expenditures			11,705		
Other financing sources (uses)					
Operating transfers out		<u>-</u>	(11,705)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> _
Total other financing sources (uses)		<u>-</u>	(11,705)		<u>-</u> _
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses		_	_	_	_
Fund balances, beginning					
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$</u> -	<u> </u>	Φ -	Φ -	<u> </u>

# Special Revenue Funds Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2024

Literacy State Development	Activities Fund	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,619,878
-	-	52,729
-	-	58,713
-	3,761,569	4,084,439
-	-	666,603
648,560	-	14,366,115
<u></u>	<u>-</u>	493,322
648,560	3,761,569	27,341,799
92,798	3,650,189	3,954,179
-	-	799,061
36,389	-	178,893
282,559	-	777,832
2,640	-	3,105,545
463	_	806,376
194,070	-	1,526,357
174,070	_	262,337
_	_	623,177
_	_	158,414
		100,111
-	-	6,242,928
-	-	26,907
-	-	203,226
-	-	7,120,500
-	-	211,711
608,919	3,650,189	25,997,443
39,641	111,380	1,344,356
(39,641)	-	(719,540)
(39,641)		(719,540)
	111 200	(24.01)
-	111,380	624,816
<u> </u>	3,128,469	11,198,164
<u> </u>	\$ 3,239,849	\$ 11,822,980

## Debt Service Funds Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended June 30, 2024

		nsolidated School strict No. 1	cial School trict No. 4	Spe	ifth Ward ecial School strict No. 1	Sixth W Special So District N	chool		Total
Revenues:									
Local sources -									
Ad valorem taxes	\$	1,443,737	\$ 541,014	\$	1,699,536	\$	-	\$	3,684,287
Interest earnings		3,612	2,466		6,211		-		12,289
State sources -									
Other		1,377	 488		_				1,865
Total revenues		1,448,726	 543,968		1,705,747				3,698,441
Expenditures:									
Current -									
Support services:									
General administration		51,021	19,473		59,414		-		129,908
Business services		=	-		800		-		800
Debt service -									
Principal retirement		799,000	157,000		1,130,000		-		2,086,000
Interest and fiscal charges		235,561	 41,767		396,157			_	673,485
Total expenditures	_	1,085,582	 218,240		1,586,371	-			2,890,193
Excess (deficiency) of revenues									
over expenditures		363,144	325,728		119,376		-		808,248
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and									
other sources over expenditures		363,144	325,728		119,376		-		808,248
Fund balances, beginning		1,172,370	 612,885		914,638		<u>9,762</u>		2,709,655
Fund balances, ending	\$	1,535,514	\$ 938,613	\$	1,034,014	\$	9,762	\$	3,517,903

# Capital Projects Funds Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended June 30, 2024

	District Capital Projects			Special School District No. 4	Total
Revenues:					
Local sources -					
Interest earnings	\$ -	\$ 21	\$ 45	\$ 5	\$ 71
Total revenues		21	45	5	71
Expenditures:					
Support services:					
General administration	1,673	-	-	-	1,673
Maintenance of plant	1,138,138	-	-	-	1,138,138
Facilities acquisition, expansion					
and rehabilitation	2,142,650	-	-	-	2,142,650
Other - interest	14,000				14,000
Total expenditures	3,296,461				3,296,461
Excess (deficiency) of revenues					
over expenditures	(3,296,461)	21	45	5	(3,296,390)
Other financing sources					
Operating transfers in	1,749,000				1,749,000
Total other financing sources	1,749,000	<del>-</del>	<u> </u>	<del>_</del>	1,749,000
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures	(1,547,461)	21	45	5	(1,547,390)
Fund balances, beginning	9,066,242	193,002	2,444	11,171	9,272,859
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 7,518,781</u>	<u>\$ 193,023</u>	<u>\$ 2,489</u>	<u>\$ 11,176</u>	<u>\$ 7,725,469</u>

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

#### PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS:

# Ann Dangerfield Scholarship, J. J. Hebert Memorial, C. J. Peltier Scholarship

The private purpose trust funds invest donated monies in a trustee capacity and expend the funds in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

# Fiduciary Funds - Private Purpose Trust Funds

# Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Funds					
	Ann					
	Dangerfield	J. J. Hebert	C. J. Peltier, Jr.			
	Scholarship	Memorial	Scholarship	Total		
ASSETS						
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	<u>\$ 10,270</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>	\$ 234	\$ 10,884		
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,270</u>	\$ 380	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 10,884</u>		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Fund balances:						
Unreserved - undesignated	10,270	380	234	10,884		
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,270</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 10,884</u>		

Fiduciary Funds - Private Purpose Trust Funds

# Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Ann			
	Dangerfield	J. J. Hebert	C. J. Peltier, Jr.	
	Scholarship	Memorial	Scholarship	Total
Revenues:				
Local sources -				
Interest earnings	<u>\$</u>	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenditures	500		<u> </u>	500
Deficiency of revenues				
over expenditures	(500)	-	-	(500)
Fund balances, beginning	10,770	380	234	11,384
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 10,270</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 10,884</u>



INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE & OTHER INFORMATION



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with 
Government Auditing Standards

Dr. Buffy S. Fegenbush, Superintendent and Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board Centerville, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Mary Parish School Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2024.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the St. Mary Parish School Board'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 St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the St. Mary Parish School Board's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed two instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-002 and 2024-003.

### St. Mary Parish School Board's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the St. Mary Parish School Board's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The School Board's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, 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.

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Lafayette, Louisiana December 23, 2024



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance

Dr. Buffy S. Fegenbush, Superintendent and Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board Centerville, Louisiana

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

### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the St. Mary Parish School Board's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the St. Mary Parish School Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The St. Mary Parish School Board'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 St. Mary Parish School Board complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Passed through the:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Louisiana Department of Agriculture:			
National School Lunch Program - Non-cash			
Assistance (Note 3)	10.555	N/A	\$ 493,322
Louisiana Department of Education:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	1,614,940
National School Lunch Program - Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	SFS-23-004	222,373
National School Lunch Program - Equipment Assistance	10.579	SFS-23-116	44,120
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	4,086,429
Subtotal Louisiana Department of Education pass-through			
programs			5,967,862
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			6,461,184
U.S. Department of Education:			
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education:			
Title I, Part A Cluster			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Redesign 1003a		28-24-RD-19-51	234,502
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Part A)	84.010A	28-23-T1-51C	890,753
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Part A)	84.010A	28-24-T1-51	2,717,912
Total Title I, Part A Cluster			3,843,167
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	28-23-B1-51C	771,035
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	28-24-B1-51	1,398,552
Special Education - Grants to States (JAG Aim High)	84.027A	28-24-JP-51	63,975
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Set Aside)	84.027A	28-24-I1SA-51	12,358
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, ARP)	84.027X	28-24-IA11-51	229,708
Total Special Education - Grants to States			2,475,628
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	28-23-P1-51C	20,719
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	28-24-P1-51	48,993
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA, ARP)	84.173A	28-22-IA 19-51C	1,462
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA, Set Aside)	84.173A	28-24-I9SA-51	7,189
Total Special Education - Preschool Grants			78,363
Total Special Education Cluster			2,553,991
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	28-23-02-51C	36,555
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	28-24-02-51	105,871
Total Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	s		142,426
Title VI - Rural and Low-Income Schools	84.358B	28-23-RLIS-51C	30,512
Title VI - Rural and Low-Income Schools	84.358B	28-24-RLIS-51	230,978
Total Title VI - Rural and Low-Income Schools			261,490

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

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	CFDA Number	Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Title III - English Language Acquisition	84.365A	28-23-60-51C	42,632
Title III - English Language Acquisition	84.365A	28-24-60-51	26,227
Total Title III - English Language Acquisition	0.110.000		68,859
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367A	28-23-50-51C	488,145
Total Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	04.30/A	20-25-30-31C	488,145
Comprehensive Literacy Development (UIN K-5)	84.371C	CLSD UINCLSD UIN K-5	521,748
Comprehensive Literacy Development (K-5)	84.371C	CLSD CIRUIRCLSD K-5	64,812
Comprehensive Literacy Development (6-8)	84.371C	CLSD CIRUIRCLSD 6-8	62,000
Total Comprehenive Literacy Development			648,560
Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment	84.424A	28-23-71-51C	50,424
Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment	84.424A	28-24-71-51	222,027
Total Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment			272,451
Education Stabiliation Fund			
ESSERF II Formula	84.425D	28-21-ES2F-51C	555,525
ESSERF II Incentive	84.425D	28-21-ES2I-51C	143,043
ESSERF III Interventions	84.425U	28-21-ESEB-51C	574,854
ESSERF III Formula	84.425U	28-21-ES3F-51C	12,189,750
ESSERF III Incentive	84.425U	28-21-ES3I-51C	257,952
Homeless ARP	84.425W	28-22-HARP-51	54,861
Total Education Stabilization Fund			13,775,985
Total Louisiana Department of Education pass-through programs			22,055,074
Total U.S. Department of Education			22,055,074
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:  Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education:  477 Cluster			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (JAG)	93.558	28-24-JS-51	298,185
Total 477 Cluster			298,185
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			298,185
U.S. Department of Defense			
Direct programs:			
Army ROTC	12.357	N/A	87,472
Total expenditures of federal awards			<u>\$ 28,901,915</u>

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

## NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The above schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the St. Mary Parish School Board under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the St. Mary Parish School Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net assets of the Entity.

## NOTE 2 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

#### NOTE 3 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE

Non-cash assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the USDA commodities received and disbursed.

#### NOTE 4 <u>INDIRECT COST RATE</u>

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

## Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

This section is not applicable for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 as there were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 as there were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

### Part 1 Summary of Audit Results

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Auditor's Report

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the St. Mary Parish School Board's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Internal Control Deficiencies - Financial Reporting

There was one material weakness in internal control over financial reporting noted during the audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. This is shown as item 2024-001.

#### Noncompliance - Financial Reporting

The results of our tests disclosed two instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. These are shown as items 2024-002 and 2024-003.

#### FEDERAL AWARDS

#### <u>Auditor's Report – Major Programs</u>

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the St. Mary Parish School Board's compliance with the requirements of its major programs as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024.

### Major Programs – Identification

The St. Mary Parish School Board, at June 30, 2024, had the following major programs:

Child Nutrition Cluster	Assistance Listing No 84.425
Special Education Cluster	Assistance Listing No 84.010

#### **Program Type Determination**

The dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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

### Part 1 Summary of Audit Results (Continued)

FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

### <u>Deficiencies in Internal Control – Major Programs</u>

Our consideration of internal control over major programs disclosed no instances of internal control deficiencies.

#### Noncompliance – Major Programs

The results of our tests on compliance for each major program disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

#### **Risk Consideration**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the St. Mary Parish School Board was considered a low-risk auditee.

## Part 2 Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

### 2024-001 Misappropriation of Student Activity Funds by an Employee

#### Criteria:

In accordance with the School Board's policies and procedures, employees are required to handle funds in accordance with the district's internal controls, which include proper documentation of all receipts and disbursements, and ensuring that funds are deposited promptly and accurately. Theft of funds by employees is prohibited under Louisiana law and the School Board's employee conduct policies.

#### Condition:

It was found that Lisa Powell, Bookkeeper at Patterson High School, was diverting Student Activity Funds (cash) intended for the school for personal use. Specifically, she failed to deposit cash receipts into the school's bank account and instead took the money for personal gain. Documentation showed multiple instances of discrepancies between the recorded receipts and actual deposits, amounting to a total of over \$205,000 from 2020 to 2024.

#### Cause:

The theft occurred due to a breakdown in the internal controls designed to safeguard funds. Specifically, there were inadequate supervisory reviews of financial transactions, lack of segregation of duties, and insufficient checks to verify that cash receipts were deposited promptly. The bookkeeper was solely responsible for handling receipts for funds collected and depositing those funds into the school's bank account.

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

Part 2 Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)

#### Cause (continued):

Bank reconciliations were not performed in a timely manner. Cash had not been reconciled in nine months at the time the fraud was identified by the School Board. Lack of oversight accompanied with high turnover allowed for beginning balance changes to go undetected and unquestioned. These weaknesses allowed the employee to exploit the system without immediate detection.

#### Effect:

The effect of the theft was a loss of over \$205,000 in student activity funds. This incident also undermined the integrity of the district's financial operations and may have resulted in reputational damage to the school board.

Upon suspicion and identification of the theft, the School Board notified the St. Mary Parish District Attorney, St. Mary Parish Sherriff's Office, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and its auditing CPA firm.

Lisa Powell is no longer employed with St. Mary Parish School Board. St. Mary Parish Sherriff's Office conducted an investigation of the activity from 2020 to 2024. Charges were filed by the School Board and Lisa Powell was arrested on December 17, 2024 at the conclusion of the SMPSO's investigation.

No restitution has been made. However, the School Board has filed an insurance claim.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the School Board take the following actions to prevent further incidents of theft and to improve internal controls:

- Implement stronger oversight procedures, including regular reconciliations of receipts and deposits by independent personnel.
- Ensure that there is adequate segregation of duties to prevent any single employee from having control over all aspects of cash handling and reporting.
- Conduct background checks and regular training for employees on ethical standards and internal controls.
- Increase the frequency of internal audits of financial records and transactions to detect potential fraud or irregularities in a timely manner.

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

Part 2 Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

### 2024-002 Noncompliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

#### Criteria:

In accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budge Act (Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1301 through 1315), any major fund or general fund budget should be amended when actual revenues are less than the budgeted amount by more than five percent or when actual costs are more than the budgeted amount by more than five percent.

#### Condition:

The School Board failed to comply with the Louisiana Local Government Budge Act budget amendment requirements.

#### Cause:

The School Board failed to amend the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) budget at the end of fiscal year June 30, 20204 when actual revenues fell short of budgeted revenues. The ESSERF grant award budget was submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education for the grant period from 2020-2024. Management was under the impression that the budget was to be prepared by grant period rather than for the fiscal year.

#### Effect:

Possible violation of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

#### Recommendation:

The School Board should monitor revenues and costs for each fund and amend the budgets when actual revenues are less than the budgeted amounts by more than five percent or when actual costs are more than the budgeted amounts by more than five percent.

#### 2024-003 Noncompliance with the Federal Regulations of Contract Provisions

#### Criteria:

According to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Appendix II to Part 200 (Appendix II), which outlines the required contract provisions for non-Federal entities receiving federal funds, all contracts awarded by the school district using federal funds must comply with the applicable procurement standards and contract provisions set forth under the regulation. Specifically, Appendix II outlines mandatory clauses that must be included in the contract, including but not limited to:

- Equal Employment Opportunity (EOE) clauses (Section I)
- Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (Section II) when applicable
- Termination for cause and for convenience provisions (Section V)

# Debarment and suspension (Section VI) ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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

Part 2 Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)

## Condition:

The School Board failed to incorporate the required contract provisions from Appendix II into contracts funded by federal awards for the period under audit. Specifically, in three of the contracts reviewed, the above clauses were not included in the project contracts.

#### Cause:

The School Board's procurement department did not adequately review or incorporate the required federal contract provisions during the contracting process. Lack of training or oversight, coupled with an ineffective contract compliance review process, contributed to the omission of these critical requirements. The School Board relies on outside engineering firms to assist their procurement department with contracts.

#### Effect:

Failure to comply with the CFR Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Appendix II contract provisions could expose the school district to potential legal and financial penalties, including the risk of noncompliance with federal regulations and possible repayment of grant funds. In addition, this oversight undermines transparency, accountability, and the proper stewardship of federal funds.

#### Recommendation:

The school district should implement a formalized process to ensure that all contracts funded by federal awards contain the required provisions as outlined in Appendix II of Part 200. The procurement staff should receive additional training on the federal procurement standards and the requirements of Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Appendix II. A periodic review process should be established to verify that all federal contracts are compliant with the applicable regulations, and any discrepancies should be corrected promptly.

Part 3 Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Programs

This section is not applicable for the year ended June 30, 2024.

## Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Response to finding 2024-001 Misappropriation of Student Activity Funds by an Employee

The School Board has changed accounting packages at all schools with a goal of eventually being cashless at all schools. This new accounting program restricts capabilities of bookkeepers and only allows some functions to be done at the Central Office/District Level. Management will also ensure that bank reconciliations are received every month from all schools. Schools will be held accountable when bank reconciliations are not prepared timely. Additionally, the School Board has a new employee who is reviewing 100% of fundraiser reconciliations as well as gate receipts. Management no longer allows the bookkeepers to write out checks for gate change to themselves – must be the program sponsor.

## Response to finding 2024-002 Noncompliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Management was under the impression that the ESSERF budget was to be prepared by grant period rather than for the fiscal year. Going forward, all budgets will be prepared to coincide with the fiscal year rather than grant period. Budget-to-actual figures will be monitored throughout the year and the budget(s) will be amended as necessary.

#### Response to finding 2024-003 Noncompliance with the Federal Regulations of Contract Provisions

We recognize the importance of adhering to all federal procurement standards and contract provisions to ensure the proper stewardship of federal funds and maintain compliance with applicable regulations. The School Board relies on outside engineers to assist with the preparation of contracts. As the school board's projects are typically not federally funded, the staff and engineers were not aware of these requirements.

Management will conduct a comprehensive review of all active contracts funded by federal awards to identify and rectify any missing contract provisions. All future contracts that are federally funded will include the necessary clauses, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity clause, the Davis-Bacon Act (where applicable), and the debarment and termination clauses, in accordance with CFR Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Appendix II. We will revise our procurement policies and procedures to explicitly outline the federal procurement requirements, including the specific clauses mandated by CFR Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Appendix II. This will provide clearer guidance to all staff involved in the procurement process and minimize the risk of future non-compliance.

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#### **Audited Financial Statements**

Special School District No. 4, Consolidated School District No. 1 and Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (the "Issuers") operate on a fiscal year ending June 30. The Financial Statements of the St. Mary Parish School Board (the "Governing Authority") and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, audited by Darnall, Sikes & Frederick, a Corporation of Certified Public Accountants, Lafayette, Louisiana, and their report dated as of December 23, 2024, is a supplement to this Annual Report. Included in the notes is a description of the basis of accounting used by the Issuers in reporting their financial statements.

#### **Debt of the Issuers**

The Issuers have no short-term indebtedness, other than normal accounts payable or as otherwise stated in this Annual Report or its supplement. The Issuers have never defaulted in the payment of their outstanding bonds or obligations. The total amount of debt the Issuers issued follows:

## Special School District No. 4

Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the Issuer since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$4,700,000 of bonds issued, \$1,600,000 was outstanding as of June 30, 2024.

#### Consolidated School District No. 1

Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the Issuer since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$24,000,000 of bonds issued, \$8,351,000 was outstanding as of June 30, 2024.

#### Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the Issuer since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$21,000,000 of bonds issued, \$15,075,000 is still outstanding as of June 30, 2024.

#### **Assessment Procedures**

The assessment procedures and homestead exemption as authorized by law are the same as those in effect for the tax years reported in the Official Statement.

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## Assessed Valuation of Property in the Issuers

The 2023 assessed valuations of property in the Issues follows:

## Special School District No. 4

Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 90,850,587
Homestead Exemptions	 4,456,411
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 95,306,998

#### Consolidated School District No. 1

Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 143,866,331
Homestead Exemptions	23,699,304
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 167,565,635

## Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 85,658,926
Homestead Exemptions	15,397,866
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 101.056.792

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

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## Assessed Valuation of Property in the Issuers – By Classification

A breakdown of the 2023 assessed valuations of property in the Issuers by classification follows:

## Special School District No. 4

	Assessed
Classification	Valuation
Real Estate	\$ 13,105,437
Personal Property	65,880,289
Public Service Property	16,321,272
Total	<u>\$ 95,306,998</u>

#### Consolidated School District No. 1

	Assessed
Classification	Valuation
Real Estate	\$ 71,799,063
Personal Property	59,679,070
Public Service Property	36,087,502
Total	<u>\$ 167,565,635</u>

## Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1.

	Assessed
Classification	Valuation
Real Estate	\$ 46,486,646
Personal Property	35,111,290
Public Service Property	19,458,856
Total	<u>\$ 101,056,792</u>

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

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#### Tax Collection Records of the Issuers

The 2023 ad valorem tax levies and collections for each of the issuers follows:

	Tax Collector Records							
_	Amount of Taxes Levied (a)	200	luctions For sions (b)		Net Taxes Levied	Net Taxes Collected (c)	Percentage Collected	Millage Rates
•	chool District No \$ 545,100	<b>5. 4</b>	(17,630)	\$	527,470	541,014	* 103%	6.00
0011501141	ted School Dist 3 1,438,661	rict No \$	<b>(47,016)</b>	\$	1,391,645	1,443,737	* 104%	10.00

\$

Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

1,713,177

Sources: (a) St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office, (b) St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, (c) St. Mary Parish School Board

(56,062) \$ 1,657,115

1,699,536 \*

103%

20.00

<sup>\*</sup>Includes prior year collections

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## Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers for 2023 of the Issuers and their assessed valuations follow:

## **Special School District No. 4**

	Taxpayer	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation
1.	Birla Carbon USA, Inc.	Carbon Black Mfg.	\$ 28,254,472
2.	Cabot Corporation	Carbon Black Mfg.	41,669,494
3.	Enterprise Gas Processing	Oil & Gas	12,778,386
4.	Southern Natural Gas	Oil & Gas	3,068,641
5.	Texas Petroleum Investment Co.	Oil & Gas	2,757,992
6.	Columbia Gulf Transmission	Oil & Gas	2,283,600
7.	Cleco Power	Power Generation	2,095,090
8.	Enbridge Nautilus Pipeline Co	Oil & Gas	1,314,040
9.	Trunkline Gas, LLC	Oil & Gas	1,273,034
10.	Gulf South Pipeline Company LP	Oil & Gas	1,251,910
			<u>\$ 96,746,659</u> *

<sup>\*</sup>Approximately 101.5% of the 2023 taxable assessed valuation of Special School District No. 4.

## **Consolidated School District No. 1**

	Taxpayer	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation
1.	Cleco Power Company	Power Generation	\$ 22,345,629
2.	Orion Engineered Carbons	Chemicals	26,734,953
3.	Carey Salt Company	Salt Production	11,674,070
4.	Sterling Sugars LLC	Sugar Production	7,496,508
5.	St. Mary Sugar Co Op Inc.	Sugar Production	5,402,218
6.	Perdido Energy Louisiana LLC	Oil & Gas	3,498,273
7.	Zydeco Pipeline Company LLC	Oil & Gas	2,569,596
8.	Twin Brothers Marine LLC	Fabrication	1,841,492
9.	BNSF Railway Co.	Freight Network	1,728,020
10.	Acadian Gas Pipeline	Oil & Gas	1,665,000
			<u>\$ 84,955,759</u> *

<sup>\*</sup>Approximately 50.7% of the 2023 taxable assessed valuation of Consolidated School District No. 1.

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## Leading Taxpayers (continued)

## Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

	T	т съ :	Assessed Valuation		
	Taxpayer	Type of Business			
1.	Texas Petroleum Investment	Oil & Gas Exploration	\$	8,405,788	
2.	Cleco Power LLC	Power Generation		5,916,910	
3.	Plains Gas Solutions	Gas Transmission		6,532,583	
4.	ANR Pipeline Company	Gas Transmission		5,276,971	
5.	Deepwater Supply Inc.	Oil & Gas		2,273,154	
6.	Cameron International Corp	Oil & Gas Manufacturing		2,231,196	
7.	Patterson State Bank	Financial Institution		2,068,308	
8.	Enlink Pelican, LLC	Gas Transmission		3,388,259	
9.	Trunkline Gas	Gas Transmission		1,884,588	
10.	Kinetica Deepwater Express LLC	Gas Transmission		1,751,880	
			\$	39,729,637	*

<sup>\*</sup>Approximately 39.3% of the 2023 taxable assessed valuation of Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1.

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW (R.S. 24:514 – PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICAL DATA)



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board Centerville, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the St. Mary Parish School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I. Management of the St. Mary Parish School Board is responsible for its performance and statistical data.

The St. Mary Parish School Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

- 1. We selected a sample of 25 transactions, reviewed supporting documentation, and observed that the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts among the following amounts reported on the schedule:
  - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
  - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
  - Total Local Taxation Revenue,
  - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
  - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
  - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
  - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

*No differences were noted for this procedure.* 

#### Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 2)

2. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule. We then traced a sample of 10 classes to the October 1 roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

*No differences were noted for this procedure.* 

## Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (No Schedule)

3. We obtained October 1 PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing prepared by management), including full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification, as well as their level of education and experience, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's education level and experience was property classified on the PEP data or equivalent listing prepared by management.

During our testing over experience levels, we noted fifteen (15) exceptions when comparing years of experience noted in the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) file to the related employee's personnel file for 25 teachers selected.

## Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (No Schedule)

4. We obtained June 30 PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing provided by management) of all classroom teachers, including base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status, as well as full-time equivalents, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the PEP data (or equivalent listing prepared by management).

#### *No differences were noted for this procedure.*

We were engaged by the St. Mary Parish School Board to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the performance and statistical data. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the St. Mary Parish School Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of St. Mary Parish School Board, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.1, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

## Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Lafayette, Louisiana December 23, 2024

Centerville, Louisiana

## Schedule 1 - General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources Year Ended June 30, 2024

General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures:			
General Fund Instructional Expenditures:			
Teacher and Student Interaction Activities: Classroom Teacher Salaries	¢ 20 244 522		
Other Instructional Staff Salaries	\$ 28,244,533 5,509,192		
Instructional Staff Employee Benefits	13,797,026		
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	127,691		
Instructional Materials and Supplies	1,278,042		
Instructional Equipment	-		
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		\$ 48	3,956,484
Other Instructional Activities			493,732
Pupil Support Activities	5,718,973		
Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities			
Net Pupil Support Activities			5,718,973
Instructional Staff Services	4,552,305		
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services			
Net Instructional Staff Services		4	1,552,305
School Administration	6,305,487		
Less: Equipment for School Administration	-		
Net School Adminstration			<u>6,305,487</u>
Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures		\$ 60	<u>5,026,981</u>
Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures		\$	426,554
Certain Local Revenue Sources:			
Local Taxation Revenue:			
Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes		\$ :	5,387,975
Renewable Ad Valorem Taxes		14	1,831,243
Debt Service Ad Valorem Taxes		3	3,684,774
Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School	ol Taxes	_	639,871
Sales and Use Taxes			1,758,992
Total Local Taxation Revenue		<u>\$ 49</u>	9,302,855
Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property:			
Earnings from 16th Section Property		\$	240,828
Earnings from Other Real Property			
Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property		_	
2		\$	240,828
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes:		\$	240,828
		<u>\$</u>	240,828 352,893
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes		<u>\$</u> \$	
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion		\$	
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		\$	352,893
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		\$ \$	352,893 - - - 352,893
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		\$ \$ \$	352,893

## Centerville, Louisiana Schedule 2 - Class Size Characteristics As of October 1, 2023

	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34 +	
School Type	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	85.8%	938	14.2%	155	0.0%	ı	0.0%	1
Elementary Activity Classes	81.1%	180	16.7%	37	1.4%	3	0.9%	2
Middle / Jr. High	67.5%	371	24.7%	136	7.5%	41	0.4%	2
Middle / Jr. High Activity Classes	88.9%	168	5.8%	11	3.7%	7	1.6%	3
High	64.3%	675	22.9%	240	12.5%	131	0.3%	3
High Activity Classes	74.9%	125	9.6%	16	12.0%	20	3.6%	6
Combination	86.0%	172	12.0%	24	2.0%	4	0.0%	ı
Combination Activity Classes	91.4%	32	8.6%	3	0.0%	-	0.0%	-



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The St. Mary Parish School Board's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

St. Mary Parish School Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### Written Policies and Procedures

- 1A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
- 1A.i. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.
- 1A.ii. *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.
- 1A.iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.iv. *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.v. *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.vii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.viii. *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.ix. *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.xi. *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

1A.xii. *Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

#### **Board or Finance Committee**

- 2A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- 2A.i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

  Obtained and reviewed minutes of the managing board for the fiscal period noting that the board met monthly.
- 2A.ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
  - Obtained and reviewed minutes of the managing board for the fiscal period noting that the minutes included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons for the major funds.
- 2A.iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
  - Obtained prior year audit report and reviewed the unassigned fund balance in the general fund, noting a positive fund balance.
- 2A.iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.
  - Observed minutes noting there were no written updates. Not applicable no prior year audit findings.

## **Bank Reconciliations**

- 3A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - Obtained a listing of the entity's bank accounts for the fiscal period from management along with management's representation that the listing was complete.
- 3A.i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - The bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

- 3A.ii. Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - The bank reconciliations included evidence of review by a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks.
- 3A.iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.
  - None of the reconciliations selected were noted as having outstanding items greater than 12 months of the statement closing date.

## Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 4A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
  - Obtained a listing of deposits sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared along with management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 4B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - Obtained a listing of collection locations for each deposit site selected for the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 4B.i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
  - Employees responsible for cash collections generally do not share cash drawers/registers. It was noted that cafeteria staff do share the register/drawer with another person. However, it is the School Board's policy that each employee responsible for collecting cash have their own separate login account and perform a cash count at the end of each session. No exception noted.
- 4B.ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
  - Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., prenumbered receipts) to the deposit.
- 4B.iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
  - Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

4B.iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Employees responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

4C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

The entity had a bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash in effect during the fiscal period.

- 4D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3A under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- 4D.i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

Observed cash receipts noting that they are sequentially pre-numbered as applicable; noting no exceptions.

4D.ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

Traced supporting documentation to the deposit slip noting no exceptions.

4D.iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

Traced the deposit slip totals to the actual deposit per the bank statement noting no exceptions.

4D.iv. Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

Observed that deposits were made within one business day of receipt or within one week of receipt if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location. No exceptions were noted.

4D.v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Traced the actual deposits per the bank statement to the general ledger noting no exceptions.

# Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

5A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete. Selected all locations that process payments as there were less than 5.

- 5B. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
- 5B.i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
  - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 5B.ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
  - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 5B.iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
  - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 5B.iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
  - Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.
- 5B.v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
  - No exceptions noted.
- 5C. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
  - The Entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) was obtained along with management's representation that the population is complete.
- 5C.i. Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
  - Observed that the disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables on the invoice were received by the Entity.
- 5C.ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #5B, as applicable.
  - Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties tested.

5D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

No exceptions noted.

#### Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- 6A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
  - Obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards for the fiscal period including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards along with management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 6B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
- 6B.i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
  - Observed that there was evidence that the monthly statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing by someone other than the authorized card holder.
- 6B.ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
  - Observed that no finance charges and late fees were assessed on the selected statements.
- 6C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Observed that all transactions tested were supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased and written documentation of the business/public purpose. There were no meal charges tested.

#### Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- 7A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
  - Obtained a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete.
- 7A.i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
  - This is not applicable as the selected expenses were reimbursed using actual costs.
- 7A.ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
  - The selected expenses were reimbursed using actual costs. The reimbursements were supported by original itemized receipts that identified precisely what was purchased. No exceptions were noted.
- 7A.iii. Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1A.vii).
  - Observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose and other documentation required by written policy. No exceptions were noted.
- 7A.iv. Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
  - Observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement. No exceptions were noted.

#### **Contracts**

- 8A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
  - Obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing was complete.
- 8A.i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
  - Observed that the contracts required to be bid in accordance with Louisiana Public Bid Law were bid appropriately.

- 8A.ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
  - Observed that the contracts were approved by the governing body/board.
- 8A.iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
  - One change order was noted, and it was in compliance.
- 8A.iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.
  - Randomly selected one payment from each contract, and observed that the invoice and payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract. No exceptions were noted.

### Payroll and Personnel

- 9A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
  - Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 employees, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 9B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- 9B.i. Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
  - Observed that all selected employees documented their attendance and leave for the pay period.
- 9B.ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
  - Observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees.
- 9B.iii. Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
  - Observed that leave accrued or taken during the pay period was reflected in the Entity's cumulative leave records.
- 9B.iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
  - Observed the rate paid to the employees agreed to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

- 9C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
  - Obtained a listing of those employees that received termination payments during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the list is complete. Two employees were selected and the related documentation was obtained and agreed. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.
- 9D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Management provided representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

#### **Ethics**

- 10A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- 10A.i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
  - Observed documentation demonstrating that the five employees selected for testing did complete the required ethics training.
- 10A.ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
  - No changes were made to the Entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.
  - 10B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Rachel Sanders is appointed as the ethics designee.

#### Debt Service

- 11A.Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.
  - Not applicable. No new debt was issued during the year.
- 11B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve

balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments outstanding at the end of the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete. Debt covenants related to bonds were tested without exception.

#### Fraud Notice

12A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

Obtained listing of (1) misappropriation of public funds and assets during the fiscal period as per management representation. Obtained and reviewed supporting documentation noting that the misappropriation was reported to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the district attorney of St.Mary Parish without exception.

12B. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Observed that the Entity has the required notice posted on its premises and website.

### Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 13A.Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
- 13A.i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
  - We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.
- 13A.ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
  - We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.
- 13A.iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- 13B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
  - Observed evidence that the terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network. No exceptions were noted.
- 13C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the employees/officials access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:126725.
  - Observed documentation demonstrating that the five employees selected for testing did complete the required cybersecurity training.

#### Sexual Harassment

- 14A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #9A under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
  - Obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management for the five selected employees from procedure #9A and observed that each of the selected employees did complete at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 14B. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
  - Observed that the Entity has its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure posted on its website and on its premises.
- 14C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.
- 14C.i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.
- 14C.ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.
- 14C.iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.
- 14C.iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.

14C.v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.

We were engaged by St. Mary Parish School Board to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of St. Mary Parish School Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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